

Mending The Glass: Why Early Childhood Policy Should Support Early Childhood Educators South Side Early Learning

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A White Paper Presented as Part of the Summer Policy Series by **Mitchell Priest '20**, Jaclyn M. Dynia, Colin Page McGinnis, and Cindy Carlton.

Executive Summary

Despite the importance of high-quality early education being widely recognized, compensation for early childhood educators remains dismal. The important work of early childhood educators has been devalued by widespread misconceptions rooted in misogyny and racism. Moreover, early childhood educators' job responsibilities and educational requirements continue to amplify while their pay fails to mirror the significance of their work. Low pay is a primary source of stress for early childhood educators and has been shown to lead to workplace dissatisfaction, burnout, and teacher turnover. With extensive research revealing the actual cost of turnover for every party involved, it is clear that increasing compensation and support for early childhood educators is necessary to solve the root problems of the child care crisis. In addition, improving compensation for early childhood educators is a multifaceted phenomenon deeply intertwined with quality, accessibility, and equity within early childhood education.

List of Recommendations

- Institute a national minimum wage of \$15 an hour for early childhood educators.
- Provide state-sponsored health insurance to early childhood educators.
- Expand access to educational support programs for early childhood educators.

You can download the full white paper at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13D8vZb3491Dj9nqu5ZcGfLjgEnZvdXN/view>

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/mending-glass-why-early-childhood-policy-should-support-/>

One-Dollar Rent: An Innovative Policy Solution for Nonprofit Organizations

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Executive Summary

Nonprofit organizations directly impact the Columbus region by providing support and services to the most in need neighbors and as an economic driver in the county, employing over 75,000 individuals. As the city of Columbus navigates its way through the COVID-19 pandemic, we must recognize the toll the pandemic has taken on nonprofit organizations' operations. Many organizations are facing staffing cuts, significant losses in revenue, and increased demand for services. Historically, grant dollars have shown the city's commitment to health and human services. However, these dollars to nonprofit organizations have remained largely unchanged for the past several decades. As such, a new approach to supporting nonprofit organizations

must be considered. Other cities of similar size to Columbus have implemented innovative policies to support these organizations without direct cash assistance. For example, Newark, NJ, Austin, TX, and San Antonio, TX, have implemented policies to help nonprofit organizations with this issue. One successful approach is renting city-owned properties to nonprofit organizations for one dollar annually. These cities have supported nonprofit organizations and allow nonprofit organizations to use their funds to assist the community.

List of Recommendations

- Assess how other cities have implemented a one-dollar rent policy.
- Design and implement a plan for a one-dollar rent policy that is transparent to the community yet beneficial to organizations.
- Be creative, flexible, and bold in designing and implementing a one-dollar rent policy.

You can download the full white paper at the following link:

www.southsidelearning.org/whitepapers/one-dollar-rent

Ohio Budget Should Focus on Quality and Compensation

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A white paper by **Mitchell Priest '20**, Jaclyn M. Dynia and Colin Page McGinnis

Executive Summary

In the Senate's version of the FY 2022-2023 state budget, Republican Senate leaders included a provision that places stringent restrictions on ODJFS's allocation of relief dollars made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) and the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). This would be detrimental to Ohio's early childhood education (ECE) industry, as it would prioritize direct child care payments to programs, jeopardizing the quality infrastructure of ECE and its workforce. Rather than using relief dollars to provide direct payments, the funds made available through the CAA and ARP should be used to improve both the quality of care children receive and compensation for early childhood educators. This would make it possible for every child to reap the benefits of a high-quality ECE and signify progress towards valuing the immensely important work of early childhood educators.

List of Recommendations

- Prevent restrictions on the ODJFS regarding distributing relief funds made available through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) and the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).
- Use relief monies to ameliorate compensation for early childhood educators and improve ECE quality for families across Ohio, especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Provide continued support for ECE in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can download the full white paper at the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HF_7NI5KWXh_5iqs_UXGp3sqAgIVegSj/view

First Financial Bank Announces Joseph Sofia as Commercial Market Manager in Columbus

Columbus, OH – June 28, 2021 – First Financial Bank (Nasdaq: FFBC) announces the promotion of **Joseph Sofia '98** to the role of commercial market manager for Central Ohio, where he will be responsible for leading its commercial banking team in the market.

“Joe’s knowledge of Columbus and the excellent relationships he has established with clients at First Financial have positioned him as a leader, and we look forward to a bright future in commercial banking with him in Central Ohio,” said David Dippold, managing director of commercial banking at First Financial Bank.

Sofia, from Lewis Center, Ohio, brings more than 15 years of banking experience to the role. A native of the Columbus area, he graduated from Columbus Academy and earned his MBA from Capital University. Sofia earned his undergraduate degree with a major in business from Miami University. Additionally, Sofia is a board member of The Columbus Symphony and The Entrepreneurship Institute and is a long-time volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.

About First Financial Bancorp.

First Financial Bancorp. is a Cincinnati, Ohio based bank holding company. As of March 31, 2021, the Company had \$16.2 billion in assets, \$9.9 billion in loans, \$12.6 billion in deposits and \$2.3 billion in shareholders' equity. The Company's subsidiary, First Financial Bank, founded in 1863, provides banking and financial services products through its six lines of business: Commercial, Retail Banking, Investment Commercial Real Estate, Mortgage Banking, Commercial Finance and Wealth Management. These business units provide traditional banking services to business and retail clients. Wealth Management provides wealth planning, portfolio management, trust and estate, brokerage and retirement plan services and had approximately \$3.1 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2021. The Company operated 143 full service banking centers as of March 31, 2021, primarily in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, while the Commercial Finance business lends into targeted industry verticals on a nationwide basis. Additional information about the Company, including its products, services and banking locations, is available at www.bankatfirst.com.

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Columbus chef's Top Chef gelato creation now for sale

By Dan Eaton

Columbus Business First

5 hours ago

There's yet another way to get a taste of local chef **Avishar Barua's '05** creative creations.

The executive chef of Service Bar – Middle West Spirit's Short North restaurant – competed earlier this year on the Bravo show Top Chef. While on that show, he won a challenge sponsored by gelato makers Talenti. In addition to rewards on the show, the dessert company also teamed up with Barua on a new flavor.

That Buckeye-inspired creation – Talenti Layers Peanut Butter Crunch – now is sold in stores.

The five-layer dessert starts with creamy peanut butter gelato on the top layer followed with crunchy graham cracker pieces, a layer of brown butter sugar sauce on top of vanilla gelato and a bottom layer of chocolate peanut butter cups.

It's the second product partnership Barua has had since being on the show. He also teamed up with ClusterTruck this year to create three unique dishes for its Dublin kitchen, which is inside a Kroger Marketplace store.

Service Bar has been closed for sit-down business since the start of the pandemic. It did offer carryout through the end of June. It's in the midst of a renovation and refinishing of the dining room with plans to reopen in the coming months.

<https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2021/09/13/columbus-chefs-top-chef-gelato-creation-now-for-s.html>

Lions Welcome 17 Student-Athletes to Fencing Family

Columbia Fencing signs largest class in school history; Lions incoming class ranks among the nation's best 2021 recruiting groups.

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NEW YORK—Head Coach Michael Aufrichtig and the Columbia Fencing program announced its 2021 recruiting class on Wednesday morning as the Lions welcome 17 fencers to the 2021-22 squad.

Joining the 16-time national champion Columbia Fencing program includes 10 women and seven men. Women's fencers include Audrey Chu (epee), Charlotte Rose Depew (sabre), Chiara Di Perna (sabre), Nika Filippov (epee), **Chloe Gouhin '21** (sabre), Christelle Ko (foil), Olive Lee (epee), Zander Rhodes (foil), Juliana Isabel Weber (sabre), and Vivian Zheng (foil). Men's fencers

are Zachary Binder (foil), Justin Haddad (epee), Timothy Lim (epee), Ethan Kushnerik (epee), Jackson McBride (sabre), and Zachary Zusin (foil). Michael Hilmer (foil) transferred to Columbia from Ohio State.

"We are thrilled to welcome the largest incoming class ever to the Columbia Fencing Family," Columbia Fencing Coach Michael Aufrichtig said. "Together, they will have the opportunity to contribute to our tradition of excellence. We are all so excited to be back on campus and start this year's journey to see what magic we can accomplish."

Columbia enters the 2021-22 academic year after two years of not participating in back-to-back NCAA Championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 NCAA Championships were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ivy League canceled the 2020-21 season.

Following is a list of fencers and bios for each signee:

2021 COLUMBIA FENCING SIGNEES (17)

Player	Weapon	Hometown/Previous School
<u>Zachary Binder</u>	Men's Foil	Armonk, N.Y./Byram Hills H.S.
<u>Audrey Chu</u>	Women's Epee	Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto Senior H.S.
Charlotte Rose Depew	Women's Sabre	Bernardsville, N.J./Bernards H.S.
<u>Chiara Di Perna</u>	Women's Sabre	Sacramento, Calif./Rio Americano H.S.
<u>Nika Filippov</u>	Women's Epee	Houston, Texas/Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart
<u>Chloe Gouhin</u>	Women's Sabre	Blacklick, Ohio/Columbus Academy
<u>Justin Haddad</u>	Men's Epee	Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair H.S.
<u>Michael Hilmer</u>	Men's Foil	Madison, Conn./Daniel Hand H.S./Ohio State
<u>Christelle Ko</u>	Women's Foil	Hong Kong/Kellett School
<u>Olive Lee</u>	Women's Epee	Teaneck, N.J./Academy of the Holy Angels
<u>Timothy Lim</u>	Men's Epee	Hong Kong/Harrow International School
<u>Ethan Kushnerik</u>	Men's Epee	New York City, N.Y./York Prep
<u>Jackson McBride</u>	Men's Sabre	Gilbert, Ariz./Gilbert Classical Academy
<u>Zander Rhodes</u>	Women's Foil	South Orange, N.J./Columbia H.S.
Juliana Isabel Weber	Women's Sabre	East Northport, N.Y./Elwood-John H. Glenn H.S.
<u>Vivian Zheng</u>	Women's Foil	Williamsville, N.Y./Williamsville South H.S.
<u>Zachary Zusin</u>	Men's Foil	Norwood, N.J./Dwight-Englewood School

WOMEN'S FENCERS

CHLOE GOUHIN

First-Year | Sabre | Blacklick, Ohio/Columbus Academy

USA FENCING BIO | INTERNATIONAL FIE BIO/RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2021 graduate of Columbus Academy in Gahanna, Ohio, where she earned four varsity letters in fencing (sabre) for the Vikings ... Fencing and high school coaches include Terrence Lasker, Vladimir Nazlymoz, Jason Wolff, and Dmitri Lapkes ... Named to the All-American First Team in 2020 ... Ranked No. 12 in the USA and No. 29 in the world in Juniors ... Ranked No. 19 in the United States and No. 293 in Seniors ... Member of the Cadet United States National Team ... Earned Silver Medal at World Championships ... Earned Silver Medal at the Pan American Championships in 2019 ... Earned Bronze Medal at the Division I July Challenge in 2019 ... Competes for the club Nellya Fencers in Atlanta, Ga. ... Competed for the Columbus Fencing & Fitness Club ... Also played lacrosse as a goaltender and defender, and one year of basketball ... Earned the Best Hustle Award in basketball as a senior ... Ranked second on the basketball team in rebounding average as a senior ... Earned Magna Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam ... Logged over 45 hours of community service with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

PERSONAL

Born Chloe Tortience Gouhin on August 13, 2002 in Columbus, Ohio ... Daughter of Sean and Vanessa Gouhin ... Has two younger brothers Sean and Harmon ... Both of her parents earned athletic scholarships to attend college ... Father attended Capital and mother attended Wittenberg ... Hails from a family of athletes as her brothers play a combined six sports ... Mother played basketball at Wittenberg ... Nickname is Gooley ... Introduced to fencing at a friend's birthday party ... Began fencing at nine years old under the tutelage of Olympic champion and Ohio State coach Vladimir Nazlymov ... Hobbies and interests include ceramics, knife making, self-growth, STEM, volunteering, and serving as a field technician at TechR2 ... Played the viola for nine years and drums for three ... Role model is Serena Williams ... Favorite sports memory was winning the Under-14 Nationals ... One word that describes her: determined ... Former Columbia fencer Lena Johnson got her interested in Barnard in 2017 ... Chose Columbia and Barnard College because she believes that it is the best place for her to prepare for the rest of her life and the curriculum and opportunities present by the school will build a strong foundation for her career ... Also mentioned the phenomenal fencing team which will help her reach peak performance in the sport ... Selected Columbia over offers from Cornell, Notre Dame, North Carolina, and Air Force ... Enrolled at Barnard College ... Plans to major in Computer Science.

ARTICLES

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People On TikTok Are Sharing What It's Like To Work Their Unusual Jobs

The videos are like "Dirty Jobs" meet a viral TikTok dance challenge.

By Brittany Wong

Huffpost

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If you're not active on TikTok, it's easy to assume the Gen Z-beloved app is nothing but lip-sync challenges, pranks and viral recipes. (Think that omnipresent feta pasta recipe from last year, which really was delicious.)

But there's a fascinating little corner of the social media platform that even the most TikTok-averse would probably find fascinating: job TikTok.

On job TikTok, people in a variety of different fields share "a day in the life," behind-the-scenes peeks at what they do from 9 to 5.

There's Mr. Barricade, an urban planner with 500,000 followers who uses his platform to explore everything from the racist history of redlining to how dams are built. (Someone on TikTok had said the Hoover Dam is "straight up proof that we live in a simulation." Mr. Barricade couldn't sit that one out.) He also shows off his impressive work creating protected bike lanes and street designs around the Bay Area.

There are animal control officers squiring horses back to their homes while baby wild boars tag along:

There are crane operators like @mooselee5 showing how teeny tiny it is in the cabin of his crane when he's all the way up there:

There's even a "luxury picnic designer" who takes viewers along for setups of elaborate, themed picnics she's hired to execute in the Bay Area:

For the casual viewer, the clips are a fun glimpse into how people get paid and the tasks that keep the world running.

But they're also a really great method to uncover jobs that you may not have known existed — or realized were as interesting as they are. That's helpful not only to the high number of job seekers looking for new roles after pandemic layoffs, but also to workers reevaluating the type of work they want to do as the country gets back to normal.

“These videos could plant seeds in the job seekers’ minds,” said Peggy Wu, a Los Angeles-based life and career coach with the professional coaching company Ama La Vida. “You may not be the next traffic designer, but that thought may lead you to something you never before considered.”

Ayanna E. Jackson, a human resources expert and career coach in the metro D.C. area, is also a big fan of job TikTok.

“I could see someone finding their passion, a career pivot or a side hustle through these videos,” Jackson said. “The world of work is not all lawyers, teachers and marketing managers.”

The videos might not always show the less exciting parts of the job — on social media, it’s the highlight reel that we tend to post — but Jackson thinks they give job seekers just enough to inspire more research.

There’s an art to curating your TikTok feed so videos like this show up, but you can find a lot of the clips by browsing hashtags like #whatidoforliving, #whatido or #adayinthelife. Some of the creators have turned their whole feed into an exploration of their work. That’s true of Jocelyn Chin, the aforementioned luxury picnic planner.

Chin, who’s always had a knack for decorating and party planning, started her business, Picnic ’n Chill, with her friend Coco Chan after Chan lost her job as an event planner at Facebook due to COVID-19.

“A year later, we’re hearing people say we inspired them to start their own picnic business!” she said. “It’s amazing how much TikTok influences young entrepreneurs and creatives to not be afraid to start their own business.”

Vignesh Swaminathan, the man behind the Mr. Barricade account and the CEO of Cupertino, California-based Crossroad Lab, also has followers who say his channel spurred an interest in urban planning.

“I’ve definitely observed a lot of minorities having a new interest in urban planning and engineering as a career, which is heartening because Indian and minority representation is poor in professional roles that aren’t the expected routes: doctors and computer engineers,” Swaminathan said.

“What I like about [job TikTok] is how it adds a human element to occupations,” he added. “It helps to remove the barrier of entry for people.”

Below, we highlight some of the most interesting “what I do” videos we’ve come across on TikTok lately.

A Fire Lookout

Kelsey Sims '14 is a forestry technician in New Mexico. Also known as fire lookouts, forestry technicians like Sims scan for fire from atop fire lookout towers which tend to be located in remote areas.

"When I tell people that I'm a fire lookout, most people are shocked that it's still a job and that someone my age is doing it," she told HuffPost. "My hope is that through my posts I can educate the public on the importance of fire lookouts with regard to fire safety and fire prevention." (She also answers the important questions like "Where do you pee in that little booth?!")

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/people-on-tiktok-working-unusual-jobs | 60d22adde4b006d4620e19e5>

Wooster Routs Kenyon Behind Quartet of Lengthy Touchdown Passes
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WOOSTER, Ohio – The College of Wooster football team torched Kenyon College's secondary for touchdown passes of 69, 55, 77, and 54 yards, and the Fighting Scots' defense contributed to the 49-7 blowout victory with a pair of takeaways on Saturday afternoon at John P. Papp Stadium.

Wooster's (2-0, 1-0 North Coast Athletic Conference) big-play fireworks almost started on the first defensive series. There, junior Dorion Talley, who had the game-clinching breakup during last Saturday's 42-35 win over Geneva College, nearly had a pick-six on Kenyon's (0-2, 0-1 NCAC) third-down play. Nonetheless, the defensive back was credited with another breakup, and that marked the first of three straight three-and-outs turned in by Wooster's defense.

Offensively, it was a very methodical approach to start, as the Scots worked the ball 70 yards on 12 plays, culminating with a 2-yard touchdown tote by senior Troy Baughman, which opened the scoring at the 8:50 mark in the opening quarter. Next, seniors Angelo Petracci and Chris Savaglio spilled AJ Allen for a 6-yard sack on a third-and-6 play, and come its own third-down try, first-year Bryant Douglas II broke free from Kenyon's defense en route to a 69-yard touchdown reception.

In the second quarter, sophomore Mitchell Heilman had a step on his defender, and senior quarterback Mateo Renteria was spot on with a 55-yard touchdown strike, as the Scots opened a 21-0 lead after junior Lake Barrett split the uprights on his extra point kick. On the next possession, sophomore **Carter Warstler '20** eluded a host of Lords on his way to a 77-yard touchdown reception on a screen play. Other second-quarter highlights included a forced fumble by senior Beau Greenwood on a third-and-8 play, when the Scots' star defensive back was matched up one-on-one with the Lords' tight end.

Sophomore defensive back Andrew Armile jump-started the Scots in the second half with an interception and 16-yard return that gave Wooster the ball on Kenyon's 11-yard line. Two plays later, Baughman upped the lead to 34-0 with a 2-yard touchdown rush up the middle, and later in the quarter, junior Andrew Yanssens added the Scots third rushing touchdown of the day from three yards out.

Warstler, who went for 148 stripes on three receptions, had one more for the highlight reel tucked away for the fourth quarter. He beat his man, and sophomore Seth Jutz delivered a 54-yard touchdown strike, with Barrett's extra point closing out the day's scoring at the 6:46 mark.

Renteria completed 15-of-19 passes for 340 yards and three touchdowns. Of note, Renteria's 340 passing yards are the third-most during his career, and it marked his fourth time over 300 passing yards. Wooster actually passed for 411 yards on the day, thanks to Jutz, who was 2-of-2 for 71 stripes. Douglas II backed Warstler's big day up with three receptions for 90 yards, and senior Cole Hissong had 52 yards on three receptions.

Wooster finished with 184 yards on the ground, 63 of which came from sophomore Josh Pond in the second half. Pond averaged 5.7 yards over 11 carries.

Petracci was a big havoc-causer for Kenyon's offensive line. He led Wooster with nine tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, and a half sack, and had a couple of just-misses in the sack department. Senior Dylan Carr, sophomore Domenic DeMuth, and Savaglio finished with seven tackles apiece.

The duo of Allen and Ryan O'Leary combined to go 18-for-33 for 185 yards on the day. Kenyon had 89 yards rushing, with 24 of those coming on O'Leary's third-quarter touchdown. Mychael Leno and Jason Kessler were busy all afternoon with 10 tackles each.

Of note, Wooster converted 10-of-13 third downs, while Kenyon was held to 5-of-16.

Next, Wooster hits the road for the first time. The Scots play at Ohio Wesleyan University (1-0, 0-0 NCAC) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 18.

<https://woosterathletics.com/sports/fball/2021-22/releases/20210911ql9257>

L'Hommedieu Earns Liberty League Offensive Performer of the Week Honors
Field Hockey 9/13/2021 3:50:00 PM

After recording eight points in a 2-0 week for the St. Lawrence University field hockey team, midfielder **Jenny L'Hommedieu '19** was named the Liberty League Offensive Performer of the Week, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Facing Lebanon Valley on Saturday, L'Hommedieu scored in the first half to even the score, and the Saints would eventually win 4-3. On Sunday she had a hand in the last four goals for the Saints, scoring twice and assisting twice as the team topped Manhattanville 5-3.

She currently leads the league with four assists and sits ninth for goals.

The Saints play Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. on September 16 at 5 p.m.

<https://saintsathletics.com/news/2021/9/13/field-hockey-l-hommedieu-named-liberty-league-offensive-performer-of-the-week.aspx>

Free Byrd Review – Fun and Cute with Mishaps

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Splash Magazines Contributor

By Jason Czajka

If you took a classic road trip comedy like Planes, Trains and Automobiles and you mixed it with a buddy comedy like Grumpy Old Men, what kind of movie do you think you would get? You really don't have to look far and wide for the answer – writer and director Tony Vidal's Free Byrd available now on VOD, would be just what you were looking for!

Loveable loser Jay Butler (Randy Nazarian) is a failed former actor who has taken a job as a van driver for an assisted living facility. Harry Byrd (Raymond J. Barry) is a cantankerous resident of this same living facility who, after one too many "incidents" is forced to be transferred to a different facility. It's up to Jay to get him there in one piece – which ends up being no easy task. Along the way, the duo falls into a series of mishaps and misadventures including getting stranded on the side of the road and being rescued by a traveling burlesque troupe who enlist Jay and Harry into their act as an opening comedy team. Harry does all he can to delay his trip to his next home as he clings to the sense of life and freedom he's lost in his old age. Throughout their adventure, the pair discover new ways to see the world and discover things about themselves they didn't know before their journey began.

Free Byrd is as much your standard comedy fare as it is an exploration of the love between a father and son. Throughout the film we learn a lot about father/son relationships and the effect they have on us as we grow older. Jay never truly had the love and respect he desired from his father, and Harry is the father to three children who, although their intentions are good, feel they also have a strained relationship with their dad. Harry realizes this through his adventures with Jay and begins to develop a father/son relationship with his temporary caregiver. The journey helps both men grow and change to respect the role that a father plays in their life of their children.

Free Byrd is a fun, cute little indie effort, that despite some missteps and miscasts, has a lot of heart at its core. The entire cast puts everything they have into this film to provide an

enjoyable adventure comedy for audiences young and old. Fathers with sons, especially those of the Baby Boomer generation will really find this movie striking close to home. If you're looking for an innocent weekend watch, look no further than Free Byrd.

FREE BYRD is available on Digital HD and VOD from APRIL 1. It has a run time of 89 mins.

WRITTEN and DIRECTED by Tony Vidal

PRODUCERS: Tony Vidal, Shondrella Avery, Nicole de Meneses, Justin Nesbitt, Gregory Wilker

STARRING: Raymond J. Barry, Randy Nazarian, Shondrella Avery, **Bob Turton '01**, Jeanne Young, Toktam Aboozary, Teruko Nakajima, Bettina Devin

<https://splashmags.com/index.php/2021/04/02/free-byrd-review-fun-and-cute-with-mishaps/#gsc.tab=0>

Progressive Democrat **Morgan Harper '01** enters U.S. Senate race, setting up challenge to Tim Ryan

Haley BeMiller

The Columbus Dispatch

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Lawyer and former U.S. House candidate Morgan Harper entered the race for Ohio Senate on Wednesday, emerging as the first opponent to U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan in next year's Democratic primary.

Harper unsuccessfully ran in 2020 as a progressive challenger to U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty in Ohio's 3rd Congressional District. For her Senate bid, Harper said she wants to mobilize voters who don't feel represented by their leaders and address issues like housing, climate change and abortion access.

"We as Democrats need to be focused on winning," she said in a recent interview. "It's clear that what we've been doing hasn't been working in that way. ... We want leaders that are reflecting the fight and the struggle that is happening on the ground."

Harper, who spent the first nine months of her life in a foster home, said her political involvement stems from watching her mother struggle with finances when she was a child. She currently serves as an adviser for the American Economic Liberties Project and previously worked for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Harper also co-founded Columbus Stand Up, which distributes masks and provides people with rides to their polling places or COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

"It all is rooted in a real belief and understanding for the power that our community has when we come together," she said.

Harper has pledged not to accept donations from corporate political action committees. Her 2020 campaign got a boost from Justice Democrats, an organization that's backed progressive candidates like U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and former Ohio Sen. Nina Turner.

Ryan launched his Senate bid in April, giving him months to raise money and attract support without a primary challenger. He brought in over \$2.2 million in the second quarter of this year and transferred over \$1 million from his congressional campaign to pad his Senate account.

Beatty endorsed Ryan earlier this month.

Harper's candidacy guarantees a primary for the Democratic nomination, but that side of the race to replace retiring Sen. Rob Portman is still far less turbulent than the Republican contest. Five candidates have already jumped into the GOP primary, and state Sen. Matt Dolan has embarked on a listening tour to help determine whether he should run.

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2021/08/18/ohio-senate-progressive-democrat-morgan-harper-enters-race/8098252002/>

Ohio Megadealer Ricart Grasps The Opportunity In EVs And Fleet Sales

Dale Buss

Forbes

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Automobile dealers are some of the finest entrepreneurs in America, but their command of car retailing was tested as never before by the pandemic and the sudden rise of e-commerce. Now, add a couple more trends that are shaking up their industry: the rise of fleet sales, and vehicle electrification.

Ohio megadealer **Rick Ricart '98** is leaning into those two developments as he aggressively recasts his six new-car stores and one used-car outlet in Columbus for a different future. He's a third-generation dealer, but Ricart can't afford to live on his family's substantial legacy. So he's rolling up his sleeves to attack those important new areas of potential vulnerability — and immense opportunity.

Electrified vehicles aren't going to dominate Ricart's sales anytime soon, but they're in the process of doubling in the U.S. every year or so. And while Columbus isn't California in terms of demand for EVs, it is a college and government town with a consumer appetite for EV models that is going to be ahead of the pack.

"We want to get as far out over our skis as we can, without crashing," Ricart told me. "I don't think it's a bad investment. As a dealer, we have to be certified [to service] all of our brands, to sell and service all the EVs coming out."

Ricart also needs to “adapt our own facilities to create charging stations and our own infrastructure,” including a DC Level-3 fast charger and a “safe warehouse” for batteries and EVs that may be in for recalls. As underscored by the current problems General Motors is experiencing with onboard fires in its Chevrolet Bolt EVs, “we must have the right facility to secure and store these.”

Ricart is installing charging stations now for the use of the dealership’s 550 employees, with use of them free for workers and customers. The number of charging stations could total as many as two dozen over the next three years.

“We want to be leaders in our industry rather than say we won’t put charging stations in until it’s a necessity,” Ricart said. “Otherwise from a PR standpoint, we look like we’re environment-killers. ‘This dealership wants to keep burning gas.’ People are going to want to drive their [Ford] GT on the weekends and an electric to work. It’s a balance.”

Even more dramatic a change than EV sales, for now, is how quickly fleet sales have risen in importance for Ricart and other U.S. car dealers. It’s one big reason Ford said lately that it’s going to emphasize its fleet business more than ever before. “We’ve gone from private retail transactions to more people driving a vehicle that’s owned by a fleet,” Ricart said. “We saw that transition begin two years ago when we sold more F Series trucks through our fleet and commercial division than through our retail showroom.”

As for the fleet business, Ricart has created a dedicated division called R2B (Ricart to Business) to service the booming demand. “A lot of companies in our area are looking for a simple way to buy a package of vehicles,” he said. “They may be an auto-parts chain making deliveries, a landscaping company, an insurance company that has a fleet.” While individual retail customers used to drive the business, Ricart said, now demand is being led by fleet and commercial customers.

“They’ll plan ahead and let us know that they need, say, 20 cars and two big trucks within the next three to six months,” Ricart said. “And it’s great when Ford Credit makes it easy for companies to buy fleets,” with financial packages that include all regular maintenance and other costs of ownership in a monthly payment.

“The service side on fleets is really what’s pulling this along,” he said. “Companies want to make their vehicles last until their accountant says it’s time to take it out of the fleet or replace it. But there is such a technician shortage throughout our industry that a lot of times those fleets and companies can’t justify what we pay a technician. So we are doing more maintenance contracts.”

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Best of Practice Awards

Meet the winners of our 2021 Best of Practice Awards

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For years, The Architect's Newspaper has acknowledged the work of industry leaders through its annual Best of Design and Best of Products Awards, but the firms themselves never got the star treatment...until now. With the first-ever Best of Practice Award, AN tips its hat to North American firms excelling at every level of the AEC industry. And we mean every level—from architecture and landscape to interiors and lighting, from construction and fabrication to wayfinding and photography. Honoring firms of all sizes and regions, and spanning 37 categories in all, the award offers a snapshot of what practice looks like today.

In the spirit of the past year, the judging process took place entirely online, with 16 jurors selecting the winners and honorable mentions according to relevant criteria. AN editors also singled out firms for special commendation in nearly all categories. Scroll on to see the winning firms!

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Column: Following FDA approval of Pfizer's shot, the anti-vaccine movement cooks up new conspiracy theory

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If you expected the anti-vaccine crowd to stand down after the Food and Drug Administration gave final authorization to Pfizer's COVID-19 shot, we have some bad news for you.

These people have come up with a new conspiracy claim about the shot. It's no more credible than their old conspiracy theories, but lying hasn't stopped them before, so why would it stop them now?

The new theory is complicated. It relies on the technicalities of government vaccine approval rules — specifically on a tortured interpretation of those rules. That's not surprising: Conspiracy theorists often aim to ply the inexpert masses with plausible-sounding but inaccurate legalisms in order to sow confusion.

Reduced to its essentials, the new claim is that the FDA didn't really grant full authorization to the Pfizer vaccine, which has been christened Comirnaty.

They assert that the agency approved a Pfizer vaccine that isn't actually available to Americans, while still allowing Pfizer to distribute a different COVID-19 vaccine under its previous emergency use authorization, or EUA.

The goal, they maintain, was to preserve Pfizer's full protection from legal liability for injuries and deaths caused by the vaccine, which it holds under the EUA, rather than subject it to the partial liability granted manufacturers of fully approved vaccines.

Here's Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a leading anti-vaccine figure, fomenting the new conspiracy theory: "Just as with Ford's exploding Pinto, or Monsanto's herbicide Roundup, people injured by the Comirnaty vaccine could potentially sue for damages." In a screed on his anti-vaccination organization's website, he adds that "jury awards could be astronomical."

Building off that idea, the conspiracists assert that the FDA didn't actually approve the vaccine. Here's anti-vaxxer Greg Hunter on his website: "The big news the FDA had given 'full approval' to the Pfizer CV19 vaccine is a HUGE lie."

Hunter's claim is that the vaccine that the FDA approved and the one in common use today are different and that the FDA and Pfizer are involved in a shell game or a bait-and-switch. "Is this a huge lie to trick the public into taking the experimental shot?" Hunter asks. "I say yes."

The FDA and Pfizer both say that's incorrect. There's one vaccine, and one only. "The licensed vaccine has the same formulation as the EUA-authorized vaccine," the FDA states, "and the products can be used interchangeably."

Pfizer told me by email that the FDA-approved vaccine is identical to the one that has been administered to millions of people around the world.

Legal experts say the conspiracy-mongers' interpretations of the process and of its legal consequences are flatly wrong. Let's unpack the theory and show where it's gone off the rails.

The FDA granted the Pfizer shot its EUA on Dec. 11, launching the vaccine phase of the battle against the pandemic in the U.S. Of the other two vaccines in use in the U.S., the Moderna vaccine got its EUA on Dec. 18, and the Johnson & Johnson shot on Feb. 27.

The FDA gave full authorization to the Pfizer shot Aug. 23. Many experts hoped that this would open the door to vaccination mandates by private employers who had been waiting for the full-scale green light. That may be happening.

But it was also thought, optimistically, that full authorization would shut up the anti-vaccination movement, which had exploited the distinction between EUAs and full authorization to imply that the safety and efficacy of the vaccines were questionable.

I was doubtful. Although vaccine deniers were happy to base their pitch on the distinction, it wasn't really at the core of their case against COVID-19 vaccination. They have plenty of other rationales for refusing vaccines, none of which holds water scientifically. I figured that they would simply find a way to question the authorization process, and that's exactly what has happened.

Fox News, which had become a hive of anti-vaccine propaganda based in part on the FDA's delay in granting the vaccines full authorization, aired out an alternative claim after the FDA approval.

That very day, Fox News, through its anchor Dana Perino, a former spokeswoman for ex-President George W. Bush, swiveled from questioning why approval was taking so long to declaring that "critics [are] asking if the process was rushed." The question was promptly debunked on the air, so perhaps Fox will drop it.

But the anti-vax conspiracy theory has been infecting other corners of the right-wing fever swamp, such as Stephen K. Bannon's "War Room" podcast and the Twitter account of right-wing lawyer Robert Barnes.

These are claims that "many of the most prominent vaccine skeptics you might have heard of are pushing with increasing gusto," writes Aaron Blake of the Washington Post. He's distressingly correct.

The emerging anti-vaxxer theme relies on language in the FDA's formal notice to Pfizer of its grant of full authorization. The notice specified that the EUA for the vaccine would be renewed and continued.

The FDA notice states: "Although COMIRNATY...is approved to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older, there is not sufficient approved vaccine available for distribution to this population in its entirety....Additionally, there are no products that are approved to prevent COVID-19 in individuals age 12 through 15" or to provide the additional dose authorized under an EUA for immunocompromised patients.

So people as young as 12 can continue to receive the Pfizer vaccine under an EUA, while full authorization applies only to those 16 and older.

This legal distinction is largely procedural, and also applies to booster shots: They've been endorsed by the Biden administration and the Department of Health and Human Services, but will still require specific FDA approval, which is expected to be coming soon.

To be clear, if the FDA didn't continue the EUA for the Pfizer shot as well as the full approval, everyone 12-15 years old would instantly have lost their right to the shot.

"I'm not suggesting that the bureaucratic language is a model of clarity," William Schaffner, a public health expert at Vanderbilt University, "but the conspiracy theory is a very tortured reading."

The anti-vaxxers assert in effect that the EUA and full authorization are mutually exclusive, as though a drug or vaccine can be only one or the other. That's incorrect.

The continuation of the EUA "gives the FDA tremendous flexibility to say that even though there's an approved product, there are reasons we still need this EUA," says **Patricia Zettler '98**, a former counsel to the FDA now teaching law at Ohio State.

As for whether the FDA and Pfizer are engaged in a bait-and-switch to preserve Pfizer's immunity from lawsuits over the vaccine, "the continued existence of the EUA alongside the full approval has nothing to do with liability," Zettler told me.

Its liability exemption derives from the so-called Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2005, known as the PREP Act, which gives legal protection to products crucial in emergencies for as long as the emergencies continue. Pfizer's interpretation, for its part, is that the vaccine in all its forms is entitled to all PREP Act liability protections as designated medical countermeasures against COVID-19.

Another anti-vax argument is that the EUA-approved vaccine is "experimental." Therefore, they argue, forcing people to take it violates the "Nuremberg Code."

Lots of baloney packed in there. For one thing, the "Nuremberg Code," which was devised in 1947 during the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals, applies to experimentation on human subjects and essentially requires the subjects' informed consent. In any event, it has been supplanted by more thorough standards for medical research.

But as oncologist and pseudoscience debunker David Gorski observes, writing under his nom de plume Orac, "the Code is not about medical treatment, only medical experimentation involving human subjects."

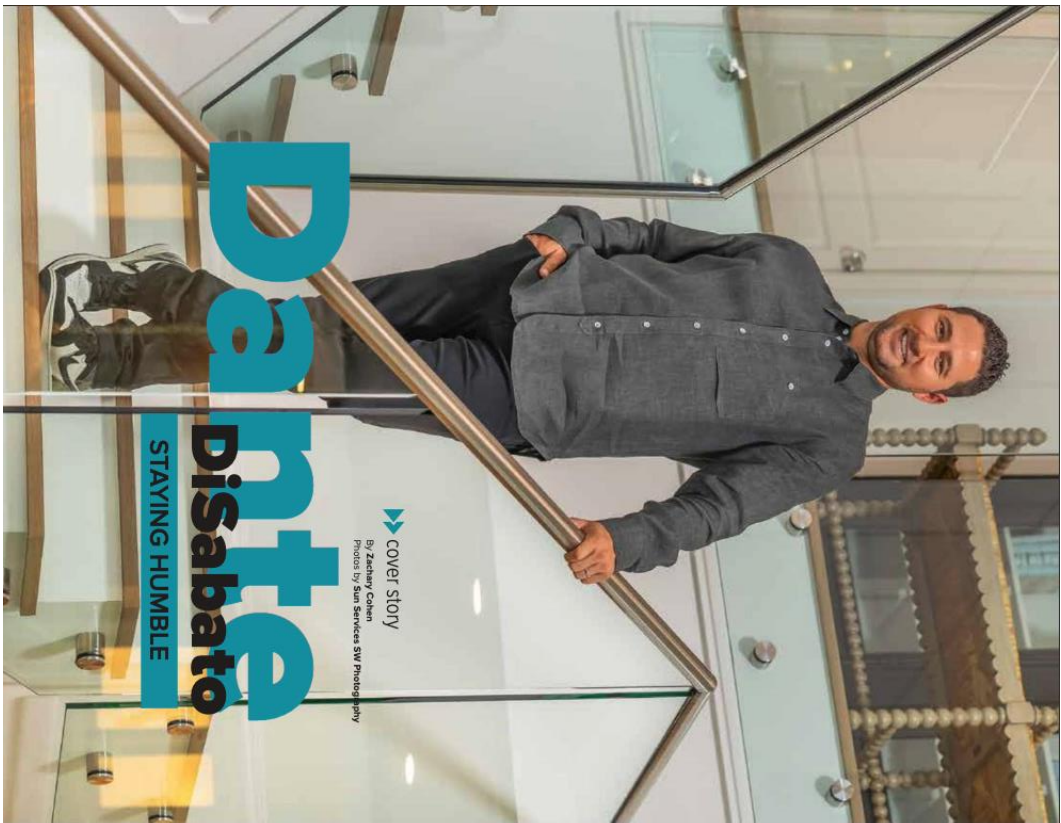
Though anti-vaxxers assert that the COVID-19 vaccines are "experimental" because they're under a EUA, that's a legal, not a scientific or medical, designation. "From a scientific and medical standpoint, they are now legitimate medical preventative treatments," Gorski notes, their safety and efficacy having been proved through more than 100 million shots.

The anti-vaccine arguments may seem complicated, but the anti-vaccination movement feeds on complexity. Its leaders have no scientific grounds to question the safety or efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines, so they retreat to pure obfuscation. They are a public menace, aiming to obscure what Vanderbilt's Schaffner says is the essence of public health policy.

"My old equation is 'disease bad, vaccines good,'" he says. "So please get vaccinated."

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-09-01/hiltzik-fda-approves-pfizer-anti-vax-conspiracy-theory>

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Dante DiSabato
STAYING HUMBLE



A Division I baseball player in college, Dante DiSabato says he earned forward the discipline he learned from athletics into his real estate career.

A Dante DiSabato, a REALTOR® with William Ravas Real Estate, and I asked him how much he had sold in the first seven months of 2021. At *Real Producers*, it's a sort of compulsory question. We enjoy sharing the information as a sort of guidepost, but we're also careful not to focus too heavily on statistics.

"\$190 million," Dante answered, simply and humbly.

"So you have a team, then?" I asked.

"No," Dante replied. "Just me. ... I'm lucky to be in this position."

The humility with which Dante replied was staggering. At just 35 years old, he has positioned himself as one of Florida's top Realtors. And yet, he remains as real and as modest as it gets.

The Early Years

Reverend to 2006, and you'd find Dante struggling to find his way in the business. Growing up in Columbus, Ohio, he was exposed to the real estate business through his father, a developer. Yet, that didn't mean he was handed the keys to success. After graduating from Miami University of Ohio, he headed down to Naples to link up with his parents, who had relocated to the area several years

prior. That was 2008. "Probably not the best time to get into real estate, but a good time to learn real estate," Dante reflects.

In 2009, the market was rough. Dante closed exactly one deal in his first year, earning a meager \$8,000. "It was tough. I was 22, 23 at the time, and people said, 'What do you know?' People have been very successful in their world and come to Florida to buy, and what does a 23-year-old kid know about property? It took me a while."

Finding His Way

Dante continued to commit himself, day by day, to learning the business. He built relationships with partners

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in banking, attorneys, insurance agents, and more. He sharpened the competitive nature that he learned as a Division I basketball player. And, eventually, business began to pick up.

"I took a lot from athletics into business," Dante says. "In Division I sports, you're up at 5 a.m., on a strict schedule. In this business, you don't have to work. You don't have to get up. There is no one telling you to get up and go to work. You're on your own. You reap what you sow. If I don't work, I don't eat. It sounds dramatic, but it's true. Athletics really taught me that regimented schedule. I'm up early, and I've always been a morning person."

Year after year, Dante set goals and exceeded them. He worked his way into the luxury market to the point where, here in 2021, his average sale is over \$6 million. "That's what I tell younger agents — stick with it. Learn your craft. It is a marathon, not a sprint. I believe knowledge is power here, so I went and studied every area and every market. So while you have agents that farm areas, I separated myself and said, 'I'm a luxury agent.' I'll do anything, anywhere. I'll study that market, learn it, know it, and then sell it."

Living in Gratitude

Alongside his words of wisdom, Dante is quick to remind us that most agents are a product of market conditions. He's enjoyed an incredible run in the booming, post-recession real estate market of the past decade. "It can be challenging, though. The market is different every year. This year, we have no inventory. It's going to be very interesting to see what happens for the rest of the year. When I started, there was over 30 months of inventory," Dante says.

"I also remember that the harder you work, the luckier you get."

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Dante Disabato entered real estate in 2009 and had to fight through the downturn before beginning to make headway in his career.



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As Dante looks ahead, he aspires to continue to do what he does best — network, stay in touch with past clients, and deliver exceptional service. “It may sound simple, but that's what I do. I'm blessed to be at this level. Business gets business,” Dante says.

Dante is also balancing a role in development alongside his father. Together, they've done numerous spec builds and rehabs in the past decade.

“I am so blessed to be in this position,” Dante concludes. “I'm 35 and

one of the top agents in Florida. Last year, I was number 22 in Florida. I'd love to just continue to keep reaching my goals, striving for my best. I'm lucky and fortunate to have such great clients to continue to work with. The sky's the limit.”



Dante DiSalvo, at 35, is one of Florida's top Realtors and was ranked number 22 in the state last year.

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In Memory

Mark Goodman Feinknopf '54, born October 15, 1936, died, August 28, 2021, beloved and loving father, husband, partner, uncle, cousin, and most importantly friend. If you read no further, what you need to know is that Mark loved his fellow man, he loved his community, and spent his life trying to make the world around him a better place. Mark was born in Bexley, Ohio to Kay Goodman Feinknopf and Mark Dallet Feinknopf (deceased). He attended the Columbus Academy and was a proud member of the Class of 1954. After the Academy, he went to Yale University in Engineering (1958). He then spent 1958-1959 in the Army before going to Harvard Graduate School of Design (1963), where he subsequently graduated first in his class.

He could have gone anywhere but decided to return to his hometown of Columbus to join his father's architectural firm, Mark Feinknopf and Associates, which later became Feinknopf, Macioce & Schappa (FMS) architects. He also taught at Ohio State University from 1963-1971. He was the Columbus AIA President in 1979 and was honored as an AIA Fellow, AIA's highest membership honor for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society. Over his career in architecture, Mark worked on many notable Columbus projects as an architect, or master planner, including The Southern Theater, The North Market, The City Center Mall, The Columbus Zoo, The Wilds, The Columbus Museum of Art, Harding Hospital, Red Roof Inns, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Supreme Court of Ohio, Capital University, Riverside Hospitals, Methodist Theological Seminary, Worthington Industries, many of the suburban libraries including Upper Arlington, Worthington and Bexley and The Franklin County Courts Building, as well as, many community-oriented and city planning endeavors like Capital South, AmeriFlora'92, Together 2000, Ohio Regional Planning Commission as well as acting as City Planner for The City of Bexley for 23 years.

In 1996 Mark lost his wife, Sheila Levison Feinknopf, and thus began the second phase of his life. He met Cynthia Moe (Life Partner) and they co-founded the Compassionate Communication of Central Ohio (CCCO) whose mission was, and continues to be, to engage with communities and others connecting through common needs, transforming conflict, and enhancing the quality of life through the principles and practices of Nonviolent CommunicationSM. They also created Sacred Space Inc with the goals of supporting individuals, corporations, and communities in building sacred environments, experiences, and relationships, bringing people together, and improving the quality of life and the interconnectedness of all people.

Mark spent his later years in Tucker, GA keeping in close contact with his family of friends in Columbus, contributing to community projects, offering NVC learning opportunities and reveling in his whimsical home in the woods surrounded by creativity, sculpture and much love.

He is preceded in death by loving wife Sheila L. Feinknopf and sister Ellen F. Mack. Mark is survived by devoted Life Partner, Cynthia Sipes Ugan Moe, loving children, Mark Bradley Feinknopf (Abby), Kim Feinknopf-Dorrian (Joe), stepsons Kevin Ugan (Andrew), Steven Ugan

(Pam), brother-in-law Theodore Mack, Columbus grandchildren, Jackson Feinknopf, Mason Dorrian, Miles Feinknopf and Laine Dorrian, Atlanta grandchildren, Sarah Ugan Stice, Savannah Ugan, Jessica Ugan Glanton and Isaac Ugan, and great grandchild Clara Stice, nieces and nephews, Katherine Mack, Elizabeth Allen-Mack, Alexandra Zappetello, Brent Levison & Kevin Levison.

A private graveside service will be held for the family at Greenlawn Cemetery and a Celebration of Mark's Life will take place at the Jeffrey Mansion (165 North Parkview, Bexley, OH, 43209) on Sunday, September 26th, 2021, between the hours of 1pm-4pm.

The family invites all attendees to bring a written memory of Mark or email it to: MGFMemories@gmail.com, which will be collected and compiled into a book as a keepsake of Mark's legacy for the family.

(The family requests that all unvaccinated attendees please wear a mask.)

In lieu of flowers, please make charitable contributions to the Mark G. Feinknopf Legacy Fund to benefit Mark's many community passions. It will be administered via The Columbus Foundation (1234 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205, <https://columbusfoundation.org>).

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