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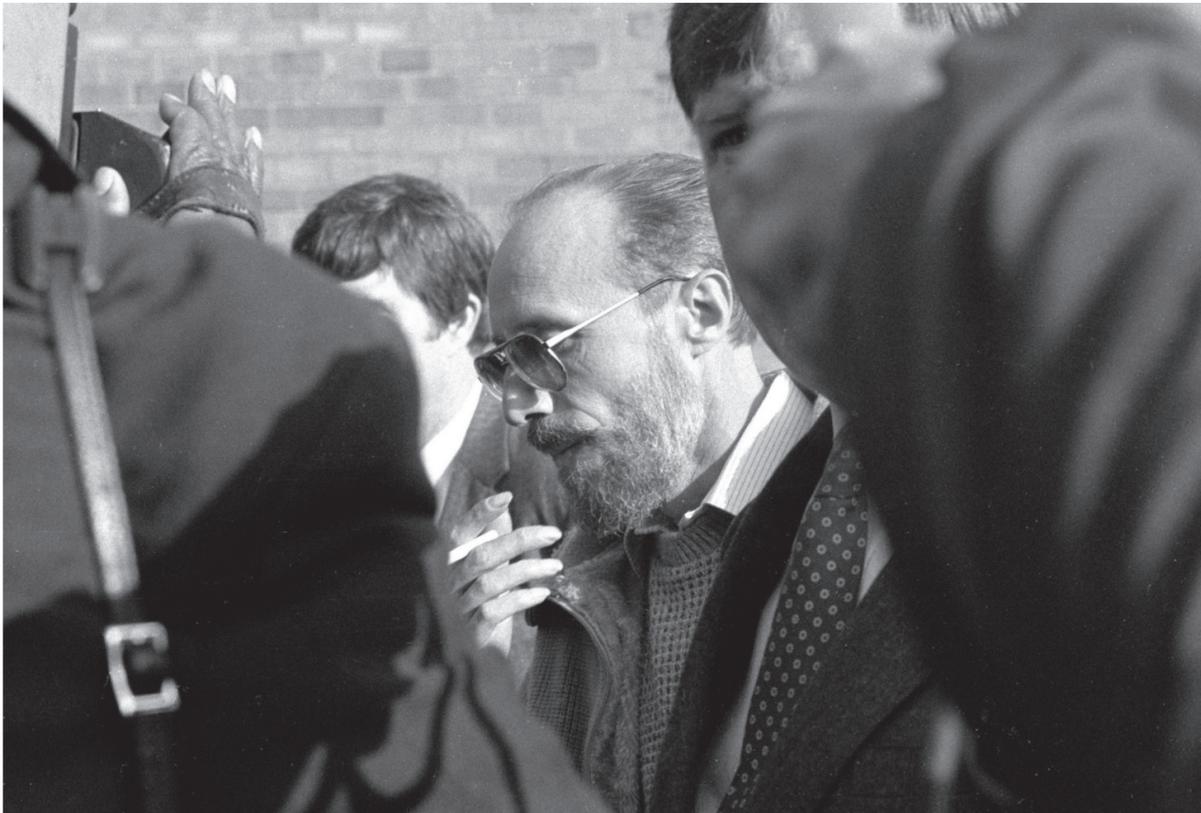


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UNSEALED THE TYLENOL MURDERS PART 3 OF 6



Roger Arnold, an amateur chemist, was questioned by Chicago police detectives in the Tylenol murders in 1982. He later fatally shot a man who would become, in effect, the eighth victim in the case. **JERRY TOMASELLI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A poisoned mind

Chicago police zero in on a suspect, and the case claims an 8th victim

By Christy Gutowski and Stacy St. Clair | Chicago Tribune

Even before the July 2022 video conference on the Tylenol murders, DuPage County prosecutors know about another suspect in the case.

On this, there is no doubt.

In 2010, two prosecutors — including one sitting in this very meeting — filed a secret petition to exhume the body of Roger Arnold from the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and remove his femur bone for DNA testing. The request was made on behalf of Tylenol Task Force 2, a group of investigators who had reopened the case in 2006 ahead of the 25th anniversary of the killings.

The request details the evidence against Arnold, including the job he had before the 1982 poisonings and a murder he committed after. It has remained under seal ever since a judge granted it that same day.

“Roger Arnold,” the petition states, “was identified as a suspect by both Task Force 1 and 2 because of reports that he had made threats to (poison) others around the time of the Cyanide Poisonings.”

And that’s just a small part of Roger Arnold’s story.

A disheveled man with thick glasses and a beard, Roger Arnold could often be found in the early 1980s on a Chicago bar stool, spinning stories about his military service and his chemistry hobby.

Marty Sinclair, who owned a shot-and-a-beer joint on Lincoln Avenue called the Oxford Pub, thought his customer was a bit odd. And after Arnold’s marriage crumbled in the summer of 1982, he’d grown more erratic, Sinclair told police.

In fact, one nearby tavern owner had



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called police that June and accused Arnold of threatening him with a gun when the man tried to break up a bar fight.

And so, a week after seven people died from taking poisoned Tylenol capsules, Sinclair didn’t hesitate to tip off police when he heard from a couple of his regulars that Arnold had cyanide in his home.

A Chicago police report summarized Sinclair’s Oct. 6 call: “The subject was

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Listen to the podcast: “Unsealed: The Tylenol Murders” is hosted by Tribune reporters Christy Gutowski and Stacy St. Clair through a partnership with At Will Media in association with audiochuck. Find new episodes each Thursday through October on Apple, Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts.

In Logan Square, this pinch hits home

Spotlight on lack of affordable housing has never been brighter

By William Lee
Chicago Tribune

Two decades ago, a rectangle of residential avenues in west Logan Square, known as police Beat 1413, was once the deadliest police beat in the city.

The densely populated rows of single-family homes and apartments on tree-lined streets was the heart of the Imperial Gangsters territory and had 10 homicides in 2003. Just across Central Park Avenue were their hated rivals, the Spanish Cobras. Fast-forward to 2022, and Beat 1413, bordered by Kedzie, Central Park, Wrightwood and Armitage avenues, has become hot real estate without a homicide within its confines in the last two years. Violence has plummeted and home sales are going strong.

Gentrification may be old news in Logan Square, where the wealthy first began snatching up decrepit greystones for cheap along Logan Boulevard in the 1980s, but high home prices have finally taken root in the heavily residential western end of the neighborhood, where gang crime was once deeply entrenched.

A modest five-bedroom frame house on North Sawyer Avenue in the middle of the beat is now selling for \$875,000. Less than a mile west, a fully rehabbed two-story single-family home on Belden

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Kids on sex ed

A group of students found the sex ed curriculum that they were getting at school to be woeful. So they made their own sexual education manual. **Life+Travel**

Hollywood moment

The Chicago International Film Festival opens Wednesday. The Tribune’s Michael Phillips has your guide to the fest and celebrity guests, plus a few tips. **A+E**

Asian Americans making mark on Illinois politics

Opportunities in public service have been ‘long time’ coming

By Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Randy Jue shuffled through a heap of papers on the desk inside his Bridgeport business until unearthing a detailed map of Chicago’s 11th Ward, where he spotted opportunity.

The son of Chinese immigrants who got his start in politics

offering cheap printing jobs for newcomer candidates, Jue has established himself as an intuitive adviser to several winning campaigns, some of them by people of color.

Now looking over the map of the newly drawn 11th Ward — famous for producing five mayors in the 20th century — Jue spotted something that could give an advantage to Chicago’s newest Asian American politician, Ald. Nicole Lee.

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Hoan Huynh, center, the Democratic candidate for Illinois House District 13, greets former Gov. Pat Quinn during a campaign event at the Holiday Club in Chicago on Sept. 17. **JOHN J KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

TODAY’S WEATHER

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The best 2 weeks Greece has to offer



Rick Steves

I was in Athens, at a rooftop restaurant under a floodlit Acropolis, marveling at how a Greek salad never gets boring. It was the last day of a long trip. I was reviewing, as I always do after completing an itinerary, how effectively my time was spent. I had kept my focus more on seeing historic sights on the mainland rather than luxuriating on Aegean Islands. Given that focus, here are the top stops — in itinerary order — that make what I consider the best two weeks Greece has to offer.

Athens, a big sprawling city, has obligatory ancient sights (the hilltop temple of the Acropolis, and the ruined forum of the Agora); an extremely touristy old quarter (the Plaka); and fine museums — the best in the country. Its three million people sprawl where no tourist ventures, including immigrant zones with poor yet thriving communities. For most, the joy of Greece is outside of Athens. See it and scam.

Delphi is a touristy little mountain resort with a breathtaking setting. It's a long way to drive (three hours from Athens) for some ancient ruins.

But learning about the oracle (whom the ancients consulted for advice) and being there in the empty cool of the early evening, you know why, in ancient times, this was considered the center of the world.

With Olympia's once majestic temple columns toppled like a tower of checkers by an earthquake, the site is as evocative (with the help of its excellent museum) as anything from ancient times. And you just have to play "On your



The fortified ghost town of Vathia, on Greece's Mani Peninsula, was once as wild as the Wild West in the United States. **ORIN DUBROW/RICK STEVES' EUROPE**

mark, get set ... go!" on that original starting block from the first Olympic Games in 776 B.C.

Kardamyli, a humble beach town, has a "Bali in a dust storm" charm. This handy base for exploring the desolate Mani Peninsula works like a stun gun on your momentum. I could stay there for days, just eating well and hanging out. It's the kind of place where travelers plan their day around the sunset.

The Mani Peninsula is tumbleweeds stark. If Greece had a Tombstone and an OK Corral, it would be here.

The awe-inspiring fortified ghost hill town of Vathia is vendetta ville — it seems everyone lived in forts and sat in corners looking out.

While the peninsula in general is bleak, I enjoyed walking through its nearly

dead towns and popping into once-sumptuous old fresco-covered churches.

Monemvasia, a Gibraltar-like rock with a Crusader-style stone town at its base, has ruins all across its Masada-like summit. It's connected by a causeway to the mainland. Summiting Monemvasia is a key experience on any Peloponnesian visit.

Rather than sleep here, I chose Gythio: This workaday fishing town, with little tourism and a hearty charm, has a harborfront perfect for a sunset stroll and plenty of cheap restaurants and good affordable hotels.

Consider a stop at Mystras. Once the cultural capital of the Byzantine Empire, its churches represent some of the finest surviving examples of late Byzantine architecture in Greece. Mystras spills

down a mountain over the town and the scant ancient ruins of Sparta.

Sparta — where mothers famously told their sons to "come home with your shield or on it" — is a classic example of how little a militaristic society leaves as a legacy for the future.

Charming Nafplio, though it has plenty of tourism, is both elegant and proud. It's a must-see on any Greek visit because of its historical importance (the first capital of an independent Greece), its accessibility from Athens (an easy 2.5-hour bus ride), and its handy location as a home base for touring both Mycenae and Epidavros. The town has a beach, great restaurants, a thriving evening scene and a good balance of local life and tourist convenience.

Mycenae is the ruined capital of a civilization

that was as mysterious to Socrates and Plato as those guys are to us ... a thousand years older than the Acropolis and other Golden Age Greek sights. After climbing through its ruins and unforgettable tombs, cap your visit in its fine museum.

Nearby Epidavros has a lousy museum and forgettable ruins. But its magnificent theater is the best of the ancient world and still used for plays today. For that reason alone, Epidavros is an essential stop.

The island of Hydra, just a quick hop from the mainland, gave my trip a fine island paradise finale. Hydra, so close to Athens (with a direct two-hour hydrofoil connection about hourly), is amazingly laid-back and real with just enough tourism to make it fun and lively.

Many tourists spend their entire time on Greece

just island-hopping, setting foot on the mainland only to fly in and out of Athens, but there's much more to see, learn and experience in this ancient land.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

The Atlantic Ocean.

Though it is about 41.1 million square miles, it covers just slightly more than half the area that comprises the Pacific Ocean.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

OMEGA X looks forward to soaking in American culture

By **Jae-Ha Kim**

Tribune Content Agency

After finishing up the Latin American portion of its "Connect: Don't Give Up" tour, OMEGA X is now playing shows in the United States. This segment of its tour includes a concert at Chicago's Concord Music Hall, as well as dates in Dallas and Los Angeles.

"I'm still in awe of the great passion and amazing support by Latin American fans," said Jehyun, one of the South Korean group's 11 members. "I'm truly thankful for them enjoying our concerts as passionately as we do!"

The entire group participated in this interview from Bogota, Colombia.

Q: How has your time been in Latin America?

Hwichan: I love it! I'm very happy to be able to learn new things and enjoy the region.

Xen: It's my first time in Latin America, but I've always wanted to visit because I listen to a lot of Latin American songs. I'm very happy to come to the region with a great opportunity. I also felt a great level of passion from our fans and K-pop fans in general.

Kevin: It's my first time in Latin America, and I'm really excited to visit the countries that were on my bucket list. Most of all, I'm happy to be surrounded by views and cultures that I can't witness in Korea.

Q: I know that some of you have been to the U.S. before. What are some of your memories?

Yechan: When I was a trainee, I went to Los Angeles for about a month to learn dancing. I visited famous dance academies, including Millennium Dance Complex, and made



OMEGA X is looking forward to experiencing American culture on its U.S. tour. **SPIRE ENTERTAINMENT**

a lot of good memories around Venice Beach and downtown LA. I would love to visit again because I enjoyed the city's all-time amazing weather. I think I can learn and understand more if I visit now than I did when I was younger.

Sebin: I was in Dallas for a concert and I still remember a steakhouse in Dallas. Everything was so good and the restaurant was like a factory! I stuffed myself there.

Q: Other than interacting with your fans, what do you hope to do while in the U.S.?

Junghoon: I just want to stroll the streets and really experience American culture and daily life. I also want to go shopping and eat a good burger.

Jaehan: I'd love to see the Statue of Liberty.

Q: What is your best and/or worst vacation memory?

Hyuk: My family lives on Jeju Island, so I feel like I'm on vacation every time I go home.

Q: Where are some places you have traveled to that stand out in your mind?

Hangyeom: I remember swimming at a hotel pool, hanging out at a beach with friends and eating delicious food in Pattaya (Thailand).

Sebin: I used to go to

Sokcho (South Korea) with my family at least once a year. Thinking about it, I really want to go now!

Q: Where have you enjoyed some favorite meals?

Taedong: I really liked nachos that I had in Merida, Mexico.

Yechan: I really liked spicy food from Mexico and I also liked the meat and burgers I ordered for room service in Colombia. I also remember having pizza and pasta in Italy when I was young, but I don't remember the flavor, so I definitely want to go back.

Hwichan: My favorite food is galbitang (beef short rib stew) near Hongik University in Seoul.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

Hyuk: Study various languages!
Hwichan: Pack smart because you'll end up only wearing the same clothes anyway.

Q: Is the language barrier an issue between you and some of your fandom?

Jehyun: When I saw our fans singing along to our Korean lyrics, I realized that music is just music. There is no language barrier when communicating through music.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Air Canada voucher for \$528 has been missing for 3 months

By **Christopher Elliott**

King Features Syndicate

Q: I canceled an Air Canada flight more than three months ago. The airline agreed to issue a travel voucher, but it hasn't sent one yet.

I've contacted Air Canada through its website at least twice. I've sent three email requests for assistance to Air Canada executives, following the advice on your website. None of the executives responded in any way.

I have not yet written the executive vice president or CEO, but they are next as I move up the list. However, I'm reluctant to escalate it to that level without checking with you first.

Air Canada has never denied that a travel voucher should be issued. The airline has claimed both on the phone and by email that processing of the voucher is "in progress." Can you help me get my \$528 voucher, please?

— **Herb Sharpe, Victoria, Canada**

A: It shouldn't take Air Canada more than three months to issue your voucher. How do I know that? Well, your voucher was one of several flight cancellations, and you received all but one within a few days. Something got lost along the way.

So, what do you do when an airline overlooks something? You followed the procedure to the letter. You emailed the airline, you called and then you appealed to a manager. Air Canada promised to get back to you with your \$528 voucher. But, it didn't.

You documented everything in writing, which should have made it easy for Air Canada to find your missing voucher claim. It's not clear why the airline was taking so long. You note that the

original voucher was incorrectly listed as \$548, and the difference may have confused the refund system. That's possible.

The only thing you can do is continue up the chain to Air Canada's executive vice president and the CEO. I list their names and numbers on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/air-canada.

Had you stayed on that path, I'm sure someone would have noticed the missing voucher and fixed this eventually. Air Canada may be slow, but I'm sure it doesn't steal from its customers.

Your case raises another important question: How patient is too patient? I think you should always give an airline one to two weeks to issue a voucher or

a refund.

After that, it's OK to start sending polite emails asking about the status of your money. Three months is way too long.

I contacted Air Canada on your behalf. A representative quickly responded to me and said the airline would trace the missing voucher. That took another month. You finally received your voucher and an apology from Air Canada.

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