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Just before Christmas, Boss encouraged people to nominate a friend or family member who deserves a new furnace as part of their Heartwarming Holiday Giveaway. Ultimately, they had a tough decision to make after reading through nearly 100 entries, deciding to give the furnace to Anita Dansfield, a Southwest Michigan resident who spends her time caring for seniors with Alzheimers. They learned of her story when her sister, Cristina Caruso, nominated Anita with her touching story. They partnered with Rock 107 WIRX's Brock and Hunter of the Plan B Morning Show to surprise Anita with the good news, and upon telling curious neighbors why they were there, they all shared similar sentiments that nobody was more deserving to win a new furnace than Anita. Actually, much like Anita's neighbors, people often see the bold black and white Boss Services trucks and wonder, "What do these guys do?" One of the owners, Jeff Street, told me a couple months back that a service guy was startled when a cop pulled him over for no other reason but to ask, "What is Boss Services" anyway? Here's the back story. The Boss owners are brothers, Jeff and Jerry Street, hailing locally from Dowagiac. Jerry has been building a solid reputation in the HVAC industry for more than two decades, which has led to him often being requested by contractors and residential customers by name. Jeff, on the other hand, went a different route, serving 20 years in the United States Marine Corps, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant. Fulfilling his dream of starting his own company, Jerry started Boss Services in 2016, with just 2 guys and a truck focusing solely on HVAC services. Now, Jeff and Jerry have a team of over 20 people with a combined experience topping 100 years in total, currently

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Your Chamber Update

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Arthur **Havlicek,** President, SMR Chamber Welcome to the inaugural column of week, I w Your Chamber Update, brought to you by ductions. the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber Orig of Commerce. Each week, we will strive to decided to provide value to our Chamber members and eight year to the thousands of loyal MailMax readers town of who look to this paper to stay informed. This

Welcome to the inaugural column of week, I would like to start with some intror Chamber Update, brought to you by ductions.

> Originally from Chicago, my family decided to move to this area when I was eight years old. We settled in the beautiful town of Bridgman and I graduated from *Continued on page 2*

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Lake Michigan Catholic. From there, I attended Grand Valley State University where I worked my way up in the world of politics by managing and winning campaigns. After graduation, I went to work in the Michigan House of Representatives for five years where I helped constituents navigate the difficulties of government bureaucracy, wrote policy on behalf of the 79th state the House's advisor to eleven west Michigan legislators.

Now, I'm pleased to serve as the new President & CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber. We are a non-profit organization that relies on the support of dues-paying members to offer our business community the networking, advocacy, visibility, and benefits they need to succeed and grow in in Southwest Michigan.

Our talented team includes our Regional Director of Member Services, Sarah Spoonholtz, and our Administrative Assistant, Dilys Kuehl. Let me tell you, our area is lucky to have these two wonderful and dedicated women working on behalf of our community.

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discounts, the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber has offerings that can benefit the business community and general public alike. You can expect future columns to explore some of our great programs and services more in depth as well as highlight the many activities we are engaged in throughout the community.

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The Chamber's goal for 2020 and House district, and served as the Speaker of beyond is to improve the quality and delivery of our existing programs and member benefits, launch new offerings designed to help local business and talent succeed in a 21st Century economy, and increase the Chamber's marketing and advocacy efforts so that we can be a voice-multiplier for our members both in this community and at the Capitol.

> We stand ready to help you maximize your membership so if there is something the Chamber might be able to do for you, please ask! I have an open-door policy and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your place of business. Call us at 269-932-4042 or email me directly at ahavlicek@smrchamber.com.

Together, we will make Berrien County From business after hours events and a place where businesses thrive, and talent resides.



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Keep it

small, and budget for it

Dear Dave, I'm trying very hard to get out of debt. I have my beginner emer-

gency fund in place, and I'm living on a monthly budget. Is it okay to include a little wallet cash in my budget at this point, just in case? Andrew

Dear Andrew.

It's probably not going to throw you off too much in terms of getting out of debt if you budget \$20 or so, just to have some cash in your wallet. I wouldn't recommend much more than that, though. The idea of having \$50, \$100, or \$200 in walking around money is pretty self-defeating when you're supposedly saving, budgeting, and working hard to get out of debt.

What really matters is the amount of pocket money you allow yourself to have.

Think of it as a safety valve. Sometimes things come up in the course of day-to-day life that are just necessary, unexpected expensesbut not emergencies. Just designate a small amount of cash for it as part of your regular, monthly budget, and stick to that amount! -Dave

Emergency fund first, then investing

Dear Dave,

Do you think I should stop making contributions to my 401(k) for a year, so I can save up an

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emergency fund? I'm 28, and debt-free, but I don't have anything saved for emergencies. Brvan

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Dear Bryan,

If you're debt-free and making decent money at your job, it shouldn't take a whole year to set aside an emergency fund. Just make it a priority in your monthly budget. And yes, my advice to you is temporarily stop making contributions to your 401(k) until you have a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

I recommend people stop investing, or wait to start investing, until they are debt-free except for their home and have a fully-funded emergency fund in place. In some cases, depending on how much debt they have, it can take two or three years to do all this. I know that seems like a long time, but in the grand scheme of things it's really not

If you don't have an emergency fund, but you're contributing to a 401(k), there's a good chance you'll end up cashing out your 401(k) if a large, unexpected expense comes along. Then, when you cash out a 401(k) early, you get hit with a penalty plus your tax rate. That's not a wise plan!

-Dave

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @ DaveRamsey.

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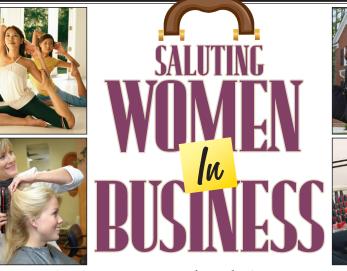
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It was a beautiful day on the Plains of the Serengeti. Things were as they had always been and all was well with the world, when suddenly, The Great Disruptor struck the village.

The Creatures of the Plains began to

worry. "Who can help us?" they cried.

The Meerkat piped up, "My friend The Ostrich is wise. He will know what to do!"

So the Creatures flocked to The Ostrich.

"Ostrich, what do we do? The Great Disruptor has hit our village!"

He began to speak, "This supposed Great Disruptor is neither great nor disruptive. It's the fantastical illusion of children. I cannot be bothered with such rubbish." Without uttering another word, The Ostrich plunged his head into the sand.

"Now what are we to do?" begged the Creatures of the Plains.

The Gazelle spoke up, "Miss Rhino is big and strong. Nothing is too difficult for her!"

The Creatures of the Plains gathered around Miss Rhino.

"Miss Rhino," they pleaded, "The Great Disruptor has taken over the village. What are we to do?" "Come with me," she declared.

The Rhino led a courageous march to The Great Disruptor. She stopped. Lowered her head, and with a determined look in her eye, she charged The Great Disruptor with her horn. WHAM! Nothing. She took a few steps back and charged again. WHAM! It didn't budge. She commanded the Creatures of the Plains to run with her. With all their might they charged The Great Disruptor. Again. Then again. And again. Soon the Creatures were exhausted. One by one they began to topple over. With her remaining strength, The Rhino dug

Are You An Ostrich, Rhino or Giraffe? It was a beautiful on the Plains of the ngeti. Things were gave out and she tumbled to the ground.

"Oh, no," moaned the Creatures of the Plains, "We are doomed! We are doomed! There's no one who can save us now!"

When, suddenly, from a distance, Mr. Giraffe came bounding toward the Creatures of the Plains.

"Creatures," directed the Giraffe, "My long neck has elevated my vision to see above and beyond toward a new frontier just on the horizon. This Great Disruptor is not your great obstacle, it's, in fact, your greatest opportunity. Come. Follow me. I will show you the way."

With that declaration, the Creatures of the Plains marched behind The Giraffe, and followed their new wise leader toward The Great Disruptor, into the promise of greatness beyond.

I hope you found value in this parable today. Which animal do you currently most identify with? My hope is that we would all adjust our perspective to serve our community well.

Update

Last week I shared we are launching Rockwater Church. We've moved the opening date to Sunday, March 1st at 11a at The GhostLight Theater in Benton Harbor. The vision we have for this church has attracted the interest of LA film producers who will be documenting our process from concept to launch. If you would like to join us on this exciting journey connect with us at RockwaterChurch.com or Facebook.com/ MvRockWaterChurch.

Dr. Jerret Hammons is a filmmaker and founder of Rockwater Church in Michigan's great Southwest. He earned his PhD from Destiny College in Spring Hill, FL.

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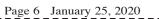
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MOODY Continued from Cover offering more home services than any other company in Southwest Michigan: Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, Electrical, Cleaning, and they recently added a new service - 1-Day Bathroom Solutions. Jeff and Jerry's vision for Boss Services is to be the company you can call for just about any home service you could possibly need. With a team of

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vice fields, they want to make it easier on homeowners, giving them one trusted company to call. Having recently partnered with Bath Planet, Boss is the only business located in Berrien County offering 1-Day Bathroom Solutions, which means they can completely upgrade your bathroom in as little as one day. You can even custom order all the products - tubs, showers, walk-in tubs, vanities, toilets, fixtures, and more. Actually, as a Bath Planet dealer, Boss Services has more color, texture, and pattern options than any other bathroom re-modeling company in the area. Plus, they have top of the line design software to give you a visual idea of what your new bathroom could look like, showing you different options before anything is installed. Jerry and Jeff are excited to provide this new service because traditional bathroom remodeling can be a pain managing multiple contractors, handling quotes

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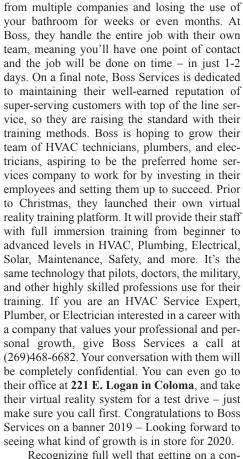
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Recognizing full well that getting on a contractor's docket is critical to getting home improvement and outdoor projects completed in a timely manner in order to enjoy the summer season, the upcoming Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo presented by the Homebuilders Association of Southwestern Michigan becomes a major focal point for homeowners and exhibiting vendors alike. Suggesting that interest-



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ed parties, "Discover What We Have to Offer," the Homebuilders Association encourages taking the time over the three day show in February to find inspiration for projects of your own for in, on, and around your home and garden areas. At the SW Michigan Home & Garden Expo, they want you to come away with a new sense of discovery and inspiration. The goal is to provide you with great ideas for your own life, and they help do that by: Providing a range of workshops on various relevant topics...Bringing together the best of southwestern Michigan exhibitors...and by inspiring you with all the ideas their exhibitors have to offer. Organizer Carol Weller says, "Whether you want to visit to know more about the latest trends or discover the latest products, we welcome you to the SW Michigan Home & Garden Expo." The showcase, conducted on the Napier Campus of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor at the Grand Upton Hall of the Mendel Center for Arts & Technology, features some 70 exhibitors from a broad array of expertise, in combination with special workshop learning opportunities, prize drawings and more. Vendors who have not already signed on to the 39th annual show can still contact Weller for information on how to be a part of the show. For the general public, it's a free show running from Friday evening February 21st to Sunday evening February 23rd. The show has a strong track record of bringing in viable prospects every year with 94-percent of the attending public being homeowners, 30-percent of which have a household income ranging from \$25- to \$50,000 per year and nearly half (49-percent) ranging from \$51- to \$150,000 in annual household income. Visitors have repeatedly told the homebuilders that they attend with actual projects in mind, searching for ideas, innovations, trends and more. Vendors with questions about the expo, can call 269.473.5035 or fill out the association's online form at the link provided below. Weller says, "We cannot wait to see you, and remember, admission is free!" While the 2020 Exhibitor list isn't finalized at this time, these are the routine types of businesses who exhibit annually at the expo: Building & Rebuilding Contractors...Kitchens & Bathrooms Providers...Technology for the Home Vendors...Interior Design & Decorating Experts...Furnishings & Accessories Vendors... Green Living Experts...Outdoor Living Providers...Shopping & Lifestyle Companies... Financial & Professional Services Providers... and Sports & Outdoor Activities Vendors. The expo is a chance to discover new ideas for your home, garden, and your individual lifestyle. The SW Michigan Home & Garden Expo also includes free workshops all weekend long with tips on cooking, financial management, home renovations, beer making, landscaping, gardening and more. Here's the link for those vendors interested in signing on for the 2020 show:

www.swmhomeshow.com. Hours of operation for the



2020 show are: Friday, February 21st, from 5pm until 8pm...Saturday, February 22nd, from 9am until 6pm...and Sunday, February 23rd, from 10am until 5pm.

There's a new fixed route bus service from Dial A Ride, and you certainly can't beat the price in the line's inaugural six week run. The new Yellow Line serving the residents of Benton Harbor and Benton Township will operate free of charge through the end of February. The service, launched last week and created by the Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority's Dial A Ride program, is a fixed route that makes a continuous loop through its various stops each hour. Those stops include: Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority Headquarters... Benton Manor...KPEP...Blossom Acres... Buss Housing...The Boys & Girls Clubs of

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special someone with a Singing Valentine. Several quartets from the Lighthouse Chorus will deliver Singing Valentines throughout the region on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th. Jay Wort, President of the Chorus, says, "This is one of our most enjoyable projects, because we get to deliver an unforgettable message to someone's sweetheart, family member, special client or customer," adding, "We have serenaded both men and women in a variety of locations, including restaurants, supermarkets, classrooms, business offices, retail shops and homes." For just \$45, a Chorus quartet will deliver two love songs, a long-stem rose and a personalized card to your

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early to ensure delivery. The Lighthouse Chorus actually gathers weekly to share their love of singing. They perform primarily in the four-part harmony of the barbershop style, and their repertoire includes everything from Broadway to Gospel to Doo Wop. They have performed throughout Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana, singing in a variety of venues. The Lighthouse Chorus is always looking for new members and welcomes any male who loves to sing to visit Chorus practice on Thursday evenings at 7 PM at the Trinity Episcopal Church on South 4th Street in Niles. More information on the Chorus is available online at: www.lighthousechorus.org.

That's it for this week, folks. Have a great weekend, and we'll see you Saturday right here in MailMax or online 24/7 at www.MoodyOnTheMarket.com.

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www.MailMaxOnline.com January 25, 2020 Page 9 TCP's The Savannah Sipping Society **Opens Friday 1/31!**

The Twin City Players announces the next show of its 2019-2020 Mainstage Season, the delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, The Savannah Sipping Society, by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten.

Four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by fate-and an impromptu happy hour-and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures, and the occasional liquid refreshment, these women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment-and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new old friends. So raise your glass to these strong Southern women and their fierce embrace of life and say "Cheers!" to this joyful and surprisingly touching comedy!

Tickets are \$12 & \$15 (plus a \$1 fee per ticket). Group rates are available. All seats reserved. Purchase tickets online at twincityplayers.org or through the TCP box office at 269-429-0400.

Performances are January 31 - February 16, 2020, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. Shows take place at the TCP Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph. The Savannah Sipping Society is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The show is directed by Kelly Carlin who is assisted by Renee Wright Assistant Director, Tabitha Nelson Stage Manager, Matt "Dolphy" Clark Light Design, Tammy Green Costumer, Bruce Banghart Lead Set Builder, Angel Stout Properties, and Cassandra Hora Set Design. Cast

members are Kristen Wielenga, Susan Meadows, Peggy Harrington, Adrienne Glisson, and Marie Wilson.

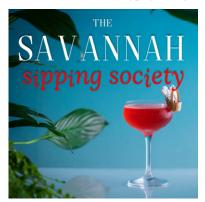
Opening Night Afterglow Reception

On opening night patrons are invited to join the cast and crew after the show for an Afterglow reception featuring refreshments generously provided by Afterglow partners, Lemon Creek Winery and Bit of Swiss Pastry Shoppe.

The Twin City Players' 2019-2020 Mainstage Season Sponsors are: Indiana Michigan Power/Cook Plant, Lake Michigan Chiropractic LLC., The Herald Palladium, The Boulevard Inn & Bistro, Meijer, and TPC Technologies, Inc.

About Twin City Players

Formed in 1932, Twin City Players is a volunteer based nonprofit organization that strives to engage the community in quality theatre that changes lives and to be recognized for organizational excellence producing quality performances in southwest Michigan. The TCP Playhouse is located at 600 West Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, MI. For more information about TCP. call 269-429-0400 or visit us at twincityplayers.org.





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Approaching God with Confidence

In [Christ Jesus] and through faith in him, we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12

We can approach God in freedom

avoid him; we are not afraid that he

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(January 31-February 2) and Twin City Players The Savannah Sipping Society (January 31-February 16)

that we talked about in the last column, there's more fun to be had.

The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College and Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra team up to bring you The Manhattan Transfer, February 8. These veterans of sold-out tours have garnered worldwide sales in the millions and Grammy Awards by the dozens. Known for their vocal versatility that incorporates pop, jazz, R&B, rock and roll, swing, symphonic and a cappella music, The Manhattan Transfer are heralded as one of the most important and innovative groups in the history of popular music with their impeccable four-part harmonies and genre-defying appeal.

I can't believe that we

are already looking for fun

and interesting things to do

in February! In addition to

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Annual Magical Ice Fest

Also, February 8, is the Bridgman Polar Party. Ever partied inside a giant inflatable igloo? Now you can! Join the Greater Bridgman Chamber & Growth Alliance, the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, and the Bridgman Foundation for Excellence at the first ever "Bridgman Polar Party!" Enjoy food, local breweries and wineries, live music, an auction, and some family friendly fun as we join together to help enhance and enrich the lives of Bridgman Students. All proceeds from the event will go towards the Bridgman Foundation for Excellence

February 8, is a very popular day for activities. Next up is the 2nd Annual Makers Ball at the Inn at Harbor Shores. Celebrate and meet local Makers. The evenings activities include a DJ and dancing, heavy appetizers, fun adult games, selfie station, and Mario Kart on the big screen along with awesome craft beer, spirits and wine. Bring your Makers Trail Passport and get some stamps while you're at it! Get your hotel stamp for the bonus Maker's Trail reward by booking a guestroom package which includes two tickets to the Makers Ball, or you can purchase tickets to the Makers Ball.

The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series invites you to the Young Professionals Special Presentation, Nic Sheff, February 11. Author, recovering addict, and subject

Fun & Interesting Things to Do in Michigan's Great Southwest of Beautiful Boy Nic Sheff's heartbreaking and inspiring struggle with substance abuse disorder is the story of Beautiful Boy, a major motion picture starring Timothée Chalamet as Nic and Steve Carell as his father. David. The film, which earned Golden Globe and SAG nominations for Chalamet, is based on Nic's New York Times bestselling memoir, Tweak: Growing Up on Methamphetamines and David's bestseller of the same title. In his talk, "Tweak: A Harrowing, but Hopeful Portrait of Addition," Nic puts a compelling human face on our nation's substance abuse epidemic, encouraging those who struggle to embrace help and bringing hope to all who are touched by it. Author Dr. Edward Sarkis Balian presents his

new book, Turn the Page - The Bob Seger Story, the first and only complete biography written about the rock legend's life and career, February 11. It tracks Seger's brilliant and astonishing music career from his earliest days with the Silver Bullet Band to his current 2019 national tour. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the library.

Be sure to visit www.swmichigan.org for details on these events and all of the live music, comedy and wine and craft classes available in February

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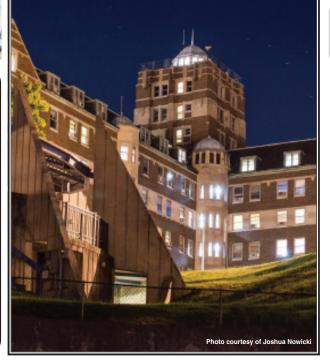
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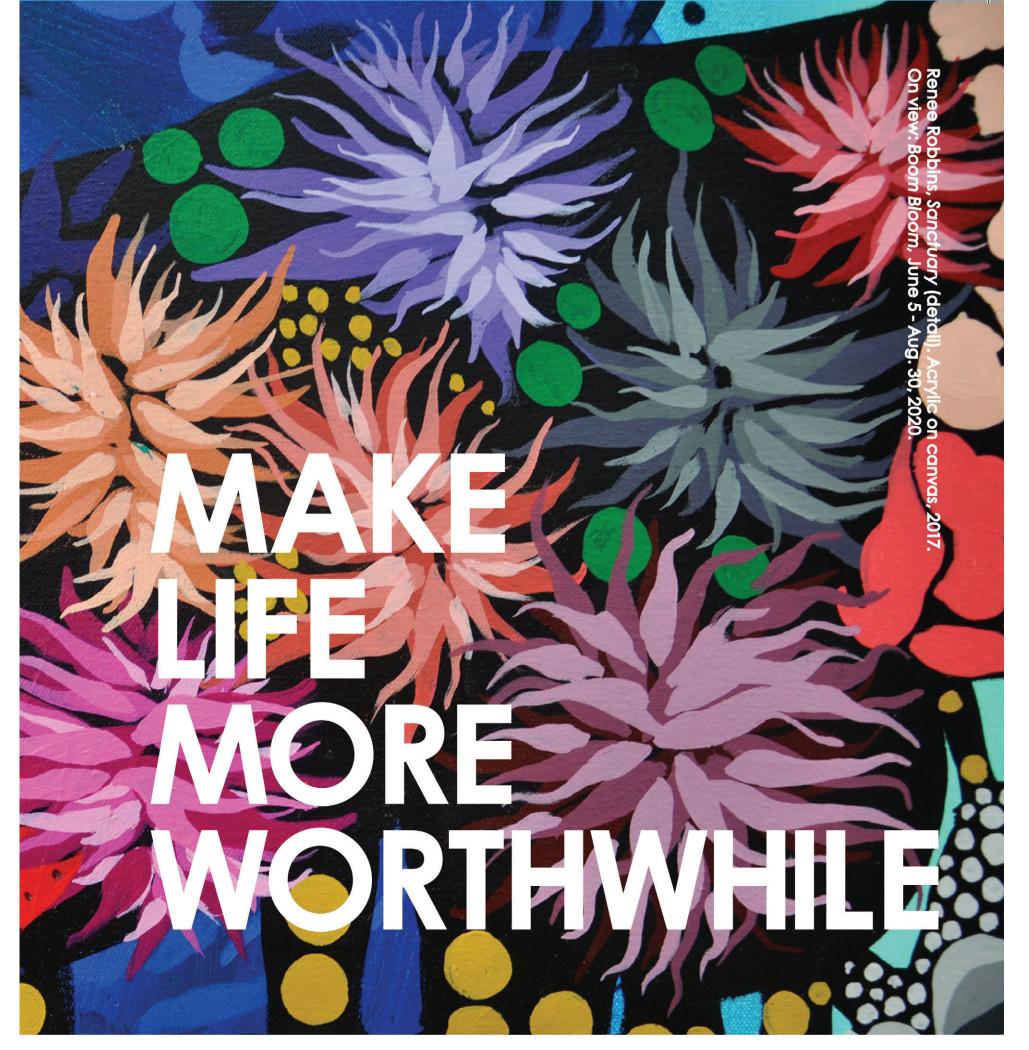
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With the dramatic aging of the population, families are greatly relied on to provide care for their aging parents and relatives for months and years at a time. There can be enormous pressures and risks of family caregiving-burnout, compromised health, and depression—a reality of daily life for millions of American families, many of whom are struggling to balance careers and family. Comfort Keepers is here to help.

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To deeply ponder the stupefying cultural phenomenon that is the Super Bowl, one has to begin by mocking what a pathetic start it got off to. This is revealed in a photo of the first ever

Super Bowl coin flip. It's a wide-angle shot showing the middle of the field populated by two Green Bay Packers, two Kansas City Chiefs, and the referee. A measly five people! Are you kidding me?! What kind of stupefying cultural phenomenon is that?!

Compare this to a photo I found of the coin flip from the Super Bowl played in 2018. There's a "frame" of green turf around the people clustered up for the coin toss. Within that cluster are 83 people! Now that's what Amurricans can do when they put their minds to it! We Super-Sized the coin toss!!

For years, the team that won the coin toss also won the game about half the time. Which means they also lost the game about half the time. But the last five years, the coin toss winner has lost the game. So in deciding which team to root for, I could wait until the flip.

Instead, I'm mulling it over based on these factors

I could root for the Chiefs because their third-string quarterback is Chad Henne, who went to the University of Michigan, where he once was in a class with No. 2 son.

I could root for the 49ers because their mascot, Sourdough Sam, was "born" on a humorously appropriate day: April 9th. Get it? - 4/9!

I could root for the Chiefs because the quarterback of the only Super Bowl Championship in the team's history (Super Bowl 4, in 1970) was Len Dawson, who played his college ball for my beloved Purdue Boilermakers, and is an NFL Immortal

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I could actually also NOT root for the 49ers because of Sourdough Sam, or at least, because of his bio writer, who says Sam's favorite book, by Dr. Seuss, is called "Sam I Am." Fifteen yard penalty and loss of down! - the book is "Green Eggs and Ham"; no such thang as the other one, and no liberties should be taken with the title of a Literary Hall of Fame Immortal!! Harrumph!!

I could root for the 49ers because the "Got Milk?" ad campaign was created by a Friscobased agency, and what a lot of laughs "Got Milk" gave us over the years!

Speaking of laughs, I could root for the Chiefs because Kansas City was home to Laugh-O-Gram studios, where there lived an actual mouse that inspired Laugh-O-Gram's owner to create a certain stupefyingly world-famous cartoon character - I'm talkin' 'bout Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse!

Wait, wait, I suddenly realized this decision could be a LOT easier. According to the idiots who prefer using Roman numerals to designate each Super Bowl, this one is LIV right? So I'll root for the team the stupefyingly lovely actress Liv Ullman roots for! But then again, I could root for the team the stupefyingly lovely actress Liv Tyler roots for.

Decision, decisions! The wife was no help - she just said make up your (word that starts with "stup-") mind and don't make as big a mess in the family room as you did last year!

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