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— President Donald Trump, on how he will conduct his impeachment defense in the U.S. Senate if the full House votes to impeach him

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— House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y.

Partial deal may pause US-China trade war

Trump says Sunday tariffs called off but ‘Phase 1’ details few

By PAUL WISEMAN AND KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has dropped its plan to impose new tariffs on \$160 billion of Chinese imports beginning Sunday under a modest interim deal that de-escalates a 17-month trade war between the world’s two biggest economies.

As part of the agreement announced Friday, the administration is also reducing its existing import taxes on about \$112 billion in Chinese goods from 15% to 7.5%.

In return, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer told reporters, China agreed to buy \$32 billion in U.S. farm products over two years. Beijing has also committed to ending a long-standing practice of pressuring companies to hand over their technology as a condition of gaining access to the Chinese market.

Lighthizer said China had also agreed to lift nontariff barriers to the Chinese market for such products as beef, poultry, seafood, pet food and animal feed.

In all, the U.S. expects a \$200 billion boost in exports over two years as a result of the deal.

“We expect the trade deficit to go down for sure,” Lighthizer said, adding that the deal will likely be signed the first week in January and take effect 30 days later.

Yet the administration released no detailed paperwork on the agreement and said the text was still being translated between Chinese and English.

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House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., speaks to the media Friday after his committee’s vote on the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump. It marks only the third time ever that the panel has voted to recommend impeaching a president.

Impeachment effort advances in House

Chamber set to vote on abuse of power, obstruction charges against defiant Trump

By LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats propelled President Donald Trump’s impeachment toward a historic vote by the full U.S. House as the Judiciary Committee on Friday approved charges of abuse of power and obstruction

of Congress. The partisan split in the committee vote — 23 Democrats to 17 Republicans — reflects the atmosphere in Congress. The Democratic-majority House is expected to approve the two articles of impeachment against Trump next week before lawmakers depart for the holidays, but the Republican-controlled

Senate is likely to acquit him after a January trial.

Trump is accused, in the first article, of abusing his presidential power by asking Ukraine to investigate his 2020 rival Joe Biden while holding military aid as leverage, and, in the second, of obstructing Congress by blocking the House’s efforts to probe his actions.

“Today is a solemn and sad day,” Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., told reporters after the session, marking the third time in U.S. history the panel has voted to recommend impeaching a president. He said the full House would act “expeditiously.”

At the White House after the

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In CPS, ‘tiers’ are supposed to even the playing field

But hundreds of students were placed in the wrong tier

By HANNAH LEONE

Hundreds of Chicago Public Schools families could have made important decisions about their children’s education using information provided by CPS that turned out to be wrong.

Nearly 1,000 students were miscategorized in CPS’ “tier” system, which helps determine who gets admitted into which selective enrollment and magnet schools.

Placing students into one of four tiers — determined by things such as median income, percentage of single-parent homes and achievement scores in the area where a student lives — is supposed to make the application process more equitable.

But this week, they made the process a little more stressful, as well.

Just days before the midnight Friday deadline, the families were told by the school district they had been placed in an incorrect tier, the district confirmed. That could have affected which schools students applied to and — had the error not been caught — which ones they got into.

Competition for top schools is fierce in a city where many students attend a school outside their neighborhood that they have to apply to get into.

One Chicago parent said his

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After shooting that wounded 15-year-old Rylan Wilder, UpBeat works to heal and rebuild



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Three weeks after a bank robbery suspect and a police officer burst through the front door of UpBeat Music and Arts, shattering the joyful chaos and leaving 15-year-old Rylan Wilder shot in the arm and abdomen, the school has reopened.

On Monday evening, the muffled strains of music echoed through the walls of the tiny practice rooms as students prepared for Saturday’s showcase, held annually at nearby Belding Elementary School. Two instructors led a group



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Scott Barbeau, owner of UpBeat Music and Arts, teaches a piano lesson to Luca Schoenberger, 10, on the first day of the store’s reopening Monday. Three weeks after a bank robbery suspect and a police officer burst through the front door, leaving 15-year-old Rylan Wilder shot in the arm and abdomen, the school has reopened.

piano lesson in the main practice space, where six kids sat studiously at keyboards, their stockings feet swinging just above the carpet below.

Ethan and Elise Ankney were there for their Monday lessons. They’ll perform “Valley Winter Song” by Fountains of Wayne together at the showcase — Ethan, 14, on piano, Elise, 11, singing. Ethan will also perform “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.”

Ethan was one of the first five students to attend UpBeat when it opened on Irving Park Road. He was in third grade at the time. In addition to piano, Ethan plays electric bass and guitar. He’s performed at Schuba’s and Joe’s on Weed Street and Retro on Roscoe with his bandmates, two other UpBeat musicians.

Ethan calls UpBeat his sec-

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Pianist Jan Lisiecki conveys depth, openness with Mozart performance

In an era in which phenomenal technique practically is a given, Canadian musician Jan Lisiecki chose a different path for his CSO bow: the elegance of Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major, K. 467, with Manfred Honeck conducting. **A+E, Page 9**

Why Trubisky’s performance against Cowboys gives Ragone reason to believe

Bears quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone sees hope in the way Mitch Trubisky has emerged recently from his pronounced struggles. “It’s how you manage the pressure moving forward. It’s always going to be there.” **Chicago Sports**



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President Donald Trump meets with Paraguay's President Mario Abdo Benitez in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday as the House Judiciary Committee approved articles of impeachment against him. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

THE BEARS BY THE DECADES

The Tribune sports department has compiled a comprehensive, decade-by-decade portrait of the Bears featuring essays, box scores, articles, photographs, a one-of-a-kind first person account by George Halas and team memorabilia from the Tribune's historical archives. Available at chicagotribune.com/bears100book. **"Life Skills: How To Do Almost Anything"** How do you give a good wedding toast? How do you fix a clogged drain? How do you bowl without hurting anyone? Questions like these—some highly practical, others wildly funny—make up this engaging do-it-yourself guide. Collected from the Chicago Tribune how-to columns called "Life Skills," this book is filled with often humorous instructions on performing a variety of tasks.

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votes, Trump denounced the inquiry and actions against him, using the terms he has relied on for months. He referred to the impeachment effort four times as a hoax, twice as a sham and once each as a scam, a witch hunt and a disgrace. He described his actions as perfect three times and said four times he did nothing wrong.

When he had asked Ukraine to "do us a favor" in the July phone call that sparked the impeachment inquiry, he said, the "us" referred to the U.S., not a political favor for himself.

Voting was swift and solemn Friday, with none of the fiery speeches and weighty nods to history that defined the previous two days of debate, including 14 hours that stretched nearly to midnight Thursday. Nadler abruptly halted that rancorous session so voting could be held in daylight, for all Americans to see.

Nadler, who had said he wanted lawmakers to "search their consciences" before casting their votes, gavelled in the landmark but brief morning session at the Capitol. Lawmakers responded "aye" or "yes" for the Democrats, simply "no" for the Republicans.

There was no new debate.

Trump is only the fourth U.S. president to face impeachment proceedings and the first to be running for reelection at the same time. Next week's House votes pose potentially serious political consequences for both parties ahead of the 2020 elections, with Americans deeply divided over whether the president indeed conducted impeachable acts and whether it should be up to Congress, or the voters, to decide whether he should remain in office.

Rep. Debbie Lesko, R-Ariz., defended the president against what she called "unfair, rigged" proceedings. "They had no proof, no evidence, no crime, but they went ahead anyway and they're tearing the country apart," she said.

Democrats countered they had no choice but to protect the 2020 election from further Trump outreach for foreign interference.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., who held up a copy of the Constitution as she voted, called impeachment "a very necessary thing to save our democracy."

The president has refused to participate in the proceedings and instructed U.S. officials not to as well, tweeting criticisms from the sidelines and mocking the charges against him in the House's nine-page resolution as "impeachment light." But House Speaker

Nancy Pelosi said the president was wrong and the case against him was deeply grounded.

Democrats contend Trump has engaged in misconduct toward Russia dating to the 2016 election campaign that special counsel Robert Mueller investigated. And they say his dealings with Ukraine have benefited its aggressive neighbor Russia, not the U.S., and he must be prevented from "corrupting" U.S. elections again and cheating his way to a second term next year.

"It is urgent," Pelosi said.

With impeachment almost certain in the House, even with a smattering of defections from Democrats, particularly the freshman lawmakers seeking reelection in districts where Trump remains popular, the pressure will be on Republicans in the Senate to hold the line in support of the president.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Thursday on Fox News, "There is zero chance the president will be removed from office." On Friday as he filed for his own reelection in Kentucky, he said the Democrats have a "weak case."

Republican senators have been advocating for a swift trial next year. But Trump is eager for a showdown in the Senate that will not only acquit him of the charges but provide vindication

while inflicting political pain on Democrats.

"I'll do whatever I want," Trump told reporters. "Look, there is — we did nothing wrong."

The president has indicated he wants a parade of witnesses at the Senate, including the still-anonymous government whistleblower who first alerted Congress to the Ukraine call. "I wouldn't mind a long process," Trump said.

McConnell said Friday it's no surprise he'll be taking his cues from the White House, saying "we're on the same side," even as he stresses the risks of a drawn-out trial for Trump and the party, with a narrow 53-47 GOP Senate majority. It will take just 51 votes in the Senate to accept or reject witnesses, or take other actions, and McConnell could lose control.

"You could certainly make the case for making it shorter rather than longer," he said earlier.

The Judiciary Committee session drew out over two days, much of time spent in bitter fights through failed Republican amendments aimed at killing the impeachment charges.

Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., argued there was "overwhelming evidence" that the president, in pushing Ukraine to investigate rival Biden, was engaged in an abuse of power "to corrupt American elections."

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In the past, the two sides had appeared to be close to firm agreements only to see negotiations fall apart.

The so-called Phase 1 agreement leaves some major issues unresolved, notably U.S. complaints that China unfairly subsidizes its own companies to give them an edge in world markets.

The deal does, however, at least temporarily defuse a conflict that has unnerved financial markets and hobbled global economic growth.

"This deal should go a long way in reversing the downward spiral in bilateral trade relations and increasing certainty for U.S. businesses," said Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade negotiator who is now vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute. But, Cutler cautioned, "it's unclear on how far the Phase 1 agreement goes in addressing the key structural issues that brought the U.S. to the negotiating table 17 months ago."

President Donald Trump, who announced the agreement via Twitter, said that work on a follow-up Phase 2 agreement would begin immediately.

That announcement came minutes after the House Judiciary Committee approved impeachment charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress against Trump, leading the White House to argue that the president "never stops working and continues to make successful deals that benefit this country."

Chinese officials said at a briefing in Beijing that if the



Shoppers walk past a store of US tech giant Apple in a retail district in Beijing on Friday. **NG HAN GUAN/AP**

administration reduces its tariffs, China will lower its trade penalties on American goods and also scrap plans for new tariffs Sunday.

Friday's announcement was a long time coming. Trump had first announced a Phase 1 deal on Oct. 11, but negotiations on a final version continued for two months.

The administration alleges — and independent analysts generally agree — that China steals technology, forces foreign companies to hand over trade secrets, unfairly subsidizes its own firms and throws up bureaucratic hurdles for foreign rivals.

Beijing rejects the accusations.

Since July 2018, the Trump administration has imposed a series of trade sanctions on China, sometimes changing or delaying planned tariff rates.

Friday's announcement means that the U.S. will continue to impose 25%

import taxes on \$250 billion in Chinese goods and will halve the tariffs on an additional \$112 billion to 7.5%. It will drop plans to target an additional \$160 billion.

That step would have extended the tariffs to just about everything China sells the United States and would have hit consumer items such as toys and smartphones that have so far largely been spared.

Beijing has retaliated by taxing \$120 billion in U.S. exports, including soybeans and other farm products that are vital to many of Trump's supporters in rural America.

Rob Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, said "the agreement represents progress" but said "the United States must still comprehensively address China's rampant innovation mercantilist practices."

Mary Lovely, a trade economist at the Peterson

Institute for International Economics, said it's unlikely that Friday's deal delivers enough benefits for the U.S. to outweigh the costs of the trade fight so far.

U.S. farmers lost billions of dollars in income, companies paid billions in tariffs and in many cases shifted their supply chains, and consumers saw some prices increase.

"Many of us are highly skeptical that the agreement will be enough to outweigh these other costs," Lovely said. "The U.S. didn't move the needle very much."

Still, the agreement should help smooth some of the uncertainty surrounding global trade, Lovely said. "We have a cease-fire, we have some roll back, that is very significant," she said. "We were kind of on a brink here, and we saw the negotiators pull us back."

Repeated rounds of negotiations had failed to achieve a substantive deal.

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Ald. Ervin may force vote to stall marijuana sales

Black Caucus head wants more time to give minorities bigger market stake

BY JOHN BYRNE

A West Side alderman who's been fighting to make sure minorities get a bigger ownership stake in Chicago's recreational marijuana market that's set to fire up Jan. 1 has moved to force a City Council vote on his plan to push back the start date to July.

City Council Black Caucus Chairman Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th, said Friday he's still working to convince state officials and Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration to strengthen the equity rules in the weed law so African Americans get a fair shake at getting a significant piece of the lucrative business before white owners corner it.

"If that doesn't happen, we want to preserve our right to have a vote on my measure" at Wednesday's City Council meeting, Ervin said.

On Friday afternoon,

however, the council Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity scheduled a meeting on Ervin's ordinance for Tuesday afternoon. If committee Chair Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, allows a vote on it then, the measure could be defeated. Even if Ervin succeeds in getting it out of the committee, Austin would not be obligated to call it for a vote at the full council meeting Wednesday.

Ervin said he was unaware Austin had scheduled the meeting, but said "we're happy to work within the committee, if they want to do it."

Ervin this week had announced his intention to use a parliamentary procedure to discharge to the council floor his proposed ordinance that would outlaw recreational marijuana sales in Chicago until July 1. That proposal got a hearing last week in the Contracting Oversight Committee, but Austin did not hold a vote on it at the time.

Even if forcing the coun-



Ervin

cil vote is an option, it remains to be seen whether Ervin follows through on it. He declined to say what specifically he needs to hear from the state and the mayor's office in order to stay his hand. And if he does force it, it's far from certain a majority of the 50-member City Council would support his delay plan. But it likely would be close.

There are 20 members of the council's Black Caucus, and there is widespread anger within that group about what they see as inadequate standards to help minorities who have been most hurt by the war on drugs get in on the ground floor of recreational sales.

In particular, they are upset that the 11 medicinal cannabis dispensaries that get to immediately switch to recreational sales on Jan. 1 under state law are overwhelmingly white-owned establishments. And the early returns on other applicants for recreational licenses in Chicago show few

minority owners.

"We would never, as a body, allow anything to pass through this with this magnitude of economic impact, and not have (minority) participation," Ervin said during last week's hearing on his ordinance. "Every bond deal that goes through here, we're hawks on, if there's African American, Latino participation. Every other type of financial transaction that comes through this body, we have these same questions, and this same question needs to be asked about cannabis, adult-use cannabis here in the city of Chicago."

And at a Zoning Committee meeting this week, two Hispanic aldermen joined three black aldermen in voting against a zoning change to allow a medicinal cannabis company to relocate to a property just south of Wrigley Field.

The Daily Line first reported on Ervin's move to possibly force the floor vote.

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot talks to reporters at City Hall in Chicago on Dec. 2.

Mayor defends website shaming budget naysayers

Critics call Lightfoot's page petty and bullying

BY GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot defended a website she launched shaming Chicago aldermen who voted against her first budget, casting it as a civic tool for the public despite criticism that it was petty and bullying.

"The fact of the matter is, since when is letting voters and residents know how aldermen voted bullying?" Lightfoot told reporters Thursday. "That's just silly."

Light PAC, a political action committee Lightfoot launched to promote her political agenda, published chicagobudgetvotes.com last week. The site lists information about Lightfoot's first city-wide spending plan and features a tool for residents to look up their alderman, along with information on their budget vote.

If the alderman voted against her budget, Lightfoot's website includes criticism that says they "voted NO on a progressive, responsible budget that maximizes the efficiency of our city's government, ensures we maintain the quality of services our residents depend on, and does everything it can to prevent hard-working Chicagoans from bearing the burden as we strive to put our city finances back on track."

Lightfoot's first spending plan passed the City Council 39-11, with much of the opposition coming from progressive aldermen who argued it doesn't go far enough toward addressing the mayor's campaign promises on issues including the reopening of mental health clinics.

"The reality of a \$838 million budget deficit means that we cannot do everything in a single year," Lightfoot wrote in a message to supporters last month. "There are a handful of aldermen who are unable to accept that reality and opposed the many important and prog-

ressive steps this budget takes because of the few areas we are not yet able to address."

The mayor's committee launched the shaming website last week, prompting criticism from aldermen and political observers, including the Sun-Times editorial board, which compared Lightfoot's move to bullying.

First term Ald. Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd, told WTTW-Ch. 11, "We

don't have time to engage in petty discussions or arguments. We have work to do, and that's what we're going to do."

Her fellow freshman, Ald. Daniel La Spata, 1st, also took issue with the mayor's characterization of their opposition.

"We were putting a lot of revenue options on the table — options four, five months back we were willing to fight for," La Spata told

WTTW. "We can disagree on the budget, but to say we didn't put forth alternatives is not truthful."

On Thursday, Lightfoot was asked why she launched the website when her budget passed by a large margin.

"It's not about winning the vote. It's about making sure that people in this city have access to basic information about how the government functions. This is not a political exercise for me," Lightfoot said. "This is about educating the public about what happened. We just spent more than \$10.5 billion of taxpayer money. We need to educate them about what we're doing and make it transparent."

The mayor also said she isn't worried about alienating aldermen with the website.

"I am putting out information about how they voted. Pure and simple. They voted. It's a record," Lightfoot said. "If they're upset about how they voted, and that people know about it, that's on them, that's not on me."

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Chicago cop given only reprimand for role in botched reinvestigation

BY JEREMY GORNER

The city's police disciplinary panel reprimanded a Chicago police supervisor Thursday night for his role in the department's bungled handling of its reinvestigation into the 2004 death of David Koschman, who was punched by a nephew of then-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Sgt. Sam Cirone had faced a possible suspension of as long as one year on accusations by city officials that he ran a shoddy reinvestigation in 2011 in which he failed to adequately review a police report for inaccuracies and didn't instruct detectives to interview key witnesses or canvass the original crime scene.

In a 5-0 decision at its monthly meeting Thursday night, the Chicago Police Board found Cirone guilty of failing to adequately supervise the case but penalized him with only a reprimand, among the least punitive measures that does not involve any time off from work without pay.

Cirone, a sergeant in the Area North violent crimes unit, was among four supervisors and two detectives accused by city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office of violating department rules and regulations during the second look into the death of Koschman, who succumbed 12 days after being hit by a single punch by Richard Vanecko, Daley's nephew, after a brief, drunken confrontation in the Rush Street nightlife district.

The case was reopened in 2011 following Chicago Sun-Times stories critical of the original police investigation into Koschman's death in May 2004.

Vanecko ended up pleading guilty to involuntary



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Richard Vanecko leaves the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows in 2014 after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of David Koschman in 2004.



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Nanci Koschman holds a picture of her son David, then 18, in her Mount Prospect home in 2012.

manslaughter in January 2014 after Dan Webb, a former U.S. attorney, was appointed a special Cook County prosecutor to handle the matter. Vanecko, 39, was sentenced to 60 days in jail, followed by 60 days of home confinement and then 2½ years of probation. He was also required to issue an apology to Koschman's mother, Nanci, and pay her \$20,000 in restitution.

"I am sorry," Vanecko declared. "If I could undo what was done, I would, but I can't. I just want to extend my sincerest apology."

Koschman mouthed back the words, "Thank you."

In its 30-page decision, the Police Board members doubted anything useful would have helped the case had Cirone ensured his detectives canvassed the crime scene and interviewed key witnesses. But

the board found it troubling that he did not properly review a police report for inaccuracies.

"Sergeant Cirone should have done better, much better," the board wrote.

One of the two detectives under Cirone's supervision, Nicholas Spanos, was suspended for a year in the case but skipped most of that suspension by using accrued paid leave time, according to a report from Ferguson's office. James Gilger, the other detective working for Cirone on the case, left the department before facing any discipline.

Three other supervisors in the reinvestigation have also since left the department, including Area North Lt. Denis Walsh, who allegedly removed the original file on the Koschman case from his office for "no legitimate work purpose," according to the report from Ferguson's office.

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State taps Ernst & Young to help with Thompson Center sale

BY DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration has selected an arm of global consulting firm Ernst & Young to help sell the James R. Thompson Center, the state's controversial Loop headquarters.

Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors was chosen from among four firms that submitted bids for the three-year, \$3.8 million project manage-

ment contract. The firm and its partners will assist in the sale of the 34-year-old Helmut Jahn-designed building as well as helping the state evaluate its Chicago real estate holdings and relocate its city workforce.

The Pritzker administration has said it plans to put money from the sale of the Thompson Center into the state's severely underfunded pension systems.

In addition, the state may negotiate a shared-ownership plan for its other real estate in an effort to produce a long-term revenue stream to help pay down pension debt.

The state's goal is to identify a potential developer in the spring and sell the Thompson Center in the second half of next year, according to bid documents.

Several factors could

complicate the project, including negotiating an agreement with the city and the CTA to maintain operation of the Clark/Lake CTA station that occupies part of the building and working out a deal with the companies that hold a master lease for the retail space in the building's glass-enclosed atrium and lower-level food court.

The current lease doesn't expire until 2034.

Any plan that involves demolition of the 17-story, 1.2 million-square-foot building also will face pushback from preservationists.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in May added the Thompson Center to its list of the nation's most endangered historic places, calling it "Chicago's foremost example of grandly scaled post-modernism."

Local preservation

groups also want to save the building, which opened in 1985 and was later renamed in honor of former Gov. James R. "Big Jim" Thompson.

Pritzker has said the building — much maligned by state workers for reasons including poor climate control — needs more than \$325 million in repairs.

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ond home. He's there four nights a week.

"It's very warm and open," he said. "It's more your community than school even is. Three of my best friends, I met here."

He goes to Lane Tech with Rylan, a musical phenom who sings and plays guitar, drums, bass and piano. Rylan was working at UpBeat as part of an internship the night of the shooting.

"It was really worrying the night it happened," Ethan said. "I was watching it on TV and thinking, 'Oh, it's probably nothing' and then my mom got a text from my bass teacher. The main thing for all of us was just making sure Rylan was OK."

'Horried and thankful'

On Nov. 19, an armed bank robbery in Des Plaines led to a police chase that ended in the Old Irving Park neighborhood, where the robbery suspect got out of his car near Irving Park and Keeler Avenue. The suspect shot an Albany Park District tactical officer in his squad car and then fled into UpBeat. A Des Plaines police officer chased the suspect into the store and fatally shot him, accidentally hitting Rylan as well. Rylan's parents have filed a lawsuit against the dead suspect's alleged accomplice, who was arrested shortly after the robbery.

"We leave at 6:15 on Tuesdays," Lynn Ankney, Ethan and Elise's mom, said.

The shooting occurred shortly before 7 p.m.

"You go through a mix of emotions," Ankney said, "Oh, my gosh. We were just there. It could've been us," to then, "Our beloved teachers and friends are there."

Tracy Baldwin's three children all attend UpBeat. They weren't there the night of the shooting, but they watched the news reports in bouts of horror mixed with relief.

"You see the footage of teachers and students coming out and your heart just drops," Baldwin said. "But when I saw the teachers with their arms up, I just thought, 'Those are our teachers. They'll do anything for our kids.' I felt so thankful they were able to think clearly and get the rest of the kids out. I was horrified and thankful."

'I call it a piano party'

Scott Barbeau wanted to open a community center since he was in his 20s. He left a corporate consulting gig in 2004 to pursue work as a musician and music instructor. After a 2006 trip to Zambia, Barbeau and two friends co-



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UpBeat Music and Arts on the first day of the store's reopening after student and intern Rylan Wilder, 15, was shot there in November during a police shootout with a robbery suspect.



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Rylan Wilder, 15, is lead guitarist and singer for the rock band Monarchy Over Monday. A lawsuit filed by Wilder's parents says the boy may not regain full use of his left arm after accidentally being shot by a police officer who chased a bank robbery suspect into a Northwest Side music store where Wilder worked as an intern.

founded Spark Ventures, a nonprofit that helps children living in extreme poverty in Zambia, Nicaragua and Mexico.

"I connect with people that are searching and trying to find meaning and lead lives that have impact," Barbeau said. "Using your gifts to bring goodness to the world — that's one of the things we teach the students. Find out what you're best at and find a way to use those gifts and those skills to change the world."

Barbeau's gift is music. He's been playing piano for more than 45 years. He's a full-time member of the '80s cover band Sixteen Candles, which is how he pays the bills.

UpBeat is how he uses his gift for good.

Barbeau opened UpBeat in 2013 with five students

and a room full of instruments. Nearly seven years later, he said, the school serves 400 kids per year at the Irving Park Road space and through partnerships with After School Matters and Chicago Public Schools. About a quarter of the students receive scholarships.

"I call it a piano party when you walk in here," he said. "Kids skip through the front door and they skip back out. It's more than a music lesson though. It's accountability, discipline, humility. How do you greet the audience? How do you respect an audience? What do you do if you make a mistake?"

Rylan started coming to UpBeat in 2017 as part of an After School Matters program that practiced four hours a day, four days a week, for six weeks,

Barbeau said.

"He's just such a nice, respectful, fun, creative kid," Barbeau said. "I call him a quiet leader. He's one of those young people who cares immensely for others, but he's also strong-willed. You see that now in his recovery. He's got a bright future."

Rylan was released from the hospital on Dec. 5. Barbeau spent a recent Thursday evening at his home.

He's confident Rylan will play his instruments again. He also knows physical wounds are only part of that trauma that spilled into UpBeat that night.

"When you actually experience gunfire in a setting that's about caring for children, that doesn't mix," Barbeau said. "Gunfire doesn't mix with anything."

Barbeau had left UpBeat about 10 minutes before the shooting. He turned around and came back when he heard what happened, but he had to witness most of it unfold from across the street, cordoned off from a developing crime scene.

He said it was jarring to be on the news. He said it was equally jarring to be bumped off the news by fresh shootings a day later.

I asked him if he considered, even for a minute, not reopening.

"I thought, 'If I didn't have UpBeat, what would I do?'" he said. "It took me about 30 seconds to say, 'I'd open UpBeat.' There's nothing I'd rather be doing. What we're doing — mentoring and caring for the community — it's joyful. It's joyful to watch the goodness it brings into the world."

'Part of our story'

Before UpBeat reopened for lessons, students and their families gathered for an open house on Dec. 1, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. They signed cards for Rylan and wrote thank you notes to their teachers. Ankney organized the gathering with Barbeau's wife, Lauren.

Ankney said her kids wondered if UpBeat lessons would feel different when they came back. If they'd picture Rylan getting hurt, chaos exploding through the front door while they played their instruments.

"I told them to think about the months and years and seasons we've spent here over the years,"

Ankney said. "It really is our home away from home. This is our extended family."

UpBeat launched a GoFundMe to help the school repair the damage sustained during the shooting. Rylan's parents established another GoFundMe to help cover his medical costs and recovery.

"My mom used to say, 'Everything happens for a reason, honey,'" Barbeau said. "My mom was the best person in the whole world — she's passed now. And I got to a certain age where I said, 'Mom, I have to respectfully disagree with you.'"

"Things happen in this world that are horrible and we can't explain them," he said. "But we can make goodness out of them. I do believe you've got to grieve and acknowledge there's incredible sadness. But I also believe this is going to make us stronger. I think Rylan will heal. I think he'll go on to do amazing things. I think he'll probably write some great songs about this."

Music, Barbeau said, is a healer.

"This is part of our experience now," Barbeau said. "This is part of our story."

It's somewhere toward the middle, though. It's certainly not the end.

Join the Heidi Stevens *Balancing Act* Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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CPS

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wife got an email from CPS Tuesday alerting them to the issue, but he found out first from a parent Facebook page that some families were trying to make sense of tier changes.

Another parent whose family moved up a tier said she had to tell her son that, because of the change, he probably can't get into the school he'd been counting on, where some of his friends already go. He was brokenhearted and started sobbing, she said.

An email from the district's office of access and enrollment Tuesday informed families that they, along with 927 others, were assigned an incorrect tier but that the information had been corrected.

Parents can review and update their child's applications until 11:59 p.m. Friday, and may modify program rankings until Feb. 3, according to the email.

The district said it discovered the discrepancies — which turned out to have resulted from an incorrect method of calculating average standardized test scores — after receiving "questions about program eligibility submitted by several parents."

CPS said a parent call in early November led the district to research the issue, which they resolved the week of Nov. 25, according to the email.

One counselor at a North Side elementary school told the Tribune she first learned about the tier corrections from a parent. She had six students affected.

"We are supposed to be the ones helping them," she said. The counselor had to "scramble" to figure out if she needed to have students change their applications. She thought it was wrong of CPS to change the tiers so soon before the application deadline, and would have been fairer to wait until it had passed. She also questioned why the district didn't do a quality assurance check back in October.

Of her two students who landed in a higher-numbered tier, "I thought they both could have got into Lane Tech, and now that is definitely off the table," the counselor said. "They are disappointed." Had she known their correct tier earlier, "I would have had them go to more open houses and see other schools."

The tier system is divisive to begin with, she said, and it's hard for students to understand why one day they're "good enough" to go to a particular high school

but the next day, because of a tier change, they're not.

About 75% of students from her school go to selective enrollment high schools, and there's a big difference in options between tier 3 and 4 neighborhoods. Tier 4 students with even a single B on their record can have a difficult time getting into the top selective high schools, she said.

CPS officials did not say why the email to parents only went out this week, but said emails and robocalls went to every family whose tier was adjusted. Some students were placed in tiers with higher numbers, some in lower ones, according to CPS.

While CPS officials have stressed that the tier changes don't affect applications, which are due Friday, parents say knowing the correct tier could have affected where their children applied to in the first place or the lengths they went to in helping students become competitive applicants.

Michael Zaworski, the parent who said he first learned about tier changes in a Facebook group, said the problem could affect some families because schools have cutoff scores for entrance.

"All of a sudden you're not going to get into a school



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Walter Payton College Prep High School is one of the selective enrollment schools in Chicago, where students' tiers can affect their chances of getting in.

that you would have a week ago," Zaworski said. "If you knew your tier was changing, it might change your approach ... maybe find an extra credit project to try to get your grade up if you know it's going to get a little more competitive."

A Facebook discussion in a parent group called Raise Your Hand started Sunday when one parent said she noticed her tier was different from the week before. Others said their tiers had changed in September, October or November. Original tier data for this year was made available Oct. 1, according to CPS.

Zaworski said more transparency about how CPS calculates tiers would be helpful.

To determine which tier

an address falls into, CPS considers achievement scores from schools within the attendance area along with five socioeconomic factors associated with the census tract in which a student lives. Besides median family income and percentage of single-parent households, those include percentage of households where English is not the primary language, percentage of owner-occupied homes and adult education levels.

Each census tract gets a score, which is ranked and divided into four tiers. Each tier is supposed to have a similar number of school-aged children.

Magnet and selective enrollment schools use tiers to help determine the order

in which students are awarded seats. For selective enrollment schools, students are ranked within their tiers, and magnet school seats are filled by computerized lottery, according to CPS.

Different types of non-neighborhood schools use tiers differently. They factor the most in selective enrollment programs, where the first 30% of available seats for entry-grade students are filled based solely on student scores and the rest of the seats are equally distributed among the tiers, with no consideration for siblings or proximity.

At magnet and magnet cluster schools, applicants with siblings already enrolled get first preference. However many seats are left, 40% of magnet spots are set aside for students living in the attendance boundary. Then the rest of the entry-level seats are supposed to be distributed evenly among tiers.

CPS officials checked the calculations from last year and determined they had been done correctly, according to the email to parents. Moving forward, CPS said it will have two separate offices calculate tiers and independently validate the results.

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NATION & WORLD

In top court: Trump vs. subpoenas

Justices to hear claims of immunity to finance probes

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court announced Friday that it will take up President Donald Trump's broad claims of protection from investigation, raising the prospect of a landmark election-year ruling on the limits of presidential power.

A New York prosecutor and three Democratic-led congressional committees have won lower-court decisions granting them access to a broad range of Trump's financial records relating to him personally, his family and his businesses.

Unlike other modern presidents and presidential candidates, Trump has not released his tax returns. He and his personal lawyers have mounted a vigorous effort to keep that information private and defeat attempts to obtain the records from financial institutions and his accounting firm.

The Supreme Court's decision to get involved represents a historic moment that will test the justices and the Constitution's separation-of-powers design. It is the first time the president's personal conduct has come before the court, and marks a new phase in the investigations that have dogged his presidency.

The court includes two Trump nominees, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, and it will draw inevitable comparisons with the dramatic decisions on presidential power the court rendered against Presidents Richard Nixon



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Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. is pursuing tax returns in one of the cases seeking President Trump's records.

and Bill Clinton. In both cases, justices they had nominated to the court voted against them.

Trump's lawyers told the court that the lower-court rulings were wrong, and that prosecutors and congressional committees should not be allowed to launch wide-ranging investigations of the president, especially without the Supreme Court's review.

One case involves Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr.'s attempt to enforce a grand jury subpoena issued to the president's accountants for eight years of Trump's tax records.

A federal investigation of

the president is one thing, Trump's lawyers told the court, but "politically motivated subpoenas like this one are a perfect illustration of why a sitting president should be categorically immune from state criminal process."

A district judge and a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit ruled against Trump, saying Vance's subpoena was proper and the president's longtime accounting firm, Mazars USA, must comply.

Vance's office had agreed to hold off on enforcing the demand until the Supreme Court decided whether it would get involved.

Vance has said his office

needs the records for its investigation into alleged hush-money payments made during the 2016 presidential campaign to Stormy Daniels, an adult film actress, and to former Playboy model Karen McDougal. Both women said they had affairs with Trump several years ago, and Vance's office is examining whether any Trump Organization officials filed falsified business records, in violation of state law, related to the payments. Trump denies the affairs and any wrongdoing.

Trump attorney William Consoy has argued that while in the White House, Trump has "temporary presidential immunity" not

just from prosecution, but also from investigation. At the appeals court hearing in New York, Consoy said in response to a judge's question that the president, for as long as he is in office, could not be investigated even for shooting someone on the streets of Manhattan.

The 2nd Circuit disagreed, and said the prosecutor's request was not out of the ordinary, and that the president did not even have to take action to comply.

"The only question before us is whether a state may lawfully demand production by a third party of the president's personal financial records for use in a grand jury investigation

while the president is in office," wrote Chief Judge Robert Katzmann.

He added in a footnote: "We note that the past six presidents, dating back to President Jimmy Carter, all voluntarily released their tax returns to the public. While we do not place dispositive weight on this fact, it reinforces our conclusion that the disclosure of personal financial information, standing alone, is unlikely to impair the president in performing the duties of his office."

The House Oversight and Reform Committee won access to Trump's financial records in a separate case. The panel said it is looking into possible conflicts of interest and irregularities in the president's financial disclosure reports, and whether additional legislation is needed.

A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit voted 2-1 that the subpoena followed legal precedents.

A third case also comes from the 2nd Circuit, where judges upheld Congress's broad investigative authority, and ordered Deutsche Bank and Capital One to comply with subpoenas for the president's financial information from two House committees, Intelligence and Financial Services.

The committees are seeking more than 10 years of financial records on Trump, his three oldest children — Eric Trump, Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump — and the president's businesses.

The committees say they need the records as part of broad investigations into Russian money laundering and potential foreign influence involving Trump.

Britain's Johnson guides Tories to huge majority

Prime minister cites clear mandate for Brexit by Jan. 31

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LONDON — Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party has won a thumping majority of seats in Britain's Parliament — a decisive outcome to a Brexit-dominated election that should allow Johnson to fulfill his plan to take the U.K. out of the European Union next month.

With 649 of the 650 results declared on Friday, the Conservatives had 364 seats and the main opposition Labour Party had 203.

"We did it — we pulled it off, didn't we?" a jubilant Johnson told supporters. "We broke the gridlock, we ended the deadlock, we smashed the roadblock!"

A few hours later, Johnson was whisked to Buckingham Palace to meet with Queen Elizabeth II as part of the constitutional ritual of forming a new government. He is the 14th prime minister to be asked by the monarch to form a government.

Johnson's victory paves the way for Britain's departure from the European Union by Jan. 31.

The victory makes Johnson the most electorally successful Conservative leader since Margaret Thatcher, another politician who was loved and loathed in almost equal measure. It was a disaster for left-wing Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who faced calls for his resignation even as the results rolled in.

Corbyn said an internal election to choose a new party leader to replace him will happen early next year and that he will step down then.

As the bitter recriminations began about Labour's failed campaign, former Labour Party Home Secretary Alan Johnson called Corbyn "a disaster on the doorstep. Everyone knew that he couldn't lead the working class out of a paper bag."

In the immediate aftermath of the election, 70-year-old Corbyn said he would not lead the party into another election but resisted calls to step down immediately.

President Donald Trump congratulated Johnson on Twitter, and said that "Brit-

ain and the United States will now be free to strike a massive new trade deal after Brexit."

Results poured in early Friday showing a substantial shift in support to the Conservatives away from Labour. In the last election in 2017, the Conservatives won 318 seats and Labour 262.

The result this time delivered the biggest Tory majority since Thatcher's 1980s heyday, and Labour's lowest number of seats since 1935.

The Scottish National Party won almost 50 of Scotland's 59 seats, up from 35 in 2017, a result that will embolden its demands for a new referendum on Scottish independence.

The centrist, pro-EU Liberal Democrats took only about a dozen seats. Lib Dem leader Jo Swinson stepped down after losing in her Scottish constituency.

The Conservatives took a swath of seats in postindustrial northern England towns that were long Labour strongholds. Labour's vote held up better in London, where the party managed to grab the Putney seat from the Conservatives.

The decisive Conserva-



STEFAN ROUSSEAU/PRESS ASSOCIATION

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the Conservative Party leader, is greeted by aides Friday at No. 10 Downing St. in London after an audience with Queen Elizabeth II.

tive showing vindicates Johnson's decision to press for Thursday's early election, which was held nearly two years ahead of schedule. He said that if the Conservatives won a majority, he would get Parliament to ratify his Brexit divorce deal and take the U.K. out of the EU by the current Jan. 31 deadline.

Speaking at the election count in his Uxbridge constituency in suburban London, Johnson said the "historic" election "gives us now, in this new government, the chance to respect the democratic will of the British people to change this country for the better

and to unleash the potential of the entire people of this country."

That message appears to have had strong appeal for Brexit-supporting voters, who turned away from Labour in the party's traditional heartlands and embraced Johnson's promise that the Conservatives would "get Brexit done."

"I think Brexit has dominated, it has dominated everything by the looks of it," said Labour economy spokesman John McDonnell. "We thought other issues could cut through and there would be a wider debate. From this evidence there clearly wasn't"

The prospect of Brexit finally happening more than three years after Britons narrowly voted to leave the EU marks a momentous shift for both the U.K. and the bloc. No country has ever left the union, which was created in the decades after World War II to bring unity to a shattered continent.

But a decisive Conservative victory would also provide some relief to the EU, which has grown tired of Britain's Brexit indecision.

The U.K.'s departure will start a new phase of negotiations between Britain and the 27 remaining EU members.



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Greta Thunberg, 16, was named Time magazine's 2019 Person of the Year.

After Trump insult, Michelle Obama cheers on Thunberg

BY KAYLA EPSTEIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Hours after the president of the United States ridiculed a 16-year-old Swedish climate change activist who was chosen as Time magazine's "Person of the Year," a former first lady came to her defense.

"@GretaThunberg, don't let anyone dim your light," Michelle Obama tweeted at her on Friday morning. "Ignore the doubters and know that millions of people are

cheering you on."

Though Obama did not specify who the "doubters" were, the teenage climate activist has a very vocal one in the White House.

On Wednesday, Time named Thunberg its Person of the Year for her climate activism, which has sparked youth-led protests around the world to demand government action on climate change. She became the youngest person — and one of only a handful of solo women — to receive it.

The next day, Trump

fired off a derisive tweet to his 67 million followers, calling Time's choice "so ridiculous."

"Greta must work on her Anger Management problem, then go to a good old fashioned movie with a friend!" Trump tweeted, before telling her to "Chill Greta, Chill!"

Democratic politicians swiftly criticized the president for attacking a teenage girl who has been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome.

Thunberg and Trump

have become unlikely foils in the international debate over climate change. Thunberg leads a young, global movement of unapologetically frustrated climate change activists while Trump has long espoused climate change skepticism and his administration has attempted to dismantle numerous environmental protections.

Thunberg, a Swedish teen who began skipping school last year to hold weekly climate vigils, has not held back when it

comes to chastising politicians — and older generations — on their inaction on global warming.

At a U.N. climate summit in September, Thunberg told world leaders, "You're failing us, but the young people are starting to understand your betrayal."

Michelle Obama's tweet is not the first time Thunberg has received the endorsement of the former first lady. Thunberg met with President Barack Obama at his Washington office in September.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Japan PM postpones summit in India's violence-hit northeast

GAUHATI, India — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday postponed traveling for a summit with India's leader in the violence-wracked northeast, where two people have been killed in ongoing protests over a new law that grants citizenship based on religion and excludes Muslims.

Thousands of protesters began a hunger strike in Gauhati, the capital of India's northeastern

state of Assam, the morning after rioters defied an overnight curfew and police fatally shot two demonstrators.

Abe was scheduled to travel to Assam and Manipur states on Sunday for a three-day trip to discuss security and economic ties with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Both sides have decided to defer the visit," said Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar.

Ex-PM elected Algeria's new president, to protesters' dismay

ALGIERS, Algeria — Algeria newly-elected president Abdelmadjid Tebboune vowed after his victory was announced Friday to reach out to pro-democracy protesters, who took to the streets en masse to challenge his election at the head of the oil-rich nation crippled by rampant corruption.

Tebboune, a 74-year-old former prime minister, received 58.15% of the

vote, according to results made public Friday by the head of the National Independent Electoral Authority, Mohamed Charfi. Turnout in Thursday's election was just 41%, reflecting the frustration of many Algerians who had hoped to see new faces among the candidates.

Tens of thousands took to the streets on Friday to demand a "free and democratic" Algeria and reject the results.

US should recognize American Samoans as citizens, judge says

SALT LAKE CITY — People born in the territory of American Samoa should be recognized as U.S. citizens, a federal judge in Utah decided Thursday in a case filed amid more than a century of legal limbo but whose eventual impact remains to be seen.

The cluster of Pacific islands southwest of Hawaii is the only place in the country without an automatic claim to citi-

zenship. People born there are labeled U.S. nationals, meaning they pay taxes but cannot vote, run for office or apply for certain government jobs.

It wasn't immediately clear if the ruling applies outside Utah, which has a large number of people who hail from the territory and other Pacific island communities.

The State Department did not have immediate comment on the ruling.



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Chinese students place flowers in front of a memorial Friday to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre. A national day of remembrance marks the mass killing of Chinese at the hands of the Japanese during World War II.

Candidates vow to skip debate rather than cross picket lines

WASHINGTON — All of the presidential candidates who qualified for next week's Democratic debate are threatening to skip the event in response to a labor dispute taking place at the debate venue, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., businessman Andrew Yang, former Vice President Joe Biden, billionaire activist Tom Steyer, Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg said Friday they would refuse to cross

picket lines in solidarity with Unite Here Local 11, which represents food service workers at the university who have been negotiating for a collective bargaining agreement.

"UniteHere11 is fighting for better wages and benefits — and I stand with them," Warren tweeted Friday afternoon. "The DNC should find a solution that lives up to our party's commitment to fight for working people. I will not cross the union's picket line even if it means missing the debate."

Sanders and Yang followed shortly afterward

with their own vows.

"We must live our values and there is nothing more core to the Democratic Party than the fight for working people," Yang tweeted.

Within a few hours, Biden, Steyer, Klobuchar and Buttigieg had followed suit with public statements in support of the union.

"I trust the DNC will find a solution ahead of the debate," Steyer said.

This is the second time labor disputes have thrown a wrench into plans for the sixth Democratic debate, originally scheduled to take place at UCLA.

Judge suspends cutting Texas baby's life support

FORT WORTH, Texas — A judge newly assigned to decide if a Texas hospital can remove a 10-month-old girl from life support against her mother's wishes said Thursday she was allowing more time for a facility to be found that would take Tinslee Lewis, even as a doctor said the

most basic activity "causes pain."

Judge Sandee Bryan Marion of Texas' Fourth Court of Appeals said at the hearing in Fort Worth that she would decide by at least Jan. 2 if Cook Children's Medical Center could remove life support.

Marion said she decided

on the extension because she thought there was a reasonable chance a new facility could be found, and she needed more time to research the case. Marion was assigned to the case this week after a judge who'd granted a temporary restraining order last month was removed.

Poland pushes law to control judges critical of reform

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's right-wing governing party on Friday defended its heavily-criticized plans to impose new restrictions on judges, saying it wants to "discipline" a "caste" of judges that has become too engaged in politics.

Critics say the draft legislation marks a repressive step that flouts the European Union and its values.

The proposed law introduced in the Polish parliament late Thursday is the latest move in the four-year effort by the populist Law and Justice party to gain control of the country's judiciary.

The introduction of the legislation comes after judges became outspoken in their criticism of the ruling party's judicial changes.

Disciplinary measures can include being stripped of the right to work as a judge and penalties.

In Iraq: Iraq's top Shiite cleric Friday denounced the killing of a teenager whose body was strung up by his feet from a traffic pole in a Baghdad square, as conflicting versions emerged about what led to the 16-year-old's death.

Security officials initially told The Associated Press that he had been beaten to death by an angry mob after he killed four anti-government protesters and two shopkeepers in a shooting spree. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with briefing regulations, provided what they said were the names of four of those killed, saying they ranged in age from 18 to 31.

The ministries of interior and health said Friday only that the teen had been killed.

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Ex-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis defended American efforts to rebuild Afghanistan.

Mattis: 'We probably weren't that good' at nation-building

BY DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis defended American efforts to rebuild Afghanistan as part of the 18-year-old U.S. war there, saying Friday that "we had to try to do something in nation-building, as much as some people condemn it, and we probably weren't that good at it."

Mattis described the progress that has been made in Afghanistan since the U.S. military invaded after the September 2001 terrorist attacks. Speaking to journalists at The Washington Post, he cited an increase in the number of Afghan women who are educated, the development of Afghan diplomats and the inoculation of civilians against disease.

Mattis, who oversaw the war as the four-star commander of U.S. Central Command from 2010 to 2013, said that violence in Afghanistan is "so heartbreaking that it can blind you to the progress," and he acknowledged that the United States made a strategic mistake by not paying enough attention to the country as the adminis-

tration of George W. Bush launched the war in Iraq in 2003.

"That we didn't do things right, I mean, I'm an example of it," Mattis said, recalling that as a one-star general, he was pulled out of Afghanistan in the spring of 2002, promoted and told to prepare for war in Iraq. "I was dumbfounded," he said. "But we took our eye off of there."

The comments came in response to questions about investigative reporting by The Washington Post that outlines mistakes made in the war. The series, called "The Afghanistan Papers," includes previously unpublished interviews and memos in which senior officials privately expressed misgivings about the campaign, even as they publicly touted its progress.

As a general, Mattis was among those who frequently spoke about the progress he saw.

In 2010, Mattis testified before Congress that the military component of the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan was sound, and that by "steadfastly executing our strategy we will win in Afghanistan."

In March 2013, he testified that it was "obviously a

combination of progress and violence" on the ground, but that the Afghan forces were "proving themselves capable."

"I think we may have to look at how we're measuring them since they're measuring themselves against the enemy, and they're proving themselves there," Mattis said.

By 2015, the United States was dispatching its own Special Operations troops to stave off security disasters in the south and had stopped a planned withdrawal as scores of Afghan soldiers were killed each month.

Mattis said reports in The Post have prompted the families of fallen service members and some veterans to reach out.

"You can imagine what it's like for the families, and I have heard from them," he said.

Mattis said he assured them that U.S. officials, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Ryan Crocker, a former U.S. ambassador, "were not papering over any of this."

"That it was hard; harder than hell, and that it was understood by all of us," he said.

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Independent booksellers persevere

Despite Amazon and rising costs, industry recovering

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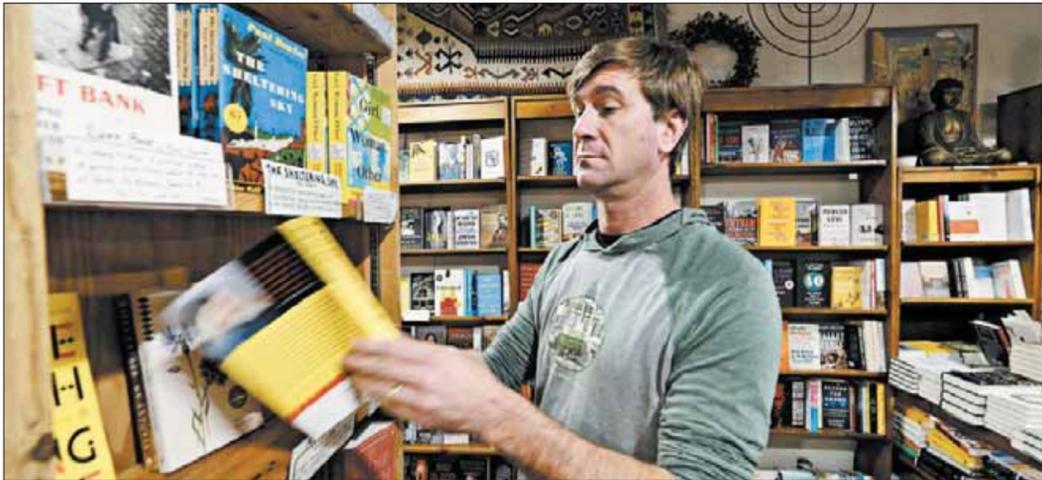
NEW YORK — Pete Mulvihill has felt optimistic enough about selling books that he bought a third bookstore within the past two months.

“The industry is much better than it was — the last four to five years have been pretty healthy,” said Mulvihill, who owns three Green Apple Books and Browser Books shops in San Francisco. The stores have survived the devastation the independent book business suffered after Amazon.com began selling books online and at lower prices in 1995.

But Mulvihill still faces challenges. He’s taken on this latest store because of economies of scale — it’s cheaper to spread administrative costs across three stores instead of two. Like other booksellers, he’s had to change the merchandise he stocks to keep customers coming in and buying even though they can get books cheaper — for example, on Amazon. Although books are his primary items, as much as 15% of sales come from what’s known as non-book merchandise including gifts, music, games, cards, apparel. He also sells used and rare books.

A variety of merchandise is particularly necessary during the holidays, when, Mulvihill said, “there are only so many books that will sell. People come in and they want to buy their uncle a puzzle.”

While book retailers like



Pete Mulvihill looks over one of the books on display at his Browser Books store that he recently opened in San Francisco.

Mulvihill are cautious, statistics from the American Booksellers Association, a trade group for independent booksellers, show a recovery from the industry’s darkest days. The ABA had 1,887 member companies as of May 15, up nearly 35% from 1,401 in 2009. The number of members’ stores totaled 2,524 in May, up more than half from 1,651. Another sign of improving health: the number of books indies have sold. Book sales rose 5% in 2018 from 2017, and in 2017 they were up 2.6% from 2016.

Independent sellers are doing better even as Amazon continues to thrive online and to open its own stores, so far mostly in big metropolitan areas. Amazon does not break out how much revenue it takes in from books. Barnes & Noble, which has been struggling as Amazon continues growing, also does not break out book revenue.

Indies are doing better partly because customers feel a deep connection, even affection, for the shops where they can find kindred spirits in owners and staffers, and where they can touch and leaf through the books. Social media, which helps bookstores build and nurture those relationships, also helps sales, said Dan Cullen, senior strategy officer at the ABA.

“So does the growing “shop local” movement. “Literally millions of consumers are deciding to spend a certain amount of their discretionary income on locally owned stores,” Cullen said.

The indies are also helped by the fact more people are reading printed books rather than electronic versions — sales of e-books fell 37% between 2014 and 2018, according to the Association of American Publishers, an industry group.

Still, independent book selling remains a low-mar-

gin and challenging business. Owners who sell toys and gifts do so because those items are more profitable than books; there’s more price flexibility with nonbook merchandise because publishers print the maximum price on dust jackets. Some shops have installed cafes, making their stores more inviting. These features became popular with the growth of the now-defunct Borders chain, and Barnes & Noble includes them in its stores.

“The way to get people to go to stores is to give them an experience, something they can’t get online,” said Tom Meyvis, a marketing professor at New York University’s Stern School of Business whose work focuses on consumer behavior. “People want to spend some time browsing in stores and with books, this is one of the more agreeable shopping experiences.”

But Christine Onorati, who has WORD bookstores

in Brooklyn, New York, and Jersey City, New Jersey, and has tried these strategies, worries about indies’ ability to sustain their growth.

“We’ve gotten to the point where flat is great,” she said. “If you can stay flat, you’re hanging on and you’re doing OK.”

And bookstores still shut down, especially if rents are so high an owner can’t even break even or if changing demographics mean a neighborhood can’t support a store. Labor costs are also a challenge in states and cities where the minimum wage is rising.

“It essentially comes down to more than anything, rising payroll costs, but also costs like rent and administrative costs,” said Bradley Graham, who has owned Politics and Prose in Washington, D.C., for nearly nine of its 35 years. In Washington, the minimum wage, which was \$12.50 in 2017, has gone up

75 cents each year and is now \$14; it rises to \$15 July 1. The city also has laws requiring companies to give workers paid sick, medical and family leave.

But, Onorati said, “The good news is, when customers walk into the store, there’s an unwritten understanding they could buy cheaper elsewhere. They say, ‘I’m here because I want to be here.’”

The human touch that small bookstores offer draws people in, said Chris Morrow, co-owner of Northshire Bookstore in Manchester Center, Vermont, and Saratoga Springs, New York.

“It’s our ability to listen well and ask questions and connect people with the right book at the right time,” he said. For example, someone who has suffered a loss and is looking for a book on grieving.

Some indies persevere partly because they have legendary status well beyond the cities and towns where they’re located. Politics and Prose is one, and others include Denver’s Tattered Cover and BookPeople in Austin, Texas. A location in a college or university town or a tourism area can boost sales.

Waucoma Bookstore in Hood River, Oregon, gets steady business from people visiting the Columbia River Gorge and the Cascade mountains.

“We definitely have tourists who come in for the bookstore experience,” co-owner Jenny Cohen said. “A lot of them have commented that they like the shop because they no longer have a bookstore in their community.”

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 28,290.73 Low: 28,028.32 Previous: 28,132.05



Nasdaq
Close: 8,734.88
High: 8,768.87
Low: 8,697.58
Previous: 8,717.32
Change: +17.56 (+.20%)

S&P 500
Close: 3,168.80
High: 3,182.68
Low: 3,156.51
Previous: 3,168.57
Change: +.23 (+.01%)

Russell 2000
Close: 1,637.98
High: 1,650.19
Low: 1,632.65
Previous: 1,644.81
Change: -6.83 (-.42%)

10-yr T-note
Change: -.08 to 1.82%

Gold futures
Change: +8.90 to \$1,475.60

Yen
Change: -.02 to 109.32/\$1

Euro
Change: -.0007 to .8992/\$1

Crude Oil
Change: +.89 to \$60.07

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change	30-day % change	1-year % change
DOW +.43	DOW +.47	DOW +16.74
NASD +.91	NASD +2.27	NASD +26.40
S&P +.73	S&P +1.55	S&P +21.88

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	533	536.25	525.75	532.50	+2.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	373.75	374.50	366.25	366.25	-.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	906	917	901.50	907.50	+9.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 20	32.30	32.95	32.30	32.60	-.37
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 20	296.50	299.10	294.50	296.90	+2.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	59.36	60.48	59.27	60.07	+.89
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.341	2.342	2.253	2.296	-.032
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.6325	1.6761	1.6307	1.6632	+.0349

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	86.35	+38	Envestnet Inc	N	69.95	-1.55	McDonalds Corp	N	197.12	+.81
AbbVie Inc	N	87.84	-.89	Equity Commonwlt	N	31.27	-.02	Middleby Corp	O	108.26	-.40
Allstate Corp	N	109.70	-.65	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	69.85	-.08	Mondelez Intl	O	53.24	+.26
Aptargroup Inc	N	113.97	-.21	Equity Residential	N	81.01	-.77	Morningstar Inc	O	148.49	-1.23
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.20	+.29	Exelon Corp	O	43.82	-.28	Motorola Solutions	N	160.50	-1.47
Baxter Intl	N	83.96	+.45	First Indl RT	N	40.80	-.05	NiSource Inc	N	26.88	+.21
Boeing Co	N	341.67	-4.62	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.09	-.43	Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.04	-1.84
Brunswick Corp	N	59.70	-1.14	Gallagher AJ	N	94.45	-.17	Old Republic	N	22.43	-.25
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.50	+.08	Grainger WW	N	332.31	-6.49	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.04	-1.14
CDK Global Inc	O	54.96	+.39	GrubHub Inc	N	43.54	+.96	Paylocity Hldg	O	116.83	+1.84
CDW Corp	O	137.77	+.97	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	109.18	-.58	RLI Corp	N	92.13	-.21
CF Industries	N	45.14	-.26	IAA Inc	N	45.54	-.40	Stericycle Inc	O	64.03	-1.72
CME Group	O	204.59	+1.45	IDEX Corp	N	167.37	+.51	TransUnion	N	85.40	+.88
CNA Financial	N	44.40	+.05	ITW	N	177.27	-1.83	US Foods Holding	N	40.20	+.10
Cabot Microelect	O	136.90	+.35	Ingredion Inc	N	87.69	-1.96	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	253.50	-5.37
Caterpillar Inc	N	145.53	-1.25	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	170.10	-1.17	United Airlines Hldg	O	87.58	-.89
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.38	+.15	Kemper Corp	N	75.64	-.03	Ventas Inc	N	55.50	+.35
Deere Co	N	172.50	-1.32	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.60	-.34	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	57.88	-.70
Discover Fin Svcs	N	86.68	+.30	LKQ Corporation	O	36.11	+.11	Wintrust Financial	O	68.29	-.87
Dover Corp	N	113.65	-.83	Littelfuse Inc	O	188.41	-.07	Zebra Tech	O	257.80	-.48

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
DanaHER Corp	148.52	-2.78
Chesapeake Energy	.79	+0.01
Gen Electric	11.34	-.10
Bank of America	34.44	-2.4
Ford Motor	9.23	-.09
Vale SA	13.06	+1.5
Petrobras	15.31	-.75
Snap Inc A	15.09	+.64
Sthwstn Energy	1.99	-.13
Freeport McMoran	12.87	-.19
EnCana Corp	4.23	+0.03
Uber Technologies	28.49	-.20
PG&E Corp	11.24	-.48
AT&T Inc	38.26	-.09
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.63	+0.03
Transocean Ltd	6.09	+1.15
Oracle Corp	54.51	-1.96
Energy Transfer LP	12.73	+.09
Nokia Corp	3.52	-.05
Allibaba Group Hldg	204.91	+.41
Yamana Gold Inc	3.74	+0.07
Wells Fargo & Co	53.79	-.57
Itau Unibanco Hldg	15.18	+.13
Macys Inc	8.80	-.53

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.26	-.09
Alibaba Group Hldg	204.91	+.41
Alphabet Inc C	1347.83	-2.44
Alphabet Inc A	1346.87	-1.62
Amazon.com Inc	1760.94	+6.61
Apple Inc	275.15	+3.69
Bank of America	34.44	-.24
Berkshire Hath B	225.37	-.55
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.23	-1.11
Facebook Inc	194.11	-2.64
HSBC Holdings prA	26.23	+0.06
JPMorgan Chase	136.81	-1.21
Australia (Dolar)	141.38	+0.04
Morgan & Johnson	296.09	+3.88
MasterCard Inc	154.53	+1.29
Microsoft Corp	125.47	+0.90
Procter & Gamble	58.25	-.36
Taiwan Semicon	185.14	+2.50
Visa Inc	185.14	+2.50
WalMart Strs	120.29	+.53

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.21	+0.1	+17.6
American Funds AMCRNBalA m	28.88	+0.05	+14.4
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	51.76	+0.22	+18.8
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	63.64	+0.18	+13.2
American Funds FdmtInvSA m	64.15	+0.07	+19.3
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	53.52	+0.13	+19.1
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.68	+0.02	+14.4
American Funds InvCmrcA m	40.60	-0.01	+15.7
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	47.96	+0.22	+22.6
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.98	-0.06	+17.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.20	+0.05	+10.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	44.51	+0.32	+16.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	202.12	-.90	+16.3
DoubleLine TRtRetBld	10.69	+0.03	+7.0
Fidelity 500IxdxPrm x	109.81	-0.72	+20.0
Fidelity Contrafund x	13.39	-0.42	+20.8
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.60	+0.04	+10.7
Fidelity THMKtdxInPrm x	88.77	-1.40	+21.5
Fidelity USBDIxdxPrm	11.96	+0.05	+10.0
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	...	+10.0
Metropolitan West TRtRetBld	10.97	+0.05	+10.2
PIMCO IncI2	12.03	+0.03	+7.7
PIMCO IncInStl	12.03	+0.03	+7.8
PIMCO TRtRetns	10.44	+0.06	+9.0
Schwab SP500Ixd	49.36	+0.01	+20.0
T. Rowe Price BCGR x	121.42	-1.12	+20.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk x	71.57	-1.11	+20.4
Vanguard 500IxdAdmrl	293.66	+0.07	+22.0
Vanguard BalIxdAdmrl	39.08	+0.06	+17.1
Vanguard DivGrv	31.31	+0.09	+22.4
Vanguard EqIxdAdmrl	80.19	-0.12	+17.2
Vanguard GrIxdAdmrl	91.80	+0.34	+26.4
Vanguard HCAdmrl	93.05	+0.03	+13.9
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.48	...	+7.6
Vanguard InslxdInx	287.99	+0.07	+22.0
Vanguard InslxdInxPlus	287.99	+0.07	+22.0
Vanguard IntSMIlnPls	68.23	-0.01	+21.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl x	100.23	-0.72	+22.4
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	217.41	-0.36	+21.4
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	152.05	+0.23	+19.5
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.73	+0.02	+6.3
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	78.23	-0.24	+18.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	33.38	+0.10	+14.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.14	+0.06	+15.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	36.87	+0.11	+16.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	22.73	+0.06	+17.1
Vanguard TBMIdxAdmrl	11.09	+0.05	+10.2
Vanguard TBMIdxInx	11.09	+0.05	+10.2
Vanguard TtnBldxAdmrl	23.24	+0.08	+8.9
Vanguard TtnBldxInx	34.87	+0.11	+8.9
Vanguard TtnSldxAdmrl	29.71	+0.18	+6.4
Vanguard TtnSldxInx	118.82	+0.72	+16.4
Vanguard TtnSldxInxPlus	118.82	+0.72	+16.4
Vanguard TtnSldxInv	17.76	+0.11	+16.3
Vanguard TtnSldxInvPlus	78.52	-0.01	+21.4
Vanguard TtnSldxInv	78.53	-0.01	+21.4
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	76.23	+0.16	+18.3
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	67.05	+0.21	+14.3
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	69.40	+0.04	+20.6

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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Judaism is not a nationality

As a Jew, I am horrified and frightened by President Donald Trump's executive order that allows the government to interpret Judaism as a nationality. I understand that White House senior adviser Jared Kushner told him this would fight anti-Semitism on campuses, but there are so many better ways to do it.

How dare he think he can decide our status for us? If our nationality is Judaism, does that mean we are not Americans? Isn't this almost certain to encourage, not discourage, anti-Semitic acts if we are viewed as the "other" in people's midst? Won't it make prejudiced people even less likely to vote for Jewish candidates? There has already been a huge increase in serious anti-Semitic incidents since Trump became president. This is almost bound to make it worse.

Jews are of all countries and even races. It is a cultural and/or religious identity, not a nationality.

I would ask all leaders to pressure Trump to rescind this dangerous decree.

— Joyce Porter, Oak Park

The response to the call for reparations

Thank you for the commentary by Rabbi Jonah Pesner ("As Reform Jews, we must consider reparations for American slavery," Dec. 11). It caused me to read the June 2014 story by Ta-Nehisi Coates in *The Atlantic*. This part really caught my eye: "While the people advocating reparations have changed over time, the response from the country has remained virtually the same."

"They have been taught to labor," the *Chicago Tribune* editorialized in 1891 (as quoted by Coates). "They have been taught Christian civilization, and to speak the noble English language instead of some African gibberish. The account is square with the ex-slaves."

— Janice Gintzler, Crestwood

One issue should unite us all

This world is an overwhelming place with layers of historical conflicts, national hardships and personal grief turned to anger. All of human history has led us to this very moment of bitter strife; however, there is no greater time to be alive. It would be the most devastating dereliction of duty to waste the potential of our future due to the persistent stubbornness of the present.

The one issue that has the power to unite rich and poor, black and white, male and female, or friend and foe is the preservation of our planet. Powerful American leadership can bring our world together and wage war against our own wastefulness and greed. With all the power invested in our public and private sectors, coupled with the iron will of the American people and the desire of all peoples to pass the torch to our children, we must act now.

We may not be able to circumvent natural climatic changes, but we do have the power to change our own behavior. Unless one subscribes to philosophies of self-destruction and terror, human beings of every political, cultural, religious, national and individual orientation must rally around the cause of saving Mother Earth.

There will be no tribunal or international monitoring agency to try this crime against life itself. If we do nothing to counter climate change, we will deserve our fate. There is no fertile ground or alternative planet upon which the human experiment can continue if we fail our own home.

— Henry J.H. Wilson, Barrington

Protecting rights in nursing home care

Every day, families nationwide face the difficult task of finding a suitable long-term care facility for their aging loved ones. This decision is often made in the middle of a crisis, and people feel pressured to get through the admissions process quickly to secure a spot for their relative.

In the piles of forms to complete and documents to sign, consumers can easily miss a critical clause: arbitration agreements that are hidden in plain sight within the fine print of the contract. These agreements deny consumers their right to sue the facility caring for their loved ones, no matter what happens to them, even in cases of deadly medical errors or outright abuse. Stripped of their access to the justice system, residents and their families are forced into a secretive dispute resolution process.

The Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act, which is co-sponsored by Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston, bans long-term care facilities from forcing nursing home residents and their families into signing these pre-dispute, mandatory and binding arbitration agreements.

This legislation is vital to protecting some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Nursing home residents who receive poor care or are neglected or abused have few outlets for their complaints. The administrative agencies charged with governing these facilities are overburdened and under-resourced. Filing a lawsuit is sometimes the best recourse for bringing attention to problems such as short staffing and poor training. And lawsuits are often the only way to get compensation for those who have suffered due to nursing home mismanagement.

These arbitration clauses not only terminate families' right to sue the long-term care facility, but they also serve to limit the compensation families can receive. In many agreements, the facility gets to select and hire the arbitrator, creating a profound conflict of interest.

People sign these agreements unknowingly or without fully understanding the implications of them because the process of securing care is so overwhelming.

Americans must be able to hold the nursing home industry accountable for the care it delivers. Schakowsky, long an advocate for consumers' rights, is to be commended for offering up legislation that strengthens our ability to protect nursing home residents. Families should not have to sign their legal rights away just to secure care for a loved one in need.

— Steven M. Levin, attorney, Chicago



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Dorothy Brown, pictured in January, is not seeking reelection after serving nearly 20 years as the Cook County Circuit Court clerk. Four Democrats and one Republican have filed to run in next year's election to replace her.

Dorothy Brown and the lying deputy: Voters, you can change this

A friend and longtime aide to Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown sobbed in court Thursday as a judge sentenced her to two years in prison for lying to a federal grand jury.

Beena Patel served as a top deputy in Brown's office and oversaw much of Brown's campaign operation. It was in that role that prosecutors say she lied about a \$15,000 payment made to Brown by someone seeking a job. Prosecutors sought a prison term for Patel because they said her lies scuttled a broader federal investigation into Brown, who had been on the feds' radar since at least 2013. In protecting Brown, who wasn't charged, Patel fell on a very sharp sword. She's off to prison. Her boss is set to retire with a nice pension.

Voters, you can help Cook County do better.

After nearly two decades of Brown's reign, Cook County will elect a new circuit court clerk next year. Four Democrats and one Republican filed paperwork earlier this

month to replace her. Not only was Brown the subject of several investigations into her fundraising and hiring practices, she also failed to modernize the office with basic technology despite pledging every campaign cycle to do so. A recent rollout of a computerized upgrade to the criminal court system flopped. Cleaning up that mess and installing a reliable electronic case-management system should be priority No. 1 for the next clerk.

So who's running?

■ Lawyer **Jacob Meister** of Chicago who challenged Brown in a three-way race in 2016. He received 24% of the suburban Cook County vote and 21% of the Chicago vote in the 2016 primary, which also included Ald. Michelle Harris, 8th.

■ State Sen. **Iris Martinez** of Chicago. She recently called on House Speaker Michael Madigan to explain payments made by his top allies to Kevin Quinn, a former Madigan aide accused of sexual harassment. Martinez said the speaker needed to

answer questions about what he knew, or step down as chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois.

■ Former Cook County Commissioner **Richard Boykin** of Oak Park. Boykin lost his county board seat in 2018 to an ally of President Toni Preckwinkle after Boykin led the charge against her 2017 soda tax.

■ **Michael Cabonargi** of Wilmette, a member of the Cook County Board of Review. Cabonargi received the endorsement of the Cook County Democratic Party, which Preckwinkle leads.

The winner of the March Democratic primary will face Republican **Barbara Bellar** of Burr Ridge in November. A physician and former nun, Bellar ran for state Senate in 2012.

So here's your chance, voters, to elect a new circuit court clerk. Pick one committed to overhauling the office both ethically and functionally. Replacing Brown should be relatively painless. There are no big shoes to fill.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

People from China will often ask me, "Why are Westerners like you so obsessed with what happened in Beijing in 1989?" I've never had a succinct answer to this question — until now. Next time, I'll say, "I may be obsessed with 1989, but China's top leaders are even more obsessed with it." The events of that time still reverberate in Beijing's response to the protests racking Hong Kong now. ...

While there's abundant evidence that the Chinese government is absolutely willing to use vicious means to suppress dissent — as with the horrific human rights abuses directed at the Uighurs in Xinjiang — it has also been careful to avoid any images that might recall Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Xi Jinping, like his predecessors, does not want the

international press to be on the scene when a large number of people are killed. China does not want a new iconic photograph capturing its brutality, 30 years after Tank Man. ... And in Xinjiang, the authorities have kept the enormous suffering there out of sight. ...

It matters, though, that people often imagine that the past could repeat itself and sometimes actively try to increase or decrease the chance of this happening. When historians of the future tell the story of 2019, they would do well to focus on two things: how the many protests around the world this year differ from those of 1989 and how fear of the revolutions born in that era haunt some contemporary autocrats.

Jeffrey Wasserstrom, *Los Angeles Times*

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Pianist Jan Lisiecki (center) takes a bow as conductor Manfred Honeck applauds during a performance with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Center.

IN PERFORMANCE

AN ELEGANT DEBUT

Pianist Jan Lisiecki conveys depth, openness with Mozart performance

BY HOWARD REICH

All the heavy lifting in Thursday night's Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert came during the first half, which was most notable for an impressive debut.

Pianists often like to introduce themselves to a new audience with a monumental concerto, thereby establishing their prowess at the keyboard.

But in an era in which phenomenal technique practically is a given, Canadian musician Jan Lisiecki chose a different path for his CSO bow: the elegance of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major, K. 467, with Manfred Honeck conducting.

At 24, Lisiecki has a long and promising future ahead of him, yet one was repeatedly struck by the maturity and insight of this Orchestra Hall performance. Here was a pianist uninterested in speed for its own sake or technical bravura detached from musical intent. To the contrary, virtually everything Lisiecki played conveyed depth of thought and openness of expression.

From the outset, it was easy to admire Lisiecki's keyboard touch: sparkling in quick-moving passages, gently understated in lyrical ones. Conductor Honeck established a stately tempo in the first movement, giving Lisiecki ample opportunity to let the music sing and breathe. Better still, pianist and orchestra consistently communicated with one another, exchanging phrases with a degree of intimacy one sooner expects in a chamber music setting.

All the more in the second movement, perhaps most widely known from its inclusion in the 1967 film "Elvira Madigan." Here pianist and orchestra whispered to one another, Lisiecki's genteel legato lines answered in kind by CSO instrumentalists. Unfortunately, a strange, high-pitched buzzing sound easily heard in Orchestra Hall's lower balcony proved quite distracting during the most hushed moments.

Still, there was no mistaking the finale's playfulness, and by this point Lisiecki, Honeck and the orchestra very nearly con-



Lisiecki makes his debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Thursday evening.

verged as one. In the end, this concerto performance was all about clarity and human scale, the music played for urgent communication and nothing else.

The audience demanded an encore and received one, Lisiecki offering Chopin's Nocturne in C-sharp Minor, Op. Posth. This extraordinarily delicate and poetic performance pointed to Lisiecki's insights as interpreter and made one yearn to hear him play the Chopin concertos in concert.

Conductor Honeck opened the program with the first CSO performance of "Resurrexit" by Mason Bates, whose tenure as the orchestra's composer-in-

residence ended in 2015. The work addresses the resurrection story via lush, shimmering color and intricately woven thematic layers. You didn't have to follow the program notes to track its progress, the mystical opening pages giving way to prayerful contemplation and, finally, the dramatic stirrings of rebirth. All this unfolded in about 10 minutes, giving the work a vivid arc, expressed via virtuosic orchestral writing and performance.

For the concert's second half, Honeck turned to a frothier tone with music of Johann Strauss, Jr. and his brother, Josef. Honeck conjured gran-

diosity without bombast in the overture to Johann Strauss, Jr.'s "The Gypsy Baron" and considerable elan in various polkas and the "Voices of Spring" Waltz. Josef Strauss' "Fireproof" Polka was the encore, rendering the second half little more than a compendium of encores.

The program will be repeated through Saturday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org

Recording note: CSO music director Riccardo Muti opened the 2018-19 season with a gripping performance of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar." A live recording will be released on CD and digital download Jan. 17, 2020. The work contemplates the machine-gun massacre of 33,771 Jews at Babi Yar, in Ukraine, Sept. 29-30, 1941, as well as thousands more Jews, non-Jews, Communists, gypsies, Soviet prisoners and others in subsequent months. Recorded live, this will be the CSO's 10th recording with Muti on its CSO Resound label.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Land of Forgotten Toys' ★★ 1/2

Musical has satisfying moments but is consistently overplayed

BY CHRIS JONES

My Christmas wish: honest, truthful holiday stories.

Why do so many seasonal shows suffer from chronic overacting? Take, for example, the new musical at the Greenhouse Theater Center, "The Land of Forgotten Toys."

Here we have a sweet, fresh, kid-friendly story about a young woman who feels trapped in her unpleasant aunt's Sheboygan toy store and wants to escape as soon as possible to college. But she finds herself on an adventure to the titular locale, a kind of frozen tundra of discarded playthings — trivia games, play ovens, karaoke mach-

When: Through Dec. 29

Where: Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes

Tickets: at 773-404-7336 or www.landofforgotten.toysthemusical.com

ines, all lorded over by Santa's bitter sister. By the end of 90 minutes, our heroine, Grace, has figured out how to save these poor toys and, of course, reconcile her obligation to her family heritage with her personal ambition.

Cool idea. Perfectly lovely story. And there are some delightful songs in



ZEKE DOLEZALEK PHOTO

Mary-Margaret Roberts and Bre Jacob are the leads in "The Land of Forgotten Toys" at the Greenhouse Theater Center.

the show (book and lyrics are by Jaclyn and Jennifer Enchin and the music is by

Dylan MarcAurele). In fact, this score could compete with a lot of far more fa-

mous holiday attractions, and if you're a fan of pop Broadway, you might want to catch this show just to hear MarcAurele's tunes.

Even better, the show's cast has some very decent young, non-union talent, including Quinn Kelch, Joshua Bishop and, in the two lead roles, Bre Jacobs and Mary-Margaret Roberts. The members of this quartet are great singers and charming folk with whom to share a holiday evening. The final number, "There is Always a Light," brought a tear to my eye, and I watched a gaggle of 'tween girls in the row ahead of mine all oohing and ah-ing with pleasure.

Alas, though, this inventive show is consistently

overplayed: At the Greenhouse, the audience is right there, just a few feet away, and we don't need to be sold as if we're at Radio City. Moreover, even forgotten toys and icy queens have their own realities.

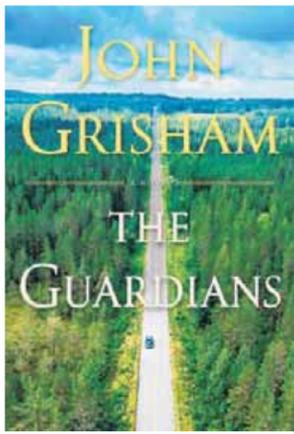
All everyone has to do here — assuming director Nicholas Reinhart can pick up the sluggish pace and eliminate pauses longer than the most challenging chimney — is to embrace the reality of the character they're playing. Our hearts will do the rest.

There is, I swear, a really good little musical locked somewhere away in here. *Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.*
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NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"The Guardians"** by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 3*



2. **"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse"** by Charlie Mackesy (HarperOne) *Last week: 22*

3. **"Criss Cross"** by James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 2*

4. **"Strange Planet"** by Nathan W. Pyle (Morrow Gift) *Last week: 7*

5. **"A Minute to Midnight"** by David Baldacci (Grand Central) *Last week: 4*

6. **"The Institute"** by Stephen King (Scribner) *Last week: 6*

7. **"Twisted Twenty-Six"** by Janet Evanovich (Putnam) *Last week: 5*

8. **"Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte) *Last week: 8*

9. **"The Rise of Magicks"** by Nora Roberts (St. Martin's) *Last week: 1*

10. **"Spy"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) *Last week: 9*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The New Frontier"** by Ree Drummond (Morrow) *Last week: 1*



2. **"The Blue Zones Kitchen: 100 Recipes to Live to 100"** by Dan Buettner (National Geographic) *Last week: —*

3. **"Guinness World Records 2020"** by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records) *Last week: 2*

4. **"Me: Elton John Official Autobiography"** by Elton John (Holt) *Last week: 3*

5. **"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice"** by Michelle Obama (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: 5*

6. **"Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory That Changed American History"** by Brian Kilmeade (Sentinel) *Last week: 9*

7. **"I Really Needed This Today: Words to Live By"** by Hoda Kotb (Putnam) *Last week: 11*

8. **"A Warning"** by Anonymous (Twelve) *Last week: 6*

9. **"Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us"** by Donald Trump Jr. (Center Street) *Last week: 4*

10. **"Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know"** by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown) *Last week: 8*

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— Publishers Weekly



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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GHOSTERS BECOME FRIENDSHIP ZOMBIES

Dear Amy: A few years ago, friends of many years ghosted me, for no apparent reason. This was painful and confusing. I moved on, maintaining friendships with others in what had been our common social group.

Now, as suddenly as I was exiled years ago, my former friends, "The Ghosters," have begun including me once again in invitations. I'm not sure how to respond, although I guess the stress I am feeling right now indicates that I have a clear choice?

— Ghosted

Dear Ghosted: The act of "ghosting" (cutting someone off suddenly and without explanation) is intended to protect the perpetrator from consequences. Sometimes people ghost others because it would not be safe for them to actually say "goodbye," but mainly, ghosting is an act of social cowardice. The person being ghosted is supposed to catch on over time that the relationship is a non-starter, or over. Both parties are expected to move on.

All of this is a relationship-ending reality. But in your case, the ghosters have come back from the dead and are now engaged in yet more behavior that you are supposed to both ignore and accept.

They are friendship zombies. This invitation has you feeling stressed and bewildered. You don't sound grateful to hear from them or eager to wordlessly re-enter their lives. However, unlike the period where you were being ignored by them, you now have a little bit of power. You can ghost them, by

not acknowledging any contact from them. You can politely refuse their invitation: "Thank you for inviting me, but I have other plans."

Or you can respond: "Hi, George and Martha. After a very long period of no contact from either one of you, I've now received an invitation to spend time with you. This is confusing. Has something changed?"

They might respond with a sensitive explanation of what triggered their ghosting. You will then have the opportunity to acknowledge and (perhaps) forgive. Most likely, they will revert to their previous technique of being silent in order to avoid the awkwardness of explaining themselves.

You should figure out exactly what you really want to do, and then do it.

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I have been together for just over six blissful months. We have talked about marriage, kids and a future together. We are pretty young (both 22) and live in an expensive town, so he lives with his mom and I live with roommates.

He hasn't told his mom that we are dating. He even lied to her about a four-day vacation we went on, saying that he went with friends, so that he didn't have to tell her that we are together.

I have expressed that it really bothers me that he won't tell his mom. He refuses to tell her because she is somewhat toxic and manipulative.

Every time he goes out with me, he's lying to her about where he is.

I gave him an ultimatum that if he doesn't tell his

mom soon, the relationship probably wouldn't work out. He broke up with me, and I am heartbroken. Do you think we could work this through? Am I wrong to want him to tell his mom?

— Sad

Dear Sad: You are not at all wrong to want honesty and full disclosure.

But ... you don't know this man's mother. You are still becoming acquainted with the wider world, but yes, there are people out there who cannot be trusted to handle the truth. If your guy's mother is toxic, manipulative and controlling, he is naturally going to want to operate well below her radar.

His eagerness to live his own life on his own terms should accelerate his efforts to move out. You behaved according to your own values, and, regardless of whether you two can reconcile, it is never wrong to assert your own needs.

Dear Amy: Thank you for the advice to "Stressed Server" to not read online reviews unless directed to do so by the manager. While negative reviews can be very useful, they can also be petty and unkind. It is the manager's job to wade through them and choose the appropriate response.

— Restaurant Manager

Dear Manager: A wise editor once told me, "Don't read the comments. That's my job."

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'AMERICAN DHARMA' ★★★

Trump frenemy Bannon gets the best of perplexed filmmaker

By KENNETH TURAN
Los Angeles Times

"American Dharma" is the gospel according to Stephen K. Bannon — a feature-length conversation with the Trump White House's former chief political adviser that is both more interesting and more depressing than you might be expecting.

Structured as a dialogue with director Errol Morris, "Dharma" was criticized when it premiered at the Venice International Film Festival more than a year ago as giving too uncritical a platform to Bannon, whose appeals to naked nationalism led to his forced exit from the Trump administration after 2017's fatal Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

But Morris has never been the relentless Mike Wallace of directors, preferring instead, in films like "The Fog of War" (with Robert McNamara) and "The Unknown Known" (with Donald Rumsfeld), to be a leisurely interlocutor, giving subjects the proverbial rope needed for self-destruction.

Bannon, as glib and charismatic as they come, takes full advantage of this, not neglecting to butter up the director by emphasizing how blown away he was by "Fog of War." And, in truth, both men seem to be inordinately pleased by the opportunity to talk to each other.

A considerable amount of the talk, surprising even given the fact that Bannon worked for years in Hollywood, has to do with the movies, specifically a handful of Bannon's favorites which he is only too happy to wax enthusiastically about to Morris.

Say what you will about the man, he does have classic taste, with films such as John Ford west-



UTOPIA

"American Dharma" is a documentary directed by Errol Morris about political strategist Steve Bannon.

MPAA rating: R (for language and some sexual material)

Running time: 1:35

Opens: Friday

erns "The Searchers" and "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" sharing screen time with Stanley Kubrick's anti-war drama "Paths of Glory" as well as Bannon's favorite film, the Gregory Peck-starring 1949 "Twelve O'Clock High."

Peck plays a World War II general who has to be tough in order to make his men as good as they can be. It's not that he wants to be that way, Bannon says, "he understands that it's his dharma," a Buddhist term that he defines as "duty, fate, destiny."

Bannon sees himself and Trump in those terms, as men who had to do what had to be done if the "fairly radical restructuring of the permanent political class" he felt was necessary to rescue the country from nebulous "elites" was to happen.

"This can't be a pillow fight," Bannon says before characterizing Trump as "a blunt force instrument" and "an armor-piercing shell," terms he intends as the highest of praise.

Perhaps the most fascinating film discussion

relates to Orson Welles' "Chimes at Midnight," where King Henry V turns his back on his old friend and mentor Sir John Falstaff just the way President Trump turned his back on Bannon, a man who had helped make him president.

Except that Bannon does not see Falstaff as a man scorned, not in the slightest. "It was not betrayal, it was the natural order of things," he insists. "It had to happen."

Though this film analysis has its interest, the most involving parts of "American Dharma" are not Bannon expounding on his political philosophy but his postmortem on the campaign he helped run against Hillary Clinton.

Then there is Bannon's version of how he turned the Trump campaign around after coming onboard when the candidate was "double digits down in the polls."

Completely self-congratulatory though this material is, it also gives a disheartening picture of manipulation and gullibility. If, as H.L. Mencken claimed, nobody ever lost money underestimating the intelligence of the American public, that apparently continues to be true where political matters are concerned.

DANNY AIELLO 1933-2019

Actor with roles in 'Do the Right Thing,' 'Moonstruck'

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Danny Aiello, 86, the blue-collar character actor whose long career playing tough guys included roles in "Fort Apache, the Bronx," "Moonstruck" and "Once Upon a Time in America" and his Oscar-nominated performance as a pizza man in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing," has died.

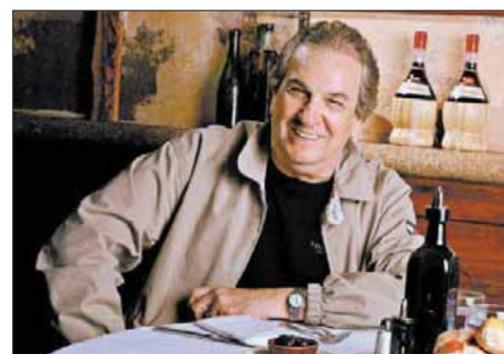
Aiello died Thursday night after a brief illness, said his publicist, Tracey Miller. "The family asks for privacy at this time," she said in a statement.

In a tweet, Cher mourned the man she called "a genius comedic actor." The two had starred in "Moonstruck," and she called it "one of the happiest times in my life."

Recognizable, if not famous, for his burly build and husky voice, he was an ex-union president who broke into acting in his 30s and remained a dependable player for decades, whether vicious or cuddly or some of each.

His breakthrough, ironically, was as the hapless lover dumped by Cher in Norman Jewison's hit comedy "Moonstruck." His disillusion contributed to the laughter, and although he wasn't nominated for a supporting-role Oscar (Cher and Olympia Dukakis won in their categories), Aiello was inundated with movie offers.

"Living in New York City gave me training for any role," he said in a 1997 interview. "I've seen people killed, knifed. I've got scars on my face. I have emotional recall when I work; the idea is simply to re-create it. I've seen it and experienced it. I've played gangsters, teachers, but most of my work has been in the police area. And for that I'm adored by the



JIM COOPER/AP 2001

Oscar-nominated character actor Danny Aiello died Thursday night after a brief illness. He was 86.

police in New York City?"

The ebullient Aiello became a favorite of several directors, among them Woody Allen, who used him in the Broadway play "The Floating Light Globe" and the movies "Broadway Danny Rose," "The Purple Rose of Cairo" and "Radio Days."

Lee was another admirer and for "Do the Right Thing" cast Aiello as a pizzeria operator in a black neighborhood of Brooklyn, the movie climaxing with a riot that destroys his eatery. "This is my pizzeria!" he cried. Lee had first offered the role to Robert De Niro, but Aiello's performance brought him an Oscar nomination for supporting actor.

Among his other movies: "Fort Apache, the Bronx" (as a cop who threw a boy from a building), "Once Upon a Time in America," "Harlem Nights," "Jack Ruby" (as Ruby) and "City Hall."

Daniel Louis Aiello Jr. was born to Italian parents. His father, a laborer, left the family of seven children, and Daniel started working at age 9 selling newspapers, working in a grocery store and bowling alley, shining shoes and loading trucks. In his teenage years, he joined a

street gang and, he claimed, engaged in burglary and safe-cracking. He dropped out of high school before graduating, got married in 1955 and joined the Army.

After three years in the service, he worked at several factory jobs, landing as a baggage man at Greyhound. The ambitious Aiello rose to become president of the transit union.

But when Greyhound accused him of starting a wildcat strike and the union leaders agreed, Aiello quit his job.

He worked at one job after another, and in 1970 was hired as a bouncer at the New York comedy club Improvisation. One night, he was asked to act as an assistant emcee. "It was no big deal; it was just 'Danny, go up and announce the acts,'" he recalled in 1997. "There was a little bantering between acts, and I kept that short. I was terrified."

Yet Aiello soon branched out, playing small roles in the movies "Bang the Drum Slowly" and "The Godfather, Part II" and as the bartender lead in a musical play "Lamppost Reunion." Starting in 1980 he averaged three films a year, plus appearances in theater and television.

WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Poppy

“DreamWorks Trolls Holiday” (7:30 p.m., NBC): Many of the voice-cast members of the 2016 “Trolls” movie reprise their roles in this sequel of sorts. Poppy — voiced again by Anna Kendrick — becomes determined to restore holidays to her world, and specifically to the Bergens, who don’t have them. Justin Timberlake, Zooey Deschanel, James Corden and Christopher Mintz-Plasse also return vocally.

“Matchmaker Christmas” (5 p.m., Lifetime): When she isn’t working as an editor at a book publishing company, Maggie (Emily Rose) amuses herself by playing matchmaker for her friends, but she’s thrown for a loop when her old college boyfriend Jaxson (Corey Sevier) shows up at her office as a recently signed author. He immediately catches the appreciative eye of Maggie’s boss, Amanda (Melanie Nelson) in this 2019 holiday romance.

“Holiday Date” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Brooke (Brittany Bristow), an aspiring clothing designer, already was nervous about going home for the holidays, since her professional life has been going nowhere, but then her boyfriend, Ethan (Edward Ruttle), makes things worse by breaking up with her. Horrified at having to face her family under these circumstances, Brooke persuades Joel (Matt Cohen), a new actor acquaintance, to go home with her and assume the “role” of Ethan.

“A Christmas Winter Song” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Ashanti stars as Clio, the owner of a Christmas shop who befriends Fred (Stan Shaw), a former jazz singer who is now homeless during this yuletide season. She even invites him to perform for her customers while they’re shopping. Having recently lost her father, Clio tries to help Fred reconcile with his long-estranged daughter, Mia (Sashani Nichole), and his grandchildren in time for the annual Christmas concert.

“Christmas in Montana” (8 p.m., HMM): Sara (Kellie Martin) travels from Los Angeles to Montana, where she’s tasked with turning around the fortunes of a struggling cattle ranch, where the owner may be about to spend his last Christmas season. Sara’s brisk, all-business manner clashes with the more laid-back style of Travis (Colin Ferguson), the ranch owner. As they spend time together and join in local traditions, however, Sara is charmed and delighted by this life of simple joys.

“Green Book” (8 p.m., Showtime): Mahershala Ali won his second Academy Award as best supporting actor for his performance as black classical and Jazz pianist Don Shirley in this 2018 biographical dramedy from director and co-writer Peter Farrelly. Embarking on a tour through the segregated American South of the mid-20th century, Shirley hires burly New York bouncer Frank Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) to accompany him as driver and bodyguard.

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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 14

	PM	MOVIES					
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ©	Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns ©	(9:01) 48 Hours (N) ©	News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	How to Train Your Dragon	Trolls Holiday	Dateline NBC ©	Saturday Night Live (N) ©	NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)	
	ABC 7	The Wonderful World of Disney Presents The Little Mermaid Live! ©			20/20: “The Hustlers.” ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	Friends ©	Friends © (Part 1 of 2)	Friends © (Part 2 of 2)	Friends ©	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	Larry Potash
	Antenna 9.2	B. Miller	B. Miller	Soap ©	Soap ©	Johnny Carson ©	
	Court 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Crimes	Crimes
	PBS 11	Il Volo: Ten Years ©			Brit Floyd: 40 Years of the Wall ©		Fascism in Europe ♦
	CW 26.1	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers
	The U 26.2	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cheaters ©		Forensic Factor	Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: “The Two Faces of Dr. Jekyll.” (N) ©			Star Trek ©		B. Rogers ♦
	H&I 26.4	The District: “The Jackal.”	The District ©		The District ©		Hill Street ♦
	Bounce 26.5	♦ All About the Benjamins		Lethal Weapon 4 (R,’98) ♦♦	♦♦ Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. ©		
	FOX 32	The Masked Singer: “A Pain in the Mask; Two Masks Take It Off: Holiday Semi-Finals.” ©			Fox 32 News at Nine Saturday		24 Hours-Hell ♦
	Ion 38	♦ Best Christmas Ball Ever!	Christmas Matchmakers (NR,’19) Vivica A. Fox.				Rent-an- ♦
	TeleM 44	♦ The Secret Life of Pets	Collateral Damage (R,’02) ♦ Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Noticiero
MNT 50	AHL Hockey: Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)					Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Teletón USA: Una causa que nos une					Sex ♦	
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	♦ (6) The Nativity Story ♦♦	♦♦ María				Noticias 66	
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: “Live PD -- 12.14.19.” (N) (Live) © ♦			
	AMC	♦ (6) Elf (PG,’03) ♦♦♦ ©		Elf (PG,’03) ♦♦♦ Will Ferrell, James Caan. ©			Ice Age ♦
	ANIM	Crikey! It’s the Irwins (N)		Secret Life-Zoo (N)			Life Zoo ♦
	BBCA	Planet Earth: The Hunt		Madagascar (N) ©		Planet Earth: The Hunt	Earth-Hunt ♦
	BET	Holiday Heist (NR,’19) Chaley Rose, Jatone Smith. ©				Holiday Heist (NR,’19) Chaley Rose. ♦	
	BIGTEN	BIG Show	BIG Show	Big Ten Elite ©		BIG Show	BIG Show
	BRAVO	♦ (6:50) Couples Retreat (PG-13,’09) ♦♦ Vince Vaughn. ©				(9:22) Couples Retreat ♦	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	S.E.E. Chi
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		Inside Evil-Cuomo (N)		Inside Evil-Cuomo (N)	Inside (N) ♦
	COM	♦ CHIPS (’17) ♦ (7:45) Wedding Crashers (R,’05) ♦♦♦ Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. ©					
	DISC	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered (N) © ♦			
	DISN	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Sydney-Max	Gabby
	DI	♦ (5:25) Pretty Woman ♦♦♦	♦ (8:10) Pretty Woman (R,’90) ♦♦♦ Richard Gere. © ♦				
	ESPN	Heisman Trophy (N)		Boxing: Terence Crawford vs. Egidijus Kavaliauskas. (N) (Live)			
	ESPN2	UFC 245: Usman vs. Covington - Prelims (N) (Live)				College Basketball (N) ♦	
	FNC	Watters’ World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)	Watters ♦
	FOOD	Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie	Cookie ♦
	FREE	♦ Home Alone 2		(8:15) Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG,’00) ♦♦♦			
	FX	The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,’17) ♦♦ Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson. ©					Amazing ♦
	HALL	Holiday Date (NR,’19) Brittany Bristow. ©				Christmas at Graceland: ♦	
	HGTV	Caribbean	Caribbean	Mexico (N)	Mexico (N)	Beach (N)	Beach (N)
	HIST	Ancient Aliens: Declassified: “Unexplained Architecture.” (N) © ♦					
	HLN	Real Life Nightmare (N)		Real Life Nightmare ©		Real Life Nightmare ©	Nightmare ♦
	IFC	♦ National-European		Vegas Vacation (PG,’97) ♦ Chevy Chase. ©			
	LIFE	A Christmas Winter Song (NR,’19) Ashanti. ©				(9:05) A Twist of Christmas (’18) © ♦	
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word	11th Hour ♦
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculousness ©	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©				Postgame	Bulls (N)
	NICK	♦ (6) Paddington (’14) ♦♦♦ Most Musical Family		Friends ©		Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION	♦ (6) Man on Fire (R,’04) ♦♦ Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning.				The Negotiator (’98) ♦♦♦ ♦	
OWN	♦ Carole’s Christmas		Ready to Love		Ready to Love (Season Finale) (N)	Ready ♦	
OXY	The Piketon Family Murders ©				Criminal Confessions	Homicide ♦	
PARMT	(7:05) The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13,’10) ♦♦ Kristen Stewart. ©					Twilight ♦	
SYFY	♦ Mad Max: Fury Road ♦♦♦ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG,’12) ♦♦					Futurama	
TBS	The Grinch	The Elf on the Shelf	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	
TCM	Gandhi (PG,’82) ♦♦♦ Ben Kingsley. A portrait of the man who led India to independence. © ♦						
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‘BLACK CHRISTMAS’ ♦♦♦

Fun modernization of classic aims to smash the patriarchy

By **KIMBER MYERS**
Los Angeles Times

The biggest gross-out moment in “Black Christmas” isn’t the gory death of a sorority girl at the gloved hands of a masked killer. Instead, it’s the scene where a cop globs mayonnaise onto white bread. This PG-13 remake of Bob Clark’s 1974 slasher classic follows in the feminist footsteps of its predecessor, while still subverting audience expectations at each opportunity. Fans of the original — and those who like their horror movies deadly serious and brimming with blood — might not love writer-director Sophia Takal’s take, but “Black Christmas” is a fun film that gets its kicks out of literally smashing the patriarchy.

Structural misogyny is alive and well on the Hawthorne College campus, whether in the form of white-male-author-loving professor Gelson (Cary Elwes) or the fraternities like Delta Kappa Omega where sexual assault is brushed under the beer-stained rugs. But Riley (Imogen Poots) and her sorority sisters at Mu Kappa Epsilon are fighting back, and their efforts have made them targets of a killer who is stalking the quad as campus quiets for the holidays. Sorority girls — ahem, women — begin disappearing, while Riley is getting creepy DMs from someone claiming to be Hawthorne’s long-dead founder who seems to have chosen her as his next victim.

While Takal’s previous work — her stunning debut “Always Shine” and the solid “New Year, New You” episode of Hulu’s “Into the Dark” — focused on the pain women inflict on one another as a result of society’s pressures, “Black Christmas” is more concerned with men as its villains. Clark’s film wore its sec-



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Sorority sisters realize they are being stalked by someone in “Black Christmas.”

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for violence, terror, thematic content involving sexual assault, language, sexual material and drinking)

Running time: 1:33

ond-wave feminism on its ’70s-era blouse sleeves, so it shouldn’t be surprising that Takal’s “Black Christmas” is a women’s horror film for a new generation, full of cheeky pro-female T-shirts and casual talk about men-

strual cups. But this version doesn’t just update the disturbing phone calls of the original for menacing DMs; it gives the sorority sisters the agency to fight back in ways Clark’s movie didn’t. The script from Takal and April Wolfe isn’t subtle in its message about the dangers of toxic masculinity and rape culture versus the power of female solidarity, but it also has fun with its feminist themes in ways that will have like-

minded viewers cheering and the less-enlightened shaking their fists. While the commentary is pointed,

their screenplay is often blunt, hammering home the film’s larger ideas. Beyond Riley, the sorority

sisters feel largely interchangeable.

The PG-13 rating for “Black Christmas” might seem like a ploy for a larger, younger audience, but the lack of explicit violence feels more like a deliberate choice for Takal. The genre often glorifies in the gory deaths of women, but “Black Christmas” cuts away from the kill shot.

This doesn’t always work — sacrificing visual coherence and sometimes leaving the audience wondering exactly what just happened — but it subverts the usual visual pleasures and terrors of horror films in a manner aligned with its larger themes. This remains a horror film, but it’s a sometimes enjoyably goofy one that prefers to make its audience laugh than to make them scream.

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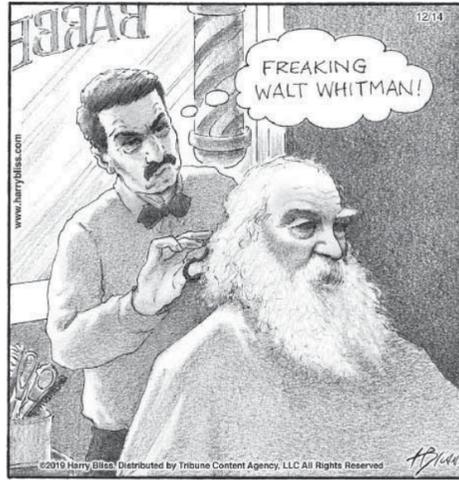
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4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
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up the spade suit without a loser. South should play his ace of hearts and is in great shape when West follows. He should then lead a diamond to dummy's king, ruff dummy's remaining club, and then cash two more diamonds. He can then exit with a trump.

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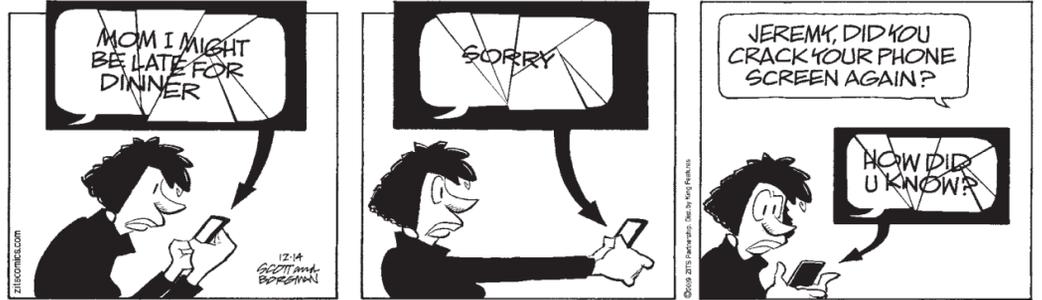
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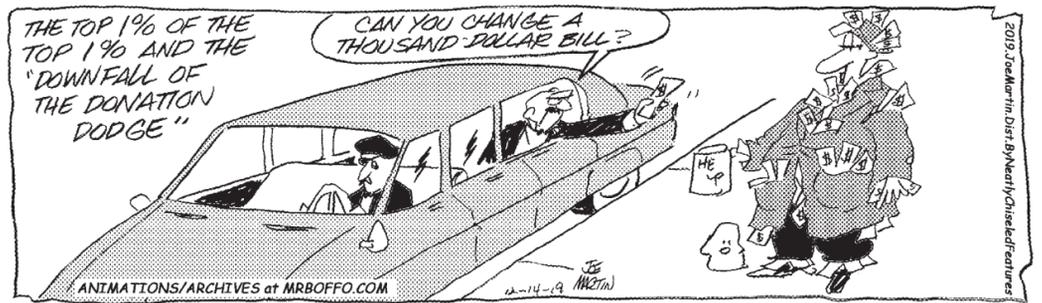
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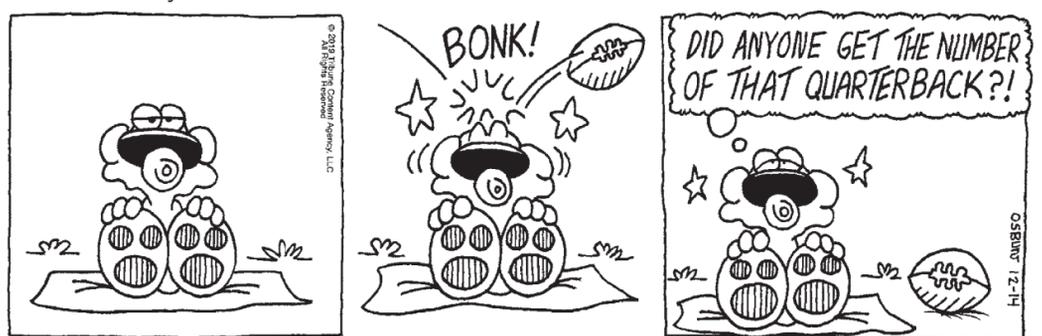
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BEARS

'He had a different look'

Why Trubisky's performance against Cowboys gives QBs coach Ragone reason to believe

BY DAN WIEDERER

A reassuring thing happened last week. Dave Ragone experienced it from the Bears sideline with a heightened level of pride. Quarterback Mitch Trubisky, it seemed, had found the proper headspace and locked himself in.

On the second play of the Bears' 31-24 victory against the Cowboys, Trubisky faked a handoff to David Montgomery and rolled right. Yet when neither Javon Wims nor Tarik Cohen sprung open, the quarterback decisively took off and turned nothing into 5 yards.

The chains moved. Four snaps later, Trubisky's timing wasn't crisp enough after play action to pull the trigger on a dart up the left hash to Allen Robinson. So again, he surveyed the green grass and made a quick decision to scramble up the middle.

Thirteen yards. Another first down. Fist pumps all around. "What you've done now is created first downs and new downs," Ragone said. "Now the defense has to account for a whole new set of downs as well as the fact that you took off and ran."

Two plays after that? Well, Trubisky threw an ugly interception, his fourth turnover in the red zone this season.

Yet just as much of the Soldier Field crowd was readying to break the glass

and pull the alarm, Ragone saw Trubisky come back to the sideline with very little discouragement, his natural disappointment elbowed aside by a carefree determination.

"He had a different look," Ragone said. Iffy decision? Sure. Poor throw? Absolutely. But in explaining the sequence, Ragone noticed, Trubisky had seen the play properly. Just as important, he seemed unruffled by his blunder.

"I just think it was in his eyes," Ragone said. "Obviously being with him as long as I have, it was his ability to understand what just happened — to translate that, to process that, to give back the communication. The play's different from my vantage point. ... But for him to be able to see something that has happened within four or five seconds and spit it right back at me without having to see the pictures, that in itself provides clarity and communication from the quarterback to me that, 'Hey, I am seeing the same things.'"

And from there against the Cowboys? "He goes right back out there," Ragone said, "and leads the rest of the game the way he should, as if that pick never happened. That was a great sign."

The Bears' next four possessions hummed along. Touchdown. Field goal. Touchdown. Touchdown.

Trubisky played with confidence. He made the kind of conviction throws the coaching staff has been wanting to see. He ran as well as he has all season. The

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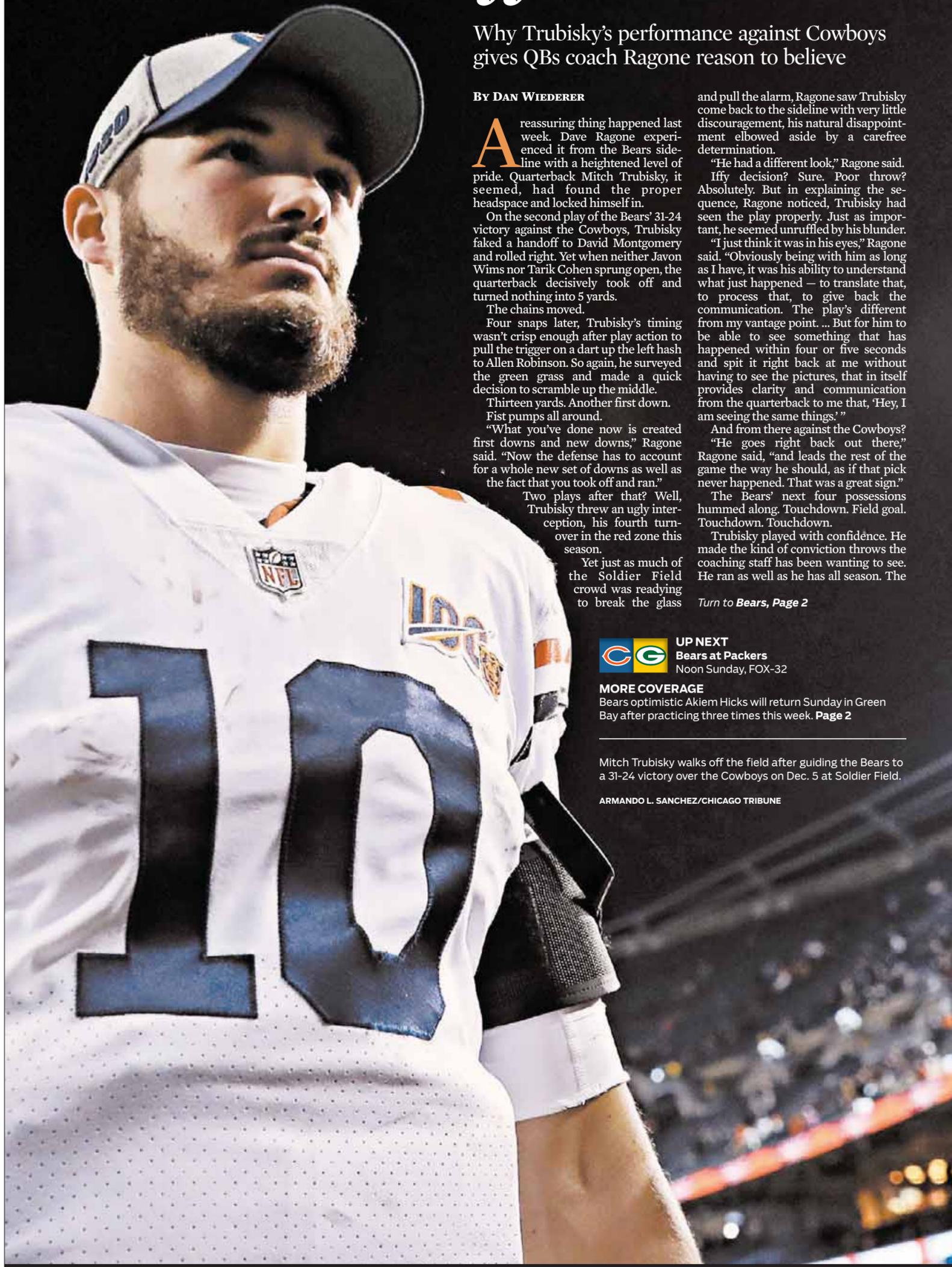
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Bears optimistic Akiem Hicks will return Sunday in Green Bay after practicing three times this week. **Page 2**

Mitch Trubisky walks off the field after guiding the Bears to a 31-24 victory over the Cowboys on Dec. 5 at Soldier Field.

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BULLS

Young is 'rolling with' limited role with Bulls

'Not best-case scenario,' but veteran forward says he won't seek trade

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Thaddeus Young surveyed the reporters gathered to talk with him after the Bulls' morning shootaround Friday — a day after he expressed his unhappiness with his limited role in a couple of published reports — and he knew what was he in for.

"Can't tell me I didn't know this was coming," he laughed.

Young, 31, is averaging 21.6 minutes in his first season with the Bulls, the fewest since his rookie year with the 76ers in 2007-08. He didn't say he was dissatisfied with his role or tell reporters he wants to be traded.

That wouldn't be Young's style.

The 13-year veteran has a reputation of being a professional and welcome locker-room presence, which was part of the draw for the Bulls to sign him in June to a three-year, \$41 million contract.

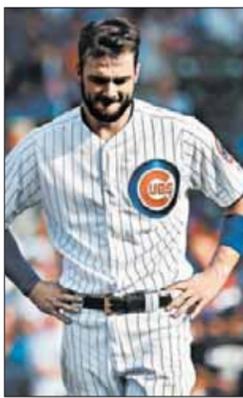
You can read between the lines from what he did say Friday.

Are you disillusioned with how the team is using you?

"Every guy wants to go out there and be able to play 30 minutes a night," Young said. "It just so happens I came from a team, or my last seven (or) eight years I've been playing 30 minutes a night, and I've been impactful within those 30 minutes. It's definitely a change."

"But like I said, whatever time you do get, you go out there and you play as hard as you can. You continue to be professional, you

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BASEBALL

Cubs ready for moves?

Quiet in free agency, they may seek trades — possibly including Kris Bryant.

Plus: Sox say they were tempted by big deals but resisted. **Page 3**

BLACKHAWKS

'1 More Shift' won't be last for Versteeg

Ex-Hawk still playing but knows breakup with game he loves is near

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The next time Kris Versteeg steps on the ice in a hockey uniform will be Sunday at the United Center as part of the Blackhawks' "One More Shift" program to honor former players.

But it won't be his last shift. Versteeg isn't retiring yet.

Not until he can live out one final dream.

After leaving the Rockford IceHogs last month, Versteeg flew to Slovakia and joined his brother, Mitch, playing for HK Nitra in the country's top professional league. It was the first time they had

played together professionally, and it won't be the last.

Versteeg plans to play for Team Canada in the Spengler Cup, an international tournament in Switzerland, then return to HK Nitra and finish out the season.

"(In) the second game (Mitch) scored a goal and we were on the ice together," said Versteeg, who left the team after two games because of an elbow injury. "It's different when you go into a goal celebration when you get to hug your brother."

The transition away from an NHL career is being ongoing for Versteeg, who grew up in Lethbridge, Alberta, in a difficult environment. There wasn't much money, and trouble seemed to find him and his friends. But he had

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Giants cut CB Jenkins over tweet

News services

The Giants waived-injured cornerback Janoris Jenkins on Friday, days after he engaged in a Twitter conversation in which he used offensive language.

Jenkins had said he injured his ankle in Monday night's loss to the Eagles that dropped the Giants to 2-11 with nine straight losses. But coach Pat Shurmur made it clear that Jenkins' actions on social media played a major role in the decision to release him.

Jenkins defended his use of the word "retard" in an exchange with a fan, saying it was acceptable language where he grew up.

"This was an organizational decision," Shurmur said. "From ownership to management to our football operations, we felt it was in the best interests of the franchise and the player. Obviously, what happened this week, and the refusal to acknowledge the inappropriate and offensive language, was the determining factor."

Moments after being released, Jenkins tweeted: "Best news ever. Thank you."

Jenkins, 31, had used the word before as a Giant on Instagram in Aug. 2018. He remained on the team for almost two more full seasons and was championed by the Giants this offseason as a mentor and leader.

Shurmur said he was unaware Jenkins had used the word last year and so he wasn't disciplined then.

A former Pro Bowl cornerback, Jenkins signed a five-year, \$62 million deal with the Giants in 2016.

Recently, the eighth-year player has been highly critical of defensive coordinator James Bettcher and the team's defensive schemes.

Jenkins will be available immediately to the league's other 31 teams — including Sunday's opponent, the Dolphins — waived with an injury designation but seemingly nursing a minor left ankle injury. He has four interceptions this season.

Cards cut Suggs: The Cardinals released veteran linebacker Terrell Suggs with three games remaining in a disappointing season for both the player and the team.

The 37-year-old Suggs had some good moments for the Cardinals early in the year but his production diminished in recent weeks. He's played in all 13 games and has 35 tackles, including eight for a loss and 5½ sacks.

Suggs, who played in high school in the Phoenix area and in college at Arizona State, signed with the Cardinals during the offseason after playing 16 seasons with the Ravens.

Cardinals coach Kliff Kingsbury said the decision to release Suggs was mutual between the player and organization and the Cardinals wanted him to have a chance to land with a team that's in playoff contention.

The 6-foot-3, 265-pound Suggs is a seven-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time All-Pro.

Dolphins reward Parker: With a breakout season, receiver DeVante Parker has become a big part of the Dolphins' rebuilding plan, and now he's under contract through 2023.

Parker, 26, signed a deal that could be worth up to \$40 million, including incentives and bonuses.

An \$8 million signing bonus is part of more than \$20 million guaranteed, agent Jimmy Gould said.

Parker had signed a two-year, \$10 million in March, and the fifth-year veteran has rewarded the Dolphins' faith with 882 yards receiving and six touchdowns, both career highs, on 55 catches.

Extra points: The 49ers placed DT D.J. Jones on IR with an ankle injury, ending his season. Jones was already playing on an injured ankle and suffered a high sprain on his other ankle during last week's win over the Saints. Jones started 11 games and tallied 23 tackles and two sacks this season. ... Seahawks DE Jadeveon Clowney (flu) was ruled out for Sunday's game against the Panthers. ... Steelers WR JuJu will miss his fourth straight game Sunday against the Bills.



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Cornerback Janoris Jenkins had four picks for the Giants this season.



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Akiem Hicks, laughing it up on the bench during a preseason game, practiced three times this week, and the Bears are optimistic he will be able to play Sunday against the Packers.

BEARS

Hicks seems set to face Packers

DL's return from elbow injury a huge boost for run defense

By RICH CAMPBELL

Akiem Hicks' road back from a gruesome left elbow injury is almost complete. The Pro Bowl defensive lineman completed three practices this week and is trending toward playing against the Packers on Sunday at Lambeau Field.

The Bears have until 3 p.m. Saturday to activate him from injured reserve. A corresponding roster move would be required.

"I like what I've seen all week long from him," coach Matt Nagy said after practice Friday. "That's a good thing. We want to get him out there."

Hicks would play with a brace on his left elbow, which became deformed on Oct. 6 when teammate Khalil Mack's helmet hit it during a tackle against the Raiders. Neither the team nor Hicks ever confirmed it was dislocated, but the deformity of the joint indicated as much. It wasn't fractured.

The Bears run defense has held up admirably in his absence. Hicks has played only three full games this season — the first three — and the Bears were fourth in the

NFL in yards allowed per carry after those games. Now they rank third.

But the value of Hicks' presence shouldn't be underestimated if he's close to full strength. His power in displacing blockers is elite.

"It's another force inside that has to be accounted for," Mack said. "It just makes the game easier (for me). ... His characteristics speak volumes, especially to this defensive group, and I saw that once I first got here. It's going to be huge to have him out there."

In other injury news, returner/receiver Cordarrelle Patterson is expected to play after leaving practice early Thursday as a precaution. He suffered a head injury when he landed hard after attempting a catch, Nagy said.

Cornerback Prince Amukamara will play Sunday after missing the Dec. 5 win over the Cowboys because of a hamstring injury.

Defensive lineman Roy Robertson-Harris (foot) and receiver Javon Wims (knee) returned to practice Friday and were limited. The Bears listed them as questionable for the game.

Receiver Taylor Gabriel (concussion), right tackle Bobby Massie (ankle), linebacker Danny Trevathan (left elbow) and tight end Ben Braunecker (concussion) are out.

Bears

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Bears found a rhythm.

Most important, the offense put the ball in the end zone four times for the first time since Week 10 of last season. All of that after a potentially deflating early turnover.

"Of all the signs that happened in that game, to me, as his position coach, that was the most important," Ragone said. "How was he going to react to an interception in the red area? Obviously he bounced back. And his confidence? If anything, it didn't waver, it grew throughout that game. Again, I'm looking to build those types of signs from a maturity standpoint and a mental standpoint with Mitch to see where he's potentially going in his career."

'Things have been clearer'

Ragone is the only one on the offensive staff who has been with the Bears since Trubisky was drafted in 2017. That gives him a unique perspective on the starting quarterback's three-season development. Ragone also offers a credible voice when it comes time to issue his monthly "State of Mitch" address to reporters as he did this week at Halas Hall.

Ragone senses a heightened confidence in Trubisky. That was evident against the Cowboys. Rather than playing as if his shoulder pads were 1,000 pounds of expectations, Trubisky seemed lighter and more poised.

He trusted what he was seeing and made quick decisions.

"He has continued to gain confidence and trust with himself and then with his teammates," Ragone said. "Hopefully that continues the rest of the season. But you've seen the progress. Things have been clearer. Sharper. He has a great feel right now for what he's seeing out there."

It's hard to forecast what Trubisky's recent production signifies for the long term. And it would be both impractical and borderline reckless to assume that a complete performance in the win over the Cowboys on the heels of a game-winning drive to beat the Lions on Thanksgiving suddenly solidifies the quarterback as a

consistently reliable playmaker who can take this franchise to new levels.

As it stands, Trubisky remains on pace to finish the season with 3,500 passing yards, 20 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. When the season began, most Bears fans believed they were signing up for so much more.

But at Halas Hall, the only approach that makes sense is to keep a dialed-in focus on Sunday's rivalry game against the Packers. That provides a chance for Trubisky to use his confidence to build on his recent successes and, perhaps, spark another win.

'It's about being consistent'

For the last three seasons, Ragone has been at Trubisky's side for the entire roller-coaster ride. His biggest role is as a teacher, but Ragone also is a part-time psychologist, a sounding board, a friend and a middle man at times in the relationship between Trubisky and coach Matt Nagy.

Ragone has earned Trubisky's respect with his day-to-day consistency. The two constantly dial in with each other about footwork, about game plans, about the mindset and deportment Trubisky needs as he goes on the field and again as he comes off after each drive.

"The great part about Rags and a lot of our coaches," Trubisky said, "is that they want what's best for us and they're always going to be honest with us. Even if it's not what you want to hear. As a player that's exactly what you want — that honest feedback so we can just our wrongs and improve every day."

Ragone always has been appreciative of Trubisky's unwavering work ethic and willingness to take responsibility for errors. He has seen firsthand how hard the quarterback pushes himself and how he has an ego-free ambition that teammates gravitate toward.

This season, though, has presented new challenges and new levels of pressure. After all, the year began with the Bears eyeing a run at the Super Bowl and doing so with a belief that Trubisky and the offense would make leaps. Yet for the first two-plus months of the season, the offense was a total mess and Trubisky often out of sorts.

In Trubisky's first nine full games, the Bears had more than twice as many three-and-outs (34) as touchdown drives (15).

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Noon Syracuse at Georgetown	FS1	
12:30 p.m. Tulsa at Arkansas	ESPN	
1 p.m. UIC at DePaul	FS1	

		WSCR-AM 670
1 p.m. Alabama at Penn State	BTN	
1 p.m. Delaware vs. Villanova	ESPN2	
2 p.m. UCLA at Notre Dame	ABC-7	
2 p.m. Memphis at Tennessee	ESPN	
3 p.m. Seton Hall at Rutgers	BTN	
3 p.m. Saint Louis vs. Auburn	ESPN2	
4 p.m. Georgia Tech at Kentucky	ESPN	
5 p.m. Old Dominion at Illinois	BTN	

		WLS-AM 890
5 p.m. Oklahoma at Wichita State	ESPN2	
6 p.m. Stanford at San Jose State	CBSSN	
7 p.m. Stony Brook at Providence	FS1	
9 p.m. Gonzaga at Arizona	ESPN2	

BOXING		
8 p.m. Crawford vs. Kavaliasukas	ESPN	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
11 a.m. Illinois St. at North Dakota St.	ESPN	
2 p.m. Army vs. Navy	CBS-2	
7 p.m. Heisman Trophy ceremony	ESPN	

GOLF		
11 a.m. Shark Shootout	Golf	
1:30 p.m. Presidents Cup	NBC-5	
5 p.m. Presidents Cup	Golf	

HOCKEY		
6 p.m. Red Wings at Canadiens	NHL	
7 p.m. Blackhawks at Blues	NBCSCH+	
	WGN-AM 720	
7 p.m. AHL: Admirals at Wolves	WPWR-50	

MARTIAL ARTS		
7 p.m. UFC 245 prelims	ESPN2	

SNOWBOARDING		
1:30 p.m. U.S. Grand Prix: Halfpipe	NBCSN	

SOCCER		
6:30 a.m. Liverpool vs. Watford	NBCSN	
8:30 a.m. Bayern vs. Werder	FS1	
9 a.m. Chelsea vs. Bournemouth	NBCSN	
11:30 a.m. Southamp. vs. West Ham	NBC-5	

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:		
NCAA TOURNAMENT		
3 p.m. Waco Regional final	ESPN	
5 p.m. Madison Regional final	ESPN	
7 p.m. Austin Regional final	ESPN	
9 p.m. Stanford Regional final	ESPN	

With every slow start, with every stalled drive and abysmal first half and dispiriting loss, the outside criticism intensified and the internal angst seemed to grow.

"Look, we're all human," Ragone said. "When you do well, you feel good. And when you don't do well, you've got to fight those emotions of negativity in your mind and everything else."

In mid-November, Ragone acknowledged that, for Trubisky, this was an experience unlike any he had had in his football life. The quarterback never had been on such a big stage in a huge market in a season with such lofty expectations. He had no experience to prepare himself for how much aggravation eventually bombarded him from a passionate football city when the struggles piled up.

Trubisky's self-critical nature only added to the stress.

"A 25-year-old kid going through all that in the great town of Chicago?" Ragone said. "The passion is absolutely through the roof. And when things don't go well, there are things you have to battle as a player. ...

"When you play quarterback in the National Football League, you sign up for all of it. The good and the bad. When things are good, it's great. You walk on water. And when things aren't going well, you have to be able to weather the storm."

The way Trubisky threw in the wins over the Cowboys and Lions was impressive. The way he ran last week was overdue.

"Obviously this is part of Mitchell," Ragone said. "He's an athletic quarterback. We don't want to take that away from him. I never want to coach that out of him. That's the instinctual part of things. I just think that more than anything else, you can't predetermine that part of it. And in the Dallas game, it was organically happening. Bam! That wasn't there. I took off. But it was a quick decision."

Trubisky has to take this mini stretch of success forward. Over the past few weeks, the offense has sharpened its identity. There's a feeling that momentum is building. The Bears have won four of five games.

Still, Ragone reminds Trubisky what significant breakthroughs are made of. "It's the same pillars of what you're believing in," Ragone said. "The confidence. The conviction. The courage in the pocket. All those things are still the same things we've been preaching from Week 1."

BASEBALL

WHITE SOX 5 TAKEAWAYS

Brass feels 'temptation' on big deals

But Sox vow to stick to plan, won't force window open

By LAMOND POPE

SAN DIEGO — The White Sox entered the winter meetings searching for at least one starting pitcher and help in right field.

The meetings ended Thursday with work to do. The Sox still are searching for pitching, but they did land right fielder Nomar Mazara on Tuesday in a trade with the Rangers.

Overall, general manager Rick Hahn described the time in San Diego as a situation where "I know we are better today than we were at the start of the offseason, and I suspect by the time we get to spring training, we are going to be better than we are today."

Here are five Sox takeaways from the winter meetings.

1. The active pitching market won't alter the White Sox timeline. Stephen Strasburg and Gerrit Cole signed huge deals with the Nationals and Yankees. The Sox weren't linked to either star, but the record-breaking signings could affect the remaining market.

Hahn said he won't deviate from the team's plan to build sustainable success.

"Could there conceivably be prices on guys beyond what the industry originally anticipated? Absolutely, that's just the nature of free agency," Hahn said Wednesday. "Most prognostications on the top three arms (Cole, Strasburg and Zack Wheeler) were probably light in terms of where each of them ended up. In the end, it's got to be about what we assess as their value and how they fit into the big picture going forward."

"What's going on here is not an all-out effort to force our window open quicker. We're continuing to build something where we're able to win on an annual basis and, once that window is open, be aggressive to add and continue to keep that thing moving."

2. The temptation to force that window open was there. Beyond adding Mazara, Hahn said the Sox were involved in some "really interesting" trade conversations.

"We've got some prospects that are extraordinarily popular," Hahn said, "and a few things at least made you take a step back and pause and think, 'Is this consistent with what we started three years ago, or is this an effort to force things a little more quickly?'"

It made for interesting conversations with executive vice president Ken Williams.

"Kenny and I had dinner (Tuesday) night and talked through some things about where this really fits in terms of what we're trying to accomplish for the long term and being true to long-term plan," Hahn said, "versus maybe a short-term hit or a short-term fix that jumps us forward for next year but might compromise us for an extended period. Then we had another conversation (Wednesday) morning."

"So there's been some temptation. But again, we're trying to stay true to what we set out to do three years ago. And we're getting awfully close to being able to enjoy the fruits of (that)."

3. The White Sox are confident about Nomar Mazara's defense. Mazara had minus-4 defensive runs saved in 2019. When Hahn mentioned Mazara's offensive upside as a reason for Tuesday's trade, he said that growth extends to defense.

"I certainly wouldn't view him as limited defensively," Hahn said, "and given the athleticism, we think there might even be a little more there."

Manager Rick Renteria added: "I believe (he) is going to be a solid defender for us in right field with a nice arm. He's rangy. I've seen him move around out there."

4. Yasmani Grandal isn't recruiting other free agents. Grandal attended the winter meetings to receive an award for making the All-MLB second team.

Signing the All-Star catcher is the biggest move the Sox have made this offseason. And he's ready to do his part, particularly on the field.

"I just let the front office do their job," Grandal said Tuesday when asked if he has made pitches to other free agents to join him on the Sox. "That's why they are there. If they have questions that they want to ask me, I'm happy to look at numbers and help out as much as I can."

"But, no, the front office has an idea of what they want ... to help the team. And that's why I'm here. I'm going to be helping the team more on the field than off the field."

5. Scott Boras noted the White Sox aggressiveness. Agent Scott Boras held a news conference Tuesday and fielded a couple of questions about the White Sox.

"They've been on the phone with us a great deal," Boras said. "A lot of discussions, a desire, I think, to become more veteran and improve their competitiveness."

Boras also pointed to some factors that have made the Sox an attractive destination. "A lot of their young players have arrived, their young pitchers have arrived," Boras said, "and it's certainly very reasonable to understand a talent base that now allows them, with the additions of some free agents, (to) step into a competitive mode."



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Anthony Rizzo, left, isn't going anywhere this offseason, but that might not be the case for teammate Kris Bryant.

CUBS 5 TAKEAWAYS

Shake-up nearer?

Quiet in free agency, Cubs likely set for trades — maybe even Bryant

By MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — The Cubs had a long list of needs to address at the winter meetings but left San Diego on Thursday having added only Rule 5 selection Trevor Megill as a bullpen candidate.

Nevertheless, the Cubs believe they set the foundation for several moves before pitchers and catchers report to Mesa, Ariz., around the second week in February.

Here are five Cubs takeaways from the winter meetings.

1. It seems like a foregone conclusion Kris Bryant will be traded. Agent Scott Boras, who claimed the championship belt of the winter meetings by landing heavy-weight deals for Stephen Strasburg, Gerrit Cole and Anthony Rendon, acknowledged he was merely negotiating a deal with the Cubs for Bryant as an arbitration-eligible player.

There was little dialogue about Bryant's value to the Cubs and no talk of an extension during Boras' media session Tuesday.

Bryant arguably is the Cubs' greatest asset, provided an arbitrator rules that he will remain under team control for two seasons before he's eligible for free agency. And the Cubs' lack of activity with the more prized free agents suggests they will need to make trades to address their needs — with Bryant likely as the centerpiece.

2. Anxiety over Anthony Rizzo's future is unnecessary. Rizzo, 30, is under team control for the next two seasons thanks to a contract he signed in 2013.

The Cubs have more pressing matters regarding the futures of Bryant, Javier Baez, Kyle Schwarber and Willson Contreras. All four players are at least two years younger than Rizzo, and the Cubs are understandably looking for compensation if they can't sign them to extensions that would buy them out of free agency.

The most pressing need for Rizzo? Avoiding miserable starts in April that would make his steady statistics even lofter.

Cubs President Theo Epstein stressed that Rizzo will remain a big part of the team's attempt to return to the postseason, and Rizzo's consistency and determination — as evidenced by his amazing recovery from an ankle sprain in September — only enhance his chances of extending his legacy with the Cubs past 2021.

3. Nico Hoerner's status has yet to be defined. The September standout returned to Stanford in the offseason to finish his requirements for a bachelor's degree in American studies. Cubs officials, meanwhile, aren't saying whether Hoerner will be part of the opening-day roster.

It doesn't hurt that rosters will expand to 26 players in 2020, but it would behoove the Cubs to ensure consistent playing time for Hoerner to continue his development.

That might not happen at the major-league level if the Cubs acquire a full-time second baseman who can hit at the top of the order.

Hoerner has plenty of potential, and his ability to make consistent contact is refreshing.

4. Data is here to stay. Many of the Cubs' reinforcements in research and development scooted through the hotel lobby in San Diego, meeting and greeting prospective employees and meshing ideas with their bosses.

The Cubs are doubling down on their efforts to enhance development through data, and the input extends to the major-league level.

If the major-league players are in tune with the information, it can only help them in most cases.

5. This will be David Ross' dugout. Ross has exchanged ideas with many members of the baseball operations department. But his intent to "speak some real truths" and his hope for some "shock" as he replaces Joe Maddon is refreshing.

After missing the playoffs for the first

Minor-league deal brings Morrow back

By MARK GONZALES

Reliever Brandon Morrow is making another comeback attempt, agreeing Friday to a minor-league contract with the Cubs.

Morrow, 35, who hasn't pitched since July 15, 2018, because of a right elbow injury, agreed to a deal that will pay him \$1 million with an additional \$1.25 million in incentives.

The Cubs gave Morrow a \$3 million buyout last month. After signing a two-year, \$21 million team option in December 2017, Morrow had a 1.47 ERA with 22 saves in 35 appearances with the Cubs before discomfort set in.

After rest and treatment, Morrow attempted a comeback but was ruled out with two weeks left in the 2018 season. He underwent an arthroscopic debridement two months later that prevented him from throwing off a mound until mid-March.

Morrow's progress was slow, and he received an injection in late April that delayed his comeback attempt. The Cubs ruled him out for the season in mid-August, then gave him a buyout instead of picking up the club option.

The signing was first reported by Bob Nightengale of USA Today.

time since 2014 and having their accountability questioned, Cubs players may need to respond to a different message.

And hearing from Ross as a manager and not as a teammate could provide a needed edge for many content players.

Cubs' draft strategy: Blend data, scouts

New VP plans to employ 'advanced analytical process'

By MARK GONZALES

The Cubs hired Dan Kantrovitz as their new vice president of scouting to take advantage of technological advancements in assembling more productive amateur drafts.

But that doesn't mean Kantrovitz will be ignoring more traditional input from scouts.

"It is fascinating," Kantrovitz said. "There's a lot more data available, it seems, each year. The challenge is to separate the signal from the noise. And that's something people still struggle with."

"There's data that's important and data that doesn't help you as much, particularly in the amateur sphere. And having some ideas on how to blend that data with the expert evaluation from our scouts ... becomes very critical to our decision-making process. I believe very firmly to have the best results, you need to systematically incorporate the two."

Kantrovitz, 40, has used statistical analysis methods for evaluating players on all levels during 16 seasons with the Cardinals and Athletics. His hiring is part of the Cubs' attempt to modernize their scouting and player development departments as if starting from scratch.

An All-Ivy League shortstop at Brown who played one season in the Cardinals organization, Kantrovitz spent his first

week in Chicago building a draft model with research and development executives Chris Moore and Jeremy Greenhouse in an effort to make this "in my mind, the most advanced analytical process achievable at the amateur level."

Advances in video from slower frame rates and more readily available data from colleges, summer leagues and high school showcases are among the changes Kantrovitz has noticed.

Many universities have invested in data tracking machines such as TrackMan and Rapsodo. During Cal's season-ending fall scrimmage, pitchers' spin rates and batters' exit velocities were posted on the Evans Diamond scoreboard.

"It's pretty amazing," Kantrovitz said of the expansion and availability of data.

Kantrovitz was impressed with the homegrown talent — headed by former first-round picks Kris Bryant, Javier Baez, Kyle Schwarber and Albert Almora Jr. — that helped lead the Cubs to the 2016 World Series title.

But the Cubs committed \$164 million to free agents Yu Darvish and Tyler Chatwood two winters ago because of a dearth of homegrown pitching, and the 2019 team got only 45 innings — 3.1% of what the entire pitching staff threw — from draft picks.

During Kantrovitz's second tour with the Cardinals as director of scouting (2012-14), their drafts produced major-league pitchers Jack Flaherty, Michael Wacha, Luke Weaver and Marco Gonzales as well as outfielder Stephen Piscotty.

"We thought (a focus on pitching) was a competitive advantage for us," Kantrovitz said. "You have to decide, as each pick is unfolding, that you will hang your hat on that evaluation of that pitcher and just keep playing that hand over and over again. The more hands you play with the right approach, the better the outcome will be."

The Cardinals trusted their scouts and data enough to select Flaherty with the 34th pick in the 2014 draft and buy him out of his once-firm commitment to North Carolina with a \$2 million bonus.

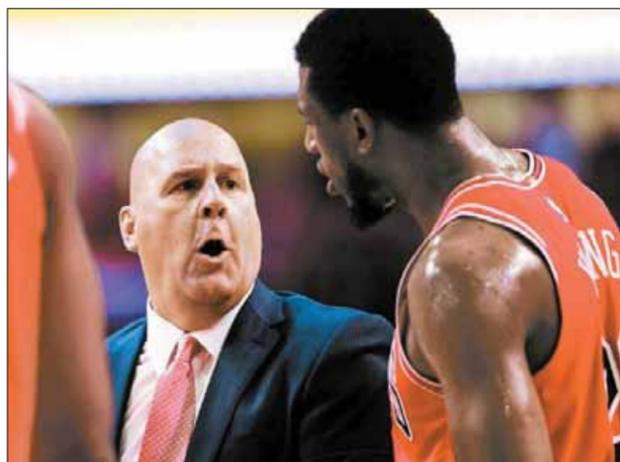
"It's an example of a good pick that was based on scouting opinions, data and was an aggressive pick at the time," Kantrovitz said. "But in my mind, it was a pretty disciplined pick."

"I don't think that we're going to shy away from, if the opportunity presents itself, having similar picks in Chicago. People like Jack don't come along every year. But hopefully we can find other similar-type pitchers."

Kantrovitz emphasized that amateur scouts' evaluations won't be discounted. "There's no substitute for a pure, unadulterated scouting opinion on a player, a scout's feel, a scout's instinct," Kantrovitz said. "That's nothing you can simulate with a computer."

"But once you get those expert scouting opinions and are able to combine it with the sophisticated data that is out there, streams of video, then you start to mitigate your risk and maybe make some smarter decisions."

BULLS



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Bulls forward Thaddeus Young, right, talks with coach Jim Boylen during a game against the Pistons on Nov. 1 at the United Center.

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continue to believe in what you're trying to build and you continue to believe in your teammates each and every night."

Should the impact you've had in games be rewarded with more minutes down the stretch?

"I mean, yeah, it should be," he said. "We have different things that we're trying to do. We're trying to develop guys and we're trying to win at the same time. But at the end of the day ... (Young paused and nodded his head) ... yes, I would like to play more minutes. But if I'm playing 20 minutes a game, within those 20 minutes I'm going to try to give somebody hell."

Are you being used how Bulls management and coaches said you'd be used when you signed?

"The conversations in the off-season were the conversations in the offseason," he said. "But going into the season things change and come out a little bit differently."

Bottom line: Do you regret joining a young, developing team?

"No, I love my teammates to death," Young said. "Obviously the circumstances are not the best-case scenario. ... I love my teammates. I go to war with them each and every day. I love being able to help some of the guys get better. ... I just love everything about the game, I love everything that it brings. Like I said, the situation is not best-case-scenario simply be-

cause I am playing only 20 minutes a game.

"But if coach (Jim Boylen) sees fit to play to play me 20 (minutes), sees fit to play me 25, sees fit to play me 30, I'm with whatever he decides. He's the man in charge. He's our chief."

The takeaways:

■ It's not the "best-case scenario" for the 6-foot-8 forward.

■ His usage is being handled "a little bit differently" than perhaps what the Bulls expressed before he signed.

■ He played 30 minutes (or close to it) over the last eight seasons, and while he didn't mention it Friday, five of those teams made the playoffs. And he's playing fewer minutes on a Bulls team that's not close to being a contender.

But Young said he buys in to the Bulls' plan — both game to game and long term — so he accepts the minutes he gets.

"Whatever Coach sees fit to do, I'm falling in line and I'm rolling with it," said Young, who is averaging nine points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

Boylan referenced the fact Young played a season-high 33 minutes Wednesday in the Bulls' 136-102 win over the Hawks.

"I love having Thad in the game" Boylen said. "He's coming off a game where I thought he sparked us and played really well. "Thad is part of what we're doing. He's also part of our development and he's a part of our winning. I like a guy that wants to do all those things.



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HORNETS 83, BULLS 73

Ice-cold Bulls stung

The Bulls lost for the fourth time in five games Friday night, falling to the Hornets 83-73 at the United Center. The Bulls shot 30% (27-for-90) overall and 20.6% (7-for-34) from 3-point range, finishing with the fewest points in the NBA this season. Zach LaVine missed 15 of 19 shots, including 7 of 8 3s, and scored 12 points. Lauri Markkanen went 4-for-12 overall and 2-for-7 from 3-point range and scored 10. Devonte Graham led six Hornets in double figures with 16 points. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

"His heart is good. He was voted a captain because he cares. I'm thankful he's here."

Young knows he's not entitled to minutes more than any other player. But he knows he has made an impact at times during key moments.

Boylan alluded to a first-quarter moment Wednesday in which the Hawks were ahead and Young fired up the backups in a quick speech by the scorer's table. "When he checked in, I thought that's when separation happened in the game," Boylen said after the game.

Young said Friday that he's

looking to be involved in more "impactful times in the game when teams are making runs. We need some type of defensive energy, some defensive spurts, end-of-the-game situations."

Said Boylen: "I have had him in fourth quarters. I've sat guys and played him, and he's sat and (I've) played other guys. So we will work through that as it goes.

"I'm not adverse to him playing in the fourth quarter. He plays in the fourth quarter every game. Thad wants to play meaningful minutes, he wants to help the team win, and I like guys like that."

The Bulls said before the season that they expected to be a playoff team. They also said they're developing one of the youngest teams in the league. Sitting at 9-17 entering their game against the Hornets on Friday night at the United Center, it seems harder with each loss to achieve both goals.

To develop younger players, it has to come at the expense of veterans such as Young.

"We're not using him sparingly. That's not sparingly to me," Boylen said. "The plan was (for him) to come help us win and develop this team, and I think he's doing a good job of it."

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Vulnerability all too clear

Injuries, lack of energy feeding slump that's only getting uglier

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

GLENDALE, Ariz. — It could have been so much fun.

Late in the second period, Nick Schmaltz used some stickhandling wizardry to escape Patrick Kane and burn Robin Lehner with a wrist shot.

The next goal came from Dylan Strome, who used his deft hand-eye coordination to bat home a rebound while falling to the ice.

Two beautiful goals from two budding stars whose careers always will be measured against each other because of last year's trade that sent Strome to the Blackhawks and Schmaltz to the Coyotes.

But neither goal Thursday night mattered except to showcase each player's talent.

The game already was decided thanks to a three-goal first period for the Coyotes, who then shifted into cruise control and easily beat the Hawks 5-2 at Gila River Arena.

The Coyotes assumed control quickly, which is the new reality for the Hawks without Duncan Keith and Calvin de Haan, both out indefinitely with injuries. Although Keith will probably return from his groin injury within the next month, no timetable has been released.

As for de Haan, he was added to injured reserve Thursday, and coach Jeremy Colliton indicated the defenseman "likely" will be out long term after falling on his surgically repaired shoulder Tuesday against the Golden Knights.

The Hawks are still trying to convince themselves they have the personnel to turn things around. They showed no signs of that Thursday.

Here are three takeaways from the loss:

1. The Blackhawks had no urgency until the final 10 minutes.

It's understandable the Hawks would want to pace themselves in the midst of a three-game trip.

But when you fall behind 3-0 after the first period, waiting isn't an option.

"At that point, what do you have to lose?" Jonathan Toews said. "You're down 3-0 so just go out there and play. Just play the situation, play in the area, win that battle, win that play you have to make and go from there. You can't really think of the storyline and think, 'Oh, things aren't going our way,' and it just feels like an uphill battle trying to turn the tide.

"You've just got to do one simple task at a time. That's all you can ask of yourself."

Toews didn't see a sense of urgency when the Hawks came out for the second period.

"Not as much as it should be,

and there's always room for improvement there, but we have to find ways to create and play with more energy every night," Toews said. "When that energy is there and we want the puck and are tough on the puck battles, everything falls into place for us. Hasn't been there these past two games."

2. The blowouts have to end.

It's still early enough in the season that the next five games — all against Central Division rivals — offer the Hawks an opportunity to make up lost ground while keeping the Blues, Wild, Avalanche — whom they play twice — and Jets from adding to their point totals.

With 50 games remaining, the Hawks might have enough time left to make a run at the playoffs. But for that to happen, they need to start winning — and stop getting blown out.

The Hawks have lost five of their last eight games by at least three goals, including three games in which they lost by four. It's one thing to lose; it's another to barely be in the game from the start.

"It's a frustration that we want to fix it," Colliton said. "We want to put ourselves in a position to win. We took a step forward on the road trip out east, and since then we just haven't been able to do it consistently enough to have a chance to have success. So that's what we've got to focus on."

Nobody wants to be on the



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Goaltender Robin Lehner makes a save on a deflection by Coyotes center Derek Stepan in Thursday night's Hawks loss in Arizona.

losing end of a blowout, least of all Robin Lehner. The problem he sees is too many odd-man rushes and breakaways. Good teams don't allow them at the rate the Hawks have been.

"We're making it difficult for ourselves," Lehner said. "We're giving up way too much. It's a hard climate to defend in right now for everyone. We've got to stick together and help out. I mean, there's odd-man rushes — how many is it per period? Can't keep track. It's breakaways, 2-on-1s, 3-on-1s ... 3-on-2s are awfully common right now. That's tough too.

"If we're going to turn this around, we need to be on the right side of the puck and defend together and give ourselves a chance. Because we're an offensively talented team, but we've got to protect our zone first."

3. The goalies are feeling the effects of the team's injuries.

The Hawks need Lehner and Corey Crawford to be superhuman, which they have been for much of the season. But over their last four starts apiece, they have proved to be all too human.

Lehner gave up five goals on 40 shots against the Coyotes, giving him an .887 save percentage in his last four starts. Crawford has an .875 save percentage (105 of 120) in his last four starts.

Neither goalie has played poorly. They're each dealing with the effects of Keith and de Haan's injuries and a team that gives up too many chances.

"Can't rely on your goaltenders to make miraculous saves every single night even though they're pretty much do," Toews said. "Just giving up too many rushes, too many open-side plays."

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support along the way.

"If it wasn't for my grandparents, there's no way we could have played sports in the area I grew up in," he said. "Some kids I grew up with and friends — some actually aren't even here anymore and some have had tough times. It's very fortunate for me that I had good people to help me out. I did get in trouble when I was younger. I've always looked at how lucky I am."

At 33, Versteeg still believes he

is capable of playing in the NHL. But not in the same way he did during an 11-year career in which he had 358 points (149 goals, 209 assists) in 643 games.

He sees how former teammate Troy Brouwer, now with the Blues, has adapted his game from being a 20-goal scorer who played third-line minutes to a fourth-line winger whose primary responsibility is to help on defense.

"I wasn't really willing to block a shot every single game just to stay in the NHL," Versteeg said. "I wanted to play in the NHL, play offense and play the way I can. I wasn't going to mold myself or change the way I play in order to

stay in the league. That's what certain guys have done, and you've got to give them credit because they're willing to do it. I wasn't willing to do it, though."

Which is why retirement is just around the corner. He has struggled to use that word but came up with a tremendous analogy to describe what it's like to no longer live an NHL lifestyle.

"It's like going on 'The Bachelor' for 11 years, and then all of a sudden for this guy and girl, the show's over and they're not on yachts anymore," Versteeg said. "They're in a one-bedroom apartment. Not saying it's to that degree, but you play in the NHL

and live this fantasy. It can alter your perception. It's very stressful.

"It is difficult, though, when you start throwing the word around and start thinking about retirement and where to go next. It does get difficult, especially being in the league that long. It's almost like breaking up with a girlfriend when you don't want to break up with them."

With that kind of imagination, it's no wonder Versteeg is looking to a career in front of the camera. Nothing is set, but he has had talks with Sportsnet, a Canadian sports network, about a broadcasting job after the Slovakian season ends.

Versteeg won the Stanley Cup

with the Hawks twice — in 2010 and 2015. But he realizes he won't be remembered in the same way as Marian Hossa, Duncan Keith, Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews.

Which is why being honored Sunday at the UC is so important to him and other players who were important to the organization but weren't superstars.

"I know I'm not a Hall of Famer," Versteeg said. "So when they do things like this for players, it means a lot because we'll never have our day in Toronto or anything. For us to say thanks and say goodbye to the fans is really special."

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Boston	17	7	.708	1½
Toronto	16	8	.667	2½
Brooklyn	13	11	.542	5½
New York	6	20	.231	13½

SOUTHEAST

Miami	18	7	.720	—
Orlando	11	14	.440	7
Charlotte	12	16	.429	7½
Washington	7	16	.304	10
Atlanta	6	20	.231	12½

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	23	3	.885	—
Indiana	17	9	.654	6
Detroit	10	15	.400	12½
Chicago	9	18	.333	14½
Cleveland	6	19	.240	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	17	7	.708	—
Houston	17	8	.680	½
San Antonio	9	15	.375	8
Memphis	8	17	.320	9½
New Orleans	6	20	.231	12

NORTHWEST

Denver	15	8	.652	—
Utah	15	11	.577	1½
Oklahoma City	11	13	.458	4½
Minnesota	10	15	.400	6
Portland	10	16	.385	6½

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	23	3	.885	—
L.A. Clippers	20	7	.741	3½
Phoenix	11	13	.458	6
Sacramento	11	14	.440	11½
Golden State	5	22	.185	18½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 130, Orlando 107	L.A. Lakers 113, Miami 110
Philadelphia 116, New Orleans 109	Indiana 110, Atlanta 100
Charlotte 83, Chicago 73	Milwaukee 127, Memphis 114
Utah 114, Golden State 106	New York 103, Sacramento 107
L.A. Clippers 124, Minnesota 117	San Antonio vs. Phoenix
at Mexico City, 4 p.m.	Brooklyn at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 7 p.m.	Washington at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.	Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m.	Oklahoma City at Denver, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

San Antonio vs. Phoenix	at Mexico City, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.	L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 7 p.m.	Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.	Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 8 p.m.	SUNDAY'S GAMES
Orlando at New Orleans, 2:30 p.m.	Charlotte at Indiana, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 5 p.m.	Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
New York at Denver, 6 p.m.	Sacramento at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

HORNETS 83, BULLS 73

CHARLOTTE: Bridges 4-10 4-4 13, Washington 6-17 1-2 13, Biyombo 4-6 4-6 12, Rozier 5-15 0-1 11, Graham 4-14 6-6 16, Kidd-Gilchrist 1-4-0-2, Co.Martin 1-0-0-3, Zeller 4-8-2-2 11, Monk 1-3-0-0-2. Totals 30-79 17-21 83.

CHICAGO: Dunn 1-6 1-2 3, Markkanen 4-12 0-0-10, Carter Jr. 2-6 2-2 6, Satoransky 2-8 3-4 7, LaVine 4-19 3-3 12, Gafford 2-3 0-0 4, Young 5-13 0-0-10, White 1-8 0-0-3, Arcidiacono 4-7 2-2 12, Valentine 2-8 1-6 6. Totals 27-90 12-14 73.

3-Point Goals

—Charlotte 6-31 (Graham 2-9, Co.Martin 1-2, Zeller 1-3, Rozier 1-5, Bridges 1-5, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1), Chicago 7-34 (Arcidiacono 2-4, Markkanen 2-7, Valentine 1-3, White 1-5, LaVine 1-8, Carter Jr. 0-1, Young 0-2, Satoransky 0-4), **Rebounds**—Charlotte 60 (Washington, Zeller 10), Chicago 45 (Carter Jr. 11), **Assists**—Charlotte 21 (Graham 7), Chicago 20 (Dunn, Satoransky, White 3), **Total Fouls**—Charlotte 16, Chicago 20, **Technical**—Bridges, Washington, A—18,377 (20,917).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	7	6	46	111	84
Buffalo	16	11	6	38	105	100
Montreal	15	11	6	36	104	105
Tampa Bay	16	11	3	35	108	95
Florida	15	11	5	35	107	104
Toronto	15	14	4	34	106	108
Ottawa	13	17	2	28	86	100
Detroit	8	22	3	19	72	131

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	23	5	5	51	120	95
N.Y. Islanders	21	7	2	44	89	70
Carolina	19	11	2	40	103	86
Pittsburgh	18	10	4	40	105	85
Philadelphia	17	9	5	39	97	88
N.Y. Rangers	16	12	3	35	100	97
Columbus	12	14	5	29	76	94
New Jersey	9	17	5	23	75	114

WESTERN

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	21	8	3	45	117	86
St. Louis	19	8	6	44	98	90
Winnipeg	19	11	2	40	94	88
Dallas	18	11	4	40	86	79
Minnesota	15	12	5	35	98	106
Nashville	14	11	5	33	101	97
Chicago	12	14	6	30	86	103

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Arizona	19	11	4	42	96	82
Calgary	18	12	4	40	95	100
Edmonton	18	12	4	40	105	105
Vegas	17	13	3	39	103	100
Vancouver	16	12	4	36	105	95
San Jose	15	17	2	32	92	120
Anaheim	13	15	4	30	83	94
Los Angeles	13	18	2	28	82	104

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Vegas 3, Dallas 2 (OT)	Colorado 3, New Jersey 1
SATURDAY'S GAMES	Buffalo vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Coliseum, noon
Columbus at Ottawa, noon	N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 3 p.m.	Dallas at Nashville, 5:30 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 6 p.m.	Philadelphia at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.	Detroit at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.	Boston at Florida, 6 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.	New Jersey at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9 p.m.	SUNDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.	Minnesota at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6 p.m.	Vancouver at Vegas, 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Ottawa at Florida, 6 p.m.	Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 8 p.m.	Colorado at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.	

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3, STARS 2 (OT)

Vegas	0	2	0	1	-3
Dallas	1	0	1	0	-2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Dallas, Fedun 2 (Lindell, Radulov), 15:14. Penalties: None.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Vegas, Karlsson 10 (Marchessault, Theodore), 4:20, 3, Vegas, Stephenson 5 (Stone, Pacciarrotti), 14:41. Penalties: Comeau, DAL, (hooking), 12:04; Theodore, VGK, (hooking), 18:19.

THIRD PERIOD: 4, Dallas, Benn 7 (Seguin), 14:49. Penalties: Smith, VGK, (tripping), 7:13; Fedun, DAL, (holding), 9:33.

OVERTIME: 5, Vegas, Pacciarrotti 13 (Theodore, Stone), 0:51. Penalties: None.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Vegas 7-16-7-2—32, Dallas 15-7-7-1—30.

POWER PLAYS: Vegas 0 of 2; Dallas 0 of 2.

GOALIES: Vegas, Subban 4-5-3 (30 shots-28 saves), Dallas, Bishop 12-6-2 (33-30).

T: 2:29.

Referees: Kevin Pollock, Kelly Sutherland.

Linesmen: Pierre Racicot, Andrew Smith.

GOLF

PGA TOUR QBE SHOOTOUT

1st of 3 rds; Tiburon GC; Naples, Fla.; 7,382 yds; Par 72

55 (-17)
Varner III/Palmer 28-27

57 (-15)
Poston/Kokrak 29-28

58 (-14)
Tway/Sabbatini 30-28
Kisner/Hoffman 31-27

59 (-13)
Todd/Horschel 30-29
Watson/Howell III 32-27

60 (-12)
Reavie/Chappell 31-29

61 (-11)
Putnam/Connors 30-31
Poultier/McDowell 32-29

62 (-10)
Kizzire/Harman 32-30

64 (-8)
Thompson/O'Hair 33-31

65 (-7)
Wolff/Hovland 33-32

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At Royal Melbourne GC; Melbourne, Australia; 7,047 yards; Par: 71

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Rickie Fowler/Justin Thomas, U.S., d. Haotong Li/Marc Leishman, Int'l, **3 & 2**, Abraham Ancer/Sungjae Im, Int'l, d. Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay, U.S., **3 & 2**.

C.T. Pan/Hideki Matsuyama, Int'l, d. Patrick Reed/Webb Simpson, U.S., **5 & 3**.

Tony Finau/Matt Kuchar, U.S., vs. Byeong Hun An/Adam Scott, Int'l **halved**

ODDS

NBA	pregame.com	SP	O/U	SATURDAY
San Antonio	off	off	off	Phoenix
at Toronto	7½	219½		Brooklyn
at Chicago	off	off	off	LA Clippers
at Memphis	off	off	off	Washington
at Dallas	7	215½		Miami
at Milwaukee	off	off	off	Cleveland
at Houston	off	off	off	Detroit
at Denver	7	205		Okla. City

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SP	SATURDAY
Michigan St.	18½
San Fran.	7½
at Oakland	2
at Louisville	4
at IUPUI	off
at Georgetown	3
at Arkansas	12½
at DePaul	15½
at Penn St.	10
at Texas	14
at Toledo	11½
at Notre Dame	7
at Mississippi	17½
Air Force	4½
at Tennessee	6
Seton Hall	1½
at Auburn	11½
Xavier	3½
at Kentucky	14
at Santa Clara	6½
at Richmond	9½
Kansas	22
at La. Tech	15
at Illinois	14½
at Wichita St.	4½
at Dayton	16½
at New Mexico	5
at Green Bay	2½
CS Bakersfield	5½
Stanford	16
at Manhattan	4
at Arizona St.	4
at Milwaukee	2½
at Arizona	3
Saint Mary's	7
Miss. St.	2½
Villanova	13
Utah	9½
BYU	PK

NHL

at NY Islanders	-174	Buffalo	+162
at Ottawa	-107	Columbus	-103
at Calgary	-109	Carolina	-101
at Anaheim	-140	N.Y. Rangers	+130
at Nashville	off	Dallas	off
at Pittsburgh	off	Los Angeles	off
at Minnesota	-125	Philadelphia	+115
Toronto	-125	at Edmonton	+115
Boston	-118	at Florida	+108
at Tampa Bay	-129	Washington	+119
at Montreal	-240	Detroit	+220
at St. Louis	-190	Chicago	+175
at Arizona	off	New Jersey	off
at San Jose	-117	Vancouver	+107

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SP	O/U	SATURDAY
Navy	10	40½
Army		

BOWL GAMES

BAHAMAS	SP	O/U	DEC. 20
Buffalo	6%	57½	Charlotte
FRISCO			
Utah State	7	65	Kent State
CELEBRATION			
NC A&T	3	51½	Alcorn St
NEW MEXICO			
San Diego St.	3½	41½	Cent. Mich.
CURE			
Ga. Southern	4%	61	Liberty
BOCA RATON			
SMU	3½	70½	Fla Atlantic
CAMELLIA			
Arkansas St.	2½	63	Fla Int'l
LAS VEGAS			
Washington	3½	50	Boise St
NEW ORLEANS			
Appalach St.	17	48	UAB
GASPARILLA			
UCF	17½	61½	Marshall
HAWAII			
BYU	1½	64	at Hawaii
INDEPENDENCE			
MIAMI	6	50½	La Tech

QUICK LANE

Pittsburgh	11½	49	E. Michigan
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MILITARY

N. Carolina	4	52½	Temple
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PINSTRIPES

Michigan St.	4½	48½	Wake Forest
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TEXAS

Texas A&M	7	54½	Okla. St
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HOLIDAY

Iowa	2	52	USC
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COLLEGES

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

Illini add QB commit a day after losing one

BY SHANNON RYAN

Illinois didn't take long to fill a void at quarterback in its 2020 recruiting class. The Illini received a commitment Friday from three-star prospect Gregory "Deuce" Spann of St. Petersburg, Fla.

On Thursday, three-star Georgia quarterback CJ Dixon's mother told Illini Inquirer that her son had reopened his recruitment. Dixon committed to Illinois in July.

The 6-foot-4, 194-pound Spann chose Illinois over offers from Auburn, Utah, Duke and Central Florida, among others.

He completed 117 of 253 passes for 1,937 yards and 25 touchdowns and rushed for 847 yards and 10 touchdowns this season,

according to Illini Inquirer, leading Lake-wood to the Class 4A state semifinals. He has been timed at 4.59 seconds in the 40-yard dash, according to his 247Sports profile.

Last week, Illinois received a commitment from Samari Collier, a Class of 2021 quarterback from Texas.

Spann's commitment brings the Illini's 2020 class back up to 11 players. Illinois also got commitments this month from three-star defensive end Cooper Davis of Melbourne, Fla. — who had been committed to Missouri — and junior-college defensive tackle Anthony Shipton of Cerritos College in California.

The three-day early signing period for football begins Wednesday.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Freshman Myron Gardner announced that he will transfer from Georgetown.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgetown hit with more transfers

News services

Freshman forward Myron Gardner and junior forward Galen Alexander announced Friday their intent to transfer from Georgetown.

Gardner announced his decision in a statement released to The Washington Post. An hour later, Alexander followed on social media.

In his announcement, which was posted on Twitter, Alexander criticized the university for what he called unfair treatment in the wake of two complaints filed last month in D.C. Superior Court that implicated him and two other members of the basketball team.

"My character has been defamed and that needs to be cleared up more than anything else. Very soon it will come to light that I am innocent and had nothing to do with the false allegations," Alexander wrote. "... In light of the situation, the University has allowed me to become a target and subjected to unfair treatment, with little or no support.

"With that being said, my family and I have decided that Georgetown is not the environment for me to successfully grow as both an individual and as a basketball player. With a heavy heart, I would like to announce that I am transferring from Georgetown University in hopes of finding a program that will help foster my success and allow my true potential as the person and player that I can become."

Alexander and Gardner are the third and fourth players to transfer from Georgetown in two weeks. The school announced Dec. 2 that sophomore point guard James Akinjo and sophomore forward Josh LeBlanc are also transferring.

Following the Dec. 2 announcement, a public records search showed that two Georgetown students filed two separate complaints against members of the basketball team. The first was filed on Nov. 5 against LeBlanc and Alexander and includes allegations of burglary, threats of bodily harm and verbal threats.

The second, filed against LeBlanc, Alexander and Gardner on Nov. 12, was mutually resolved Monday without the

admission of or finding of guilt. The complaint included allegations of sexual harassment and assault and was resolved when Gardner, Alexander and LeBlanc agreed to stay at least 50 feet away from the complainant under a civil protection order, according to court documents.

Neither of the complaints mentioned Akinjo.

Gardner announced his decision to enter the NCAA transfer portal in a statement released through his attorney, Cynthia Goode Works.

"After consultation with my family I have decided that it is in my best interest to enter into the transfer portal," Gardner said. "I want to thank Coach Patrick Ewing, Coach Louis Orr, the staff and the entire Georgetown University community for their support of my success."

Alexander's and Gardner's decision to transfer leaves the Hoyas with nine scholarship players on the roster, two of which haven't seen action in a game yet this season. The moves were announced the day before Georgetown's home matchup against archrival Syracuse.

Gardner, a 6-foot-6 forward from Michigan, averaged 3.1 points and 2.9 rebounds in 10.4 minutes over eight games.

Alexander, a 6-foot-6 transfer who previously played at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi following a season at LSU, averaged 4.2 points and 2.7 rebounds in 12.4 minutes in nine games.

Iowa beats Iowa State: Luka Garza had 21 points and 11 rebounds and led five Iowa players scoring in double figures as the Hawkeyes beat Iowa State 84-68 on Thursday night.

Iowa (8-3) snapped an eight-game losing streak at Hilton Coliseum. The Hawkeyes hadn't won in the Cyclones' home since a victory in the 2003 NIT.

Joe Wieskamp had 13 points, Jordan Bohannon and Connor McCaffery each scored 12, and CJ Fredrick added 11.

Tyrese Haliburton led Iowa State (6-4) with 22 points. Solomon Young had 10.

Iowa opened the game on an 18-4 run and led 37-16 with 3:01 left before the break after a Garza dunk.

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In Memoriam

John Wolens

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Death Notices

Howard, John Edward 'Sonny'

On Monday, December 9, 2019, John Edward Howard, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, passed away at the age of 87.

John was born January 11, 1932 and raised in Chicago. He eventually moved to Wheaton where he and the love of his life Barbara Monahan, lived and raised their family for almost 60 years.

John's many accomplishments included proudly serving his country in the United States Army in the Korean War, 40 years at Illinois Bell Telephone, starter at Eagle Brook Country Club in retirement, serving as Eucharistic Minister and being all-around the best man you have ever met.

He had a love/hate relationship with golf but always found pleasure playing every Saturday at Old Wayne Golf Club with his foursome for over 50 years. He also loved refereeing at all the area high school football games including his own sons from time to time.

John is survived and will be forever in the hearts of his beautiful wife Barbara, who he met at 13 and was married to for 64 years, his children, John (Julie) Howard, Dan (Sue) Howard, Diane (Jim) Downey, grandchildren Lindsay Howard, Dan (Jasmine) Howard, John (Janna) Howard, Brianna Aubin, Kathleen (Rick) Kenealy, Emily (Mike) Gladu, Erin (Jared) Fedota, Brendan Howard, Ryan Downey, Cameron Howard, Meghan Downey, Kaitlin Downey, and Jonathan Howard. He was great grandfather to Carter and Hattie Howard, Jessa and John Talen Howard, Harper Kenealy, and Cecilia Fedota. He was beloved brother to Carol Sheehan, and loving uncle to many. John was preceded in death by his parents John and Marie (Keegan) Howard, his sister Joan, and his sister-in-law Patricia, and their husbands Jim Keleher and Bob Moore.

Visitation from 9-10am with Celebration Memorial Mass directly following, held in honor of John on January 11, 2020 at St. Michael Catholic Church; 310 S. Wheaton Ave.; Wheaton, IL 60187.

As a favor to the family and final gift to honor John, please share your fondest memory or thought about what John meant to you and send it to: Mr. Howard; PO Box 754; West Chicago, IL 60186; or email to: jbhoward@isip1.com. We thank you all for your love of such a wonderful, one of a kind man.

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Korey, Eugene

Eugene Korey, 90. Beloved husband and best friend for 69 1/2 years of Pearl, née Polisky; devoted father of Irving (Vickie) Korey, Rhonda (Richie) Fried, and Ilene Korey; proud grandfather of Lindsay (Lewis) Letteroff, Brian (Katherine)

Korey, Corey (Katie) Kravitz, Jared Goldstein, Jennie (Will) Dermott, Dan (Kai) Fried, and Andrea Fried; cherished great-grandfather of Shepherd, Jillian, Madeline, Evelyn, Eleanor, Brooke, and Brody; dear brother of Nowell (Lois) Korey; caring brother-in-law of Helen (late Sol) Zaitz; treasured uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Eugene's family wishes to extend a great deal of gratitude to caregivers Marifile Tocaldo and Augustus Juan. Eugene was a lover of life and his sweet smile will be deeply missed. Funeral service Monday, Dec. 16, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org, Parkinson's Foundation, www.parkinson.org, or the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, www.macular.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Murray, David Lee

David Lee Murray of Chicago died peacefully surrounded by family at The Auberge in Morton Grove on 12/10/19, after a long illness. David was preceded in death by parents Robert and Esther Murray, and brother Robert (Ruth). He is survived by Jim McPherson, his partner of 31 years, son Clark (Megan) of Evanston, IL; son Timothy (Kate), grandchildren Rowan and Larkin, all of Seattle, WA; brother John Wronosky (Lynn) of Albuquerque, NM; former wife Kathleen of Del Mar, CA; and Jerry James, who gave a year of his life serving as an extraordinarily kind and compassionate caregiver for David.

David was born in Pittsburgh on June 29, 1937. After graduating from high school at 16 and some early employment he enlisted in the Army, serving at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. He returned to Pennsylvania and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Pittsburgh, followed by a full scholarship at Northwestern University, where he received his Master's degree in English Literature.

He went on to work for Field Enterprise Educational Corp., writing for both World Book, and Childcraft encyclopedias, and directed the development of a programmed teaching method. He also wrote for Compton's Encyclopedia. Later, at the American Medical Association, David was the editor of Today's Health, where he wrote one of the first articles for the lay public on Tourette's Syndrome and another on "The Boy in a Bubble" about a child forced to live in a sterile environment due to a severe immune deficiency. David moved on to become the Vice President of Advertising/Public Relations for the National Association of Realtors. He subsequently became the executive assistant to Margaret Hillis, founder and long-time director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus, a position he held for seven years until Ms. Hillis retired. David last worked writing and editing for Passport newsletter, a travel publication. He leaves behind many former colleagues who will cherish his memories of a warm, articulate man with an endearing sense of humor. David enjoyed, participated in and supported many types of music, theater, film and the arts in general. He was known for his infectious smile, cheerful disposition, helping hand, positive outlook on life and especially his great hugs! He was and will always be much loved by his family and all who knew him. Rest in peace, David. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, 12/21/19, at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, IL 60202. In lieu of flowers, any memorials will be gratefully received by Saint Luke's Church.

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Rogers, Joan Marie

Joan Marie Rogers, nee Lemke, age 78, of

Schaumburg passed away peacefully after a long seven year battle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's on December 12th, at Amita Hospice Home. Beloved wife of George W. Rogers. Loving mother of Scott (Robin) Nigh, Cathlynn (Raymond Biondo) Nigh, Todd (Lynn) Nigh, step-

mother of Timothy (Valerie) Rogers and Mark (Mary) Rogers. Dear "mom" of Diane Middendorf. Caring grandmother of Dylan (Sophie), Jacob, William, Thor, and Isabelle. Cherished great grandmother of Zoey & Amelia. Devoted daughter of the late William and Marie Lemke. Dear sister of Warren (Lynette) Lemke and the late William (Paulette Novak) Lemke. Dear aunt of Phillip (Denise), Jennifer (Gerardo) and great aunt of Rachel, Sebastian and Nicholas.

Joan was a 50-year member of The Order of Eastern Star, Palatine Chapter 585 and Arlington Heights Chapter 992. She was also an appointed Grand Officer and a Grand Representative of the Order of The Eastern Star. Joan was also a Worthy Matron several times. Joan retired after 30 years from the City of Chicago Department of Public Health, where she served in many administrative capacities. She was active as a member of Church of the Cross Presbyterian Church. She will be greatly missed by her family, her constant 4-footed companion, Mister Patterson, and many friends.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1:00 until time of The Order of Eastern Star service at 4:00 PM, followed by a Funeral Service presided by Pastor Julie Peterson at 4:30 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Visitation Monday 9:30 - 10:00 AM at the funeral home with interment following at Irving Park Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Children, 2211 N Oak Park Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60707 or Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Wolfsen, Pauline (Majewski)

Pauline Majewski Wolfsen, age 99 longtime resident of Olympia Fields, passed away on November 26, 2019. Loving wife of Leo Wolfsen, mother of Paulette Williams, Francine Voight (Vaughn), Lawrence Wolfsen, and Jeanine Novak, grandmother of 8, and great-grandmother of 8. Born April 4th, 1920 in Armstrong Creek, WI, Pauline died 3 days before her 74th wedding anniversary. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service in celebration of her life, on Sunday Dec. 15th, at 1:30 pm at Shir Tikvah, 1424 W 183rd, St Homewood, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to the Autobahn Society would be appreciated.

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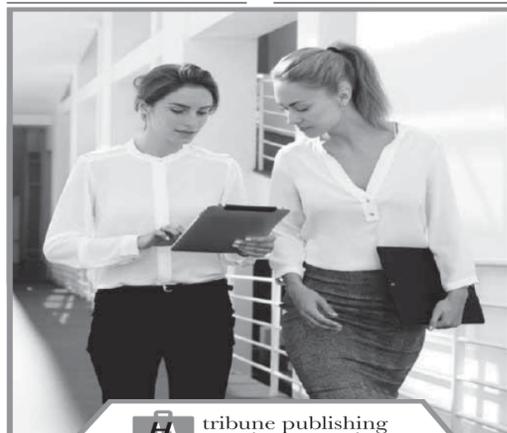
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SATURDAY, DEC. 14 NORMAL HIGH: 35° NORMAL LOW: 21° RECORD HIGH: 66° (1975) RECORD LOW: -9° (1901)

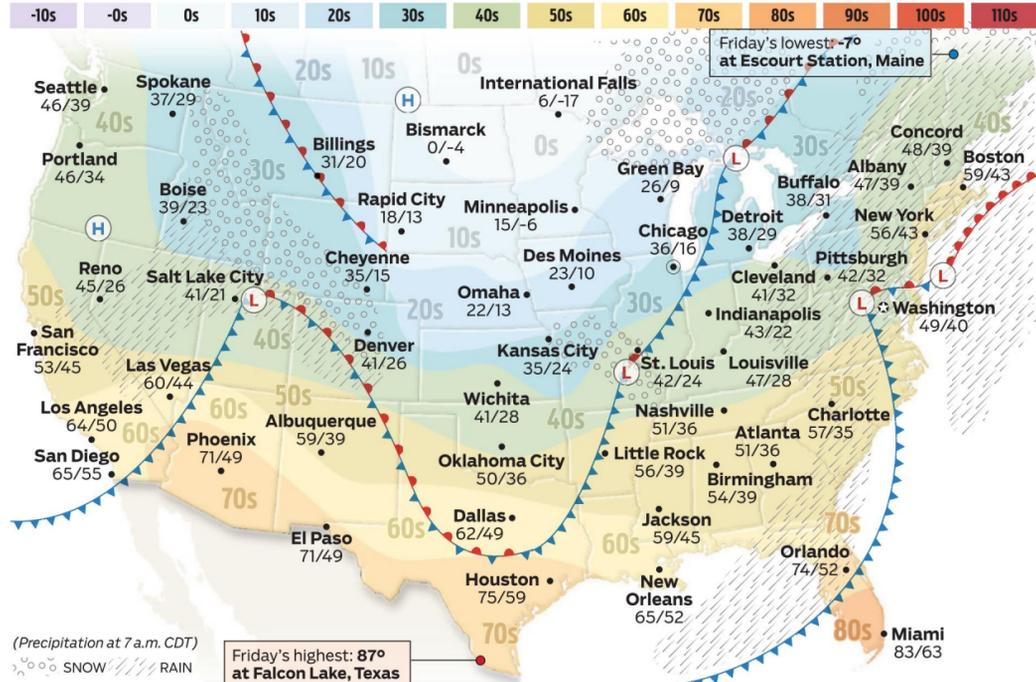
Spell of wintry weather coming to region

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 16

■ Frontal passage brings clouds and a modest push of cold air.
 ■ Considerable cloudiness makes for a gray start to the day. Temps hover in the upper 20s and low 30s early.
 ■ A few sprinkles or flurries possible, mainly before noon.
 ■ Temps rise little as light winds become W-NW at 15 to 25 mph. Readings peak in the mid-upper 30s midday.
 ■ Partial sun emerges in the afternoon.
 ■ Clearing, colder at night. Lows mid teens in the suburbs, to around 20 in the city.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Temperatures during the opening days of December have generally been mild, averaging 2.4 degrees above normal. Over the month's first 13 days, all but three posted a temperature surplus. Friday's high of 45 and low of 35 represented a 12-degree departure from normal.

The city's mild spell is about to end. On Saturday, increasing northwest winds will usher in a first installment of polar air, drawing on an upstream reservoir of 20-degree temps. Spotty sprinkles or flurries may accompany this transition.

Sunday promises to be cold but calm. Focus then turns to a more significant system forecast to pass south of Chicago on Sunday night and Monday. Though heavier snow is expected to pass across central Illinois and Indiana, periods of light snow may extend into the metro area.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 28 **LOW** 21

Tranquil, but chilly. Sunshine fades as clouds increase in the afternoon. Temps peak in the upper 20s. Clouds thicken/lower at night. Chance of snow toward morning. Light NW winds turn NE-E.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

HIGH 32 **LOW** 18

System to the south spreads occasional light snow across the area. Some accumulation possible. Temps climb to around freezing. Partial clearing, colder at night. NE winds 10-15 mph turn NW late.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

HIGH 26 **LOW** 10

Rather blustery and cold. Temps struggle to reach the mid 20s. NW winds 20-25 mph and gusty keep daytime wind chills in the single digits. Clearing and quite cold overnight.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

HIGH 24 **LOW** 18

Winds diminish as high pressure drifts across the region. Continued cold. Temps slowly climb to late day highs in the low-mid 20s. Light winds become SW 10-20 mph. Fair, not as cold overnight.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

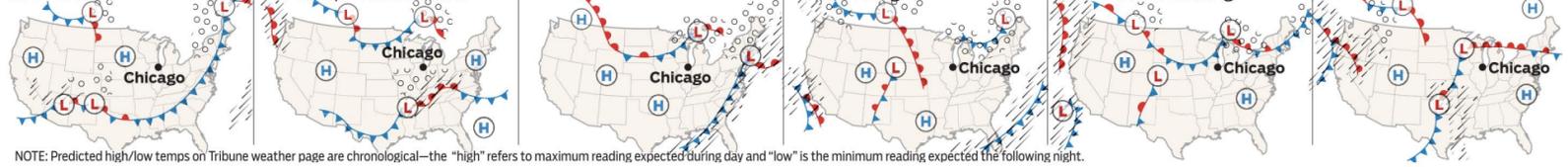
HIGH 36 **LOW** 31

Milder air sweeps across the Midwest on SW winds of 20-30 mph. Temps rise above freezing as sun fades behind patchy high-mid level clouds. Winds keep night temps from falling much below freezing.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

HIGH 35 **LOW** 32

Clouds thicken as moist air approaches. Some light rain or drizzle possible at times. Temps hover in the mid 30s much of the day, and fall little at night. S-SW winds 10-20 mph.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 I live in River Forest and there seems to be a heavier aircraft flight load over me in the early morning. Is this because of the sunlight angle in the morning in the winter?
 Wilson Montgomery

Dear Wilson,
 A morning "aviation rush hour" does occur. The busy period, starting around 6:30 a.m., is a peak time for business travel. A second peak period is between about 2 and 7 p.m. These are not related to sun angle, however. Wind direction is the key variable in deciding which runways are used for landing, not sunlight. Pilots must be able to direct their aircraft into any existing wind for the safest landing. Only on rare occasion and when a visual approach is involved might a landing be shifted to a different runway because of the sun. Therefore, there is not much seasonal change as a direct result of sunlight.

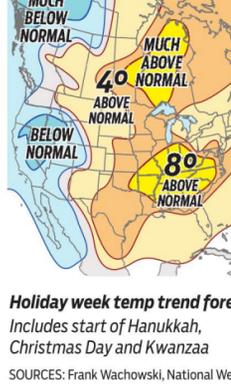
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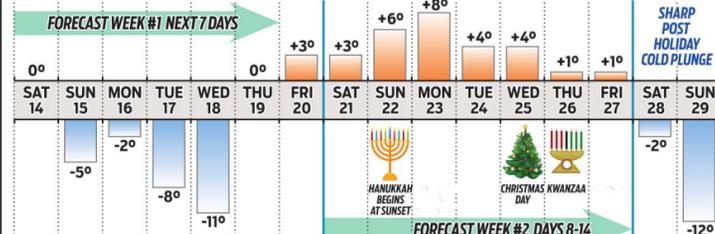
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 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Colder pattern to bring Monday snow; then holiday warmup

ABOVE NORMAL PERIOD PREDICTED IN DECEMBER'S THIRD WEEK
 Covers the period Sunday, December 22 through Friday, December 27
 11 to 15-day forecast



ARCTIC CHILL HITS MID-NEXT WEEK—BUT WARMUP DUE FOR HOLIDAYS



EARLY ESTIMATE OF SNOWFALL



LAKE MICHIGAN WATER LEVELS CONTINUE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH!



CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	44	29	Midway	45	37
Gary	46	37	O'Hare	45	35
Kankakee	45	32	Romeoville	45	34
Lakefront	45	37	Valparaiso	45	33
Lansing	44	33	Waukegan	42	30

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Fri. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
December to date	0.16"	1.12"
Year to date	48.15"	35.76"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Fri. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.0"
Season to date	8.5"	6.4"
Normal to date	4.3"	4.3"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	NW 20-25 kts. N-NE 10 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet 1-2 feet
Fri. shore/crib water temps	37°/34°

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 13	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	30.3%	34.2%
Average snow depth	2.2"	2.0"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	6 days	4 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Friday's reading: Moderate
 Saturday's forecast: Good
 Critical pollutant: Particulates

SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:10 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
Moon	6:54 p.m.	9:25 a.m.

SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:59 a.m.	3:26 p.m.
Venus	9:26 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
Mars	4:14 a.m.	2:18 p.m.
Jupiter	7:57 a.m.	5:02 p.m.
Saturn	9:04 a.m.	6:20 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible
Venus	5:15 p.m. 11° SW
Mars	5:15 a.m. 9.5° ESE
Jupiter	Not visible
Saturn	5:15 p.m. 9.5° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	45	25	sh	38	33
Carbondale	sh	38	18	ss	30	24
Champaign	pc	37	19	sn	31	26
Amarillo	pc	39	19	sn	31	26
Decatur	pc	29	14	sn	26	21
Moline	pc	34	18	cl	30	24
Peoria	pc	33	20	sn	28	24
Quincy	pc	32	14	pc	27	21
Rockford	pc	36	19	sn	30	26
Springfield	pc	36	19	sn	30	26
Stirling	pc	31	14	pc	26	21
Indiana	cl	43	23	ss	36	31
Bloomington	cl	45	25	sh	38	35
Evansville	cl	45	25	sh	38	35
Fort Wayne	sh	40	24	pc	32	27
Indianapolis	sh	43	22	cl	34	30
Lafayette	cl	40	19	cl	31	26
South Bend	ss	40	25	sh	30	24
Wisconsin	sh	26	9	pc	18	7
Green Bay	sh	26	9	pc	18	7
Kenosha	sh	21	3	pc	29	24
La Crosse	sh	21	3	pc	17	8
Madison	pc	29	11	pc	23	16
Milwaukee	pc	31	16	pc	28	22
Wausau	sh	22	0	pc	13	-1
Michigan	sh	38	29	pc	33	26
Detroit	sh	38	29	pc	33	26
Grand Rapids	sh	35	27	cl	29	23
Marquette	ss	29	17	pc	21	9
St. Ste. Marie	sh	32	7	pc	18	9
Traverse City	ss	34	23	sh	25	18
Iowa	pc	20	7	cl	20	12
Ames	pc	24	9	pc	22	15
Des Moines	pc	23	10	sh	23	14
Dubuque	pc	26	10	pc	24	17

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	67	52	su	78	34
Albany	sh	47	39	pc	41	26
Albuquerque	pc	59	39	pc	53	25
Amarillo	su	60	37	pc	49	25
Anchorage	pc	33	32	pc	36	30
Asheville	sh	46	32	pc	53	39
Aspen	sn	34	16	ss	23	3
Atlanta	pc	51	36	pc	58	48
Atlantic City	sh	56	39	pc	47	33
Austin	su	75	54	su	79	52
Baltimore	cl	52	42	pc	48	35
Birmingham	sh	31	20	pc	33	19
Bismarck	pc	0	-4	pc	19	5
Boise	pc	39	27	pc	35	29
Boston	rn	59	43	pc	46	29
Brownsville	ss	86	65	pc	82	70
Burlington	sh	38	31	pc	33	21
Charlottesville	sh	44	36	sh	38	18
Charlton SC	pc	57	35	pc	57	41
Charlton WV	pc	61	43	su	62	50
Chattanooga	pc	44	35	pc	44	36
Cheyenne	pc	35	15	pc	28	11
Cincinnati	sh	45	27	cl	39	32
Cleveland	rs	41	32	ss	34	28
Colo. Spgs	pc	44	25	sh	28	15
Columbia MO	pc	36	24	sn	30	24
Columbia SC	pc	58	39	pc	62	41
Columbus	rs	41	27	cl	34	30
Concord	rn	48	39	pc	41	21
Corps Christi	su	77	63	pc	80	66
Dallas	su	62	49	pc	76	39
Daytona Bch.	ts	73	50	su	71	59
Denver	pc	41	26	ss	32	19
Des Moines	pc	18	-7	pc	10	1
El Paso	su	71	49	pc	68	40
Fairbanks	pc	15	3	su	8	-1
Fargo	pc	1	-17	pc	7	-4
Flagstaff	pc	46	28	pc	36	14
Fort Myers	ts	79	56	su	79	61
Fort Smith	pc	53	40	sh	56	39
Fresno	sh	58	41	pc	53	37
Grand Junc.	rs	43	26	pc	37	18
Great Falls	cl	26	18	pc	28	18
Harrisburg	rn	49	40	pc	44	32
Hartford	rn	54	39	pc	44	26
Helena	cl	21	20	ss	31	17
Honolulu	cl	82	73	pc	83	73
Houston	su	75	59	pc	82	69
Int'l Falls	pc	6	-17	pc	7	-1
Jackson	pc	59	45	pc	71	62
Jacksonville	pc	67	49	sh	69	55
Jameau	pc	36	28	pc	32	29
Kansas City	pc	35	24	sn	27	21
Las Vegas	pc	60	44	su	55	36
Lexington	sh	47	32	cl	43	39
Lincoln	cl	25	14	su	24	13
Little Rock	pc	56	39	sh	56	49
Los Angeles	pc	64	50	su	65	45
Louisville	sh	47	28	sh	41	37
Macon	pc	57	36	pc	60	44
Memphis	pc	55	40	cl	61	58
Miami	pc	83	63	su	79	72
Minneapolis	cl	-6	pc	10	pc	10
Mobile	pc	64	49	pc	68	64
Montgomery	pc	56	40	pc	65	56
Nashville	cl	51	36	pc	56	51
New Orleans	pc	65	52	pc	75	65
New York	rn	56	43	pc	46	33
Norfolk	rn	61	40	su	56	39
Okla. City	pc	50	36	cl	49	27
Omaha	pc	22	13	ss	23	12
Orlando	ts	74	52	su	75	59
Palm Beach	ts	81	58	su	79	70
Palm Springs	pc	73	52	su	68	45
Philadelphia	pc	55	39	pc	45	32
Phoenix	su	71	49	su	64	41
Pittsburgh	rs	42	32	sh	36	28
Portland, ME	rn	52	39	pc	45	23
Portland, OR	cl	46	34	cl	41	32
Providence	rn	59</				

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



MATT ROURKE/AP

The 120th Army-Navy game is set for Saturday in Philadelphia. Navy leads the series 60-52-7, and every Midshipmen player will be wearing a special patch, as is the annual custom.

Every patch tells a story

When Navy faces Army, Mids wear military symbols with special meaning

BY AVA WALLACE
The Washington Post

In every way but one, this military patch looks like all the others that have been affixed throughout the years onto flight suits of those in the Naval Aviation Schools Command.

On a background of olive green sits a navy blue triangle jammed with symbols: an anchor, a shield centered on a pair of wings, a lit torch and two swords whose tips meet to form a point.

The only element that distinguishes this patch from its siblings is the black bar that's been stitched across it. The bar bears not a name but a date — Dec. 6, 2019.

That was the day a Saudi airman opened fire on a classroom at Naval Air Station Pensacola, killing three and wounding eight. Among those killed was Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson, 23, who graduated from the Naval Academy in May and who last month reported to Pensacola to begin aviation training.

On Saturday, Navy senior outside linebacker and team captain Nizaire Cromartie will honor the victims of the shooting when he wears the NASC memorial patch on his uniform, just below his left shoulder pad and just above his heart, in the 120th installment of the Army-Navy game.

"When I asked him if he wanted to wear it, he sent me a message back and I explained to him the situation," including that one of the victims was an academy graduate, said Greg Morgenthaler, Navy's associate athletic director for equipment operations. "His words — it was true leadership of a Navy captain: 'I would be honored and blessed to play for this young man.'"

All Navy players will wear patches honoring a military unit for the game at Lincoln Financial Field, where Navy (9-2) will play for its first victory over Army (5-7) since 2015.

Midshipmen players have worn unit patches on their Army-Navy game uniforms for at least 29 years, a tradition that has become so deeply embedded that no one in the athletic department knows when it actually started. Each fall, every player dressing for the rivalry game gets to pick a patch to wear. If they don't have a one in mind — it's common to wear the unit patch of a loved one who has served — players can choose from the team stockpile.

Not every patch is worn in remembrance, like the NASC memorial patch will be Saturday. The Midshipmen pick their patches based on a variety of reasons. Some wear patches from ships named for their home states, some choose the patches of former players and



AVA WALLACE/WASHINGTON POST

Special patches are spread out every fall on tables in the Navy football equipment room for players to choose from for the Army game.

some choose solely based on colors.

But make no mistake, there are rules to the selection process. Wearing patches from Strike Fighter Squadron 154, which coincidentally shares the nickname "Black Knights" with the Army football team, is outlawed. Players also aren't allowed to wear patches of Army or Air Force units without having a family tie or other good reason. This year, quarterback Malcolm Perry was one such exception.

Sometimes players are asked to wear a specific patch. Vice Adm. Sean Buck, the Naval Academy superintendent, requested this week that a player wear the NASC memorial patch.

"Those are the ones that I push to guys first — not that I force it on them, but I'll explain the situation, then leave it up to them," said Morgenthaler, who keeps patches of units that will be deployed while the Army-Navy game is played in his desk drawer.

"If they look good, the kids are going to want to wear them. But, yeah, there are limits. The whole purpose of doing this is to honor Navy and Marine Corps units in one of the most visible ways possible."

Beginning about late October every season, the Navy football

equipment offices are turned into a patch buffet. Hundreds of patches of different colors and shapes are spread across tables for players to peruse. The patches depict ships or weapons or animals — dragons appear frequently.

Morgenthaler, whose staff oversees the patches, likes to keep a stockpile of 300 to 500 in storage containers year-round. When the supply runs low, Scott Strasemeier, Navy's senior associate athletic director for sports information, will put out a call on social media.

"We probably got around 400 patches this year from that alone," Morgenthaler said.

Some patches arrive with handwritten notes, usually from former football players or Naval Academy alumni, and units or ships will often send patches in bulk so the team has them on hand for future games. The service members sending patches aren't tearing them off uniforms; they're usually purchased in a ship store or online.

The equipment staff gives players until about Thanksgiving to make their selections. Then their work begins.

This year, equipment staffers Peter Ford and Shari Mangas were tasked with sewing not just one but three patches onto every uniform — one for each unit, one for college football's 150th anni-

versary and one for the American Athletic Conference. That came out to 375 in total, with each patch taking between five to 10 minutes to sew.

"The circular ones? Those are Pete's favorite ones," Morgenthaler said. "No weird edges."

While the players aren't necessarily privy to the labor that goes into preparing the Army-Navy jerseys, they do know that patch selection can be serious business. Having a patch featured on a nationally broadcast football game is a huge source of pride for those within the unit.

Perry, the starting quarterback, was presented with his patch this year when the 105th Attack Squadron, an Air Force squadron nicknamed "Old Hickory" that is based less than an hour away from Perry's hometown of Clarksville, Tenn., invited the team captain for a special tour of its drone facility last summer.

Ford Higgins, another senior captain, also had his selection sorted before the season began. The center will be wearing the patch of the 2nd Battalion 8th Marines, dubbed "America's Battalion" for how many major conflicts it has been involved in, because he was asked to by a mentor, former player Adam West, when West visited fall camp.

West "wore No. 72 before me. He's an infantry marine now, and he sent a nice letter along with his patch," Higgins said. "He was a huge influence on me, and you take pride in who wears the number before you and who comes after."

The athletic department gets one patch onto a jersey every Army-Navy game: the Seal Team Three patch from former Navy lacrosse and football player Brendan Looney.

Looney was one of nine service members killed in a Black Hawk helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2010. Since his death, Stacie Michaud, an assistant athletic director for sports information who works with lacrosse and football, has asked the player who best embodies Looney's leadership characteristics to wear the patch.

Michaud, who keeps a Seal Team Three patch in her press box credentials during the Army-Navy game, knew for years she would ask linebacker and captain Paul Carothers to wear the patch his senior year.

"It was pretty cool," Carothers said. "Miss Stacie asked me about it, told me what it meant, and she felt that I was able to wear it proudly and carry on Brendan Looney's legacy well. Of course, it was a yes."

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TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020



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Tokyo 2020 Olympic mascot Miraitowa, left, and Paralympic mascot Someity pose for photographers during the mascot debut event in Tokyo. On Thursday, the International Paralympic Committee confirmed the Paralympic marathons are staying in Tokyo, unlike the marathons for the Olympics, which have been moved north to the cooler city of Sapporo.

TOKYO ‘RECOVERY OLYMPICS’? FOR SOME — BUT NOT FOR ALL

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FUTABA, Japan — The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics will kick off in Fukushima, the northern prefecture devastated almost nine years ago by an earthquake, tsunami and subsequent meltdown of three nuclear reactors.

They’ll also play Olympic baseball and softball next year in one part of Fukushima, allowing Tokyo organizers and the Japanese government to label these games the “Recovery Olympics.” The symbolism recalls the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, which showcased Japan’s re-emergence 19 years after World War II.

But tens of thousands still haven’t recovered in Fukushima, displaced by nuclear radiation and unable to return to deserted places like Futaba.

Time stopped in the town of 7,100 when disaster struck on March 11, 2011.

Laundry still hangs from the second floor of one house. Vermin gnaw at once intimate family spaces, exposed through shattered windows and mangled doors. The desolation is deepened by Japanese tidiness with shoes waiting in doorways for absent owners.

“This recovery Olympics is in name only,” said Toshihide Yoshida, who abandoned Futaba and ended up living near Tokyo. “The amount of money spent on the Olympics should have been used for real reconstruction.”

Olympic organizers say they are spending \$12.6 billion on the Olympics, about 60% public money. However, an audit report by the national governments says overall spending is about twice that much.

The government has spent \$318 billion for reconstruction projects for the disaster-hit northern prefectures, and the Fukushima plant decommissioning is expected to cost \$73 billion.

The Olympic torch relay will start in March in J-Village, a soccer stadium used as an emergency response hub for Fukushima plant workers. The relay goes to 11 towns hit by the



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In this June 11 file photo, a man walks past the logos of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics and Olympics in Tokyo.

disaster but bypasses Futaba, a part of Fukushima that Olympic visitors will never see.

“I would like the Olympic torch to pass Futaba to show the rest of the world the reality of our hometown,” Yoshida said. “Futaba is far from recovery.”

The radiation that spewed from the plant at one point displaced more than 160,000 people. Futaba is the only one of 12 radiation-hit towns that remains a virtual no-go zone. Only daytime visits are allowed for decontamination and reconstruction work, or for former residents to check their abandoned homes.

The town has been largely decontaminated and visitors can go almost anywhere without putting on hazmat suits, though they must carry personal dosimeters — which measure radiation absorbed by the body — and surgical masks are recommended. The main train station is set to reopen in March, but residents won’t be allowed to return until 2022.

A main shopping arcade in Futaba is lined by collapsing storefronts and sits about 2.5 miles from the nuclear plant, or 150 miles north of Tokyo. One shop missing its front doors advertises Shiseido beauty products with price tags still hanging on merchandise. Gift packages litter the

ground.

Futaba Minami Elementary School has been untouched for almost nine years and feels like a mausoleum. No one died in the evacuation. But school bags, textbooks and notebooks sit as they were when nearly 200 children rushed out.

Kids were never allowed to return, and “Friday, March 11” is still written on classroom blackboards along with due dates for the next homework assignment.

On the first floor of the vacant town hall, a human-size “daruma” good-luck figure stands in dim evening light at a reception area. A piece of paper that fell on the floor says the doors must be closed to protect from radiation.

It warns: “Please don’t go outside.”

The words are underlined in red. “Let us know if you start feeling unwell,” Muneshige Osumi, a former town spokesman told visitors, apologizing for the musty smell and the presence of rats.

About 20,000 people in Japan’s northern coastal prefectures died in the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami. Waves that reached 50 feet killed 21 people around Futaba, shredding a sea-side pine forest popular for picnics and bracing swims.

A clock is frozen at 3:37 p.m.

atop a white beach house that survived.

Nobody perished from the immediate impact of radiation in Fukushima, but more than 40 elderly patients died after they traveled long hours on buses to out-of-town evacuation centers. Their representatives filed criminal complaints and eventually sent former Tokyo Electric Power Co. executives to court. They were acquitted.

When Tokyo was awarded the Olympics in 2013, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe assured International Olympic Committee members that the nuclear disaster was “under control.” However, critics say the government’s approach to recovery has divided and silenced many people in the disaster-hit zones.

Under a development plan, Futaba hopes to have 2,000 people — including former residents and newcomers such as construction workers and researchers — eventually living in a 1,360-acre site.

Yoshida is unsure if he’ll return. But he wants to keep ties to Futaba, where his son inherited a filling station on the main highway connecting northern Japan to Tokyo.

Osumi, the town spokesman, said many former residents have found new homes and jobs and the majority say they won’t return. He has his own mixed feelings about going back to his mountain-side home in Futaba. The number of residents registered in the town has decreased by more than 1,000 since the accident, indicating they are unlikely to return.

“It was so sad to see the town destroyed and my hometown lost,” he said.

He reflected on family life, the autumn leaves and the comforting hot baths.

“My heart ached when I had to leave this town behind,” he said.

Standing outside the Futaba station, Mayor Shirou Izawa described plans to rebuild a new town. It will be friendly to the elderly and a place that might become a major hub for research in decommissioning and renewable energy. The hope is that those who come to help in Fukushima’s reconstruction may stay and be

part of a new Futaba.

“The word Fukushima has become globally known, but regrettably the situation in Futaba or (neighboring) Okuma is hardly known,” Izawa said, noting Futaba’s recovery won’t be ready by the Olympics. “But we can still show that a town that was so badly hit has come this far.”

To showcase the recovery, government officials say J-Village, where the torch relays begins, and the Azuma baseball stadium were decontaminated and cleaned. However, problems keep popping up at J-Village, with radiation “hot spots” being reported, raising questions about safety heading into the Olympics.

The baseball stadium is about 45 miles west of Futaba, J-Village is closer, about 12 miles away along the coastal area.

The radioactive waste from decontamination surrounding the plant, and from across Fukushima, is kept in thousands of storage bags stacked in temporary areas in Futaba and Okuma.

They are to be sorted — some burned and compacted — and buried at a medium-term storage facility for the next 30 years. For now they fill vast fields that used to be rice paddies or vegetable farms. One large mound sits next to a graveyard, almost brushing the stone monuments.

This year, 4 million tons of those industrial container bags were to be brought into Futaba and another million tons to Okuma, where part of the Fukushima plant stands.

Yoshida says the medium-term waste-storage sites and the uncertainty over whether they will stay in Futaba or be moved is discouraging residents and newcomers.

“Who wants to come to live in a place like that? Would senior officials in Kasumigaseki government headquarters go and live there?” he asked, referring to the high-end area in Tokyo that houses many government ministries.

“I don’t think they would. But we have ancestral graves, and we love Futaba, and we don’t want Futaba to be lost. The good old Futaba that we remember will be lost forever, but we’ll cope.”

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Toyota's best-selling Corolla compact gets makeover and a hybrid for 2020

After getting an all-new hatchback version for 2019, the Toyota Corolla debuts a redesigned sedan lineup for 2020, including the brand's first hybrid model.

The 12th-generation Corolla sedan carries forward much of the new exterior styling that made its debut earlier on the hatchback version.

For the new sedan, prices start at \$19,600 (plus \$955 freight) for the base L model with a continuously variable automatic transmission, and range as high as \$25,550 for the top-of-the-line XSE model with the CVT, which we tested for this report.

In between those are the LE CVT (\$20,050); SE CVT (\$22,050); SE6MT with manual gearbox (\$22,750); Hybrid LE CVT (\$23,100); and XLE CVT (\$24,050).

On gasoline-only versions, there are two engines available, depending on trim level. L, LE and XLE models come with the 1.8-liter four-cylinder from the previous model, now producing 139 horsepower and 126 foot-pounds of torque.

SE and XSE models get an upgrade to a new 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine with 169 horsepower and 151 foot-pounds of torque.

The six-speed manual gearbox is offered only on the SE (Sport Edition) model, where it is a \$700 upgrade over the SE with the automatic. All models have front-wheel drive.

Toyota says the 12th-generation Corolla sedan and its hatchback variant are based on the Toyota New Global Architecture, described as "far more than a new body structure, bringing together new approaches to engineering, design, assembly, and materials."

New styling cues include shorter front and longer rear overhangs, a lower hood, beefy fender flares and curved fender top surfaces, giving the car a sculpted, athletic appearance.

SE and XSE versions have sportier appearances than the other trims. They feature body-color chin spoilers and aero stabilizing fins, and Toyota says their slim, J-shaped Bi-Beam LED headlights, which wrap into the fenders, are meant to give the car a "steely stare and a distinct nighttime signature." The SE and XSE also have triple J-shaped LED clearance



2020 TOYOTA COROLLA SEDAN

The package: Compact, four-door, five-passenger, four-cylinder, front-wheel-drive hatchback.

Highlights: Toyota has rolled out its redesigned Corolla sedan for 2020, with new styling inside and out, along with more safety technology. This is a roomy and comfortable vehicle that seems more like a small luxury car than the affordable compact it is.

Engine: 1.8-liter inline four-cylinder, gasoline, normally aspirated; 2.0-liter inline four-cylinder, gasoline, normally aspirated (SE and XSE only).

Brakes: front/rear: Disc/disc, antilock, with electric park brake.

Cargo volume: 13.1 cubic feet.

Electronic stability control: Standard.

EPA fuel economy: 29 city/36 highway/32 combined.

Base price range: \$19,600-\$25,550, plus \$955 freight.

Price as tested: \$29,214, including freight and options (XSE).

lights, as well as LED turn signals.

Available is the Adaptive Front-lighting System (\$450, included on our tester), which turns the low beams slightly in the direction the car is turning, based on steering angle and speed. All models have some LED lights, and SE/XSE versions have smoked outer light lenses.

New exterior colors for 2020 include the iridescent Celestite and Blue Print. Other choices are Blizzard Pearl, Super White, Classic Silver Metallic, Black Sand Pearl, Blue Crush Metallic and Barcelona Red Metallic, which was the color of our test vehicle.

Also a cool feature on our XSE were the 18-inch multi-spoke alloy wheels, which are included on SE models as well. The other trims get 16-inch wheels, except for the hybrid, which has 15-inch.

All but the base model come with a high-resolution eight-inch multimedia touch screen rising from the center dash. L models have a seven-inch touch screen. The instrument panel, cowl, hood and dash belt line have been lowered for increased forward visibility.

The cabin has a mix of high-gloss and

matte surfaces, including silver accents with piano black and optional contrasting stitching, giving the interior a more-upscale appearance. Ambient lighting is available for the front door trim, console tray and front cupholder.

That console tray was the perfect spot for my phone. It also houses the optional wireless phone-charging pad. The cupholders in the center console are terraced to accommodate different beverage containers.

A standard 4.2-inch Multi-Information Display is between the tachometer and speedometer, and a seven-inch display is available (standard on our XSE model). The bigger screen allows for switching between analog and digital speedometers.

SE and XSE have a new front-seat design with the headrest nestling into the shoulder area. LE and XLE have a new U-shaped front seatback. Toyota says these new seat designs create "a sense of youthful, sporty appeal while improving comfort."

Seating surfaces are either cloth or, on our XSE, SofTex faux leather. Interior colors include some two-tone designs.

Available colors are black, include black/blue (black as the main color with blue highlights), Moonstone (light gray as the main color with dark gray highlights) and Macadamia (a cream color).

We had an eight-way power-adjustable driver's seat, manual four-way passenger seat, and heated front seats.

The CVT on our XSE had paddle shifters to simulate a 10-speed sequential-shift transmission, and Sport Mode.

Our 2.0-liter engine had Dual VVT-i (Variable Valve Timing-intelligence), with VVT-iE (Variable Valve Timing-intelligence by Electric motor) on the intake side and VVT-i on the exhaust. VVT-iE uses an electric motor instead of oil pressure to control the valve timing, enhancing power output and fuel mileage, and reducing harmful emissions, the automaker says.

We had plenty of power in our tester, and the CVT seemed to shift more like a conventional transmission even without using the paddle shifters.

Among standard features across the board are Toyota's Entune 3.0 connectivity system with Apple Car Play and Amazon Alexa connectivity; a sport-tuned suspension and new underpinnings based on the Toyota New Global Architecture. Surprisingly, though, the audio system does not support Android Auto, which supports Android smartphones, the most-popular phones on the market worldwide.

Among other standard features on the XSE model are dual-zone automatic climate control, a sport gray metallic mesh grille, color-keyed power/heated outside mirrors, dual chrome exhaust tips, and a power tilt/slide moon roof.

Front door storage pockets include cupholders big enough to hold 24-ounce bottles. Rear doors have cupholders that can handle 16-ounce bottles. Also included are an electronic parking brake, Smart Key system, automatic up/down windows and two front USB outlets.

While there is room for up to five people, the rear bench seat is more comfortable for two rather than three, and our rear passengers said they had adequate knee, leg and head room. A middle armrest with two cupholders can be pulled down for the outboard passengers when no one is sitting in the center position.

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- 22 Barbecuer's utensil
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- 32 Beach souvenir
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- 47 Defeats; outdoes
- 50 Long walk
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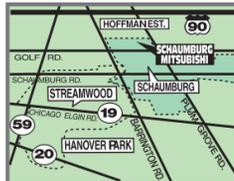
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\$10,700



2016 Buick Verano Sedan w/1SD Stk #Z1587A
\$11,686



2017 Buick Encore Preferred FWD Stk #Z1603A
\$15,489



2017 Buick Enclave Convenience FWD Stk #Z1581
\$19,988



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\$13,999



2019 GMC ACADIA SLT-1 AWD Stk #Z1540
\$27,799



2019 GMC ACADIA SLT-1 AWD Stk #Z1585
\$27,800



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\$29,898



2017 GMC ACADIA DENALI AWD Stk #Z1605
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\$7,845



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\$9,100



2012 Chevy Cruze
Sedan 2LT Stk #Z1612A
\$9,346



2016 Buick Verano
4Dr Sedan w/1SD Stk #C90174B
\$10,700



2018 Nissan Sentra
SV CVT Stk #Z1604
\$10,700



2016 Buick Verano
4Dr Sedan w/1SD Stk #Z1587A
\$11,686



2015 Jeep Patriot
4WD High Altitude Stk #Z1471A
\$11,700



2016 Chevy Malibu
Limited w/1LT Stk #Z1555
\$12,300



2015 Ford Taurus
SEL FWD Stk #Z1575
\$12,389



2014 Buick Encore
Convenience FWD Stk #B90351A
\$12,481



2014 Lincoln MKZ
4Dr Sedan AWD Stk #B90163A
\$12,788



2016 GMC Terrain
FWD SLE-1 Stk #Z1558
\$13,999



2014 BMW 328i xDrive
Gran Turismo Wgn Stk #C90165A
\$14,894



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AWD 4Dr XLE (Nat'l) Stk #Z1597
\$16,700



2016.5 Mazda CX-5
AWD Touring Auto Stk #Z1542A
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2019 Hyundai Tucson
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2008 Jeep Wrangler
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2019 BUICK ENCORE PREFERRED
FWD #B90391

LEASE:

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PER MO. / 24 MONTHS*



2020 BUICK ENVISION PREFERRED
FWD #B20046

LEASE:

\$149

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS*



2020 BUICK ENCLAVE ESSENCE
FWD #B20038

LEASE:

\$199

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS*

*24 month/ 10K miles per year lease. \$3,999 due at signing plus tax, title, license fee and 1st months payment of \$99 (Encore); \$149 (Envision); \$199 (Enclave). Must qualify for lease loyalty. See dealer for complete details. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/pricing may change per manufacturers. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.



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FWD STK #M90434 LEASE:

\$149

PER MO./24 MONTHS*



NEW 2019 GMC SIERRA 1500
STK #M90438 LEASE:

\$199

PER MO./24 MONTHS*

*24 month/ 10K miles per year lease. \$3,999 due at signing plus tax, title, license fee and 1st months payment of \$129 (Terrain); \$149 (Acadia); \$199 (Sierra). Must qualify for lease loyalty. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/pricing may change per manufacturers. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.

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LEASE

\$359 per mo. **36** mos.

\$4,000 due at signing

2019 ES 350. MSRP \$47,512. 36 months. 10,000 miles per year. \$4,000 due at lease signing. \$359/month + tax. Offer End Date: 1/02/20

2020 RX 350 AWD
LEASE

\$419 per mo. **27** mos.

\$3,499 due at signing

2020 RX 350 AWD. MSRP \$53,190. 27 months. 10,000 miles per year. \$3,499 due at lease signing. \$419/month + tax. Offer End Date: 1/02/20

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LS FWD #C200039 SALE:

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1LS FWD #C200096 SALE:

\$16,993*

OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR:

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for 39 mos.[^]



New 2019

CHEVROLET BLAZER

FWD #C190965 SALE:

\$27,950*

OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR:

\$199
for 39 mos.[^]



New 2019

CHEVROLET SILVERADO

4WD #C190806 SALE:

\$24,100*

OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR:

\$299
for 39 mos.[^]



New 2020

CHEVROLET SPARK

HB 1LS #C200278

\$9,181*



New 2020

CHEVROLET TRAX

FWD LS #C200203

\$13,839*



New 2019

CHEVROLET IMPALA

#C190981 MSRP: \$28,895

\$17,950*



New 2020

CHEVROLET TRAVERSE

FWD 1LT #C200033

\$28,279*



New 2020

CHEVROLET TAHOE

LT 4WD #C200139

\$47,315*

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2017 CHEVY **EQUINOX**
LT #S4705

\$16,000*



2017 ACURA **RDX**
#S4704

\$21,000*



2017 CHEVY **SILVERADO**
1500 LT #C190257A

\$27,500*



2017 CHEVY **TAHOE**
LS #C200127A

\$35,500*



2014 CHEVROLET **CORVETTE**
STINGRAY 2LT #S4600

\$36,000*



2016 CADILLAC **ESCALADE**
ESV PLATINUM #S4648

\$45,000*

*Plus tax, title, license and doc fee. ^Lease for 39 months w/\$3,990 down, \$0 security deposit plus tax, title and doc fee with approved credit. 10K miles per year. Extra fees may apply at lease termination. Plus tax, title, license, and doc. fee. †0% for 72 months figured at \$13.89 per \$1,000 financed w/\$0 down to qualified buyers w/approved credit on select models. --Lease loyalty available to qualified current Chevy owners on select models. MSRP may not be the price at which the vehicle is sold in the trade area. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/prices may change per manufacturer. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.



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NEW 2019 JEEP
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4x4 #192635
MSRP: \$28,855+
Save: \$8,766 Off MSRP!



NEW 2020 JEEP
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#200397 MSRP: \$44,065+
Lease: \$229 PER MO. | 36 MOS.*



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AWD #191949
Save: \$7,787 Off MSRP!



NEW 2020 JEEP
Compass Latitude
4x4 #200243
MSRP: \$29,990+
Lease: \$169 PER MO. | 36 MOS.*



NEW 2019 RAM
1500 Big Horn/Lone Star Crew Cab
4x4 5'7" Box #191782 MSRP: \$52,490+
Sale: \$329 PER MO. | 42 MOS.*



NEW 2020 JEEP
Gladiator Sport
#200018
MSRP: \$43,965+
Lease: \$259 PER MO. | 36 MOS.*



NEW 2020 JEEP
Cherokee Latitude PLUS 4x4
#200114
MSRP: \$31,285+
Lease: \$199 PER MO. | 39 MOS.*



NEW 2020 CHRYSLER
Pacifica
#200471



NEW 2020 JEEP
Grand Cherokee Limited
4x4 #200486
MSRP: \$43,350+
Lease: \$289 PER MO. | 42 MOS.*



NEW 2019 RAM
2500 Big Horn Crew Cab
4x4 6'4" Box #191705
MSRP: \$66,770+
Sale: \$55,972 \$10,798 Off MSRP!



NEW 2019 RAM
1500 Tradesman Crew Cab
4x4 6'4" Box #190741
MSRP: \$44,830+
Sale: \$31,874 \$12,956 Off MSRP!



NEW 2019 RAM
1500 Rebel Crew Cab
4x4 5'7" Box #191365
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