



Aurora Medina, right, addresses the Mendota City Council backed by a crowd of supporters in regard to a soccer complex that was proposed for Mendota last year but has since lost its footing with investors. (Reporter photo)

Proposed soccer complex loses footing

Communication breakdown causes the investors to look elsewhere for project

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA - A large group of Mendota residents with a passion for soccer filled the city council chambers to show their support for a soccer sports complex that was first proposed for Mendota but may have been lost to Princeton.

At the July 1 meeting of the Mendota City Council, Aurora Medina, spokesperson for the group, said the idea of building a soccer complex was first brought to the attention of Mendota city leaders in August of 2023. An outside citizen, Gordon Raketic of Newark, who is affiliated with the Astra Soccer Academy, came to Mendota with a vision for an outdoor/indoor soccer facility to be located in the

“The city had the land and we were all for it.”
— Mendota Mayor David Boelk

Mendota Business Park near I-39, saying “Mendota is a gold mine of soccer.”

The vision was to build this complex to hold leagues, tournaments, camps and more, which Medina noted would bring thousands of people to Mendota for these events and in turn inject revenue into Mendota area businesses. However, Medina said that city leaders dropped the ball and that Raketic and investors in the project have lost their interest in locating in Mendota and have supposedly turned their attention to Princeton for the soccer complex.

Mayor David Boelk said he met with Raketic at the Mendota Business Park last year and gave his blessing for the proposal at that time. Boelk said he asked Raketic to present a business plan from the investors, but said he never did receive one. “The city had the land and we were all for it,” Boelk said.

Subsequently, communication between the city and Raketic was lost when Raketic said he never received several emails from the city. So, Raketic decided to turn his sights toward Princeton.

Former Mendota High School and current Rock

Valley College soccer player Naitzy Garcia said, “The doors were closed. Why don’t we work to reopen them?”

Another attendee at the meeting said, “If we can get Gordon to change his mind, can we go forward?”

Boelk answered ‘yes’ to that question, and added, “I love the idea about the sports complex.”

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick presented a request from Reimagine Mendota and the Hispanic Partnership Council to hold “Amigo Fest” on Saturday, Sept. 21 in downtown Mendota. The event would require the closure

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After a discussion two winters ago, it became clear to District 289 Superintendent Brad Cox and the school board that solar panels would save money, help the environment, and help educate students. (Photo contributed)

Dist. 289 is going solar

Panels installed, grid connection planned

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Mendota School District 289 Superintendent Brad Cox has alternative energy projects in his background.

So when he heard about an opportunity to supply Lincoln Elementary, Blackstone Elementary, and Northbrook School with solar panels, he brought it to the school board’s attention and it quickly hopped on the idea.

“We work with a performance contracting group, GRP Wegman. They have helped us coordinate and implement all of our summer work over the last several years,” Cox said. “They’ve been a great partner. They’ve even helped us lay out a five-year action plan of what our priority listing would be.

“When we were talking 1 ½ years ago, the winter before last, about what the summer 2023 projects were going to look like, that was when we put in secured entrances, and we talked about roof work. As a school

district, you always want to make sure you don’t want any leaks. You tend to put those issues on sort of a 20-25-year rotation.

“Our lead contact at GRP, Scott Engstrom, said right now there are amazing incentives and rebates on schools doing solar projects. With previous experience, I know one of the most important things is to make sure you’re not doing it just for green energy’s sake. Yes, that’s wonderful, but as a school district, you have to make sure it makes sense from a financial standpoint.”

There are many aspects to consider – taxpayer money, money being spent on a project that could be put toward school’s No. 1 priority of educating students, environmental issues, time, resources, and the list could go on.

Once Cox, the school board, and Engstrom did the math, it seemed the solar panel project would be a win-

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MHS plans maintenance projects

MENDOTA–The Mendota High School Board of Education had a special board meeting on June 24. The only discussion and action item was the board resolution for amendment #6 with ENGIE (Energy Savings Performance Contractor).

The board approved Amendment #6 with ENGIE at the cost of \$781,462. In October, the district wrote and received a \$50,000 ISBE School Maintenance Grant to defray the stadium parking lot portion of this amendment.

The scope of work will include key items, such as the following: a core out for necessary areas of the lot, drainage solutions, base work, asphalt for aisles/drive, the installation of ADA compliant stalls, concrete collars as needed, striping, and ADA signage.

The stadium parking lot improvement project will begin in late July, according to Superintendent Denise Aughenbaugh. It



The MHS stadium parking lot will be asphalt paved.

includes removing existing millings, full depth core out, stormwater inlet work, new aggregate base, final grading, and asphalt paving. There will also be some minor asphalt repairs inside the stadium to satisfy Health Life Safety concerns. The current shot put ring pads will also be relocated.

“When the stadium lot construction begins, we will completely close down the stadium drive,” noted Aughenbaugh. “Everyone will either need to park in the back school parking lot and walk down, or we will have the access open to park behind the concession/team room building. The project will be three to four weeks.”

Aughenbaugh added that the outdoor lighting solution will include the stadium restroom and concession/team room buildings.

The integrated digital solutions will include new clocks, software to sync clocks and program, software for scheduling school bells and intercom, installation of some additional paging speakers, two new desk phones for paging, and a solution to the areas in the main and vocational buildings that cannot hear announcements or bells.



YMCA Assistant Manager Omar Espinoza, far right, watches kids play Fortnite on Play Station 5 and laptops during a Gaming Club session June 25 at Liam’s Marketplace in Mendota. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Gaming Club gives kids a summer space

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – One statement said by Mendota residents a gazillion times over the years is, “There is nothing for the kids to do during summer vacation.”

Although there are options such as the Mendota Pool, events at Graves-Hume Public Library, sports such as Mendota Area Youth Soccer, Mendota Matadors baseball, and basketball camps, and others, sometimes kids want to switch it up.

Liam’s Marketplace, the Mendota YMCA, and the City of Mendota have partnered to form the Gaming Club to give the youth another option.

“Annie (Short, Mendota project director), Steve (Donnell, YMCA manager), and I got together and chatted about it,” said Nick Arteaga, the owner of Liam’s Marketplace. “They were trying to find other ideas for summer activities for kids. This seemed like the most popular among the kids, video games. It’s something to keep them out of trouble during summer vacation. There are a lot of humid days where I’m sure they’d love to be outside or their parents would love for them to be outside, but it’s hot. So, video games are fun for them and they’re safe.

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Gangster History of the Midwest
Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota housed the who’s who of the early 1900-1940 gangsters during Gangster History of the Midwest on Tuesday, June 25. Chad Lewis, photoed above and below, detailed the burglaries, muggings, shootouts, kidnappings, murders, and other legal and illegal (mostly against the law) shenanigans of gangsters such as Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger, Al Capone, Baby Face Nelson, Bugsy Siegel, Bugs Moran, Dutch Schultz, and Pretty Boy Floyd...to name a few. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)



“Quest for Kakapo” at Graves-Hume on July 12

MENDOTA – Crikey!
Join the Caterpillar Hunter at 6 p.m. Friday, July 12 at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota on an exciting adventure traveling the world to rescue a rare, endangered parrot known as the Kakapo from New Zealand.

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Starved Rock Wood Products celebrates 10 years

MENDOTA – Starved Rock Wood Products is celebrating its 10-year anniversary the week of July 15.

SRWP – a manufacturer of cabinets for kitchens and bathrooms, boot benches for mudrooms and other custom work, millwork, doors and trim, staircases and railings, and exterior

doors – plans to have an employee-based celebration featuring lunches every day.

The week will culminate with an afternoon lunch and giveaway.

“We are using this time to celebrate our employees and all they do to make this business great,” said SRWP President Michelle Christ.

OSF expanding services at Saint Elizabeth Peru

PERU – OSF HealthCare is pleased to announce the expansion of phase two services this summer to Illinois Valley residents. OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Peru will soon offer outpatient services and introduce additional specialty clinics for the community’s convenience.

On Sunday, June 16, there will be 12 inpatient medical beds available for those patients requiring hospitalization.

Starting Monday, June 17, patients will have access to a broader range of services in the Illinois Valley. Located at 925 West St. in Peru, OSF Saint Elizabeth – Peru will offer outpatient diagnostic services; including X-ray, mammography, CT scans, MRI scans and ultrasounds, lab tests, outpatient infusions and EKGs. Until the completion of renovations to the main hospital entrance, all outpatients and visitors will utilize the temporary West Street entrance for services.

On July 22, OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute is making health care more accessible by opening

an office at 920 West St., Ste. 101. This new location will offer convenience for patients, ensuring they can easily access the services they need. Similarly, OSF Medical Group – Orthopedics is expanding its services. Starting July 29, they will see patients in the newly renovated office space at 920 West St., Ste. 221. Hospital outpatient X-ray services will also be available adjacent to the orthopedics office for convenient access.

“We are excited to expand our reach for all the patients and their families within these communities we serve,” says Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. “Health care is forever changing, and OSF HealthCare is committed to ensure we create a sustainable, long-term regional health care model our patients can count on.”

OSF HealthCare will share more information as it becomes available about expanded services for Illinois Valley residents.



Abbot Michael Calhoun, OSB '89 selects a winning number during the auction’s paddle drop package where players got a chance to win two Southwest Airlines tickets. (Photo contributed)

St. Bede records second most successful auction since 1984

PERU – St. Bede Academy’s 41st annual auction event, held June 15, is being recorded as the second most successful auction event since its inception in 1984.

The auction was held in the Perino Science Center and welcomed 165 guests. The guests comprised of St. Bede’s top supporters, parents of current students, faculty and staff, the J.A. Happ Family Foundation and alumni from 34 classes spanning several decades.

The live auction event included 15 premiere packages featuring a variety of travel, entertainment and sports experiences that were up for bid that evening only. Those packages brought in a total of \$98,892.

A silent auction also took place through a mobile bidding website. This capability allowed supporters to bid on items from anywhere around the world. The silent auction opened a week before the live auction event, which kick-started bidding of items. The silent auction brought in a total of

\$45,594.

A highlight of the evening included a special recognition to Julia Baggesen-Yaklich, who served St. Bede as Director of Mission Advancement and Major Gifts before her retirement this past April. Her successful 10-year career in the Development Department is highlighted with fundraising for the much-needed Academy renovations. To honor her legacy at St. Bede, she was gifted with a rendering of a tile that will be placed on St. Bede’s future donor wall recognizing all those who contributed to the renovations. Baggesen-Yaklich’s tile recognizes her gift of building lasting relationships with alumni and friends, contributing to the success of the Legacy Campaign.

Another highlight was that St. Bede exceeded its \$177,000 Fund-A-Need goal to build ADA compliant restrooms in the Abbot Vincent Gymnasium. Two major gifts for the Fund-A-Need helped jump-start the funding of the project, including

a \$20,000 gift made by The Bedan Club and a \$15,000 gift by Miller Group Charitable Trust. The crowd was led in singing the St. Bede fight song, which built excitement in the room before paddles were raised in support of the project. Levels of giving included \$15,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. St. Bede spirit flags were given out to anyone who gave a gift of \$500 or more to the Fund-A-Need. Construction of the restrooms are slated for this fall, which will allow the restroom project to be completed by basketball season.

At the auction, winners of three raffles were also announced. The Mega Raffle gave away \$19,050 to four lucky winners. Won Kim was the first-place winner of \$10,000; Mark & Lori Dudek were the second-place winners of \$5,000 and Celeste Inman was the third-place winner of \$2,000. \$350 was given to each seller of the three winning tickets, as well. Anyone who sold or purchased five or more

Mega Raffle tickets were also put in a separate seller’s drawing, for \$1,000. That winner was Dr. James Vaiana.

The Golden Ticket raffle winner was Fr. Stephan Charles Page. The winner of the Golden Ticket gets to choose from 10 luxurious prizes. Dr. Ted Struck was the winner of the 52-Card Draw, which raffled off a weekend stay and golf experience at Rich Harvest Farms, generously donated by the Rich Harvest Foundation. The 52-card raffle brought in \$17,500, which was generously matched by the Rich Harvest Foundation.

The annual auction is St. Bede’s largest fundraising event of the year. All the proceeds help balance the difference between tuition and the cost of education ensuring a Catholic education in the Benedictine tradition remains an option here in the Illinois Valley. Over its 41-year history, the auction has raised more than \$7 million for the academy.

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Randy J. Phillips

MENDOTA – Randy “Flip” J. Phillips, 69, of Mendota, passed away June 28, 2024, at home with his two daughters by his side.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday July 7 at First United Methodist Church. Pastor Larry Sheaves will officiate. Visitation will be at the church from 1 p.m. until services. Cremation rites will follow. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Flip was born June 9, 1955, in Mendota, to George and Eileen (Wood) Phillips. He graduated from Mendota High School in 1974. Flip married the love of his life, Judy Bonifas, on Aug. 7, 1993, at the First United Methodist Church.

He will be forever missed by his two daughters, Nicole (Kyle) Manders of Lamotte, Iowa, and Melissa Jensen of Addison; three grandchildren, Gabe Manders, Mitch Manders and Camiel Manders; and brother, Terry Phillips of Mendota.

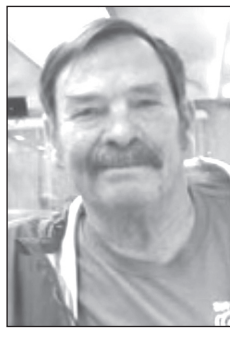
He was preceded in death by his father, George Phillips, parents Danny and Eileen Biers; wife Judy on March 29, 2024; sister, Sandy Coss; two sisters-in-law, Tanya Phillips and Cheryl Douell; brother-in-law, Paul Bonifas; and nephew Dale Plant.

Flip wanted to be a draftsman like his father and pursued the profession beginning in his junior year of high school. The day after graduation he began working as a draftsman. Early on he became interested in surveying and for the following 42 years was a land surveyor. Flip was instrumental in his brother Terry working on his team, and they worked several years together retiring from Survey Tech a Division of C.E.S., Inc.

Throughout his marriage, each of his working days, he wrote a love note to his wife. Together they were Charter Members of the New Covenant Assembly of God, a volunteer for 16 years with Illinois Valley Hospice, and 18 years with Illinois Valley PADS. He was a lifetime member of Mendota VFW Post #4079 Auxiliary. Flip believed in giving back and was working on building back the volunteer numbers for the OSF Hospice program. He was a straight shooter, and had a wonderful sense of humor, but Flip was most importantly a man of God. He was firm in his faith and unapologetic in his words and actions.

Pallbearers will be Tom Olson, Jim Clark, Doug “Bird” Trukenbrod, John Bay, Gabe Manders, Mitch Manders, Ryan Coss, Clayton Coss, and Kyle Manders. Memorials may be directed to New Assembly of God.

Flip asked that all attending wear comfortable clothes. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Stay safe and leave fireworks to the professionals this 4th of July season

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) remind organizations and individuals to leave the fireworks displays to licensed, trained professionals this Fourth of July season.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks started an estimated 12,264 fires in 2021, including 2,082 structure fires, 316 vehicle fires, and 9,866 outside and other fires. These fires caused 29 civilian injuries and \$59 million in direct property damage. These fires are not only caused by commercial/consumer fireworks, but also by unregulated novelty fireworks that are sometimes purchased at local supermarkets.

In addition to fireworks, novelties such as sparklers, snappers, and poppers are dangerous. Sparklers account for the greatest number of fireworks injuries, and often to the youngest victims. Sparklers burn in excess of 1,200 degrees – hot enough to melt many metals and turn steel glowing red. An instantaneous touch of this will cause a burn and may result in permanent damage or scarring.

“Fireworks and the 4th of July go hand-in-hand, but if not used properly or by professionals they can cause serious injuries such as burns, dismemberments, amputations, or worse, an accidental death. Consider using other items such as glow sticks or silly string to celebrate the holiday or simply attend a professional display,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera.

During the July 2023 seasonal reporting period, 34 hospitals and facilities reported a total of 108 injuries to the OSFM. There were no fatalities reported during the 2023 reporting period. The reported injuries were related to a wide variety of fireworks with “Mortars” (47%) listed as the most frequent type of fireworks or pyrotechnic effect involved in injury. This was followed by Roman Candles (13%), Firecrackers (11%), and Bottle Rockets (10%). Nearly 50% of all injuries affected hands (21%), torso (13%), and eyes (14%). Lacerations were the leading type of injury at 21% followed by second degree burns at 20%. Abrasions accounted for 15%



of the injuries and first degree burns at 13%. Dismemberment/amputation injuries decreased to 10 as compared to 20 in 2022.

IDNR reminds those who are sponsoring fireworks displays in Illinois to be sure their fireworks vendor has the required state licenses and certificates issued by the IDNR and the OSFM prior to their fireworks show.

The Illinois Explosives Act requires that anyone who purchases, possesses, uses, transfers, stores or disposes of explosives, including display fireworks, must have an explosives license and explosives storage certificate issued by the IDNR. Licensing and storage requirements administered by the IDNR do not apply to Consumer Fireworks (classified as 1.4 explosives).

Approved consumer fireworks are regulated by the OSFM and are permitted only in villages, counties and municipalities that have passed ordinances allowing such displays. Consumer fireworks may be purchased and displayed only by adults who have obtained permits from their local jurisdiction. Hand-held fireworks – including firecrackers, roman candles, and bottle rockets or any consumer firework with an unreliable trajectory are not approved for sale or use in Illinois. A complete list of approved and prohibited consumer fireworks can be found at:

<https://sfm.illinois.gov/content/>

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“The last thing anyone wants during the Fourth of July is a fireworks-related accident that leads to life-altering injuries or even death,” said IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie. “Understand the rules and play it safe.”

The Illinois Explosives Act is administered by the IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals, Explosives and Aggregate Division. This Division is staffed by trained and experienced blasting specialists located throughout Illinois. In addition to requiring comprehensive licensing, training and examination for individuals, the law requires that unattended display fireworks and explosives must be stored in an explosives magazine, storage facility or container that is inspected and certified by IDNR.

IDNR currently has 2,206 individuals licensed for the use of explosives in Illinois, of which approximately 742 are specifically for the use of display fireworks. There are 740 certified explosives storage magazines in Illinois, which contain nearly 41 million pounds of explosives. Of those storage magazines, 99 are certified specifically for the storage of display fireworks.

Anyone possessing, using, transferring, or purchasing display fireworks without a valid IDNR individual explosives license or storage certificate is violating Illinois law and could incur penalties. A violation of the Illinois Explosives Act can be a Class 3 felony, with a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. In addition, IDNR can assess administrative fines for violations involving display fireworks and other explosives.

Emergency responders are reminded to contact IDNR and the OSFM immediately with reports of personal injury or property damage resulting from the use of explosives, including display fireworks.

To report an explosives incident or accident concerning display fireworks, the public should contact IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals, Explosives and Aggregate Division at 217-782-9976 and the OSFM at 217-785-0969.

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Soccer

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of the 700 and 800 blocks of Illinois Avenue, which the council approved. That portion of Illinois Avenue would likely be closed most of the day and into the late evening.

In action from Alderman John Holland's report, the council approved a recommendation from the Mendota Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness grant in the amount of \$7,000 for the owners of the property at 701 Illinois Ave. for facade improvements. In a related matter, the council approved a recommendation from the Revolving Loan Fund Committee for a \$15,000 loan for the owners of 701 Illinois Ave. to be paid back in five years at 5 percent interest.

Also from Holland, the council adopted a resolution in support of a Downtown & Main Street Capital Grant application.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Gaming

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"I have a bunch of games predownloaded on the consoles. We have three Play Station 5 consoles and a Nintendo Wii. There are also laptops for PC gaming. The games are mostly sports games, Fortnite, and other popular games the kids are playing. They can play games together or individually."

The first Gaming Club event was June 11 and the second June 25.

There are three more free-of-charge planned club events from 1-3 p.m. on July 9, July 23, and Aug. 6 (all Tuesdays).

YMCA Assistant Manager Omar Espinoza has been there to watch the kids game.

"It's nice having people like Nick who can provide a space for the kids to play games and help us with ideas for summer planning. We're used to doing sports events," Espinoza said. "We're trying to change it up a little bit. We've been working with the city and have done events like this, the Gaming Club, board games, arts, and crafts. We're trying to make different things work and get the kids involved."

"In June we had a mechanic class where ARS Auto Repair taught the kids how to fix and maintain vehicles. The City of Mendota is redesigning the disc golf course, and we plan to have a class on how to play disc golf, plus we have a pickleball tournament coming up during the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival. We also have a cooking class scheduled."

Liam's also has events coming up.

Arteaga recently hosted a Pokemon card training to teach kids how to play the game behind the cards and he plans to host an event in late summer or early fall where the kids will play against each other.

Liam's, a consignment shop with different types of items for sale from different vendors, is open from noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

As the events continue to be added to the calendar, Arteaga hopes they all run as smooth as the Gaming Club.

"We haven't had one issue. The kids can get rough sometimes, but we say, 'Hey, relax' and they listen," Arteaga said. "There haven't been any bad experiences where we wouldn't want to keep hosting the Gaming Club."

"It's cool to be able to say I'm part of something like this where people want to come here for events like this. We haven't even been open a year and we're involved with the city, the YMCA, and are part of the community. That was the main goal and I'm happy it's happening so quickly."

Solar

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win-win-win situation for most conversational debates.

"In rough numbers, the project was going to cost \$2.1 million. We were going to get \$1.9 million in grants, incentives, and rebates," Cox said. "We were able to put solar panels on the roofs of all three buildings. In the course of that, we would be able to cover 75 percent of all of our electrical need. We're going to net, a very conservative estimate would be, we're going to save \$40,000 a year."

"If it's a \$2.1 million project, we get \$1.9 million in grants, that means our out-of-pocket expense is only \$200,000. It was a little shy, I think \$190,000 and some change. Then saving a minimum of \$40,000 is going to pay for itself in five years."

"Solar equipment lasts decades. After the first five years the project has paid for itself and the panels last another 20 years, you're saving \$800,000 over the lifetime of the project."

"It makes sense from a financial standpoint, environmental standpoint, and an educational standpoint because the students are learning about what the panels do."

Because of the post-COVID-19 supply issues the project was delayed a few months as it was supposed to be completed and online in August or September 2023.

Installation was completed in May 2024 and ComEd is in the process of connecting the panels to its grid in early July.

The three schools will be linked one at a time over a few weeks.

Once it is online and active, there will be a ribbon cutting to make the solar panel project official.

"It's not just me spearheading the project. Our school board is very much involved in the decision-making. It's something the entire board is very passionate about," Cox said. "Once we started talking about all of the gains educationally, environmentally, and financially, it's a project that was easy to get excited about."

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Uebel Scholarship to inspire future teachers

OGLESBY—A long-time community college instructor will continue to inspire future teachers.

With a \$20,000 donation to the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation, family and friends of William "Bill" Uebel created the William Uebel Memorial Scholarship, which will provide \$1,000 a year to an IVCC student pursuing a degree in secondary education.

A graduate of LaSalle-Peru Township High School and LPO Junior College (which would become IVCC), Uebel later taught social sciences at both. He received his bachelor's and master's in education from Northern Illinois University.

In 1968, he became one of the initial full-time faculty at the new community college, IVCC. At the time he retired in 1991, he was Chairman of the Social Science Department. He died in 2023.

Uebel was known as a dedicated professor and highly regarded by his students and respected by colleagues who especially valued his great sense of humor. If you happened to drop into the faculty breakroom, you would likely discover him eating homemade goodies, spinning tall golf tales or



The family of retired instructor William Uebel has created a scholarship in his memory to support the dreams of IVCC students who pursue secondary education degrees. Bill's wife, Ronnie, left, is shown with IVCC President Dr. Tracy Morris on behalf of the IVCC Foundation. (Photo contributed)

talking about one of his five convertibles.

Uebel frequently was approached by former students who thanked him for being a great teacher and impacting their future. His love of education inspired many to pursue a similar ca-

reer, including his two daughters, Christine and Holly.

"Bill was one of my earliest supporters during my time at IVCC. I credit him as one of the key reasons I was able to start my career here," said IVCC President Dr. Tracy Morris. "Bill held

high standards and expectations, along with his love for learning, which are what made him such an important part of our early years of IVCC. This scholarship will make a difference for students to follow their passion for teaching."

IVCC seeking nominations for HOF Class of '24

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College Foundation-sponsored IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame is returning after a hiatus and seeking to recognize the achievements of distinguished former students, College employees and others during the College's 100th Anniversary year-long celebration.

The deadline to submit nominations for induction into the Class of 2024 is Friday, July 19.

The Hall of Fame was established in 2008 to honor the academic, fine arts, athletic or career achievements of alumni and former College employees during their years at the College or in their personal or professional lives. In addition, individuals who may not have attended the College but who have made a significant difference in the lives of students through their service or generosity to the College are recognized.

Inductees will be chosen in August and honored Oct. 12.

A total of 64 individuals and five teams/groups have been inducted into the hall of fame, including philanthropist and entrepreneur of multi-state senior housing, Donald Fike (LPO 1965), leader of Caterpillar Corporation's global innovation, James Blass (IVCC 1975), and Illinois Valley economic developer and donor Richard "Dick" Janko.

Nominations are being accepted online at www.ivcc.edu/halloffame. Nominees not chosen in previous years will be reconsidered this year and additional supporting information can be provided to strengthen their nominations. For information, contact Alumni & Donor Relations Coordinator Susan Monroe at susan_monroe@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0549.

A list of IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame members is available at www.ivcc.edu/hofinductees.

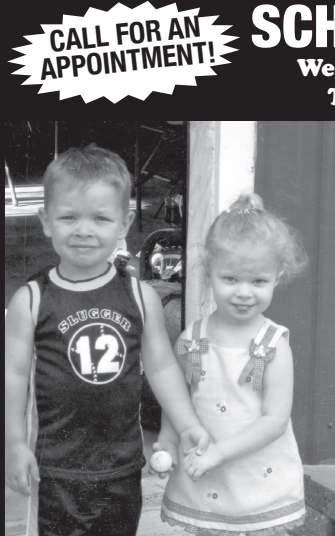
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Before and after the Biden/Trump debate

Right now, it is 3:10 p.m. Thursday, June 27...10 minutes less than five hours away from the CNN Presidential Debate between current President Joe Biden, Democrat, and Republican challenger and former President Donald Trump.

Never the Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance



I cannot lie to you and say I'm always up to date on politics, but I try. However, it isn't hard to try to know what's going on this time around, the 2024 Presidential Election, as there are more story lines than if Michael Jordan, Tom Brady, Wayne Gretzky, Jeff

Gordon, Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Barry Bonds (or if you don't like him, Ken Griffey Jr., Cal Ripken Jr., Derek Jeter, rotate the name, same effect) were to unretire and once again play their respective sport on the same day, in the same city.

Yeah, this debate will have colossal impact. We all know Trump's situation. If you don't, read a newspaper, watch a TV program (doesn't even have to be the news), or talk to someone. You can find out quickly.

To help you out, in a nutshell, he was impeached and later found guilty of 34 counts of falsifying business records. It was the first time a former president was convicted of a crime. Running for president in November's election, Trump is the second felon to run for office with the first being Eugene Debs, the 1920 Socialist candidate who held his campaign in a jail cell.

Biden, although marketed as a clean-cut, wholesome individual during his candidacy four-years ago, has been portrayed as anything but since being in office.

Why? Follow the money. Rates of everything, (this isn't an exaggeration) everything, have risen. Gas rates, mortgage rates, car rates, tax rates, education rates, food rates, labor rates, unemployed rates, water rates, energy rates, and I think you get the picture, but I could keep going.

He is now pictured as a thief or a conman for corporate America.

What will Biden say about Trump's pending sentencing, which is supposed to take place in July?

What will Trump say about Biden's economic woes? There are also the usual issues come election time with abortion, import/export, and immigration.

This will (my opinion, but I don't see how it won't) go down as the most viewed presidential debate of all time. Trump and Hillary Clinton's debate in September 2016 is the most watched with 84.0 million viewers, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan debated in 1980 on 80.6 million TV screens, and Trump and Biden were on TVs in 73.1 million homes in 2020.

And maybe the most entertaining debate of all time? I won't be surprised if fists are thrown.

I'll be back to my computer to finish this piece after the debate is over...

It is now 10:10, 10 minutes after the debacle ended.

I say debacle with a smile on my face because although I didn't learn a single thing of how Biden or Trump would benefit the United States of America for the next four years, it was entertaining.

I yelled, laughed, flipped off, and clapped at the TV. I'd call this an entertaining two hours.

Biden was either half asleep, didn't take his meds, or switched them out for under the counter instead of over-the-counter drugs. In the beginning, he couldn't find words, literally, as he babbled. When he found words, he spent most of his minute-allowed time to talk fixing mistakes and grabbing any word he could find to make sense with the one before.

His first three or four attempts to answer a question should be used in a speech class on how not to public speak. I shook my head as I realized this guy, I was laughing at, is our president. Then shook my head again and asked, 'How is he the best person for the job in the Democratic party?'

Well, the Republican party doesn't have much to be proud of either, for all of the opposite reasons.

Yes, Trump is a well-spoken man, but he rattled off lie after lie either Biden or media personalities pointed out and showed proof of during, or seconds after, the debate.

Trump did what Trump does, attacked or mercilessly defended himself by throwing every question about his criminal indictments or mistakes when he was president off to belittle and criticize Biden's tenure.

When he was asked a question, Trump went off on a tangent about Biden's reply to the previous question or, about four or five times, went at the country's economy or the abortion issue because they differ opinions. Both continuously called each other ridiculous and had no clue what they were doing or saying.

If this is the case, how are either one of them running for president?

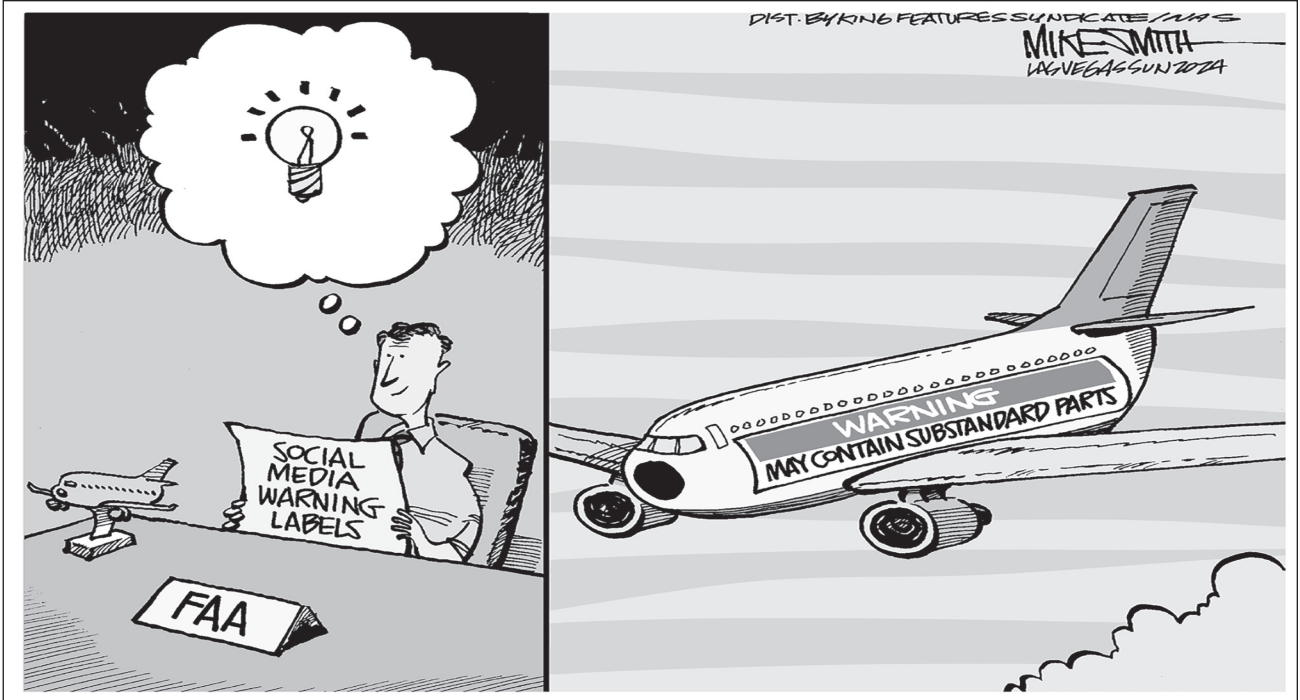
Is this what our country is now, a couple of old men hating on each other, lying to millions of Americans watching all across the country, and not answering any question asked to them with real data about how the future of the United States of America will improve or change?

If not, then what are we doing voting these two clowns as our presidential candidates?

What happened to the war general, or the scholar, or the engineer, or the lawyer, or the well-educated patriot who spent his entire school career and professional career in political science classrooms, debates, and forums?

What happened to candidates who wanted to actually help the country instead of using the presidency to uphold their name and legacy?

It might not happen during the next four years, it usually happens in the aftermath, but we are in trouble. Whether it's another war, great depression, civil rights battles, life vs. liberty instead of life and liberty, education, or economy, we're all in some trouble in some shape or form.



National Bank of Mendota – 1932-95

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from July 5, 1995.)

By Jessica Nashold

As National Bank of Mendota merged with Amcore Financial, Inc., a new AMORE BANK sign was hoisted to the corner of the bank building at Washington Street and Eighth Avenue. The merger became final on May 24, 1995, and the new sign was installed the following day.

The National Bank of Mendota came into existence in 1932. When Mayor John Rutishauser declared a six-day moratorium on business from Jan. 23-30, plans for another bank were started immediately. It was explained this might be only a temporary measure. If closed banks were able to reopen, "the new bank would dissolve and let others have the field."

By Feb. 11, 1932, 47 had signed up for stock in the new bank. It was reported that a Rockford man who had wanted to buy 51% of the stock had been obliged to withdraw his offer because Rockford National Bank had also closed.

By March, stock in the National Bank of Mendota had been over-subscribed and Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago was selected as correspondent bank.

Receivers had been appointed for the closed banks in Mendota—Mendota National, First National and Farmers & Merchants State Banks.

The National Bank of Mendota opened April 9, 1932, in the former Mendota National Bank building on the corner of Washington Street and Illinois Avenue. The officers were D.L. Barnett, president; Joseph L. Zolper, vice president; C. Walter Jacob, cashier; F.J. Reichardt, assistant cashier.

Deposits quickly mounted to \$76,500. The first "regular deposit" was made by C.A. Harbaugh and Paul Engelbrecht opened the first savings account.

In March 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation closing all banks. The new National Bank of Mendota kept its doors open to allow access to lockboxes and to make change. The bank also accepted cash "for safekeeping."

On March 16, The Reporter summarized—

We have survived the moratorium with a million others. One merchant said he had not seen so many silver dollars in a long time.

On March 29, 1937, the Mendota

Backtracks & Sidetracks

National Bank building in which the National Bank of Mendota was operating, was purchased by D.L. Barnett for \$14,000. He turned the deed over to the new bank.

At the annual board meeting in January 1940, Joseph L. Zolper was elected president. He made it a condition that although he was take care of presidential duties, he would not be on hand during bank hours.

Barnett continued as an "active head" until May 1, 1941, when at his own request, he stepped down and was replaced by Julius L. Schaller with the title of executive vice president.

Zolper was elected president each year until January 1950 when Schaller was named.

In the summer of 1960, Mendota Auto Co. vacated its longtime site on the corner of Washington Street and Eighth Avenue. National Bank of Mendota acquired the corner and after demolition of the Mendota Auto Co. building, opened in a new building on Nov. 13, 1961. The new building included a drive-up banking window on the Sixth Street side.

Mendota Savings & Loan purchased the former bank building and after some remodeling opened there in December 1962. Herman Kutter was manager and Claribel Prescott was his assistant.

During 1964 there was concern about designated fallout shelters as part of Mendota's Civil Defense program. National Bank of Mendota met requirements as a shelter for 210 people. Mendota Community Hospital had a capacity of 1,025.

In 1965, C. Walter Jacob retired from his post as cashier and was followed by Robert Dempster. Jacob had been with Mendota National Bank and the National Bank of Mendota for a total of 47 years with the exception of nine months in the Navy during World War I and the time taken up by the bank moratorium in 1933.

In September 1965, a trust department was established.

To help Mendota introduce Friday evening store hours, the Mendota banks held drawings from names of shoppers who had made purchases between 5-9

p.m. The drawing at the National Bank of Mendota was May 19, 1967.

In 1971, Schaller was honored for his 30 years as executive officer and president. During the period, assets had risen from \$2 million to \$21 million.

R.W. Dempster became president in January 1975, serving until 1987. During that time the Mendota Manufacturing & Transfer Co. on the southeast corner of Sixth Street and Eighth Avenue was acquired. The buildings were demolished in March 1978 and in May the bank opened a courtesy parking lot there with space for 50 cars.

In March 1983, a four-lane drive-up facility was opened at this location.

In 1987, Dwight Heckert became president. He had come to the bank in 1974 as a farm loan officer.

On Aug. 1, 1989, NBM Bancorp, Inc., was established as a multi-bank holding company, owning the National Bank of Mendota and the First National Bank of Peru.

In April 1992, National Bank of Mendota held a 60th anniversary celebration.

The next major move was acquisition of two lots west of the bank. On one was the building in which A.E. Claus and Robert Reck had their law offices. It was also known as "the old telephone building." On the other was a store occupied by Pohl's Office Supply. It had been built originally as an office for Illinois Northern Utilities. Both buildings were demolished and in February 1995 the National Bank of Mendota moved into a 40,000 square foot addition covering both sites.

Discussions began with Amcore Financial, Inc., of Rockford, which ultimately led to the merger on May 24, 1995.

SIDETRACK – NBM board chairmen during its 63-year history were D.L. Barnett, J.L. Zolper, J.L. Schaller, R.W. Dempster and D.G. Heckert.

Seniority on the current staff of Amcore Bank is enjoyed by Marion Hochstatter, Verona Whitmore and Dolores Jones.

It would be interesting to know if any of the current Amcore Financial staff is connected to the unnamed "Rockford man" who had been prevented from buying a 51% share of National Bank of Mendota when Rockford National closed in 1932.

(Dwight Heckert contributed to this account.)

Nikki Haley is still the strongest VP pick

By Rich Lowry

As far as we know, Nikki Haley isn't on the shortlist, nor on the long list.

There's no indication that she's being considered as Donald Trump's VP pick, and Trump forcefully smacked down a report in Axios that the campaign was looking at her.

She'd still probably be the choice who, more than any other possible pick, would help Trump win in November.

By conventional rules, the former South Carolina governor getting the nod would be so obvious as to be completely unremarkable -- she's the runner-up in the nomination fight; she represents a different faction of the party; she provides demographic balance; she has executive and foreign-policy experience; and she's ready, to the extent this can be judged by resume and experience, to be president.

Paint-by-numbers politics would make her a top contender, if not a shoo-in. If, that is, she hadn't criticized Trump in harsh and personal terms during her primary campaign. It's one thing to criticize another candidate's tax plan; and another to say he's "diminished," "unhinged," "saying things that don't make sense," and "not qualified" to be president. Any nominee would have a hard time swallowing those types of gibes, and Donald Trump is, shall we say, more sensitive to slights than most.

Trump gave as good as he got, turning what should have been a celebratory event the night he won the New Hampshire primary into an anti-Haley revival meeting.

All of this, though, is why her selection would be a shock and a potentially galvanizing moment in the campaign -- it would show Trump to be willing to forgive and forget and put aside his personal feelings in the cause of saving the country from a second Biden term.

It would be an extraordinary grace note from someone who the public doesn't expect it from (although Trump does fairly often bury the hatchet with former critics).

Both Haley and Trump would have explaining to do; Haley more than Trump. He could just say that campaigning

is a tough business, and, sure, she said lots of tough things about him, but beating Biden is more important than dwelling on the past. Haley would be forced by the media to do word-by-word exegeses of all her Trump attacks. Her out would be explaining that, whatever she said about Trump, Biden is worse.

Picking Haley would be an olive branch to a small group of Republican-inclined voters who aren't ready to support Trump. It's possible to exaggerate the import of the "zombie" Haley vote in the GOP primaries, given that the zombie dynamic is a common one in primaries and a significant element of her support is coming from 2020 Biden voters. But she definitely has appeal to college-educated and suburban voters, with whom Trump is weak, and anything that helps at the margins could be decisive in a narrow race.

Going with Haley would open up some wallets. She has her own base within the donor class that would be enthused about her pick and newly determined to do whatever it takes to see the ticket prevail.

A downside is that she's a hate figure for the MAGA base. Trump, though, is the most important influence on what his supporters think.

Relatedly, there's the question of whether Trump could trust an emphatically pre-MAGA Republican who hasn't bent the knee in such a sensitive position. That'd be an issue. But Haley would have every incentive to be loyal, unless the wheels come off during the campaign or a second term -- and if the wheels come off, Haley's posture would be the least of Trump's troubles.

Maybe it'd be a shortsighted pick for Trump's governing purposes, but if it helps him prevail in November, how much does that matter? The Trump approach to life is to get through one obstacle before worrying about the next, and dealing with a vice president he's not enamored of when he's back in the White House would be a good problem to have.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA



Welding Program Coordinator Theresa Molln, left, promotes IVCC's popular program to a small crowd during last spring's open house, noting the convenient scheduling and the many job opportunities available to graduates. The program is gearing up for its fall session, and registration is July 17, just after the summer Explore IVCC open house concludes. (Photo contributed)

IVCC plans welding information & registration session July 17th

OGLESBY – IVCC's Welding Department is hosting a welding information/registration session immediately after the college's open house on Wednesday, July 17.

The welding session will be from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in CTC-124 and is open to students seeking to register for an 8-week or 14-week course this fall. Classes begin Aug. 15.

All new welding students must register for the program through a welding information session. Sign up for a session by contacting the Workforce Development Division Office at (815) 224-0233 or emailing kim_herout@ivcc.edu.

No previous welding experience is necessary, and instructors work to find the best fit for students at whatever stage they enter the program, said Program Coordinator Theresa Molln. The program is ideal for beginners who have never welded, for those with some welding background, and for industry employees who want to expand skills at their current employer. Students receive individualized instruction in small classes and use state-of-the-art welding equipment in a large lab and fabrication area.

A flexible schedule makes it convenient for students with all types of commitments to attend, from swing shift workers to high school students. Classes are offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings Monday through Thursday. Instructors are backed by experience across varied industries. Some local industries set flexible work schedules so employees can attend classes, or partner with IVCC to train their workers.

IVCC's district is a prime labor market for welders because its industries range from vehicle manufacturing and fabricated metal product manufacturing to machine

shops, agriculture, construction, and mining.

Activities happen outside the classroom too, like a spring welding competition for high school and college students, a week-long SPARK Jr. Welding Academy summer session for youths, and a campus

welding club that lets students work independently on projects.

For more information on the program, contact Molln at 815-224-0630 or by email theresa_molln@ivcc.edu or visit <https://www.ivcc.edu/programsbyareaofstudy/welding/index.php>

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Nine-ty-year-old Oscar winner and former "Rat Packer" Shirley MacLaine is one of the last four living stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, along with Jane Fonda, Sophia Loren and Robert Redford. MacLaine has recently completed her 65th film, "A Family Affair," with Nicole Kidman, Zac Efron and Kathy Bates. It hits Netflix on June 28.

She's also shooting her 66th film, "People Not Places" with Stephen Dorff, in New Jersey.



MacLaine

in 2020, and this sequel is poised to beat it.

Chris Rock made \$40 million from two specials on Netflix because of the Oscar slap, and Smith is back from exile in only two years. Next for Smith is "I Am Legend 2" with Michael B. Jordan.

In order to leave 007 behind, Daniel Craig is sporting a new un-Bond-like, long-hair look in the upcoming "Knives Out" sequel "Wake Up Dead Man." His co-stars are Andrew Scott, Kerry Washington, Glenn Close, Jeremy Renner, Mila Kunis, Josh Brolin and Josh O'Connor. The original "Knives Out" grossed \$312.9 million, while its sequel only grossed \$15 million before dropping on Netflix. The "threequel" will probably go straight to Netflix, but we'll have to wait until 2025 to see it.

Billy Zane (of "Titanic" fame) is currently channeling Marlon Brando in the upcoming film "Waltzing with Brando," based on the nonfiction book of the same name by Bernard Judge. His co-stars are Jon Heder, Tia Carrere, Richard Dreyfuss

and Rob Corrdry, and the film was actually shot on the island Brando owned, called Tetiaroa.

In 1989, I encountered Brando at South African singer Miriam Makeba's opening at the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in the Ambassador Hotel. I asked Brando if he'd smile for my camera. He asked, "Why?" I told him that I'd never seen a photo of him smiling, which made him smile. Inside the club, I shot photos of him with Eartha Kitt and Jane Russell, and he showed my lens a lot of teeth, saying, "See? I'm smiling!" Those photos were seen around the world, which made me really, really "\$mile!"

The delightful Emma Thompson has Hugh Jackman, Nicholas Braun, Nicholas Galitzine and Molly Gordon as her co-stars in the comedy "Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Movie." The film is about her flock of friends who must solve the murder of a sheep shepherd (Jackman), and it isn't due until February 2026. They're calling them "a baaaaad A-list ensemble cast!"

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Is it true that Michael Crichton has a new book coming out? I thought he passed away years ago. -- **E.M.**

A: "Jurassic Park" author Michael Crichton died in 2008 of cancer at the age of 66. He graduated from Harvard Medical School, but followed his passion for writing and developing novels, films and television shows ("ER").

According to People magazine, Crichton's widow, Sherri, has been searching for a writer to finish the incomplete manuscript that her husband left behind. She found that writer in bestselling author James Patterson. Crichton was fascinated by volcanoes and provided "meticulous notes" on what he started, so Patterson and Sherri worked together in a "joyful collaboration" that included "intense research on volcanology to make sure the book retained Crichton's signature gripping momentum and rigorous scientific accuracy."

The finished novel, "Eruption," is now available for purchase in stores and online, and there's a really

good chance it'll be on the big screen someday, too.

Q: Whatever happened to the planned sequel to "Waiting to Exhale"? I know there was a follow-up novel, which I really enjoyed, but I was hoping to see the cast reunite for the film. -- **K.K.**

A: You're correct that a sequel was in the works based on Terry McMillan's book "Getting to Happy," which was the sequel to her novel "Waiting to Exhale." Unfortunately, the project was canceled after the tragic death of one of its stars, Whitney Houston. The remaining three stars, Angela Bassett, Lela Rochon and Loretta Devine, did not believe in continuing the film without their friend Houston.

The good news is Rochon and Devine are part of the ensemble cast of "Terry McMillan Presents: Tempted by Love," an upcoming romance movie for Lifetime, starring Garcelle Beauvais ("The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"). Beauvais will play a famous chef who falls for a handsome young man 20 years her junior. The movie sounds reminiscent of another McMillan nov-

el-turned-movie "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."

The original film will premiere on Lifetime on Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. ET.

Q: Will there ever be a reboot of "Desperate Housewives"? It seems like now would be the perfect time for an updated version of the show. -- **F.A.**

A: Not if the show's creator Marc Cherry has any say in it. Eva Longoria, who played Gabrielle Solis on the show during its entire run from 2004-2012, says she's all for it. However, she told Entertainment Weekly that Cherry feels like he doesn't have anything else to say about the characters that he hasn't "already fully mined."

You can catch Longoria in the new miniseries "Land of Women" on Apple TV+ and the new season of "Only Murders in the Building" on Hulu. "Only Murders" will be partially set in Los Angeles, with returning stars Steve Martin and Martin Short, as well as the return of season three's Meryl Streep. Longoria will join Eugene Levy and Zach Galifianakis as one of the show's signature guest stars in supporting roles.

Couch Theater

"Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F" (R) -- Thirty years after "Beverly Hills Cop III" hit theaters for the first time, the fourth installment of the franchise hits streaming on July 3! Having gone through multiple directors and screenwriters over the years, it took a while for the fourth film to come to fruition, with its development tracking all the way back to the mid-1990s. But they were able to get back on track in 2022, and Eddie Murphy, who also serves as a producer on the film, reprises his role as the titular character Axel Foley. Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Pinocchio") and Kevin Bacon ("Leave the World Behind") join the cast, while Judge Reinhold also reprises his role as Billy Rosewood. Get ready for lots of laughs, thanks to Murphy's signature humor. (Netflix)

"Land of Women" (TV-MA) -- Based on the best-selling novel by Sandra Bar-

neda, this series is billed as a "comedy-drama thriller." Led and produced by Eva Longoria ("Only Murders in the Building"), the series follows Gala (Longoria), a woman whose life suddenly falls apart at the seams when she finds out her husband is in debt for \$15 million. Since he's unable to pay the loan back, he begs her to leave town to avoid the ruthless loan sharks, so Gala decides to take her mother and daughter on a "girls' trip" to Spain. Once there, their travels are anything but an easy-breezy vacation, but Gala ends up learning much about herself and what the significance of family truly means to her. The first two episodes are out now, with subsequent episodes released every Wednesday. (Apple TV+)

"Space Cadet" (PG-13) -- There's always one title featured that's considered the weakest release of the week, and without a doubt,

this week's is a film starring Emma Roberts ("Madame Web"). Roberts plays a party girl in Florida named Rex who's grown weary of her drunken routine. Since she often reflects on her hidden aspiration to become an astronaut, Rex decides that now is the time to finally pursue her dream. With the help of her best friend Nadine (Poppy Liu), who fobs just about everything on Rex's resume, Rex surprisingly gets selected to participate in astronaut training. But when she arrives at Johnson Space Center in Houston, she can't help but stick out like a sore thumb. Notable names in the cast include Gabrielle Union ("The Perfect Find"), Colombian pop artist Sebastian Yatra, and Desi Lydic ("The Daily Show"), but not even they can save this movie. Out on July 4. (Amazon Prime Video)

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• Trivia Test •

1. MUSIC: What is a didgeridoo?
 2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
 3. HISTORY: What is the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War?
 4. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
 5. SCIENCE: What does a hertz measure?
 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is most of the toilet paper in France?
 7. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented by coulrophobia?
 8. LANGUAGE: What is the first character to be added to Morse Code since WWII?
 9. LITERATURE: What is the term for a section at the end of a book that concludes what has happened?
 10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president turned down offers to play professional football after college graduation?
- Answers
1. A wind instrument used by Australia's indigenous people.
 2. A cygnet.
 3. The Treaty of Paris.
 4. Barcelona, Spain.
 5. Frequency.
 6. Pink.
 7. Fear of clowns.
 8. The @ symbol (2004).
 9. An epilogue.
 10. Gerald Ford.
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Old Italian money

5 Prof's degrees

9 "The Matrix" role

12 Caspian Sea feeder

13 Mine, in Montreal

14 Cleric's garment

15 When sports events start

17 Avril follower

18 Whine

19 Representative

21 Chicago transport

22 Sanctioned by Islamic law

24 Pottery oven

27 Nourished

28 Hotel furniture

31 JFK info

32 Genetic letters

33 "Mayday!"

34 Jewels

36 Weaponize

37 D-Day carriers

38 Boredom

40 Little — Peep

41 Move laterally

43 Least possible

47 Actor Ferrigno

DOWN

1 Schleps

2 Pakistan neighbor

3 "Bohemian Rhapsody" star

4 Football team

5 Sandbox toy

6 "Let me think ..."

7 Female hare

8 Twine fiber

9 Anonymous

10 Flair

11 Life story?

16 Website contact no.

20 Talk on and on

22 Artist Matisse

23 Eden evictee

24 Beer barrel

25 Mineral suffix

26 Politico with limited power

27 Lady of the haus

29 Speck

30 Sound from a hot wok

35 NBC show since 1975

37 Yogurt variety

39 Violin parts

40 "Don't — stranger!"

41 "Citizen Kane" prop

42 Greek vowel

43 Accomplishment

44 French 101 verb

45 Crystal gazer

46 Streetcar

49 Writer Rand

50 Hosp. scan

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne
* In October 1969, in a forest in the Palloneva region of Finland, farmer Heino Seppi split an aspen log and discovered its middle was rotten, forming a hollow that contained a dry fish around 1.3 feet long. No one knows how the fish got there.

* Christopher Columbus' first transatlantic voyage traveled at a rate of around 2.8 miles per hour.

* Several of Aristotle's writings have survived thanks to the men of a Roman army who invaded Asia Minor around 80 B.C., found a number of his manuscripts in a pit, and took the papers to their general, Sulla. It turned out that no other copies of many of them existed, and Sulla had them taken to Rome and recopied.

* Queen Berengaria of England, the wife of Richard the Lionheart, was the only English queen who never actually set foot on English soil.

* The Eiffel Tower in Paris, the City of Light's best-known monument, was saved from demolition in 1909 only because there was an antenna of great importance to French radio telegraphy mounted at the top of it.

* Allergy sufferers will not be surprised (nor like) to hear that pollen is one of the few natural substances that does not deteriorate.

* British Rail's engineering division applied for and received a patent for a flying saucer capable of carrying 22 passengers in 1972, but apparently lost faith in the feasibility of the project just four years later, and allowed the patent to lapse.

* Although "Shoeless Joe" Jackson was barred from baseball's Hall of Fame for his alleged role in the 1919 Black Sox Scandal (he pleaded innocent), his spiked, black leather shoes can still be found there.

Thought for the Day: "Don't count the days, make the days count." -- Muhammad Ali

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King Crossword
Solution time: 25 mins.
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SOCIAL NEWS

E. Safranek to celebrate 100th birthday with an open house

PAW PAW – Ervin Safranek of Paw Paw will be celebrating his 100th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 20 at the Paw Paw Community Building. Please omit gifts.

Safranek was born on July 21, 1924.

If you are unable to attend the open house, but would like to express birthday wishes to him, send a card to Ervin Safranek, P.O. Box 325, Paw Paw, IL, 61353.



David Kuester, IVCC's speech/theater professor, speaks with a prospective student during a college open house last spring. The Explore IVCC open houses give students and families a chance to meet faculty and program coordinators, explore programs, and tour the college. An Explore IVCC session for prospective fall students is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17. (Photo contributed)

Explore IVCC event planned for July 17

OGLESBY – Prospective students can Explore IVCC at a summer open house on Wednesday, July 17, in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The event begins at 1 p.m. with a panel of students sharing their IVCC experiences. Deans and faculty will be available to discuss majors and offer tours of labs and classrooms, and counselors will be available to discuss academic programs. Participants can enter a raffle to win IVCC gift baskets and IVCC

T-shirts will be given away. The Didough's food truck will be parked outside and serving from noon to 3 p.m.

Attendance is encouraged for anyone considering enrolling in fall. "It's a good chance for students to talk to someone in the programs they're interested in, and to get a feel for campus," said Admissions Director Tom Quigley.

To RSVP, visit ivcc.edu/admissions/exploreivcc.php. Fall classes begin Aug. 15.

IVCC unveils art history mural to coincide with college's centennial

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College President Dr. Tracy Morris told an audience gathered on June 25 she hopes a new mural at the C Building entrance inspires students for years to come.

During a ceremony dedicating the new art commissioned for the College's centennial, Morris said, "I hope every student who walks by this mural can see our history, see themselves in the present and look ahead to their future. Today we celebrate this artwork and the impact it will have on students for future generations."

The mural's creator, artist Ray Paseka of Westclox Studios, explained how he conceived the mural using two pairs of students and two iconic building images – the LaSalle-Peru High School clock tower at one end and the current ultra-modern entrance at the other – to bridge the century. The high school originally housed LPO Junior College, which became IVCC.

A 1920s couple using a manual typewriter and a modern couple huddled over a laptop share a backdrop of neuron pearls that represent the College's programs and people of influence through its history.

Dr. Morris pointed over her shoulder to the student pairs, adding, "We see students who are collaborating towards their future together!"

Another part of the College's history spectrum were Paseka's assistants, artists Emily Maze and Morgan Phillips, who both attended IVCC.

Morris recapped the Col-



Artist Ray Paseka, left, and IVCC President Dr. Tracy Morris, right, lead a visitor on a visual tour of the College's new history mural during a dedication ceremony. Morris said she hopes the art piece inspires generations of students. (Photo contributed)

lege history for her audience. LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College was established on April 24, 1924. Thirty-two freshmen attended the first day of classes on Sept. 15.

The year 1966 brought a new name – Illinois Valley Community College – and

a relocation to Oglesby. District voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum to finance a new college. The first College classes convened in 1968 in temporary buildings while a new \$20 million permanent campus rose on the river bluff. The building was

dedicated in 1972. The Peter Miller Community Technology Center expansion was completed in 2013.

The ceremony was attended by community members and representatives from the Board of Trustees, Foundation, and College employees.

Exhibit amplifying Sept. 11 events opens at IVCC's Ottawa Center

OTTAWA – An exhibit amplifying the compassion and national unity that flared after the events of 9/11 will be on display in July at Illinois Valley Community College's Ottawa Center.

The We the People Traveling Exhibit reflects the surge in patriotism, hope and compassion that emerged in the nation following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. At its center are two beam pieces from the north tower of the World Trade Center. More than 3,000 people at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard the planes that crashed into both buildings and a Pennsylvania field

were killed that day.

The exhibit encourages children to think and communicate about helping their communities through a Talk Back Star Station which poses questions and encourages children to reflect on their ideas of unity, friendship, helping and patriotism.

The Ottawa Center is partnering with the sponsor, Ottawa Visitors Center, to host the exhibit. It will be displayed from July 1-31. The public can view it for free Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The exhibit was escorted to Ottawa

from Morris by the Illinois State Patriot Guard and area first responders on July 1. A grand opening on Saturday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will feature refreshments and a children's scavenger hunt hosted by the Ottawa Visitors Center.

The traveling exhibit is made available to communities by the Children's Museum of Oak Lawn, which created it after acquiring two beam pieces from a nearby city memorial project honoring first responders.

For more information on the exhibit, please go to VisitOttawaIL.com.

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POLICE BLOTTER

TWO CHARGED WITH BATTERY

Sherry A. Nixon, 57, of 701 Meadowview Drive, Apt. 610, Mendota, and Christopher Martin, 56, of 701 Meadowview Drive, Apt. 408, Mendota, were each charged with battery after police officers responded to a call for service at 701 Meadowview Drive at 10 p.m. June 28. Both subjects were released with LaSalle County court dates.

WARRANT ARREST

Robert A. Kordick, 41, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. E2, Mendota, was arrested on an active Kendall County warrant at 11 a.m. June 30. The subject posted the applicable bond and was released with a Kendall County court date.

SUSPENDED LICENSE, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Rigoberto Delacruz, 44, of 809 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended and possession of a controlled substance after a traffic stop at Main and Eighth streets at 2:38 a.m. July 1. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

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GARAGE SALE

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July 4, 5 & 6
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City Ordinance

Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

• The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

• Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

• Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

• Violations and penalties. Any person(s) who is found to have violated the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$75.

Tips to keep burglars from targeting your property

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department encourages its citizens to prevent crime before it happens. Taking a few prevention steps could keep your home from being a target. The golden rule in home security is to ensure that your property does not present an opportunity. Please consider these burglary prevention tips.

• A would-be burglar will look for signs of an alarm or cameras. Let them know they cannot enter your home unnoticed.

• Over one-third of home burglaries are termed by police as "no force" entries. Doors or windows that are left unlocked allow easy access to the home.

• Sliding glass doors are another easy way in. They are usually at the rear and can often be lifted out of their frames.

• An unsecured garage door presents an opportunity for a burglar to enter your property if your garage is attached to the home or to

find tools to assist him.

• An unlocked shed or out-building likewise presents an easy target. The burglar can use your own tools to enter your home or take valuables such as bikes and lawnmowers.

• A dark property is always attractive. About 90 percent of all intruders choose not to enter a residence that is well lit so keep the main entryways and exterior sections of your home lit, either constantly or using motion sensor lighting.

• Overgrown bushes or trees close to your home allow a burglar to hide and can provide a leverage to higher windows.

• A quick escape is important for a burglar, so high fences or hedges are a real deterrent.

• Burglars prefer to target empty residences. Stop the newspapers when you go on vacation and have a neighbor pick up your mail.

• Install a deadbolt lock. Deadbolts are usually locked with a key from the outside and a thumb turn on the inside. The cylinder should be pick resistant. Lock your doors every time you leave. The more popular times for residential burglaries are weekday daylight hours. In over one-third of all burglaries, there is no forcible entry - someone forgot to lock the door.

• Install solid doors. Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood and at least 1-3/4 inches thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material and

each door must fit its frame securely.

• Keep garage doors closed and locked.

• Secure sliding doors and windows. Cut a broom handle to the length of the bottom track so that the window or door will not slide open when forced. Also, drill one hole through both castings and sliding window and insert a nail or pin.

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Students looking to study longer and better may want to re-evaluate study environments at home.

Tips to set up an ideal home study space

Study skills are integral to academic success. Such abilities help students learn more efficiently and effectively, which can lead to better grades on assignments and tests. Developing strong study habits can prepare students for future success in life, as dedication to studying can be mirrored in habits related to job performance.

The desire to study is one component of being involved in the task. However, setting up an environment conducive to studying is another part of this important equation. Students looking to study longer and better may want to re-evaluate study environments at home. Here are some ways to implement positive changes.

- Isolate from interruptions. The first step to setting up a study location is to pick a spot away from the hustle and bustle of the household. While a separate room or home office can be helpful, an out-of-the way nook or similar spot can be just as effective. By dedicating a study spot, you can train your brain to recognize this is a study area and you may immediately become more focused.
- Keep only pertinent materials nearby. It may be tempting to check your phone or watch videos or television if those devices are close to the study area. Make it stark and outfitted with only what's necessary for the study session.
- Focus on good lighting. To avoid eye

strain and avoid difficulty focusing, make sure the study area has adequate lighting. Lighting behind you will help illuminate the pages of textbooks and additional reading materials. Avoid using computers in dimly lit rooms, as that may aggravate eye strain.

- Aim for ergonomics and comfort. You'll want to be comfortable while studying, but not so much that you're falling asleep. Choose a chair that is supportive and keeps you seated in a neutral position.
- Store supplies nearby. Having to constantly get up and grab supplies increases the risk of distractions adversely affecting your study time. A zippered pouch or a tote bag that contains all of your study materials can be kept within reach.
- Keep a clock in view. A clock should not deter you from studying. Setting deadlines and time constraints on study time can encourage focus. Break down study sessions into chunks of time that are manageable to you.
- Utilize noise effectively. Some people need absolute quiet to study. Others appreciate some white noise or music to sharpen their focus. Identify what works for you and incorporate that into your study area. A fan or a running air purifier can produce enough white noise to drown out distractions.

Establishing a study area at home can help students improve their academic performance.

Steps to take to prevent home electrical fires

A person's home should be a safe haven. Too often, however, there may be dangers lurking in a home that can compromise the safety of residents.

Electrical fires are no joke. A leading insurance company says electrical failure or malfunctions account for almost 34,000 home fires per year. The National Fire Protection Association says they can contribute to 440 deaths and \$1.3 billion in direct property damage annually.

Older homes may be most vulnerable to electrical fires, as such structures were not designed to handle the demands of modern living. The insurance experts at Nationwide say half of all homes in the United States have electrical systems that were installed before garage door openers, high-tech coffee makers, and many computers became must-have items. And the Electrical Safety Foundation International says homes built before 1973 with overloaded electrical systems pose a number of safety threats.

Overloaded circuits are not the only contributor to electrical fires. Damaged wiring characterized by worn, frayed or loose wires can cause fires. Malfunctioning appliances or those improperly maintained also can create home fires. Another contributor is poorly installed extension cords and power strips, as well as faulty outlets and switches around homes.

Homeowners can take various steps to reduce the risk of electrical fires at home.

- Install arc fault circuit interrupters. AFCIs are special types of circuit breakers that help prevent fires caused by nicked or frayed wiring. An AFCI gets tripped and cuts off power when an electrical problem is detected before a fire can start. In 2022, the National Electric Code started requiring AFCIs in bedrooms, and by 2017 they have been mandated throughout homes.
- Conduct a home electrical inspection. All homes more than 40 years old



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should be inspected to ensure their electrical systems can handle modern demands, says Nationwide. A qualified electrician can make recommendations regarding replacing breakers and suggest other modifications to improve safety.

- Utilize a monitor. Ting from Whisker Labs monitors a home's electrical network using a smart plug-in sensor that is designed to detect hazards. The company indicates micro-arcs and sparks that develop are precursors to electrical fires.
- Turn to automatic shut-offs. Homeowners can utilize appliances and additional devices that automatically shut off after a set period of time. This can reduce the risk of overheating.
- Rely on timers or smart

devices. Timers and smart home devices can give homeowners control of electrical components like appliances or lights from a remote area. This enables users to turn an appliance on or off to reduce overheating or avoid additional risk factors for electrical fires.

• Don't go DIY. Choosing to work with a professional electrician rather than doing electrical work oneself can help reduce electrical fire risk considerably. Electricians know how to work on electrical systems safely to prevent damage to wires and components, and also safeguard themselves against shock.

Risk for electrical fires at home can be reduced with technology and other strategies.

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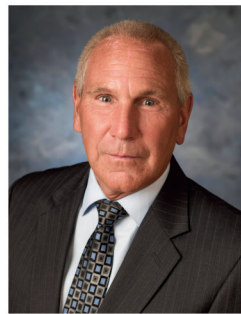
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How to keep an AC unit running strong

Air conditioners are a lifeline come the dog days of summer, when soaring temperatures make a well-cooled home a welcome respite from the outdoors. Maintaining an AC unit ensures it will be there to keep everyone cool when the mercury rises. The following are some steps homeowners can take to keep their AC units in tip-top shape this summer.

- Replace the air filter on the unit. Dirt, dust, debris, and pollen can quickly fill the filter on an AC unit. Replacing these filters prior to summer can make the unit operate more efficiently and keep cool air circulating throughout the house all summer. Homeowners can first identify which type of unit they have and then find an online tutorial to see how to replace the filter. Some filters are more expensive than others, but the cost is still low and the energy savings can be substantial.
- Schedule annual maintenance on the unit. Routine maintenance performed by a local HVAC technician is another way to ensure an AC unit is running at peak capacity when it's most needed. Such maintenance is perhaps most effective in spring, as that ensures the unit is running strong from the first heat wave of the summer all the way through Labor Day. HVAC technicians can identify problems and recommend services that homeowners may not recognize they need until it's already hot out. Annual maintenance appointments also give HVAC professionals a chance to assess a system compared to the previous year, which can help them identify if a unit is nearing its end. That can ensure homeowners are not caught off guard when the unit needs to be replaced.
- Help the unit make it through the summer. Whether it's a typical summer or one marked by a handful of heat waves, AC units can use a little help to get through the season. Closing curtains throughout the house on hot afternoons is a natural way to keep a home cool during a heat wave, and that can cut back on home cooling costs and protect a unit from being overworked. Ceiling fans also can be installed to keep rooms cool and circulate air, which also makes a hot summer a little less taxing on an AC unit.
- Use a programmable thermostat. Programmable thermostats allow homeowners to set the temperatures inside their homes throughout the day. If no one is home during the afternoon, there's no reason to have the AC cranking. Program the thermostat so the house is comfortable when people are home, but raise the desired temperature when no one is around. That gives the AC unit a break during the day and can help to dramatically reduce the cost of cooling the home.

AC units will not last forever, but some simple maintenance can improve their life expectancy and keep homes comfortable throughout the summer.

Color tips to make your home exterior pop

(StatePoint) Home exteriors make a first impression, setting the tone for neighbors, guests, and if a property is on the market --prospective home buyers. So how do you boost your curb appeal and make your exterior pop? According to those in the know, a lot of it has to do with color.

"Choosing deep, bold colors for your door or siding can provide eye-catching focal points and dramatically increase curb appeal," says Jon Lapp, vinyl siding product manager at a leading home improvement company.

To help you make selections that work best for your home and vision, consider these insights:

- Siding**
- Color and texture play significant roles in the overall look and style of a home, so consider pairing your vinyl siding with other materials, such as manufactured stone, decorative shake, or board and batten. Whether you go for soft earth tones or deep hues of primary colors, color retention technologies will maintain the look through the years. To that end, here are a few qualities to look for in your siding:
- UV protection: Think of it as sunscreen for your house. This layer of protection helps shield your siding from the destructive effects of the sun's UV rays.
 - Weather barrier shield: Anti-weathering materials on the siding's surface can help ensure long-lasting color fidelity and low-maintenance freedom for your home's exterior.
 - Heat resistance: Heat-resistant inorganic pigments ensure exacting deep colors, reflect heat from exterior walls, and deflect solar rays to reduce solar heat build-up and unsightly weathering.
 - Anti-fade protection: A strong molecular chain,



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found in super polymer vinyl siding, is engineered for superior color retention.

"At first, it might be difficult to tell the difference between a good vinyl siding panel and an outstanding one. But over time, the true strength and quality of each panel will be revealed," says Lapp.

The Entry Door

The entry door is an amazing place to make a color statement. However, if you buy an exterior replacement

door and try to finish it yourself, achieving the flawless finish you're hoping for is easier said than done. Then there's the trim, and possibly sidelights and a transom that also need to be painted to match or coordinate with the door color.

From classic hues, such as rustic bronze or forest green, to trending colors like avocado or burnt orange, you can ensure a consistent, beautiful and lasting finish by having

your manufacturer paint the door before it leaves the factory floor. Bonus: the color will also be under warranty. Look for a manufacturer that crafts custom doors, allowing you to choose different interior and exterior colors and other specifications tailored to your taste.

By selecting professional-quality exterior products, you can ensure long-lasting durability and a big boost in curb appeal.

What is duct balancing?

Homes can sometimes be an enigma, with problems arising that seemingly make little sense. One example of a problem that might not add up is when certain areas of a home feel much warmer or cooler than others, even when a heating and cooling system is running and operating efficiently.

The culprit in such instances may be an imbalance in a home's HVAC system. When an HVAC system is running yet there's a noticeable temperature difference in certain rooms of a home, such as one room being particularly warm in summer or especially chilly in winter, that

disparity could be a result of an uneven air distribution through the ducts in the home. In such instances, duct balancing might be a solution.

Duct balancing involves adjusting the dampers or registers to correct issues such as uneven distribution of air, poor airflow and pressure imbalances with the heating and cooling system. Duct balancing is a relatively inexpensive fix, but it's best left to HVAC professionals, as the job requires unique knowledge of heating and cooling systems and special tools to adjust the dampers or registers.



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Renovations that help sell homes

The adage “there’s a lid for every pot” suggests that, even in relation to the real estate market, there’s bound to be a buyer for every home on the market. Price is a significant variable in the minds of potential buyers, but there are additional factors that can affect the impression people get of a given home.

Certain home features can tip the scales in favor of sellers. In fact, various renovations can help sell homes more readily. And these renovations need not cost a fortune. Putting a home on the market can be stressful, but these renovations may help it sell fast.

- A fresh coat of paint: Although painting is relatively inexpensive and a job that some do-it-yourselfers can tackle, it’s not a task relished by many. Painting is messy, it takes time, and requires moving furniture. In fact, prepping a room for painting often is the toughest component of any painting job. But fresh coats of paint can create a strong first impression. Choose a neutral color and get painting. Jennie Norris, chairwoman for the International Association of Home Staging Professionals, says gray is a “safe” color that has been trending in recent years.

- Minor bathroom remodel: Remove dated wall coverings, replace fixtures, consider re-glazing or replacing an old tub, and swap old shower doors for fast fixes in a bathroom. If there’s more room in the budget, replacing a tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity, and fixtures can cost roughly \$10,500, says HGTV. You’ll recoup an average of \$10,700 at resale, making a minor bathroom remodel a potentially worthy investment.

- Redone kitchen: The kitchen tends to be the hub of a home. This room gets the most usage and attention of any space, and it’s a great place to focus your remodeling attention. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry estimates that homeowners can recover up to 52 percent of the cost of a kitchen upgrade upon selling a home. Buyers want a functional and updated kitchen. Trending features include drawer-style microwaves and dishwashers, commercial ranges, hidden outlets, and even wine refrigerators.

- Updated heating and cooling system: Better Homes and Gardens reports that homeowners may be able to recoup 85 percent of the cost of new HVAC systems when they sell their homes. Heating, cooling and ventilation components are vital to maintain. You don’t want buyers to be taken aback by an older system, and many millennial buyers are not willing to overlook old mechanical systems.

- Fresh landscaping: A home’s exterior is the first thing buyers will see. If they pull up to a home with eye-catching landscaping and outdoor areas that are attractive yet functional, they’re more likely to be intrigued. Often buyers will equate a home that features an impressive exterior with upkeep inside as well. The American Nursery Landscape Association says the average homeowner may spend \$3,500 for landscaping.

Improving a home’s chances to sell quickly and at a higher price often comes down to making smart improvements that catch the eyes of buyers.

What delays project timelines?

Even with the best intentions and services of qualified contractors and crews, timelines for home renovation projects can be prolonged due to various circumstances. Each project is unique and contractors cannot predict the circumstances they will encounter once work is started. Various factors can affect the overall timeline of a project.

- Weather can impact the ability to pour foundations, do housing framing, install Belgium block pavers, or tend to roofing projects.

- The temperature outdoors and inside can affect paint drying times or how long it takes asphalt to cure.

- Getting a permit for work isn’t always cut and dry. There may be delays at the permit office that can affect the remodeling process. Also, inspectors have to check that work is being done correctly, and contractors can be at the mercy of inspectors’ schedules.

- Mold, water damage, insect infestation, and other issues may only become apparent once demolition begins. These issues often cannot be ignored and must be addressed before work on the actual remodel can continue.

- Changes in design after an initial plan has been established can throw off the timeline, as it may require ordering new supplies or getting new architectural drawings.

- Supply chain issues became commonplace during the global pandemic, and building materials still may be affected. A project can be delayed by certain materials being backordered or no longer available.

- Some homeowners have to interview and hire new contractors if theirs fails to deliver on promises or is a no-show altogether.

- Homeowners whose loans or other funding fall through may have to delay further work until they are able to pay for the work at hand.

These are a few situations that can waylay a home renovation project. Individuals need to remain patient whenever they begin a remodeling project.



Grab bars in bathrooms can make homes safer for seniors with limited mobility.

Senior-friendly interior renovations

Home is where the heart is. That sentiment may be especially true for seniors who have spent decades living in their homes. A lot of hard work goes into home ownership, and seniors who have lived in the same space for a while undoubtedly have countless memories within the walls of their homes.

Lifetime of experiences in a home can make it hard to leave, but many seniors experience diminished mobility as they age. Mobility issues can make it hard for seniors to traverse their homes, but aging homeowners can make various renovations to make a home more accessible.

- Revamp entryways and staircases. A 2020 study of 1,000 adults in the United Kingdom found that 28 percent of individuals age 65 and older who don’t exercise regularly struggle with activities like walking up stairs. The study, commissioned by Total Fitness, also found that 14 percent of men and women over 65 who regularly engage in moderate exercise still find it challenging to climb up and down a flight of stairs. Seniors facing similar challenges can install a ramp at their home’s entryway so they can comfortably go in

and out. Inside, a chair lift can ensure seniors are not struggling to move from one floor to another.

- Raise the outlets throughout the home. They’re easily overlooked, but outlets, particularly those outside the kitchen, tend to be close to the floor. AARP notes that’s no accident, as outlets are generally placed at a height equal to the length of a hammer to save time with measuring when buildings are being constructed. Outlets close to the floor can be difficult for seniors with mobility issues to reach. Relocating the outlets a little higher off the floor is not an expensive renovation, but it can make a home more accessible for seniors who have difficulty bending down or getting down on one knee.

- Install door knob extensions. Verywell Health notes that nearly half of all people age 65 and older have arthritis or another rheumatic condition. Arthritis can make it difficult for seniors to grip and turn door knobs. Door knob extensions can make it easier for seniors with arthritis to open the doors in their homes. Such extensions are roughly five-inch levers that can be installed

over an existing door knob, making it easier to grab and pull down. Extensions save seniors the hassle of turning the knob, which some may find painful and almost impossible.

- Renovate the bathroom. Bathroom renovation projects can be costly, but seniors with mobility issues should know that bathrooms can pose a particularly dangerous threat. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that roughly three million older adults are treated for fall injuries in emergency departments each year. A 2019 analysis published in The Journals of Gerontology noted that 22 percent of in-home falls resulted in a change in the person’s walking ability. Replacing a step-over shower with a zero-step alternative can make it easier for seniors with mobility issues to get in and out of the shower, thus reducing their risk for falls. Grab bars along shower walls and a chair inside the shower can make it easier to bathe and towel off safely.

Seniors with mobility issues can make their homes more accommodating through an assortment of simple, yet effective renovations.

4 trends to take muted interiors from drab to dreamy in 2024

(StatePoint) While neutral tones continue to be popular this year among home DIYers, bold and colorful surroundings also are trending right now.

From adding dramatic style to the kitchen to giving an unexpected space a splash of color, these ideas—inspired by the 2024 FrogTape Design Trends, as identified by celebrity interior designer Taniya Nayak—will make areas around your home pop in 2024.

Colorful Kitchens. Make the kitchen a focal point by painting the cabinets or panels on the island a vivid color. Calming blue will ensure a relaxed and laid-back feeling, while fuchsia will energize the design. Nayak recommends using FrogTape Delicate Surface Painter’s Tape to prevent paint bleed and achieve crisp paint lines. The low-adhesion tape is designed to prevent damage on surfaces like cabinets, freshly painted walls, wallpaper and more.

Dynamic Décor. If painting projects aren’t in the plan for this year, revive a living room or bedroom by adding a collection of brightly colored pillows and throws, bohemian-style macramé, wall art and a rug with geometric patterns. As long as the colors are complementary to each other, the blend of styles and textures will catch the eye and make the room feel refreshed with little effort.

Nourishing Green. A simple, but effective, way to boost the mood of a space is to fill it with large blooms. Place a modern plant stand in an empty corner or between rooms as a divider, and layer in green houseplants or ones with colorful leaves on the shelves. Accentuate the greenery with pops of the same color throughout the room to create a sense of cohesion.

Elevated Exteriors. It’s not just the interiors of the home that should speak to personal style, the outside should, too! Give the front



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door a facelift by painting it a daring color. Don’t be afraid to choose one hue for the outside of the door and another for the inside. For this project, apply FrogTape Multi-Surface Painter’s Tape before painting, so that trim around the door and

doorknob is protected from paint bleed.

Whether you choose one or all of these trends, they can be tackled by DIYers with a range of skillsets to transform dull living spaces into the home of your dreams.

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The freedom of self-control

We all have hopes and dreams for our lives—whether it’s to buy a house, get in shape physically, have success at our job, grow spiritually, or a number of other things. However, if we want to make progress in life, it’s going to require self-control. This may not be a very popular topic, but self-control is one of the best friends we can ever have because it brings us freedom. Many people think being free means you should be able to do what you want, when you want, and never

have to suffer any of the consequences. But that’s not biblical. God’s Word tells us that we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). Sure, we can choose to do what we want. However, every choice we make is a seed that will produce a harvest in our lives—either for good or bad. Real freedom is not simply the liberty to do whatever we want. True freedom is having the ability and discipline not to do something if it means we will be happier with the results in the long run. This involves

self-control, which is one of the best gifts God has given us. It helps us say yes to what we truly want to say yes to...and it helps us say no to what we want to say no to! For instance, my husband Dave and I recently ate at a restaurant that makes some of the best lobster bisque soup I have ever tasted; it’s so smooth and creamy, and it has just the right amount of flavor. I instantly began thinking about going back the next day! The truth is I could choose to eat that soup every night. However, I know my body and what I need to do to maintain my weight. Yes, I want the soup, but I want to stay in shape and remain healthy even more! Galatians 5:17 says, “For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh” (AMPC). The “flesh” represents the desires and cravings of our body and soul, apart from the Holy Spirit. Many times, our flesh wants something that the Holy Spirit says is not good for us. However, as we learn to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit, that is when we become truly free. Galatians 5:16 says if you “walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and



controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God)” (AMPC). The Lord wants to help us make wise choices. I often say that wisdom is doing now what you will be happy with later. Even if a good decision isn’t comfortable for our flesh in the moment, it will produce good results later on. God has already provided everything we need to have a great life, but it’s up to us to walk it out—and we do that by making good choices (Ephesians 2:10). Good decisions produce good results. For instance, if you choose to get to work on time and do your job with excellence and go the extra mile, then you set yourself up for promotion. Or if you choose to save some of your money, then you’ll have something extra when you really need it. We make choices ev-

ery day. We can choose how we think, what we’re going to say, and what attitude we take. We can choose to forgive someone when they don’t treat us the way they should. Or we can choose to say something kind to someone when everything in us wants to say something mean! Always remember, when you choose to do what is right even when you don’t feel like it, that is when you will see amazing results! You, too, can enjoy the freedom of self-control. Wherever you are in life right now, God has a great plan for your future. And He not only wants to lead, guide, and show you what to do, but He also wants to give you the grace to do it! Ask the Holy Spirit for the guidance and strength to make good choices, then begin making decisions today that you will be happy with tomorrow. As you do, you’ll be amazed at the results...and you will experience the incredible

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LINDA ALEXANDER and DAVID ALEXANDER, 111 QUARRY CREST CIR, SAN MARCOS, TX 78666, according to the Deed dated 11/29/2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 00620, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/13/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0412, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 7
WILLIAM L ALEXANDER, 6238 FULTON RD UNIT 3, NEW BERTLIN, IL 62670, according to the Deed dated 8/27/2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19299, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/19/2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2
SHERMAN BEN and SENORA BEN, 9146 S MARSHFIELD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated 5/4/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 10815, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/21/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0174, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1
SHERMAN BEN and SENORA BEN, 7774 S KARLOV AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60652, according to the Deed dated 5/4/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-10815, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/21/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0174, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1

IL 60652, according to the Deed dated 9/8/2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-22002, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/12/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0160, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 2 JAMES A COOK AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND LAVERINIA COOK, 5960 W IOWA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated 4/19/1998 and recorded under File No. 1998-29099, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/23/1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020E, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 1 DANIEL P CURRY and THERESA S CURRY, 530 S TOLEDO AVE, TULSA, OK 74112, according to the Deed dated 7/11/2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-19141, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/25/2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 6 MAUREEN A CURTIN and JOHN K. JOENS, 18233 FARRELL RD, JOLIET, IL 60432, according to the Deed dated 8/16/1998 and recorded under File No. 1998-20733, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/23/1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0173, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 MAUREEN A CURTIN and JOHN K. JOENS, 8711 W 168TH ST, ORLANDO PARK, IL 60462, according to the Deed dated 8/16/1998 and recorded under File No. 1998-20733, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/23/1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0173, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 STACEY T DYER, 26711 NORTHWESTERN HWY STE 350, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48033, according to the Deed dated 12/20/2008 and recorded under File No. 2009-430, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/8/2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0033, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 TOMMY DYER and HAZEL PROPHET, 1400 MARBLE CANYON DR, DESOTO, TX 75115, according to the Deed dated 2/20/2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-09280, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/4/2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0092, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 2 TOMMY DYER and HAZEL PROPHET, 3816 SCARSDALE LN, DALLAS, TX 75227, according to the Deed dated 2/20/2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-09280, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/4/2010, are the owners of the timeshare

estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0092, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 2

DENISE M. FAULKNER and JOSEPH GARDNER, PO BOX 8462, WAUKEGAN, IL 60079, according to the Deed dated 1/29/2008 and recorded under File No. 2008 8520, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/18/2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0103E, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 2

JIMMY A FIGGS and PATRICIA A MCQUERTER-FIGGS, 7622 S HERMITAGE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated 6/24/2006 and recorded under File No. 2006 20315, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/11/2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0031E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1

ARLENE GALVEZ, 1700 RIVERWOODS DR APT 615, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160, according to the Deed dated 8/2/2008 and recorded under File No. 2008- 18860, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/19/2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0389, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 6

AUGUSTUS J. GATES III, 3205 E CRYSTAL LAKE AVE, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014, according to the Deed dated 8/25/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20528, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/24/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0218, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 4

JOSE GAYTAN and JENNIFER SMITH, 953 S 57TH ST APT 1, MILWAUKEE, WI 53214, according to the Deed dated 10/20/2019 and recorded under File No. 2014 3196, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12/17/2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0024 Frequency: Even, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1

EILEEN J GIVHAN AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, 4431 177TH PL, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL 60478, according to the Deed dated 3/26/2008 and recorded under File No. 2008- 20603, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/11/2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0105, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 2

IGNATIUS GOMES and SUZANA GOMES, 5304 S INGLESIDE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60615, according to the Deed dated 8/18/2005 and recorded under File No. 2005 23843, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/9/2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0072, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1

TERRANCE GUALANDI and ANNETTE

QUALANDI, 137 CLEVELAND CIR, GRANVILLE, IL 61326, according to the Deed dated 2/22/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 04321, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3/11/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

TREENA HARDWELL, 1237 BATES AVE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40219, according to the Deed dated 10/27/2021 and recorded under File No. 2021- 08022, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/27/2021, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2

PHENNIES A MOORE, 8857 S BEVERLY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated 7/18/2014 and recorded under File No. 2023 02256, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/30/2024, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01170, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2

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EARNEST JOHNSON AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, MARGARET JOHNSON AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEESS AND SHARON JOHNSON, 231 GRAFTON PL, MATTESON, IL 60443, according to the Deed dated 11/29/1998 and recorded under File No. 1999- 01923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/22/1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00530, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1

EARNEST JOHNSON AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, MARGARET JOHNSON AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEESS AND SHARON JOHNSON, 4906 KIRK HILL RD, COLUMBIA, MO 65201, according to the Deed dated 11/29/1998 and recorded under File No. 1999- 01923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/22/1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00530, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1

JOHN C. KELVER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND F MULERO ENTERPRISES, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 219 LINGER LN, SUN CITY CENTER, FL 33573, according to the Deed dated 8/3/2001 and recorded under File No. 2018 8739, in the

Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/24/2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 JOHN C. KELVER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND F MULERO ENTERPRISES, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 1443 ORLANDO CT, KISSIMMEE, FL 34759, according to the Deed dated 8/3/2001 and recorded under File No. 2018 8739, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/24/2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 Dakota L. Kirby and Berenice Perea-Rodriguez, 732 MYRTLE CT, SANDWICH, IL 60548, according to the Deed dated 6/21/2018 and recorded under File No. 2018- 07009, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6/20/2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0135 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 2 GEORGE K KLINGER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND DEBORAH L KLINGER, 1355 MENOMA TRL, ALGONQUIN, IL 60102, according to the Deed dated 3/13/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014- 05698, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/1/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0025, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 1 GEORGE K KLINGER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND DEBORAH L KLINGER, 626 HILLCREST LAKE, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014, according to the Deed dated 3/13/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014- 05698, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/1/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0025, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 1 ENRIQUE LANDIN, 1234 HARTLEY AVE, BOURBONNAIS, IL 60914, according to the Deed dated 5/4/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 10858, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/21/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00460, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 ARTHUR K. LANE AND PAULETTE LANE, 5201 S CORNELL AVE APT 7C, CHICAGO, IL 60615, according to the Deed dated 7/19/2001 and recorded under File No. 2001 24332, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/15/2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 GEORGE LEWIS III AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND CHERYL A LEWIS, 2077 KATE DR, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Deed dated

1/12/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-01949, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/29/2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0369, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 3 BRYAN E LITTLE and KAREN R RUSSELL-LITTLE, 17600 FAIRWAY DR, DETROIT, MI 48221, according to the Deed dated 12/22/2002 and recorded under File No. 2003 1750, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/15/2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 BRYAN E LITTLE and KAREN R RUSSELL-LITTLE, 31500 TELEGRAPH RD STE 240, BINGHAM FARMS, MI 48025, according to the Deed dated 12/22/2002 and recorded under File No. 2003 1750, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/15/2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 JOSEPH A MANEY, 5125 W LAKE SHORE DR, WONDER LAKE, IL 60097, according to the Deed dated 8/16/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-16744, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/1/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7 JOSEPH A MANEY, 5125 W LAKE SHORE DR, WONDER LAKE, IL 60097, according to the Deed dated 8/16/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-16744, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/1/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 7 DALE MARES and JENNIFER MARES, 440 RIVER BLUFF DR, DIXON, IL 61021, according to the Deed dated 3/15/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06090, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/2/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00190, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1 CAROL MATHIS and KERRI RUETHER, 2002 PRINCESS CT, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Deed dated 4/26/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09096, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/14/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01130, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 CAROL MATHIS and KERRI RUETHER, 16548 DORCHESTER PL, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Deed dated 4/26/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09096, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/14/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit

No. 01130, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2
RONNIE MCDANIEL and CASEY MCDANIEL, 208 E 5TH ST, BAIRD, TX 79504, according to the Deed dated 5/13/2011 and recorded under File No. 2011- 14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7/7/2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1
RONNIE MCDANIEL and CASEY MCDANIEL, 16820 POLLARD AVE, ODESSA, TX 79766, according to the Deed dated 5/13/2011 and recorded under File No. 2011- 14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7/7/2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1
DERRICA K MERRIWEATHER, 3860 W WASHINGTON BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Deed dated 12/28/2012 and recorded under File No. 2013- 01267, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/18/2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386 , Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1
EFRAIN NUNEZ and EMA ARCE PEREZ, 6152 W GRAND AVE STE 1, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Deed dated 7/23/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 18090, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/22/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00240, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1
ARMANDO PENA, 5643 S MASON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Deed dated 8/26/2006 and recorded under File No. 2006 25544, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/5/2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00300, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1
STACY L. JOHNSON AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND TYLER PENOVICH, 6528 S NAVAJO DR, PEORIA, IL 61607, according to the Deed dated 4/26/1998 and recorded under File No. 1998 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11/13/1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150 , Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1
VICTOR POPE and CRYSTAL CRAWFORD, 1250 EL CAJON BLVD APT 26, EL CAJON, CA 92020, according to the Deed dated 12/28/2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 02679, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2/13/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 4
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