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Boeing CEO out amid 737 Max crisis

Manufacturer has leadership shakeup, with Muilenburg let go

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Boeing has ousted CEO Dennis Muilenburg as the crisis involving the company's 737 Max jet gets ready to stretch into the new year.

Muilenburg's immediate exit, announced Monday, was an abrupt turn for the Chicago-based aircraft manufacturer, whose



Muilenburg
board stood by Muilenburg for months after the aircraft was grounded in March after two deadly crashes killed 346 people and amid repeated setbacks to get the Max cleared to fly again.

Boeing said board Chairman David Calhoun, a longtime Boeing director with ties to the aviation

and private equity industries, will officially take over as president and CEO on Jan. 13.

His to-do list: Getting the 737 Max back in the air, and getting both airline customers and the flying public on board.

U.S. airlines have canceled thousands of flights and pushed back the date they expect to begin flying the Max into April, and Boeing is still waiting for regulators to approve its fix for flight control software investigators found to be a factor in both crashes. Last week,

Boeing announced it would temporarily suspend production of the 737 Max, a move that will affect 900 companies that make engines, bodies and other Max parts.

Separately, on Friday, a Boeing space capsule failed to reach its intended destination, the International Space Station.

The leadership change seemed inevitable, many industry insiders said after Muilenburg's ouster was announced early Monday. But they also noted that Boeing needs more than a new face at the helm to

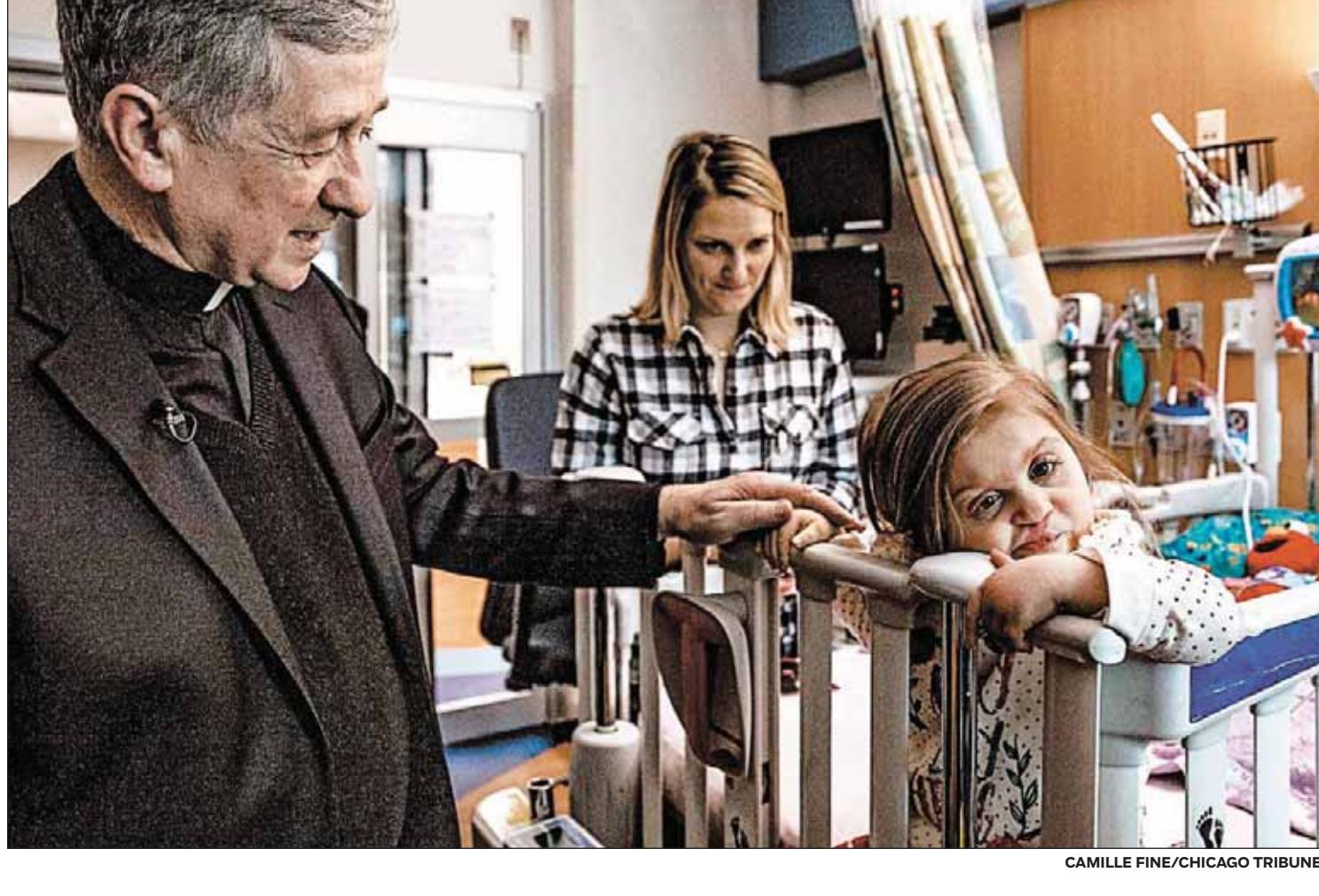
restore confidence in the plane and the company.

"It's not who's in charge, it's what they're doing," said Dennis Tajer, spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association.

Boeing called Muilenburg's exit from the CEO spot and the board a resignation, but its language in a news release announcing the leadership transition indicated otherwise.

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CHRISTMAS WITH CARDINAL

Cardinal Blase Cupich says a prayer for Livi Etue as her mother, Kristin Etue, watches at Lurie Children's Hospital. Cupich visited with patients Monday on the cardiac and oncology floors of the hospital, praying with the children and delivering well wishes to families as Christmas approaches. Livi has a heart defect and has been on the heart transplant list for about two months. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

McConnell, Pelosi dig in on impasse

Headway over Trump's trial not likely before January

BY JOHN WAGNER AND MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Both sides dug in Monday in the impasse over a Senate trial of President Donald Trump, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell chiding House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for the delay in transmitting articles of impeachment, a position he called "absurd."

Pelosi, meanwhile, insisted that before moving forward, Democrats need to know "what sort of trial the Senate will conduct." Democrats are seeking to use newly released emails showing that the White House put a hold on military aid to

Ukraine less than two hours after Trump's July call with the country's leader to bolster their case that a Senate trial should include witnesses.

At the heart of the Democrats' case is the allegation that Trump tried to leverage a White House meeting and military aid, sought by Ukraine to combat Russian military aggression, to pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to launch an investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden, as well as a probe of an unfounded theory that Kyiv conspired with Democrats to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

McConnell signaled during a



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi insists that before moving forward, Democrats need to know "what sort of trial the Senate will conduct."

news conference that he doesn't expect much progress on the impasse over a Senate trial before lawmakers return to Washington after the holidays.

"We'll find out when we come back in session where we are," the Senate majority leader told reporters in Louisville.

McConnell referred them to

comments he made earlier Monday on Fox News' "Fox & Friends." During that interview, he accused Pelosi of holding "an absurd position."

When another reporter asked about Pelosi holding onto the articles of impeachment, Mc-

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Rivian receives boost worth \$1.3B

Rivian, the electric truck manufacturer opening a factory downstate, is getting another big investment as it prepares to roll out vehicles next year. **Business, Page 9**

\$300K bond set in weekend shooting

A judge Monday set bond at \$300,000 for a Beverly man who was arrested after 13 people were wounded. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Shootings galvanize 'fed up' Little Village residents

BY LAURA RODRÍGUEZ

Every morning, when Betsy Lara walks her 7-year-old daughter to school past the corner of 26th Street and Lawndale Avenue in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood, she is reminded that it could have been her daughter who was shot on Halloween.

Seven-year-old Giselle, dressed in Minnie Mouse costume, was shot in the neck and chest while trick-or-treating but miraculously survived.

In the next six weeks, two others — a 16-year-old student and a 32-year-old nurse — were also shot in Little Village, inno-

cent bystanders to gang conflicts. They weren't so lucky and succumbed to their wounds.

"We are fed up," Lara, the mother of two, said last week as she walked her daughter home from school. "We want to make sure it won't happen to our children."

The shootings have galvanized the predominantly Latino community — and Chicago police say they have noticed. Following each of the tragic shootings, residents have quickly reached out to police with tips, video, anything they could do to help, said Anthony Guglielmi, the chief police spokesman.

Thanks to the outpouring of support, police arrested the suspected 15-year-old gunman in Giselle's shooting in less than 48 hours, lightning quick, especially for a department that has been criticized for its failure to solve many shootings and homicides.

Charges against a 19-year-old suspected gunman also came quickly — within a month — in the slaying of Frank Aguilar, a 32-year-old nurse who was fatally shot on Nov. 12 in the 3700 block of West 32nd Street after leaving work.

Guglielmi credited residents who witnessed the shootings with helping detectives identify

the shooters in both incidents.

Witnesses have also come forward with "important information" — including video surveillance — that helped locate a vehicle used in the Dec. 14 slaying of 16-year-old Angie Monroy and could help solve the crime, he said.

Guglielmi said that police had never before seen "this level of cooperation and involvement" from Little Village residents with gang shootings.

The spokesman also credited police brass in the Ogden District, which patrols Little Village, for

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■ A story in the early print edition of Sunday's Business section about website accessibility lawsuits misspelled the name of the company UsableNet. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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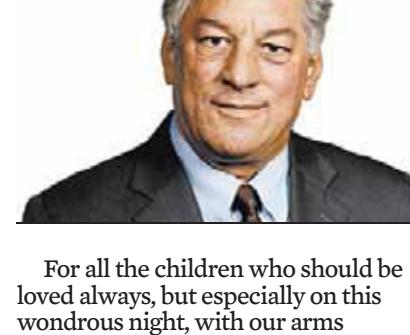
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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Hugo Estrada holds his 7-month-old daughter, Arianna, at the Chicago Christmas tree lighting in Millennium Park.



JOHN KASS

O Night, Divine

For all the children who should be loved always, but especially on this wondrous night, with our arms around them and a long goodnight kiss on the temple, a kiss more precious than anything wrapped in a box.

For all the parents who stand quietly in the doorways of the bedrooms, watching those small, sleeping shapes.

For all the babies who aren't loved, and who may grow up with a hard crust around their hearts because there was no one to plant the kisses and give the hugs.

For every couple that adopts a child. For every young mother who has given her child up for adoption in order to save the life inside her.

For all the couples who've tried to have children yet were unable. For all who've lost their children. And for everyone who has lost their moms and dads.

For the crazy uncles who'll drink too much tonight, sneaking outside to put on that red suit, before coming back inside to surprise the kids. For all the wise aunts who make sure the coffee is strong and black, so that the crazy uncles sober up.

And for all the men and all the women in every choir in the world. For weeks they've been practicing in cold, empty churches.

Tonight is their night, too, the night they lift us with their song.

And for their beautiful voices that graciously invite us to humble ourselves, as we ask for help in scraping away any bitterness that may have taken root over the year.

For all the friends and relatives who don't wait for a special night to begin building a family. All year they've been building it, tending it with their love and with their time.

They show up unannounced on a random Thursday afternoon in June, or on a cool morning in November, dropping by just to see if you're OK.

So, tonight is for them, and tomorrow, too, because they are family. By friendship. By blood. By the acts of family.

For the young who feel lonely and angry and lost and don't know why.

For all who are far away and can't make it home this year.

And for those who are physically near, yet who are distant and apart in so many other ways. They've locked the door behind them, and now at the eleventh hour, they worry they may never return home.

But tonight is the night of new hope in the world.

And the door is always open.

Just reach for it.

Come and see.

For the shy, quiet ones who aren't part of the ruling clique at work, yet who would stun you with their grace and talent if you gave them the chance.

For all the old men at the end of the bar, nursing their drinks, half-watching the TV, grateful to sit in a clean, warm, place where they can listen to the sounds of life going on around them.

And for the old women alone in their rooms tonight, awake in their beds, staring at the ceiling, remembering the laughter of children on nights just like this one, when there was so much work to do and a houseful of hungry guests to feed.

For all those who've received that call from the doctor and have felt the flutter of dark wings, knowing bad news is coming even before they hear the words.

And for everyone on the night shift tonight, and those who must work tomorrow, and all the first responders and for their families waiting for them to come home.

For everyone in a hospital tonight praying for dignity and relief, and an end without pain or shame or suffering. For the physicians who care for

them. For the nurses who enter the silent rooms, pull up a chair, and listen to quiet confessions.

For all the clergy who've struggled with their faith and belief, yet who find it again and are renewed.

And for every sailor at sea standing watch tonight, up on the bridge, staring out into cold, black water, remembering brightly lit rooms.

For the U.S. armed forces, who protect us with their lives. For the U.S. foreign service and intelligence services who enter the shadows to protect us. For their families.

For the American republic, the last best hope of man on earth.

And for our people, who never, ever quit.

For the people of Hong Kong who struggle for liberty against unyielding power, yet who must pity those of us here who've taken our freedom for granted.

To everyone I've hurt with cruel and unnecessary words on my worst days. I'm sorry. And to all of you who visit this column four times a week. My family and I can't thank you enough.

For all of you who keep hold of what is most important about this special night.

It is the message brought to us by the perfect child born in a manger in Bethlehem so very long ago.

He came to light the world.

He is the gift.

And it is all about love.

And I hope it comes to you and comforts you and remains with you and those you love, always.

Merry Christmas.

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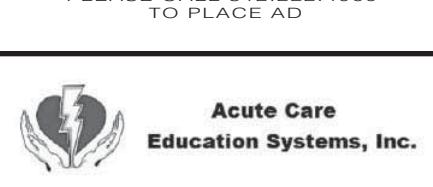


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Believe in Santa Claus, global good

'Twas the night before Christmas ...

Well, depending on when you're reading this, a more appropriate beginning might be "Twill be the night before Christmas" or "Tis the night before Christmas."



Let's dispense with the specific day and just agree it's some point before Christmas, very close but not necessarily abutting, OK? (Who knew a Christmas column would start out so contentious? Yeesh.)

Anyhoo, for those who celebrate this wonderful holiday (Christmas, that is), I hope your house is devoid of stirring creatures — mice in particular — and your stockings are hung by the chimney, or at least near the thermostat, with care.

I am, like most reasonable 48-year-old newspaper columnists, hoping St. Nicholas soon will be here. I hope you are as well.

I pity those who don't believe in Santa Claus. Doubt is a terrible thing, and not believing in a global good just because you've never seen it with your own eyes seems like a missed opportunity. Besides, Santa has long specialized in not being spotted. It's kind of his brand.

If the character known for sliding down the chimney with toys was, say, a three-legged hippopotamus with chronic vertigo, there might be merit to the "Well, why I haven't seen him?" argument. Hard to miss a bearded hippo who has dizzy spells after filling each stocking. But speed and stealth — along with a bit of Christmas magic — are Santa's calling cards, so the need for visual confirmation seems foolish.

Besides, do you think someone just came up with a story about a globe-traveling dude in a red coat and fuzzy hat with an army of nonunionized elves and an unregulated toy factory hidden deep in the North Pole? We writers can be creative, but not THAT creative.

No, the story of Santa Claus exists, and has stuck around so long, for a simple reason: People believe.

They believe there's something truly special in the air on Christmas Eve that makes the particles around us feel charged. It's what makes the quiet of the night seem not fully quiet. It's what makes hearts, particularly small ones, flutter. It's what makes it so mercilessly hard to sleep.

I don't claim to be well-versed in the behavior of particles, but I know things don't feel quite that way on any other night. So there has to be a reason, right? It's not static electricity or a sudden change in the barometric pressure. It's something different, something inexplicable.

And so we believe, sensibly, that it's some kind of precursor to the arrival of St. Nick. It has always been there — in our bellies and chests and in the tingle along our arms or legs — and it remains, as long as we don't stop believing.

What about the smells? Cookies baking, pine needles, maybe a Christmas Eve soup bubbling on the stove. We've smelled those things a million times before, but the way they smell at Christmas is ... different. Better.

Why? Why would a cookie smell more delicious, more exciting, on this one particular night of the year? Why would a cup of frothy hot cocoa taste better this night than any other?

And as we get older, why do those smells bring back such vivid and joyful memories? It's not because the cookies are different, my friends. It's something more.

I credit Santa Claus because, again, he's the constant. He's there when we're little, when we're old and when we're in between. If we believe, there is a thread that runs through all our Christmases. It gets woven into our lives, connecting the bubbly feelings of childhood to the new excitement adulthood brings, binding the funny memories of holidays past to the anticipation of memories yet to be formed.

I'm an adult and a father and a (theoretically) responsible grown-up, and I can be cynical about many things. I also, without pause or even a second thought, believe in Santa Claus. And whether you're a child who has been told otherwise, an older kid questioning the big man's existence or an adult who has chosen to move on, I encourage you to believe as well.

Because something is supercharging those particles. Something is making everything taste better. Something is making it hard to go to sleep.

And to me, only one thing makes sense: a universally good person, lively and quick, with a beard white as snow, a droll little mouth and the merriest of dimples.

So whether it "tis" or "twill be" the night before Christmas, allow me to recommend the following:

Before you get nestled or snug, before you don your 'cap or kerchief (whatever the heck those are), before you settle down and listen for shingle-damaging prancing and pawing on the rooftop, before you even consider flying away like a flash or tearing open shutters and casting wandering eyes on objects below, take a moment.

Let yourself believe.

And have a most wonderful, most merry Christmas. With my and my family's best wishes to you all, each and every one.

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Police, activists and members of the community pray during an "Operation Wake Up" rally Monday in the 5700 block of South May Street where 13 people were shot early Sunday morning.

\$300K bail in shooting at party

13 people wounded at memorial in Englewood

By WILLIAM LEE AND ANNIE SWEENEY

A Cook County judge on Monday set bond at \$300,000 for a Beverly man who was arrested a short time after gunmen wounded 13 people at a weekend memorial party in Englewood, an incident that drew outrage from Mayor Lori Lightfoot and rattled the community just days before Christmas.

After a brief court appearance at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, prosecutors made it clear they weren't directly tying Marciano White, 37, to the shooting, which took place inside and outside a greystone building in the 5700 block of South May Street early Sunday.

Results of firearm ballistics and gunshot residue tests that would either link or clear White in the shooting weren't yet ready, said Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy.

Still, prosecutors sought to have bail denied for White, who allegedly said he found a loaded firearm in the aftermath of the shooting, which saw no fatalities but left four people in critical condition. White, of the 9300 block of South Longwood Drive, was charged as an armed habitual criminal, a class X felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison, and unlawful use of weapon by a felon.

Police came across White as they responded to a report of multiple shots fired and saw him quickly leaving the area of a ShotSpotter sensor, Murphy told Circuit Court Judge Susana Ortiz as White

stood silently nearby.

White, who prosecutors said was clutching a black bag containing a .357 Magnum revolver with one spent shell casing and five live rounds, allegedly admitted he attended the house party with his girlfriend but said he hid in a closet after hearing the commotion erupt from the shooting.

Authorities also said that White claimed he took the weapon out of fear because of the shooting and crime in the neighborhood. White's court-appointed attorney pushed back, saying prosecutors did not present enough evidence for White to be held without bond.

Ortiz agreed the burden for denying bail hadn't been met. But she said she was ordering White held on \$300,000 bond based on two prior felony convictions and the seriousness of the new charges.

Several supporters of White who attended the hearing left the courthouse without commenting. White returns to court next week.

Murphy said the investigation into the shooting would continue. Authorities said there had been no new arrests late Monday.

The shooting occurred around 12:40 a.m. Sunday during a party in honor of the birthday of Lonell Irvin, a 22-year-old man fatally shot near the intersection of State Street and Ida B. Wells Drive during an attempted carjacking April 26 in the Loop.

Police said a dispute inside the party, with about 75 people in attendance, led to gunfire that struck 13 people ranging in age from 16 to 48. The victims were taken to various hospitals.

Afterward, police recovered at least 20 bullet casings inside and outside the home from two handguns, a police source told

the Tribune.

The shooting had the highest number of victims since 13 people were injured — including a 3-year-old — in September 2013 at Cornell Square Park in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

And it came at a time when neighborhood residents said they should be focused on the holidays and enjoying their families.

Later Monday afternoon, a day after Lightfoot called the shooting "an act of cowardice," police officials at the Englewood police district staged a "community intervention" with residents on the block where the shooting occurred.

Community members said they remain hopeful that programs already in the works could prevent such violence from breaking out in the future. The blocks where the shooting happened have already been targeted by resident organizations that secured a nearly \$1 million public safety grant from the Department of Justice, said Asiaha Butler, executive director of the Resident Association of Greater Englewood.

Butler, whose organization is one of the grant partners, said planning has been in the works for months — with residents, police, street outreach teams and other city agencies — to figure out what is needed to increase public safety in two of Englewood's police beats, including 712, where the shooting happened.

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Cardinal prays with children, families at Lurie hospital

By PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

Cardinal Blase Cupich entered the room in the cardiac care unit at Lurie Children's Hospital with a smile and a warm greeting for 2-year-old Livi Etue.

"I like your Merry Christmas outfit," Cupich said.

Livi, who is awaiting a heart transplant, smiled back from her hospital bed.

Extending a holiday tradition, Cupich visited with patients Monday afternoon on the cardiac and oncology floors of the children's hospital off North Michigan Avenue, praying with the children and delivering well wishes to families as Christmas approaches.

After greeting the cardinal, Livi, who has been on the heart transplant list for about two months, lay back in her bed, fidgeting with an array of board books.

"We are waiting for a miracle," said her mom, Kristin. "Sorry, unfortunately she missed her nap today."

"I know how you feel," Cupich quipped.

"I didn't get a nap either."

Cupich then handed Livi a prayer card and gave her mother a St. Francis of Assisi cross, and gently placed his hand on the girl, praying for her. "We pray for a new heart, and that the surgery goes well," Cupich said. As the cardinal prepared to leave, Livi blew him a kiss.

Cupich has been visiting the children's hospital at Christmastime the past five years.

"Coming here is kind of a lens to see the rest of life because you have a combination of people who are suffering and yet people who are suffering with them and helping them," Cupich said. "You see that people



CAMILLE FINE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Cardinal Blase Cupich visits Elizabeth "Ellie" Georgas, 10, Monday as her mother, Evanthis Georgas, looks on at Lurie Children's Hospital.

are united in a way that helps them see what really counts in life: their coming together as family."

He praised the hospital staff for their dedication, especially during the holidays, lingering in the hallways to shake hands and chat. Talking with Lurie staff, Cupich said, "is kind of an elixir. It's an inspiration for me to carry on the work that I do realizing that I know there are so many good people who are working each and every day to help others."

Three hundred and fifty of the hospital's 364 beds are filled this holiday season, said Lurie's new CEO, Tom Shanley. In addition to the intensive care floors, there have been many children suffering from viral infection this early winter.

Cupich also connected the work of the hospital staff and the love of the families to the themes of Christmas.

"We see this as a child who has been abandoned, in terms of the world not having any place, any room at the inn, who is born poor, and yet here, children are not abandoned; we're ready to have room in the inn," he said.

Cupich chatted and prayed with Patryk

Roik, 11, who is also awaiting a heart transplant, and his family, ending his prayer in Polish, one of the languages the family speaks. He laid his hand softly on the arm of the sleeping 7-month-old Avachanel Gomez, wrapped in a Christmas-themed fleece blanket, wishing the family "Feliz Navidad."

He spoke with 10-year-old Elizabeth Georgas, who is being treated for neuroblastoma, complimenting the girl on her resilience.

Cupich swapped sibling stories with Alberto Torres, 16, of Waukegan, who is recovering from heart transplant surgery.

"Good to see you," the cardinal said.

"Good to see you too man," Torres said.

Cupich asked the teen if he was feeling better after surgery.

"I feel ... more different," Torres said. "I don't know how to describe it."

The two then prayed together.

"We're here to let you know we are with you," Cupich said. "We pray to bring him full health and to give him a sense that he is not alone, that many people are with him, every day."

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their "improved relationship" with residents. "They now know they can trust us," he said.

Benjamin "Benny" Estrada, a former gang member who has worked with troubled youth for years, said neighborhood residents — even some gang members — have grown tired of the violence.

Residents no longer fear helping the police, he said, "because it's starting to hit home."

Estrada said the recent shootings of the three innocent victims shocked the community, but ongoing gang conflict remains a fact of life.

For weeks, even months, violence can remain stagnant, he said, but some weeks "one shooting will lead to another."

While homicides and shootings have declined citywide by double-digit levels in 2019 compared with the year earlier, the Ogdern District has seen more modest changes. Through Dec. 15, shooting incidents have declined just 4% to 160, while homicides have remained flat at 33, the same as the year earlier.

Sgt. Alfonso Lara, who directs the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) office in the Ogdern District, said the Little Village neighborhood's trust in police has improved in the past few years largely because officers began to "aggressively" form partnerships with community members and organizations.

"We attend events and try to engage with the community as much as possible, letting them know they can trust us," he said.

The department histori-



A large crowd attends a memorial Dec. 18 for Angie Monroy in the 2300 block of South Rockwell Street in Chicago.

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Gisselle, 7, who was shot while trick-or-treating in Little Village.



Angie Monroy, 16, was fatally shot in the Little Village neighborhood.



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Elvira Alcazar, center, is consoled by her family during a vigil for her slain son, Frank Aguilar.

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authorities," he said.

Police are making it a point to let Little Village residents know that the department does not, by policy, collaborate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Lara noted that the Ogdern District's highest-ranking supervisors, Cmdr. James R. Sanchez and Capt.

Gilberto Calderon, were both born and raised in Little Village.

And in recent years, the number of Latino officers who patrol the neighborhood has increased. Like much of the neighborhood, many of the officers are Mexican Americans who speak Spanish and "understand the people of Little Village," Lara said.

Estrada, the community worker, said the department still needs to work on improving the historic dis-

trust of police in communities of color.

"They've done a great job recently," Estrada said during a vigil for Monroy last week. "... They are conscious that it can't be them arresting people in the neighborhood to solve the issues. It has to be us and the neighborhood (working)

with them to provide alternatives to young people. They still need to engage more and be more accessible."

At the vigil attended by

more than a dozen officers, Monroy's mother, Maria Diaz, and the slain teen's sister begged the community to help police find the gunman.

"Look at all the pain you are causing," Diaz cried out at the corner where her daughter was fatally shot.

Many of the mothers at the vigil attended with their own children, Monroy's high school friends.

"It could have been my son," said Maria Chavez as she carried a bouquet of flowers to leave at the makeshift memorial. Chavez wanted to show Diaz that she is not alone in the fight for justice.

"It was a wake-up call for our community," she said. "Unfortunately, innocent people must die for police to be here and for the community to come together, but we will stand up against this."

While police have become "more accessible," in recent years, Chavez said, "there needs to be more officers patrolling the streets."

She applauded the support officers showed at the vigil but said police "need to attend other events and be more friendly."

Guglielmi said witnesses handed over several cell-phone videos that helped solve Giselle's Halloween shooting. He praised Mike Moreno, the owner of Moreno's Liquors, on 26th Street near the shooting scene, for providing police with surveillance camera footage from his store. He has lived in the neighborhood for more than 50 years.

"We need to work together with the police to make sure this doesn't keep happening," said Moreno's son, Mike Jr., who recently opened a bar next to the family's liquor store.

Giselle underwent two surgeries but is back home and in school.

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cided that a change in leadership was necessary to restore confidence in the Company moving forward as it works to repair relationships with regulators, customers, and all other stakeholders," said the news release. "Under the Company's new leadership, Boeing will operate with a renewed commitment to full transparency, including effective and proactive communication with the FAA, other global regulators and its customers."

Muilenburg's job was thought to be secure at least until the Max was certified for flight, but he began losing credibility with the lawmakers and regulators whose endorsement Boeing needs, said Seth Kaplan, airline expert and former editor of Airline Weekly.

This month, the head of the Federal Aviation Administration expressed concern that Boeing was pushing for an unrealistically quick return of the aircraft. FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson told a congressional committee he directed employees to take "whatever time is needed" to ensure the aircraft's safe return to service.

The FAA said Monday it does not comment on personnel decisions and continues to work on returning the Max to service. "We expect that Boeing will support that process by focusing on the quality and timeliness of data submittals for FAA review, as well as being transparent in its relationship with the FAA as safety regulator," the agency said in a statement.

Calhoun, 62, who has been a member of Boeing's board for a decade, is hardly an outsider. As recently as last month, he told CNBC the board felt Muilenburg "has done everything right."

He was named board chairman in October. Currently senior managing director and head of portfolio operations at investment firm Blackstone, his resume also includes a 26-year stint at General Electric, where he ran multiple business units, including its aircraft engines business. He also is a former chairman and CEO of Nielsen and served as board chairman for Caterpillar for almost two years.

"I strongly believe in the future of Boeing and the 737 MAX. I am honored to lead this great company and the 150,000 dedicated employees who are working hard to create the future of aviation," Calhoun said in a statement Monday.

Leaders of two unions representing flight attendants praised the leadership change, calling it "long overdue."

"It is finally a step in the right direction that those charged with oversight of Boeing are signaling a more serious approach to regaining trust with the departure of Muilenburg."

Boeing is filled with talented people who can, with the right leadership and regulatory oversight, regain the trust of Flight Attendants and the traveling public. But leadership is key and today is the

first real signal that those in charge of our great American aerospace company are serious about Boeing's long-term success," Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA) President Sara Nelson and Transportation Workers Union Local 556 President Lyn Montgomery said in a joint statement.

Gary Kelly, chairman and CEO of Southwest Airlines, Boeing's biggest U.S. 737 Max customer, called Calhoun and Boeing's new board chairman, Lawrence Kellner, "accomplished and well-regarded leaders."

"We share a mutual desire with Boeing to safely and confidently return the MAX aircraft to service," Kelly said in a statement.

Initially, Boeing appeared slow to acknowledge the problems with the aircraft could have contributed to the crashes. Investigators say a faulty sensor caused the plane's automated MCAS flight-control system to push the nose of the plane down, and the pilots were unable to regain control.

With Boeing in turmoil, sales at Airbus, its top rival, surged 28% during the first half of the year.

Criticism of Muilenburg, 55, increased in recent months as news reports and congressional investigations disclosed internal documents that revealed concern within Boeing's ranks about key design features on the Max, especially the flight-control system.

"They should further be held accountable for their actions because what they did was a crime," Amha said.

Muilenburg's departure was long overdue, said Robert Clifford, a Chicago lawyer

representing several people who are suing Boeing after losing relatives in the Ethiopia crash.

"Mr. Muilenburg and other Boeing leaders deliberately put the desire for a heightened stock price and profits over safety by allowing the 737 Max 8 to stay in service" after the first crash, involving a Lion Air flight, Clifford said. Boeing directors, he said, deserve no praise for ousting Muilenburg now.

Muilenburg's ideal successor would have been someone who would be seen as a fresh face, but intimately familiar with the company's operations and able to manage a smooth transition, said airline expert Kaplan. "But that person doesn't exist," he said.

Calhoun will remain a member of the company's board and Kellner, a former Continental Airlines CEO, will become nonexecutive chairman of the board.

In a statement, Kellner said Calhoun has "deep industry experience and a proven track record of strong leadership, and he recognizes the challenges we must confront. The board and I look forward to working with him and the rest of the Boeing team to ensure that today marks a new way forward for our company."

The Associated Press contributed.

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Pot

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improve lung capacity, perhaps by smokers taking and holding deep breaths.

While those studying cannabis agree on the need for more research, the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine published a comprehensive review of research in 2017.

Among its primary findings, the academy concluded there was conclusive or substantial evidence that cannabis is effective to treat chronic pain in adults, chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, and muscle contractions from multiple sclerosis.

There was moderate evidence that cannabis can treat sleep problems and fibromyalgia, and limited evidence that marijuana decreases anxiety and improves post-traumatic stress disorder.

Most broadly, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reported, those who frequently use large amounts of marijuana are more likely to have lower life satisfaction, poorer mental and physical health, and more relationship problems. Heavy marijuana use has also been linked to increased incidence of schizophrenia, though it's not known if it causes the condition.

It's unlikely that someone would get high or fail a drug test from secondhand smoke, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reported, though it could adversely affect children and people with asthma.

As with tobacco and alcohol, those who use marijuana are more likely to take other drugs, and rodents exposed to THC show more addictive behaviors. That doesn't prove it's a gateway drug. Most people who use it don't go on to harder drugs, and users could be more likely to seek other drugs in the first place. Some argue that where marijuana is prohibited, illegal dealers expose buyers to other illicit drugs.

As for the stereotype of stoners being unmotivated, studies have yielded mixed results, but one study found that people who smoke marijuana regularly had reduced levels of dopamine, the brain's motivational reward system.

Finally, about 10% of marijuana users develop a substance use disorder, in which they continue using despite it causing significant problems in their lives. Abuse is more common among those who start before age 18, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Paul Armentano, deputy director of NORML, which led the fight to legalize pot, said many of those studies only show a correlation between cannabis use and other problems, not causation. People with mental health problems, for instance, are more likely to use intoxicants, but that doesn't mean that weed or booze caused their problems.

"Marijuana is not going to be introduced to Illinois Jan. 1st," he said. "It's been a part of society in Illinois for years. ... It is an



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Kathie Kane-Willis and colleague Luke Tomsha walk after an appointment on Dec. 12 in Chicago. Kane-Willis used medical marijuana to alleviate symptoms of cancer treatments.

intoxicant, but it's relatively mild. It's just not that big a deal."

In general, advocates say, unlike opioids, cannabis doesn't lead to fatal overdose, and is harmless for occasional users. It's far less deadly than alcohol, which kills an estimated 88,000 Americans a year, and tobacco, which kills nearly half a million Americans annually, according to the National Institutes of Health.

That comparison doesn't justify commercialization of another mind-altering drug to Jamie Epstein, executive director of the Stand Strong Coalition, which fights to prevent underage drinking and drug use in the northern suburbs.

"Talk to the family of a person addicted to marijuana. They're not going to say I'm glad they're addicted to that," she said. "A lot of people are just going to add marijuana to alcohol."

She emphasizes studies that show cannabis harms developing brains. Two large, long-term studies found heavy marijuana users had impaired cognition, made worse by starting at a younger age.

More recent, smaller studies of twins found no difference between those who used marijuana and those who didn't, suggesting other factors may be at work. But even advocates say marijuana use should be restricted to adults, just as with alcohol.

Any medical use of cannabis, Epstein said, should be restricted to federally approved prescription drugs, such as Epidiolex, a CBD product approved for rare forms of epilepsy. State-licensed medical cannabis products are not approved by the FDA. "This is not a safe drug," Epstein said.

Because of a recent outbreak of more than 2,400 illnesses and 52 deaths nationwide from electronic cigarettes, or vaping, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention recommends against anyone vaping THC products. Industry officials note that most of the illnesses have been blamed on illegal THC devices, though some have also been traced to state-licensed retailers.

In addition, a number of leading medical organizations do not endorse legalization or medical use of cannabis without federal approval, including the American Medical Association and American Psychiatric Association.

As for cannabidiol, or CBD, a popular non-psychoactive component of marijuana and hemp, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved its use as the first cannabis-derived medicine, to treat rare forms of epilepsy, but otherwise has not approved its use for treating any other condition.

For those who do partake, advocates note that weed generally is much stronger than in the past, and urged novices to start low and go slow, taking a small dose of perhaps a puff or two of low-THC flower, or 2.5 milligrams of an edible, to test the effect. If eaten, it may take an hour or two for the full effect to kick in.

Kathie Kane-Willis, a prominent local drug policy researcher, welcomes legalization for correcting some of the racial disparities in the war on drugs. On a personal level, as a breast cancer survivor, Kane-Willis said that medical cannabis helped save her life. It got her through the pain and anxiety of surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, and let her see the humor even in the darkest situations.

Still, she cautioned people to be careful about using cannabis.

"With everything that can be addictive, like cellphones and social media, people need to think about, where are my limitations?" she said. "How much do I want to be doing this?"

Prosecutors: Man stabbed son, held him, then called 911

BY WILLIAM LEE

Bail was set at \$50,000 Sunday for a North Side father accused of fatally stabbing his adult son during a drug-related quarrel at their Lakeview neighborhood home last week.

After stabbing his son once in the throat in the home's bathroom, prosecutors said Adan Granados hugged his mortally wounded son, before calling his ex-wife and then police to confess to the crime.



Adan Granados

Granados, of the 800 block of West Dakin Street, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of the son, Jesus Adan Granados, 21, on Friday. The Cook County morgue identified the victim as Granados, but prosecutors identified him as Jesus Granados-Villasana.

The elder Granados told detectives he stabbed his son for fear that his drug-addled son might harm him and his family, prosecutors said.

The domestic stabbing was tied to drug-related tension that had arisen between father and son since the younger Granados and his girlfriend moved into his father's home on Dakin Street about three weeks ago, prosecutors said during a bail hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Since then, the son's alleged drug use was a source of tension between them and came to a climax the day of the stabbing when Jesus Granados smoked a combination of marijuana and crystal meth, prosecutors said in court.

After police arrived at the home, Granados admitted to police that he'd stabbed his son, saying there had been "too many problems" with his son since his arrival and that he feared harm from the younger man, authorities said.

Despite the evidence in the case, including a police recording of Granados reenacting the stabbing for detectives, prosecutors didn't seek a "no bail" ruling for Granados and Judge David R. Navarro ordered him released on \$50,000 bail.

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5 sentenced to die for Khashoggi's killing

**US journalist's fiancee, UN say
Saudi verdicts don't go far enough**

**BY ABDULLAH
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Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A court in Saudi Arabia sentenced five people to death Monday for the killing of Washington Post columnist and royal family critic Jamal Khashoggi, whose grisly slaying in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul drew international condemnation and cast a cloud of suspicion over Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.



Three other people were found guilty by Riyadh's criminal court of covering up the crime and were sentenced to a combined 24 years in prison, according to a statement read by the Saudi attorney general's office on state TV.

In all, 11 people were put on trial in Saudi Arabia over the killing. The names of those found guilty were not disclosed by the government.

Executions in the kingdom are carried out by beheading, sometimes in public. All the verdicts can be appealed.

A small number of diplomats, including from Turkey, as well as members of Khashoggi's family were allowed to attend the nine court sessions, though independent media were barred.

The trial concluded the killing was not pre-meditated, according to Shaalan al-Shaalan, a

spokesperson from the attorney general's office. That finding is in line with the Saudi government's official explanation, which has been called into question by evidence that a hit team of Saudi agents with tools was sent to dispatch Khashoggi.

While the case in Saudi Arabia has largely concluded, questions linger outside Riyadh about the crown prince's culpability in the slaying.

"The decision is too unlawful to be acceptable,"

Khashoggi's fiancee, Hatice Cengiz, said in a text message to The Associated Press. "It is unacceptable."

Agnes Callamard, who investigated the killing for the United Nations, tweeted that the verdicts are a "mockery" and that the masterminds behind the crime "have barely been touched by the investigation and the trial." Amnesty International called the outcome "a whitewash which brings neither justice nor truth."

Khashoggi, who was a resident of the U.S., had walked into his country's consulate on Oct. 2, 2018, for an appointment to pick up documents that would allow him to marry his Turkish fiancee. He never walked out, and his body has not been found.

A team of 15 Saudi agents had flown to Turkey to meet Khashoggi inside the consulate. They included a forensic doctor, intelli-



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gence and security officers and individuals who worked for the crown prince's office, according to Callamard's independent investigation. Turkish officials allege Khashoggi was killed and then dismembered with a bone saw.

The slaying stunned Saudi Arabia's Western allies and immediately raised questions about how the high-level operation could have been carried out without the knowledge of Prince Mohammed — even as the kingdom insists the crown prince had nothing to do with the killing.

In an interview in Sep-

tember with CBS' "60 Minutes," Prince Mohammed said: "I take full responsibility as leader in Saudi Arabia." But he reiterated that he had no knowledge of the operation, saying he could not keep such close track of the country's millions of employees.

The prince's father, King Salman, ordered a shake-up of top security posts after the killing.

Turkey, a rival of Saudi Arabia, has used the killing on its soil to pressure the kingdom. Turkey, which had demanded the suspects be tried there, apparently

had the Saudi Consulate

bugged and has shared audio of the killing with the CIA, among others.

Saudi Arabia initially offered shifting accounts about Khashoggi's disappearance. As international pressure mounted because of the Turkish leaks, the kingdom eventually settled on the explanation that he was killed by rogue officials in a brawl.

Khashoggi had spent the last year of his life in exile in the U.S. writing in the Post about human rights violations in Saudi Arabia.

At a time when Prince Mohammed's social reforms were being widely

hailed in the West, Khashoggi's columns criticized the parallel crackdown on dissent the prince was overseeing. Numerous critics of the Saudi crown prince are in prison and face trial on national security charges.

In Washington, Congress has said it believes Prince Mohammed is "responsible for the murder."

President Donald Trump has condemned the killing but has stood by the 34-year-old crown prince and defended U.S.-Saudi ties.

Washington has sanctioned 17 Saudis suspected of being involved.



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Displaced Syrians from south of Idlib province receive food aid from a truck Monday.

Residents of NW Syria flee new government offensive

BY BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government forces pressed ahead Monday with a new military assault on the country's last rebel stronghold that began last week. The offensive has triggered a mass exodus of civilians fleeing to safer areas near the Turkish border.

Under the cover of airstrikes and heavy shelling, Syrian troops have been pushing into the northwestern province of Idlib toward a major rebel-held town, Maaret al-Numan. The town sits on a key highway linking the capital Damascus with the northern city of Aleppo, Syria's largest.

The immediate goal of Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces appeared to be reopening the strategic highway, which has been closed by the rebels since 2012.

Idlib province is dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants. It's also home to 3 million civilians, and the United Nations has warned of the growing risk of a humanitarian catastrophe along the Turkish border.

Residents of villages and towns in southern parts of Idlib province have been fleeing with their belongings in trucks, cars and on

motorcycles.

The government's ground offensive resumed last week after the collapse of a cease-fire, in place since the end of August.

Before this latest bout of violence, the U.N. reported that about 60,000 Idlib residents had already been displaced since the government's bombing campaign began last month.

The pro-government Al-Watan newspaper said Syrian troops were a few kilometers away from Maaret al-Numan, adding that the town "might surrender to the army without fighting."

The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense, also known as the White Helmets, said Maaret al-Numan and the nearby town of Sarqeb were almost empty after tens of thousands of civilians left to escape heavy aerial and ground bombardment.

The Observatory, which has a network of activists in Syria, said government troops have captured approximately 35 villages and hamlets near Maaret al-Numan in the past few days.

Also Monday, a vehicle rigged with explosives blew up in a market in a northern Syrian town controlled by Turkey-backed opposition fighters, killing five people and wounding others, state media and opposition activists said.

State news agency SANA said the blast occurred in the village of Suluk near the Turkish border, putting the death toll at five people and reporting that several more were injured.

As you can see the destruction is massive. Residents were forced to flee this area," said a member of the White Helmets in a video as he walked through Maaret al-Numan.

"They had to choose between death or fleeing to the unknown further north."

Syrian troops have also nearly surrounded a Turkish observation post near

the village of Surman in Idlib province, according to Al-Watan and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor.

Turkey is a strong backer of some rebel fighters, and has 12 observation posts in northwestern Syria as part of an agreement. The deal was brokered last year along with Russia, one of Assad's main backers.

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A similar death toll was also given by the Turkey-based Syrian National Coalition and the Observatory, which also said 20 people were wounded.

Biden endorsement reflects battle for Latino support

BY BILL BARROW

Associated Press

Joe Biden's presidential bid got a boost Monday from one of the leading Latinos in Congress, with the chairman of the Hispanic Caucus' political arm

endorsing the former vice president as Democrats' best hope to defeat President Donald Trump.

"People realize it's a matter of life and death for certain communities," Rep.

Tony Cardenas, D-Calif., said, explaining the necessity of halting Trump's populist nationalism, hard-line

immigration policies and

xenophobic rhetoric that

the California congressman called cruel.

Cardenas is the chairman of Bold PAC, the political arm of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

His announcement follows presidential candidate

Bernie Sanders' weekend of mass rallies with Rep.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez,

a freshman congresswoman from New York who has

become a face of the progressive movement and a key supporter for the Vermont senator's second

White House bid.

The dueling surrogates highlight a fierce battle for the Latino vote between Sanders and Biden, whose campaigns each see the two

candidates as the leading

contenders. Biden leads the

field among Democratic

voters who are nonwhite,

with Sanders not far behind,

according to national

polling. Another top con-

ender, Sen. Elizabeth War-

ren, draws less support

from nonwhite voters.

There are few recent na-

tional polls with a sufficient

sample of Latino Demo-

cratic voters to analyze

them independently.

The dynamics also dem-

onstrate the starkly differ-

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and Sanders take to the

larger campaign. Biden is

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, left, is at odds with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell over President Donald Trump's impeachment trial.

Impasse

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Connell said, "As I've said repeatedly, we can't take up a matter we don't have."

In the Fox News interview, the Kentucky Republican also didn't rule out witnesses for the impeachment trial, noting, "We've said let's handle this case just like we did with President Clinton. Fair is fair."

That trial featured a 100-0 vote on arrangements that established two weeks of presentations and argument before a partisan tally in which Republicans, who held the majority, called a limited number of witnesses. But Democrats now would need Republicans to secure witness testimony — and Republicans believe they have the votes to eventually block those requests, which would likely include acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and former national security adviser John Bolton.

The first Senate votes of the new year are scheduled Jan. 6.

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., pressed his case in a letter to Senate colleagues on Monday that new documentary evi-

dence needs to be part of an impeachment trial.

In his letter, Schumer said that the House had amassed "a tremendous amount of evidence" in support of impeaching Trump but noted that Trump had directed his administration to defy subpoenas for documentary evidence.

Schumer said the documents the Senate should seek fall into three categories: "(1) the effort to induce and pressure Ukraine to announce certain political investigations; (2) the withholding of a White House meeting desperately sought by the newly elected President of Ukraine; and (3) the order to hold, and later release, \$391 million in military assistance to Ukraine."

At least 37 Republican senators are expected to vote against both articles of impeachment against Trump — enough for him to avoid removal from office, according to a Washington Post analysis.

While it was unlikely that the Republican-controlled Senate would vote to convict Trump for abuse of power or for obstruction of Congress, the new tally by The Post means it is mathematically impossible for Trump to be removed from office, assuming the

37 number holds. A two-thirds majority of senators present would have to vote to convict on one or both articles of impeachment to remove Trump from office.

Schumer has criticized McConnell over McConnell's statement last week that he is "not an impartial juror." But at least 48 senators have already indicated how they plan to vote on impeachment, including 10 Democratic senators, according to the Post count.

Later Monday, the House said in court filings that more impeachment charges against Trump are possible based on the testimony they are seeking from his former White House counsel Don McGahn.

The committee also said that testimony from McGahn could be useful in any impeachment trial in the Senate.

That assertion was made in response to an argument from attorneys for the Department of Justice that the impeachment vote has undercut the rationale behind the House's demands.

A federal appeals court is set to hear arguments on Jan. 3 on whether to force McGahn to comply with the subpoena.

Associated Press contributed.

Retailer pulls cards after report of forced laborer's plea for help

BY HANNAH KNOWLES
The Washington Post

A British retailer with thousands of stores around the world said Sunday that it has suspended work with a Chinese factory as it investigates allegations of forced labor behind its Christmas cards — spurred by a plea for help that a 6-year-old girl reportedly found scrawled in her family's purchase.

Supermarket chain Tesco said it has also stopped selling the cards after the Sunday Times described an all-caps note, attributed to foreign prisoners in a Shanghai facility,

DOMINIC LIPINSKI/PA
Florence Widdicombe holds a card from the same pack as a card with a purported message from a Chinese prisoner.

cards were printed by us" and saying it thinks "some-one is smearing us."

A spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, Geng Shuang, said at a news conference Monday that officials have verified that no foreign inmates in Shanghai's Qingpu prison are made to work against their will. The spokesman denounced what he called a "drama choreographed" by the author of the Sunday Times report.

The supplier did not immediately respond to The Washington Post's inquiries, nor did the Chinese Embassy.

The upheaval started with a holiday purchase that supports Tesco's charity, the London family said in an interview posted by the BBC. Florence Widdicombe was looking through the cards her mother picked up — she wanted to write to her friends at school — when she started laughing, her father said.

"Mom, look — somebody's already written in this card," Ben Widdicombe recounted his daughter saying to his wife.

A closer look revealed a note claiming to be from foreign inmates in China's Qingpu prison "forced to work against our will," he said. The note reportedly asked the reader to contact

a "Mr. Peter Humphrey" — a British former journalist and private investigator who spent about two years in the prison and who would bring the allegations of mistreatment into the public eye this weekend with a Sunday Times article.

The Post could not independently confirm the Widdicombe's account, but the report raises serious questions about the festive cards that Tesco says allow it to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to charitable causes in Britain.

Humphrey said he thinks the note was written by ex-cellmates whom he met after his corporate fraud investigations drew the ire of the Chinese government, landing him and his wife in prison on "bogus charges that were never heard in court."

Humphrey told the BBC that conditions in Qingpu were poor while he was imprisoned but that work was optional. That seems to have changed, he said.

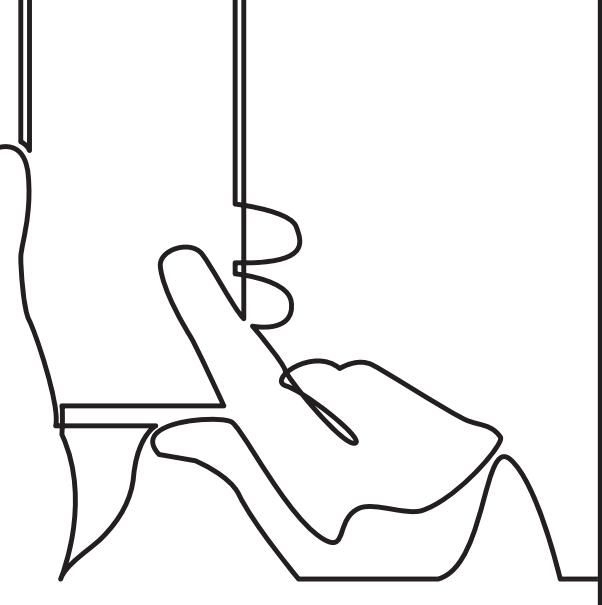
Censorship would likely prevent current inmates from communicating their plight directly to him, Humphrey said.

"So they resorted," he wrote, "to the Qingpu equivalent of a message in a bottle."

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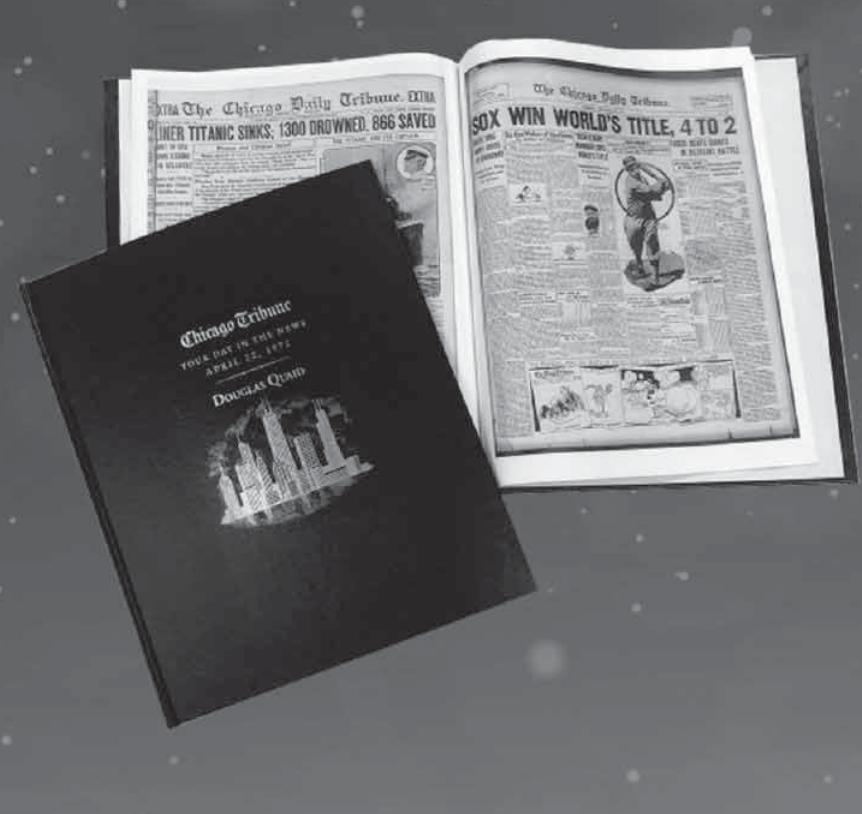


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Iran launches new operations at Arak heavy water reactor

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran began new operations on Monday at a heavy water nuclear reactor, the head of the country's nuclear agency said. The move was seemingly designed to intensify pressure on Europe to find an effective way around U.S. sanctions that block Tehran's oil sales abroad.

Starting up the Arak heavy water reactor's secondary circuit doesn't violate Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

But it does inch Tehran's program closer toward weapons-grade levels.

Ali Akbar Salehi explained to state TV that the secondary circuit transfers heat to the reactor's cooling system. He said the entire system will go online in 2021.

Heavy water helps cool reactors, producing plutonium as a byproduct that can potentially be used in nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Investigators sift through debris at deadly Las Vegas fire

LAS VEGAS — Investigators were going room-by-room Monday at a downtown Las Vegas apartment building where six people were killed and 13 injured in a fire over the weekend to determine what started the blaze.

City officials said investigators were also looking into claims from some residents that smoke or fire alarms weren't working properly and some residents were using

stoves to stay warm because the building didn't have heat.

The predawn fire appeared to start Saturday near a stove in a first-floor unit, forcing some residents to jump from upper floor windows to escape.

Authorities said three people were found dead inside the building and three outside. It wasn't immediately clear if anyone died from jumping out of windows.

US service member is killed in Afghanistan, Pentagon says

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American service member was killed in combat Monday in Afghanistan, the U.S. military said, without providing further details, while the Taliban claimed they were behind a roadside bombing in northern Kunduz province that killed the U.S. soldier.

The latest fatality brings the number of U.S. deaths in Afghanistan this year to 20. There have also

been three non-combat deaths in 2019. More than 2,400 Americans have died in the nearly 18-year conflict.

The Taliban now control or hold sway over practically half of Afghanistan but continue to stage near-daily attacks targeting Afghan and U.S. forces, as well as government officials — even as they hold peace talks with a U.S. envoy on negotiating an end to the war.



An elephant dressed in a Santa Claus costume performs for schoolchildren during a Christmas party in Thailand's Ayutthaya province north of Bangkok. Although Thailand is largely Buddhist, decorative celebrations around Christmas are common.

Court of Appeals strikes down Minnesota's revenge porn law

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota's law against revenge porn is unconstitutional and infringes on First Amendment rights, the state Court of Appeals ruled Monday as it reversed the conviction of a man who circulated explicit photos of a former girlfriend.

The court ruled that the state law was such a broad violation of First Amendment free-speech rights that it couldn't be fixed by a ruling limiting its scope.

According to court filings, Michael Anthony Casillas used the victim's passwords to access her

accounts after their relationship ended to obtain sexual photos and videos of her, then threatened to release them. She later received a screenshot from one explicit video that had been sent to 44 recipients and posted online.

A Dakota County judge rejected defendant Casillas' First Amendment challenge to the state law and sentenced him to 23 months in prison.

The three-judge appeals panel called Casillas' conduct "abhorrent," and said they recognized that non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images

can cause significant harm.

"The state legitimately seeks to punish that conduct," they wrote. "But the state cannot do so under a statute that is written too broadly and therefore violates the First Amendment."

In throwing out his conviction, Judges Michelle Larkin, Peter Reyes and Randall Slieter said the state's revenge porn statute has the potential to cover conduct that is constitutionally protected, such as sharing images that appear in publicly accessible media with the consent of the people depicted.

France joins a tiny group of countries that use armed drones, including the United States.

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In Australia, PM defends climate stance amid wildfires

PERTH, Australia — Australia's embattled prime minister defended his government's climate policy on Monday, as authorities warned that the wildfires ravaging the country's most populous state could fester for months.

Around 200 wildfires were burning in four states, with New South Wales accounting for more than half of them, including 60 fires not contained.

The disaster has led to renewed criticism that Prime Minister Scott Morrison's conservative government has not taken enough action on climate change.

Morrison rejected calls to downsize Australia's lucrative coal industry. Australia is the world's largest exporter of coal and liquefied natural gas.

"I am not going to write off the jobs of thousands of Australians," he said.

In Mali: France's Defense Ministry announced Monday it had carried out its first armed drone strike, killing seven Islamic extremists in central Mali over the weekend.

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BUSINESS

Rivian lands \$1.3 billion more funding

Tesla of trucks gearing up for Ill. factory production

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Rivian, the electric truck manufacturer opening a factory in downstate Normal, is getting another big investment — \$1.3 billion — with previous investors Amazon and Ford participating in the latest financing round.

The investment, announced Monday, is the fourth of the year and brings the sum raised for the nascent automaker to more than \$2.8 billion in 2019.

Often called the Tesla of trucks, the automaker's electric vehicles are set to start rolling off the line at the end of 2020, and it plans to build 100,000 electric vans for Amazon, starting in 2021.

Funds and accounts advised by T. Rowe Price Associates led the latest round. In addition to Amazon and Ford, funds managed by Ireland-based asset manager BlackRock also participated.



People gather in October in Uptown Circle for an open house and hiring event hosted by electric truck startup company Rivian, which will begin producing its inaugural line next year at the former Mitsubishi factory in Normal.

Founder and CEO RJ Scaringe was not made available for comment.

In an interview with the Tribune last week, Scaringe said the company has been relatively quiet about what it's doing in Normal, but that

likely will change next year.

"Over the course of 2020, we're going to be opening up and showing what we do inside our production facility," he said. "Seeing the level of investment going into the plant and to see the number

of people we're hiring, I think will demonstrate not only how integrated our tech and our platform is with the plant, but what's to come in terms of ... the flexibility the plant provides."

The plant in Normal employs 250 people, many of whom worked at the former Mitsubishi plant until it closed in 2015, and Rivian plans to hire hundreds more next year, Scaringe said.

"It's a bit of a construction

zone right now. We're making a tremendous amount of changes," he said. "We're taking it from something that was designed to produce small cars on a single line to a plant that can produce multiple electric vehicles."

Rivian has been drawing consumer interest and big-name investors all year. In April, Rivian announced a \$500 million investment from Ford, following a \$700 million investment round led by Amazon in February. Then came a \$350 million investment from Cox Automotive in September.

The Plymouth, Michigan-based company, founded in 2009, unveiled prototypes of its electric pickup truck and SUV models last year. Rivian says the high-end model of its pickup, the R1T, will be able to go from zero to 60 mph in about 3 seconds and travel up to 400 miles on a single charge.

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Sears selling DieHard brand to Advance Auto Parts

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

More than 50 years ago, Sears launched DieHard, an auto battery designed with extra starting power and a reputation for performance and durability under difficult conditions.

On Monday, the retailer's parent company announced the sale of DieHard to Advance Auto Parts for \$200 million, in a deal that pro-

vides cash for a company having its own difficulties.

Under the all-cash transaction announced Monday, Transformco, the parent company led by Edward Lampert that owns Sears and Kmart, still will have rights to sell DieHard products under a supply agreement with Advance Auto Parts.

The deal also includes an "exclusive royalty-free, per-

petual license" that would give the retailer permission to develop and market DieHard items outside of automotive categories.

After coming out of bankruptcy earlier this year, the Hoffman Estates-based retailer has struggled. The company has announced hundreds of layoffs and plans to close about a third of its remaining stores.

Sears launched DieHard

in 1967, after spending nine years and more than \$1 million on its development.

The line of products currently sold under the name include DieHard-brand battery chargers, jump starters, flashlights, alkaline batteries, work boots and tires.

It's not the first time the retailer has sold one of its iconic brands. In 2017, Sears sold its Craftsman tool line in a deal valued at \$900

million to Stanley Black & Decker. Sears can still make and sell Craftsman products under the agreement.

But both companies have sparred over the brand. Stanley filed a lawsuit in March asking the courts to stop Sears from marketing itself as "the real home of the broadest assortment of Craftsman."

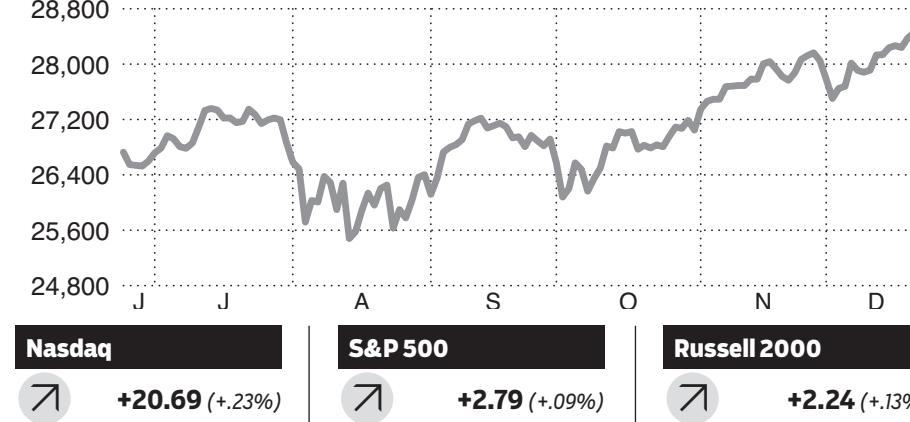
Advance Auto Parts will replace its private label bat-

tery AutoCraft with DieHard batteries. The Raleigh, North Carolina-based company plans to sell batteries in more than 6,000 locations including at its own stores, its Carquest subsidiary and on Walmart's website, spokesman Darryl Carr said.

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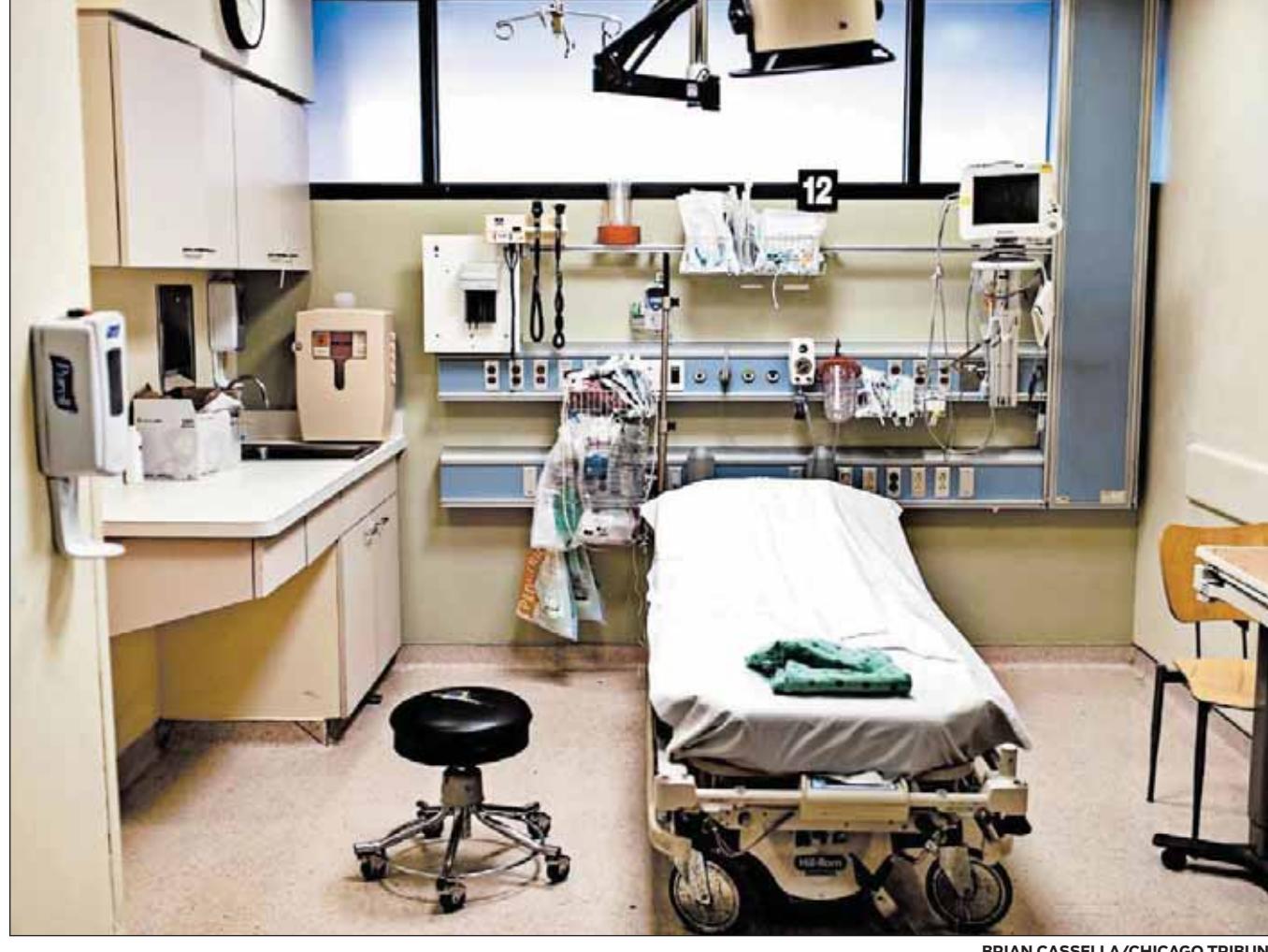
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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An exam room in the emergency department at Mount Sinai Hospital. Mount Sinai treats more than 500 gunshot patients a year.

100 years of a Chicago hospital

What if Mount Sinai had abandoned the West Side?

Ten to 15 times a week on average, a shooting victim arrives at Mount Sinai Hospital on Chicago's West Side.

The hospital's emergency room doctors, nurses and technicians are good at their work, "as you'd expect," Sinai Health System CEO Karen Teitelbaum tells us matter-of-factly. Sinai treats more than 500 gunshot

patients a year and saves nearly all of them. A benchmark mortality rate nationally for such traumatic injuries is 8.5%. "Ours is 1.8%," Teitelbaum says. "I think that speaks to the skill we have."

The unanswerable question is: What would the state of care in Lawndale be like if Mount Sinai didn't exist? The fascinating corollary question, steeped in Chicago history: How is it that Mount Sinai, a hospital with Jewish roots, opened at 15th and California in 1919 — and then stayed and grew, instead of moving when the neighborhood's Jews left for the North Side and the suburbs?

With the hospital celebrating its 100th anniversary, Teitelbaum is proud of the answer: Sinai didn't abandon the West Side because its mission from the beginning was to "serve a vulnerable community." For a long time, that meant caring for Eastern European Jews. Then it meant serving African Americans.



Now the hospital also has a growing number of Hispanic patients.

Teitelbaum says only about 5% to 8% of patients are covered by commercial insurance. The rest use Medicare or Medicaid, or are uninsured.

Previous century, similar story:

Back in the early 1920s, more than 82% of Mount Sinai's work was provided partially or entirely free, with the unpaid costs covered by contributions. Philanthropy came mainly from Chicago's Jewish community: On May 6, 1923, several thousand Chicago Jews attended an event at the Auditorium Theater to kick off a \$2.5 million fundraising drive to benefit Mount Sinai, Michael Reese Hospital and other charities. Henry Horner, later to become Illinois' first Jewish governor, spoke. One backer was Sears, Roebuck & Co. chief Julius Rosenwald. "Generous support of this laudable effort by the entire Jewish community is a matter of public service and duty," Rosenwald said.

But that's getting ahead of ourselves. Chicago's early Jewish community came mostly from Germany to the South Side. They founded Michael Reese Hospital. The second wave of Jewish immigrants came to the West

Side from Eastern Europe: They were poorer, spoke Yiddish and practiced Orthodox rather than Reform Judaism.

What united the Jewish community was the need for medical care. Anti-Semitism was commonplace. Other hospitals wouldn't teach Jewish doctors. West Side Jews needed a hospital, but when Michael Reese expanded there, it assigned German-speaking doctors and declined to set up a kosher kitchen. That's what spurred the creation of Mount Sinai.

Fast-forward to the post-World War II era when West Side Jews began to leave, to be replaced by the black community. The pressure grew on Mount Sinai to follow its patients to Rogers Park or the North Shore. Sinai refused.

"We have a responsibility to continue to serve the 150,000 residents of the Lawndale community," the hospital said in 1974.

Mount Sinai Hospital's decision not to abandon its post represents one of the great unsung moments in Chicago philanthropy history.

Today Sinai boasts of being the largest private safety-net health system in Chicago. It still relies to an extent on philanthropy. "Financially, there are easier ways to make a living," Teitelbaum says.

Congratulations on getting to 100, Mount Sinai. We know it wasn't easy.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

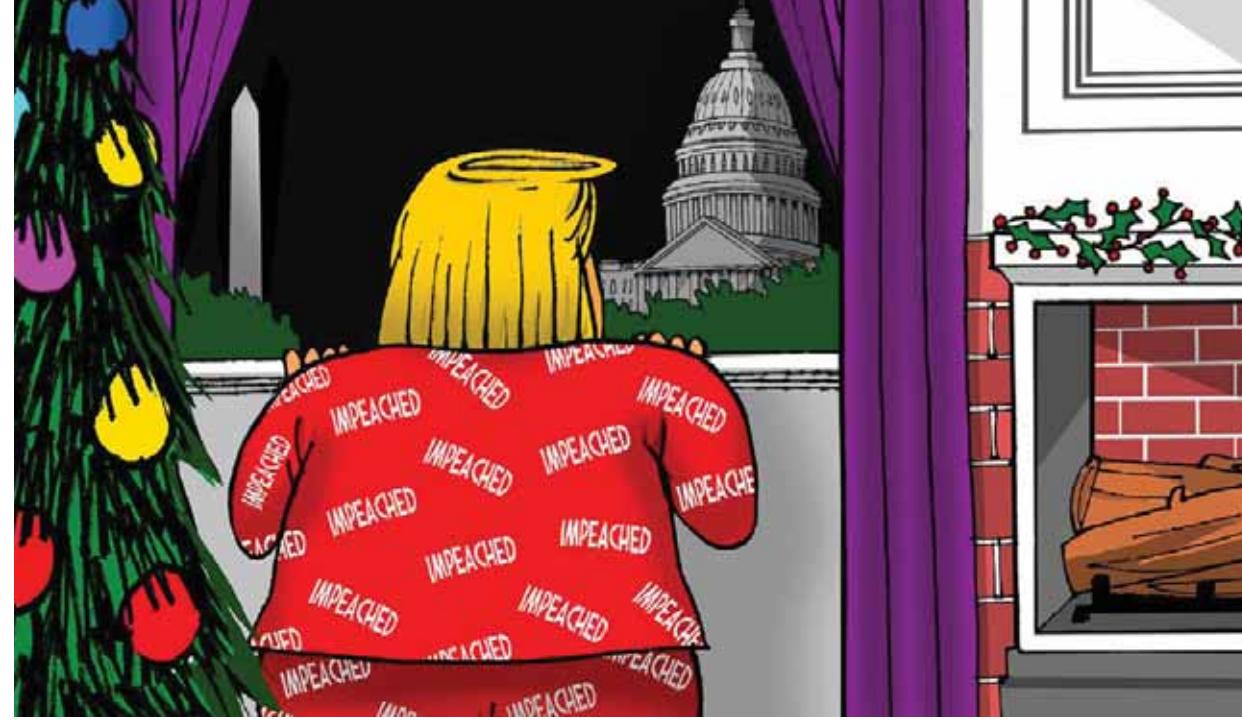
You may wonder why I am up at 4:45 a.m. writing this diary when I have a country to run, queen's speech to prepare, vast mandate to deliver, and so on. ... As for my own campaign thanks, you will read elsewhere of the heroics of the campaign director, the strategists, thinkers and others. ... All these debts of gratitude are dwarfed, of course, by the colossal obligation that we in this new government have towards you — the people of the U.K.; and I am thinking particularly of those of you who have only hesitantly lent us your support.

For the millions who voted in 2016 to remain in the EU, but who have just voted to get Brexit done, we must develop a new and warm pro-Europeanism. ... For the millions of Labour voters who have lent us your votes ... it is now imperative to invest in the National Health Service, in schools, in safer streets, in housing. We must tackle everything from social care to homelessness. ... I know these slogans sound trite at the end of a campaign. But I — we — mean them wholeheartedly.

As the dawn breaks, I am full of a surging confidence that we can do it. We have the energy, the ideas, the mandate, and we have some time; and since time is a wasting asset I want you to know that even as you munch your mince pies, we are engaged full tilt on a program of change for the better. Merry Christmas!

Boris Johnson, The Spectator (London)

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Having 'the talk'
— about Santa Claus

The article "Is it a lie or the magic of Christmas?" by Kate Thayer (Dec. 23) reminded me of a Christmas back in the 1970s when we lived in Pittsburgh and my husband at that time was a laid-off steelworker. We knew Christmas that year would be bleak, and I didn't want my 4-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter to feel somehow undeserving when they would see what their cousins and friends were getting for Christmas, so I felt it best to tell them the truth.

I sat them down and gently told them that Mommy and Daddy were the real Santa and gave the reasons why there wouldn't be much under the tree for them. I was surprised and gratified that they took the news well and were so mature for their age.

A little while later, my son came and asked me if that meant there was no Easter Bunny either. I thought it best to tell him the truth, as I didn't want him to be confused about what was real and what was not. On hearing that news, my son burst into tears and cried his little heart out. In spite of it all, it didn't damage them, and they both grew to be fine people.

— Eileen Smith, Minooka

1 person, 1 vote is true democracy

In response to a Dec. 21 letter to the editor ("Tyranny of the majority"), which asserts that abolishing the Electoral College would give more populous states more power, resulting in a "tyranny of the majority": While the United States is a nation of 50 states, we are essentially a nation of many millions of individual franchised voters. In a true democracy, each vote in a nationwide election for a national political post should by right be counted equally (one person, one vote).

Instead, due to the Electoral College, a voting system that has long since outlived any legitimate reason to exist, the vote of each person in several of our states ends up counting as more than one vote. I leave it to professional mathematicians to work out the possible ratios. (One and a half votes to my single vote?) Any way you look at it, it is the "tyranny of the minority." Nothing could be more unfair, more undemocratic, more un-American.

— Patricia Langley, Chicago

Eliminate Electoral College

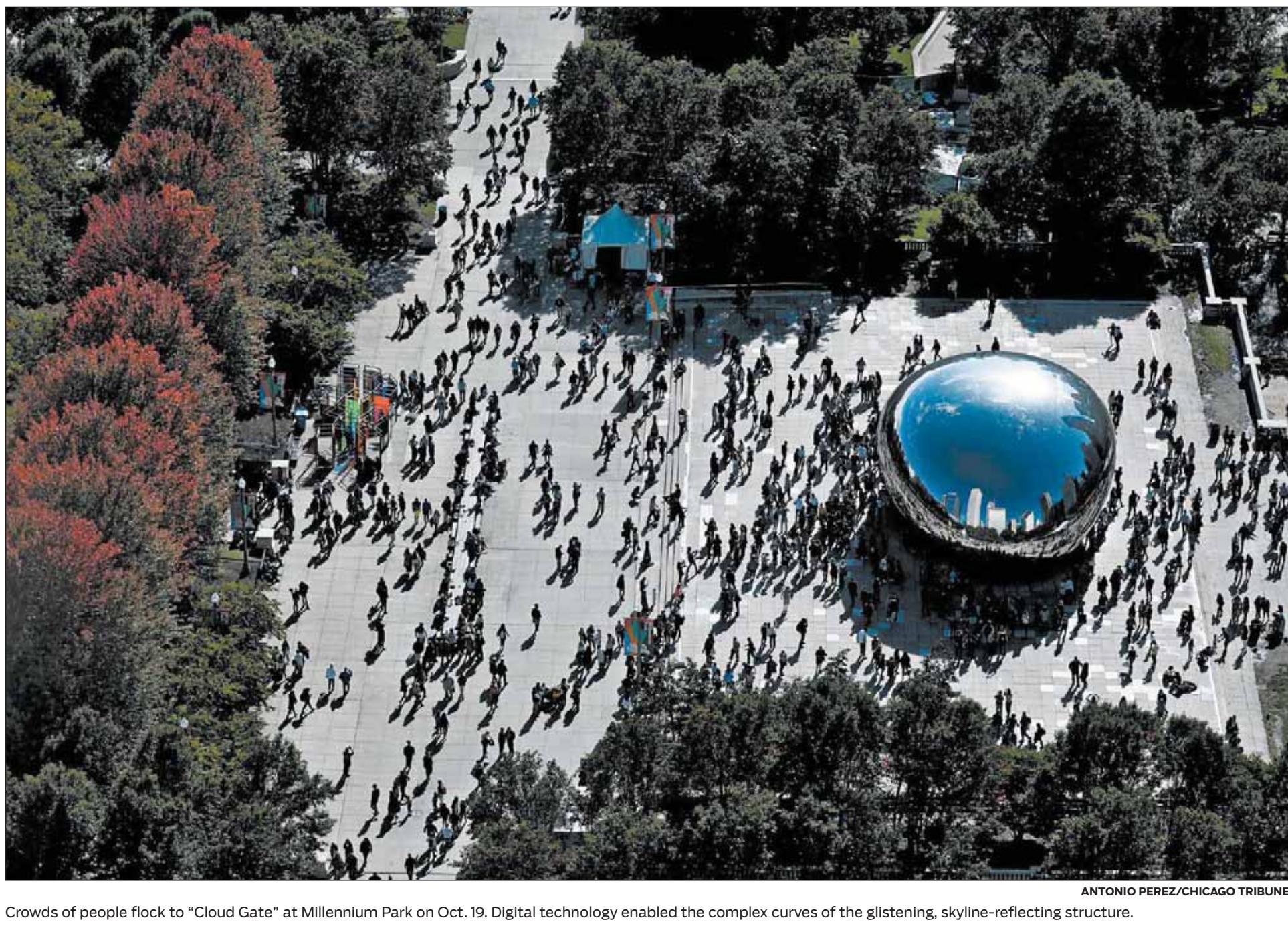
I agree with former Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III's prescription for overhauling our political system ("Our political system urgently needs an overhaul. Start with these 7 steps," Dec 19), especially abolishing the Electoral College. The Electoral College is an antiquated system that has done much to polarize this country by dividing the nation into red states and blue states, disenfranchising the minority in each. In a national popular vote system, every vote from every voter would count equally. Isn't that more democratic than a system in which the votes of the minority in each state are ignored? In 2016, candidates campaigned mostly in just six "swing" states. This is not a partisan issue. It applies equally to Republicans in Illinois and Democrats in Texas.

We're long overdue to eliminate this outdated, unfair institution to assure that every vote from every voter in every state counts equally.

— Ann Lee, La Grange Park

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Crowds of people flock to "Cloud Gate" at Millennium Park on Oct. 19. Digital technology enabled the complex curves of the glistening, skyline-reflecting structure.

Rating Chicago's latest wave of parks

The three 'E's: Public spaces are better on entertainment and ecology than equity

Beginning with the triumphant opening of Millennium Park in 2004, a remarkable collection of new public spaces has sprung up, like spring blossoms, in Chicago. It is hard to imagine the city today without that park or others like Maggie Daley Park, the downtown Riverwalk, The 606 trail or Northerly Island Park.

Created in the last 15 years, these landscapes are new fixed points on our mental map. It is no exaggeration to say that they've had a greater impact on daily life than knock-your-eyes-out buildings that have been gone up in the same period. People don't just look at them. They use them, inhabit them and make them their own.

But these are not ordinary parks if, by the word "park," we mean a serene oasis in which people escape the pressures of urban life.

Some place a new emphasis on visual spectacle and entertainment. Others devote attention to improving the habitat of plants and animals as well as humans — in short, to ecology.

And yet, despite their worthy efforts to bring the natural and the man-made into harmony, they have sometimes emerged as disruptive forces, acting as accelerants for gentrification and displacement. The 606, which cuts through four Northwest Side neighborhoods and is built on a former railroad freight



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

line, is the prime local example.

Boil this trend down to the three "E's" — entertainment, ecology and equity — and the new parks and public spaces score better on the first two "E's" than on the third.

The classic American parks of the great 19th century landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed Chicago's Jackson and Washington Parks as well as New York's Central Park, were a progressive response to the late 19th century mega-trends of urbanization and industrialization. They provided a naturalistic refuge from polluted air, filthy streets and packed tenements.

Yet Olmsted's parks were less about preserving existing natural features than bringing a range of soothing elements (man-made meadows and meres, lagoons and rock formations) in proximity to those who could not afford to travel to the country. The street grid stopped at the edge of such parks, replaced by meandering pathways that intentionally slowed people and horses.

Nature and the city were separated, not intertwined.

"That was that era's Green New Deal," said Harvard urban

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Mendes' '1917' and the story it was based on

Idea for WWI film came from director's grandfather, a war vet

BY CHRIS JONES

A late entry in the Oscar stakes, the British director Sam Mendes' new film "1917," out Christmas Day, is the story of two young soldiers during World War I. At the beginning of the movie, which appears to have been forged from a single shot and takes place in real time, two young British men are assigned to take a message across a no man's land: They must travel to new front lines, warning another advancing battalion of a trap set by their German foes, who have not retreated as it appears, as the men at the front think. If the message arrives by dawn, the battalion might be saved from their ill-considered charge. If it does not, many soldiers are likely to die, including the brother of one of the messen-

gers.

The film is, in essence, the story of that quest, as two young militarymen (played by Dean Charles Chapman and George MacKay) forge their way ahead across the lethal wasteland of Northern France, past dead horses and human corpses, through bombed-out villages and past German tripwires and other perils. Although the screenplay, which Mendes wrote with Krysty Wilson-Cairns, is fictional, the idea for the movie came from a family story told by Mendes' own paternal grandfather, Alfred Mendes, himself a writer and a veteran of the war.

The following is an edited transcript of the conversation.

Q: So who was Alfred Mendes?

A: He was a novelist and a loquacious theatrical storyteller with a booming voice — he would use his hands repeatedly. He told a story of a man carrying a mes-



The idea for Sam Mendes' "1917" came from a story told by Mendes' own paternal grandfather, Alfred Mendes, a writer and a war vet.

sage across no man's land. He gave me the image of a man alone with a message in that vast wasteland, and then I embellished the story. What if that man had to keep going? What if he had to

and how he could never get his hands clean. All of the trenches were different. Some were pre-planned, some were properly engineered with concrete. In Belgium, they were dug in chalk, like a maze or an anthill. People forgot that you had to climb up to ground level in order to look around. And when you went from trench to trench, you were moving from one world to another.

Q: The war is famous for sacrificing lives for pointless advances in yards.

A: I don't think anybody still thinks the war was a good idea. Really, it was unimaginable idiocy. A war of paralysis. Millions of men died over 200 yards of land. It was a catastrophe on a mythically huge scale, redrawing the boundaries of Europe.

Q: At various points in the film, the landscape feels like a

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Laura Dern narrates a new audiobook version of "Little Women" and also stars in the new movie version.

Dern did deep dive into 'Little Women'

NEW YORK — Laura Dern likes the spoken word so much she even enjoys callbacks to re-record lines for her movies.

"Some actors complain about it," she said. "But it gives me an opportunity to add something to the film."

A vocal project she especially enjoyed recently was serving as narrator for a new audiobook of "Little Women," the Louisa May Alcott story that's also coming out this week as a movie directed by Greta Gerwig, with Dern playing the March family mother, Marmee.

Dern's memories of "Little Women" date to around age 13, when she and her grandmother would read it aloud together and when Dern read the novel by herself.

"It was an amazing time for me to read the book," she said. "It was around the time I was deciding to become an actress."

Dern, 52, related to the Marches from the start. Like the March sisters, she was raised mostly by women; her parents, the actors Bruce Dern and Diane Ladd, divorced when she was little and she spent much of her time with her mother and grandmother. Filming the movie, and reading the audiobook, reminded her of her deep attachment to the fictional family, especially to Marmee.

"I got to walk in those shoes, and to figure how to do it with nobility," she said. "I found her available and messy and wise and funny, and a muse. I think we often make our heroes very angelic."

Asked if she had any other books in mind that she'd love to narrate, she mentioned the plays of Tennessee Williams and some works of humor.

"I've never read something that deeply irreverent, so it would be really fun to read David Sedaris," she said. "I would love that."

— Associated Press



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Called out: Eddie Murphy performed his legendary Bill Cosby impression when he returned to "Saturday Night Live" for the first time in 35 years. In the opening monologue Murphy noted he had 10 children and "if you had told me 30 years ago that I would be this boring stay-at-home house dad and Bill Cosby would be in jail, even I would have took that bet." Then came the impression: "Who's America dad now?" Cosby apparently wasn't happy, and his publicist, Andrew Wyatt, criticized Murphy in a statement: "It is sad that Mr. Murphy would take this glorious moment of returning to SNL and make disparaging remarks against Mr. Cosby. One would think that Mr. Murphy was given his freedom to leave the plantation ... but he decided to sell himself back to being a Hollywood Slave."

Grande: As promised, Ariana Grande dropped a live album from her "Sweetener World Tour" just hours after the final date wrapped in Los Angeles. Titled "k bye for now (swt live)," the singer has been updating fans on the album's progress over social media for several weeks. The 32-track album spans songs from all across her career and features guest spots from Nicki Minaj and Big Sean.

Dec. 24 birthdays: Actress Sharon Farrell is 73. Actor Clarence Gilyard is 64. Actor Mark Valley is 55. Actor Diedrich Bader is 53. Actor Amaury Nolasco is 49. Singer Ricky Martin is 48. Author Stephenie Meyer is 46. TV host Ryan Seacrest is 45. Actor Michael Raymond-James is 42. Actress Sofia Black-D'Elia is 28. Singer Louis Tomlinson is 28.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Single mom worries about son, gifts

Dear Amy: My ex-husband, "T," and I have a 12-year-old son, "James."

One reason we got divorced is that T would not contribute financially. He feels entitled and expects others to take care of him and/or bail him out. I pay him child support.

On Christmas Eve, T takes James to visit his side of the family, where they give James presents. It's supposed to be an exchange, but T doesn't bring anything for James to give to his cousins. James just collects gifts.

When we were married, I bought the gifts for the cousins, but now T brings James, always empty-handed. He doesn't even take a bottle of wine for the host. I feel this sends a message of inconsideration to James, which is how T operates in the world.

James is a sensitive kid and might soon realize the imbalance in the gift-giving. He only sees his cousins once a year, so there is no other opportunity to show generosity to them.

Should I buy presents for James to take to his cousins? I don't want them to think the presents are from T, who would be fine taking the credit.

Should James use his allowance to buy his cousins' gifts? I want to show him that taking without giving is not a moral value.

— James' Mom

Dear Mom: You should ask your son, "When you see your cousins this year, wouldn't you like to bring some gifts for them?"

Ask him to sit down with you, make a list, note the ages and brainstorm about affordable gifts these cousins might like.

Yes, I believe that "James" should at least help to pay for these gifts.

He will feel better if he does. (Some of my most memorable gifts from young relatives have come from the Dollar Store.) James might even find something (a dish towel, or a mug) for the hosts. You seem to care about what it does to a person's self-esteem when they receive but never give.

Helping your son to understand and adopt YOUR values is your job. Don't worry about whether "T" will take credit for this. Your son is old enough to distinguish between the parent who cares about others and the parent who only cares about himself. Your work behind the scenes will be your quiet good deed this Christmas.

Dear Amy: I am early in my recovery from alcohol addiction. Like a lot of alcoholics, I'm worried about how to handle the holidays. It has been many years since I have faced the celebrations without a drink in my hand.

I'm pretty nervous about this. Should I just not attend this year?

— Recovering

Dear Recovering: Yes, the holiday season seems to offer all sorts of triggers and challenges for alcoholics, addicts, disordered eaters and survivors of dysfunction.

Self-care during this time is vital. In fact, your main overindulgence during this season should be toward taking care of yourself.

Avoid parties if you don't feel equipped to

handle the temptation. If you attend, have a sober-supportive friend bring a nonalcoholic drink to you (if you don't want to go to the bar). You might even bring your own seltzer and cranberry juice so you can always have a full glass.

Have a list of support meetings on hand. Plan an exit strategy from a party, and if you feel stressed, leave quietly and attend a meeting, go for a walk or to the gym, or head straight to your happy and safe place.

Remember that the season itself is made up of single days, each of which you will get through, one at a time, by working your program.

Dear Amy: Recently you wrote an item (responding to "Finger Lakes Fan") defending your use of the word "they" to denote a singular person without referring to the person's gender.

This is ridiculous and confusing to your readers. You should either refer to a specific gender or write "he/she" if you aren't sure.

— Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: I'm not asking readers about which words to use when referring to a person whose gender isn't known or designated.

I'm saying which word I use ("they"), so readers can adjust.

By the way, Merriam-Webster has just declared "they" to be its "word of the year." It's time to get used to it.

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design professor Alex Krieger, referring to the proposed federal legislation that seeks to deal with climate change. "Their Green New Deal was sewage and clean water and tenement controls and bringing the healthfulness of nature into the city. The parks were intended for a particular constituency: The plight of the underprivileged and unwashed, and those who might foment revolution."

"Olmsted wished the city to recede. We now wish the city to impress us and entertain us and make us more urbane and cosmopolitan."

Sally Chappell, author of the 2007 book, "Chicago's Urban Nature: A Guide to the City's Architecture + Landscape," added: "The Olmsted approach and even some things thereafter were kind of 'the city versus nature,' 'nature versus the city.' And lately, we've been going with architecture and landscape conceived together as a conceptual whole."

These shifts are no accident.

Chicago is a different city than it was during its Industrial Age heyday of butchering hogs and stacking wheat. Fewer than one of every 10 Chicagoans now work in manufacturing; in 1960, more than one of every three did. As a result, park designers feel less pressure to hold the city at bay. Many now recycle industrial infrastructure, like the muscular concrete retaining walls of The 606, to evoke a shared, if sentimentalized, "Big Shoulders" past.

The environmental movement has also had an impact. The Chicago River, is far less polluted than it once was, even though you would be ill-advised to swim in it. "If you had the river you had in the 1970s, you wouldn't have a riverwalk. No one would go there," said Carol Ross Barney, the co-designer of the downtown Riverwalk.



Skaters brave the low temperatures at the Maggie Daley Park skating ribbon on Dec. 20.

And digital technology has propelled change in ways both positive and negative. It enabled the complex curves of Millennium Park's glistening, skyline-reflecting "Cloud Gate." Yet park designers struggle to satisfy the public's seemingly insatiable desire for Instagrammable moments without dumbing down their designs.

"The things we're driven by these days are just amazing," said Ernie Wong, who designed the West Loop's Mary Bartelme Park and Ping Tom Park in Chinatown.

What does all this add up to? A new paradigm for the urban park, for which Millennium Park is Exhibit A.

Built on tiered concrete decks atop working railroad yards and the roof of a below-grade parking garage, the park invites the city in. Park paths extend the geometry of straight-lined Loop streets right into the park. Large-scale objects like Cloud Gate, popularly known as "The Bean," become the focal points for crowds that see, smile, snap selfies, and then move on. The trees that form that

park's outdoor rooms are essentially an afterthought.

This is the park as urban spectacle, not soothng escape from the city. The adjoining Maggie Daley Park, with its delightful skating loop and out-of-the-ordinary children's playgrounds, extends the fun.

The downtown Riverwalk, a series of outdoor rooms (some for sipping wine, others for fishing or lounging on monumental flights of stairs, provides its own menu of amusements.

"We don't need bathhouses (in parks) anymore. But you need something else. I think it's entertainment and I think it's open space," said the Riverwalk's co-designer, Chicago architect Carol Ross Barney. "You need that type of relaxation. It's as much an expression of today as Olmsted's parks were expressions of their time."

If Millennium Park represents the park as a focal point for urban spectacle, a smaller, lesser-known project, the Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo, exemplifies a different impulse: The park as a hub of urban ecology.

Designed by Chicago architect Jeanne Gang and now 9 years old, the boardwalk transformed Lincoln Park's South Pond, a pictur-esque, Victorian-era water feature that once was plied by paddle boats in summer. The redesign made the pond 20 feet deep instead of the original 3 feet, and its concrete edges were torn out and replaced with a "soft edge" of grasses and greenery.

The benefits are both practical and aesthetic: The pond's greater depth lets it hold more rainwater, alleviating pressure on the city's stormwater infrastructure, and allowing the pond to serve as a true habitat. Fish can stay in the pond year-round (before they had to be removed in winter). The plants clean the water. Migrating birds that come to the pond eat insects.

The boardwalk wends gracefully through this shared habitat. Instead of walking along a concrete edge, you're surrounded by animals and plants. The project led to a new zoo program that studies urban wildlife, for which Gang shaped an elegant wood-

framed pavilion that's become a much-photographed landmark.

As Gang acknowledges, the boardwalk, like Olmsted's parks, is a "totally created environment." But it's not just for aesthetic value and not solely for people. Instead, it's a place where the city and nature, people and plants, can fruitfully co-exist.

"We're not the only kind of life in cities," Gang said. While Chicago may be less industrial than it used to be, "we still crave and want the relationship to nature and green space and all the benefits it brings."

In the same spirit, at 4-year-old Northerly Island Park, Gang turned an old and outmoded lakefront airport into a cluster of man-made hills, grasslands, a savanna of trees and shrubs, a lagoon and other features, including walking and biking paths that place visitors at a wonderful reprieve from city life. Birds also benefit.

Located on the Lake Michigan flyway, Northerly Island serves as a buffer against the glass-walled buildings of downtown,

which migrating birds often run into, killing themselves.

But the co-existence with nature has not been entirely successful. Without offshore reefs and barrier islands that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Chicago Park District deemed too expensive, Lake Michigan's rising water levels have overwhelmed the park's eastern edge, leading the corps to remove a portion of the path.

Despite such flaws, the new parks and public spaces are a major achievement, continuing a tradition of leadership epitomized by Chicago's "City in a Garden" motto and Daniel Burnham's visionary Plan of Chicago. The new projects recycle outdated infrastructure from the Industrial Age and heal urban wounds inflicted during the postwar era dominated by planes and automobiles.

Yet there's a catch: Most of these projects are located along the affluent lakefront or in the areas that are either gentrified or in the process of gentrifying. Their benefits need to be spread to other parts of the city, particularly the South and West Sides, which Mayor Lori Lightfoot and her chief planner, Maurice Cox, have targeted for economic upgrades.

Elsewhere around the U.S., urban planners are exploring anti-gentrification strategies that encourage the construction of affordable housing at the same time as new parks. Ideally, the new parks and public spaces will be part of green networks, not isolated destinations, which encourage people of different races and classes to mix.

That was Olmsted's goal: To break down economic stratification and forge bonds that would make a better democracy. Despite changing circumstances and enlightened new perspectives, his aim remains as relevant as ever.

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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Andy Walken

"A Christmas Story Live!"

(7 p.m., FOX): They won Oscars for their work on "La La Land" and Tonys for their score to Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen," and the red-hot song-writing team of Benj Pasek and Justin Paul brought this stage musical adaptation of a favorite holiday movie to television in 2017. Seattle newcomer Andy Walken stars as Ralphie, with Maya Rudolph and Chris Diamantopoulos as his mom and dad.

"White Christmas" (7 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 11:30 p.m., SUN): Some purists may sniff that 1942's "Holiday Inn," of which this 1954 musical is a partial remake, is a superior piece of work. The fact remains that this latter vehicle for Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen has become a compulsory part of the yuletide celebration for millions around the world. The classic title tune is just one of several memorable Irving Berlin melodies performed here with style, heart and panache.

"It's a Wonderful Life" (7 p.m., NBC): Small-town guy George Bailey (James Stewart) defers one big dream after another to stay home, marry a local girl (Donna Reed) and run the family business. Facing financial ruin, he's pulled from suicidal despair by angel Clarence (Henry Travers), who shows him how terrible the world would have been if he'd never lived. Lionel Barrymore also stars in director Frank Capra's 1946 classic.

"Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" (7 p.m., ABC): A lanky mailman with the voice of Fred Astaire explains Santa's origins in this animated 1970 special, which sidesteps the St. Nicholas part. In this version, the future jolly old elf is a foundling adopted by the Kringles, a family of toymakers. He grows up with toys in his blood, so to speak, and feels called to give them away to the local youngsters — but mean old Burgermeister Meisterburger will have none of that.

"A Christmas Story" (7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m., 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., TBS; 8 p.m., 10 p.m., 12 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., TNT): This holiday favorite from 1983 stars Peter Billingsley as Ralphie, the little boy who yearns to find a Red Ryder BB gun under the Christmas tree. Not just a Christmas story, it's about parents, little brothers, bullies, decoder rings, double dog dares and most of all, the workings of a youthful mind. The writing by Jean Shepherd (who also narrates) captures it all perfectly. Darren McGavin and Melinda Dillon also star; the movie airs as a Christmas marathon on both TBS and sister channel TNT.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (8 p.m., AMC): Written by "Home Alone" filmmaker John Hughes, the third installment in the movie-comedy series was a major hit of the 1989 holiday season. Chevy Chase returns as Griswold family patriarch Clark, who tries to ensure a traditional yuletide for his clan — despite the considerable odds against it. Co-stars Beverly D'Angelo and Randy Quaid also are back. Juliette Lewis plays one of the younger Griswolds.

TALK SHOWS

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Hail & Farewell."	FBI: "Closure." © HD	FBI: "Scorched Earth." © HD				News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	It's a Wonderful Life (PG, '46) **** James Stewart, Donna Reed. An angel saves a distraught businessman from suicide. ©						NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town HD	CMA Country Christmas © HD					News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	black-ish © black-ish © HD	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD			Bozo, Gar & Ray ♦	
CABLE	Antenna 9.2	Alice © Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©			3's Comp.	
	Court 9.3	* Closing Arguments			Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♦				
	PBS 11	Christmas With the Tabernacle Choir	Christmas at Belmont © HD	St. Thomas Christmas: Comfort & Joy (N) ©				Wheaton-Christmas ♦	
	CW 26.1	Masters of Illusion	Commercials Countdown	Broke Girl	Broke Girl			Seinfeld ©	
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil © HD	Tamron Hall © HD	The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©				
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle Green Acres	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett				
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦				
	Bounce 26.5	The Game The Game	Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13, '09) ** ©		Diary ♦				
	FOX 32	A Christmas Story Live! © HD		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©				
	Ion 38	* (6) Christmas Belle ('13) Christmas Crush (NR, '19) Cindy Sampson. HD						Snowman ♦	
	TeleM 44	* Planes: Fire Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13, '14) *** Chris Pratt. C						Chicago (N)	
	MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: "Outrage."	Chicago P.D. © HD	Chicago P.D. © HD				Chicago ♦	
	UniMas 60	* (6) The Peanuts Movie	Fred Claus (PG, '07) ** Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti.					Nosotr.	
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	Univ 66	* Premio Lo nuestro 2019	Nuestra Navidad					Noticias (N)	
PREMIUM	AE	The Lost World: Jurassic Park (PG-13, '97) ** Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. ©						Jurassic ♦	
	AMC	* (6) Elf (PG, '03) *** © National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) *** Elf *** ♦							
	ANIM	Aquarium-Dive (N)	Aquarium-Dive (N)	The Aquarium: A Deeper Dive (N)					
	BBCA	Doctor Who: "Voyage of the Damned." (8:40) Doctor Who: "The Next Doctor." Dr. Who ♦							
	BET	One Crazy Christmas (NR, '18) Terri Abney, Sean Blakemore. ©		A Madea Christmas * ♦					
	BIGTEN	* BIG Story Penn State	BIG Show	Ohio State				Campus	
	BRAVO	Chrisley Cheaper by the Dozen (PG, '03) ** Steve Martin. ©		Cheaper by the Dozen ♦					
	CLTV	News at 7 News (N) News at 8 News (N)		SportsFeed ©	Politics				
	CNN	The Movies: "The Nineties." © (Part 2 of 6)		The Movies: "The 2000s." ©					
	COM	The Office The Office	The Office	Night at the Museum (PG, '06) ** ©					
	DISC	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners: A Very Moonshiners Christmas (N) ©						
	DISN	Party Music	Sydney-Max Roll With It Raven	K.C. Under.	K.C. Under.				
	E!	* (6:40) E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (PG, '82) **** Henry Thomas. ©		Parks Parks					
	ESPN	College Football: SoFi Hawaii Bowl -- Hawaii vs BYU. (N) (Live) ©							
	ESPN2	ESPN Documentaries (N)		30 for 30 ♦					
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News				
	FOOD	Christmas Cookie (N)	Christmas Cookie (N)	Christmas Cookie (N)	Cookie (N) ♦				
	FREE	* Dr. Seuss' Frosty	Rudolph, the Reindeer	Santa Is Comin' to Town	700 Club ♦				
	FX	FX's A Christmas Carol ©			Office ♦				
	HALL	Christmas Town (NR, '19) Tim Rozon.	Write Before Christmas (NR, '19) ©		Christmas ♦				
	HGTV	Property Brothers (N) ©	Property Brothers (N) ©	Property Brothers (N) ©	Renovate (N)				
	HIST	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper: "Tunnel Visions." ©			Drilling ♦				
	HLN	Forensic Forensic Forensic Forensic		Forensic Forensic	Forensic				
	IFC	* (6) The Hunger Games (PG-13, '12) *** ©		The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ♦					
	LIFE	A Date By Christmas Eve (NR, '19) Vanessa Lengies. (9:03) A Christmas Wish (NR, '19) ♦							
	MSNBC	All in With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)				
	MTV	* (6) Bad Santa 2 ('16) **	Bad Santa (R, '03) *** Billy Bob Thornton. ©	Scrooged ♦					
	NBCSCH	Crossover Notre Dame	Premier League Soccer: Spurs vs Blues (Tape)		Soccer ♦				
	NICK	Paddington (PG, '14) ***	Hugh Bonneville. ©	Friends © Friends © Friends					
	Ovation	* Home for the Holidays Contact (PG, '97) *** Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey. ♦							
	OWN	One Fine Christmas (NR, '19) Marla Gibbs.	An En Vogue Christmas (NR, '14) ♦						
	OXY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D.: "Ghosts."	Chicago P.D.: "Payback."	Chicago ♦				
	PARMT	* (6) John Wick (R, '14) *** ©	John Wick: Chapter 2 (R, '17) *** Keanu Reeves. ♦						
	SFVY	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG, '12) **		A Nightmare on Elm Street ('84) *** ♦					
	TBS	A Christmas Story (PG, '83) **** Peter Billingsley.	A Christmas Story (PG, '83) **** ♦						
	TCM	The Bishop's Wife (NR, '47) *** Cary Grant. ©		Meet Me in St. Louis (NR, '44) *** ♦					
	TLC	Outdaughtered Outdaughtered: "Quints on the High Seas."		Outdaughtered. ♦					
	TLN	Homeless For The Holidays		Life Today O Holy Night	Humanit ♦				
	TNT	* (6) Monster-in-Law **	A Christmas Story (PG, '83) **** Peter Billingsley.	Christmas ♦					
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	TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©	The Dead Files (N) ©	Famously Afraid (N) ©	Fa. Afraid ♦				
	TVL	Raymond Raymond	Raymond Raymond	Two Men Two Men	Two Men				
	USA	* Harry Potter (7:28) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11) *** ©		Fantastic ♦					
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	WE	Law & Order: "Positive."	Law & Order ©	Law & Order: "Hindsight."	Law ♦				
	WGN America	* Alvin-Chipwrecked	We Bought a Zoo (PG, '11) ** Matt Damon. ©						
	HBO	Little (PG-13, '19) ** Regina Hall, Issa Rae. ©		(8:50) The Sun Is Also a Star ('19) **					
	HBO2	His Dark Materials © Lindsey Vonn: The Final Season ©		Shazam! ('19) *** ♦					
	MAX	Say It Isn't So (R, '01) * Chris Klein. ©	(8:40) Monkeybone (PG-13, '01) * ©	Quantum ♦					
	SHO	Ray Donovan ©	Inside the NFL (N) ©	Shameless: "Citizen Carl."	Inside NFL ♦				
	STARZ	* (6:05) Venom ('18) **	Dublin Murders ©	(9:02) Hulk (PG-13, '03) ** Eric Bana. ♦					
	STZENC	Disney's A Christmas Carol ('09) ** ©	(8:38) Wreck-It Ralph (PG, '12) ***						



A diamond broker (Adam Sandler, right) negotiates the sale of a precious stone with Kevin Garnett (left, as himself), as Lakeith Stanfield looks on, in "Uncut Gems."

'UNCUT GEMS' ***

Adam Sandler is a diamond in the rough role of lowlife

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

Once, in high school, on Christmas break I ended up alone one night at the movies, and ever since then "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" has served as my working definition of least appropriate holiday picture ever.

Each generation deserves a new contender for that designation. Presto: "Uncut Gems," opening Dec. 25, arrives just in time for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, you name it — it won't quite fit it.

The latest nerve-shredder from Josh and Benny Safdie is worth seeing, even if it's not their finest two hours, and even if half of any given audience will resent the hell out of it. Adam Sandler's excellent. Even his fans would agree those words don't apply to much of what he does for a living. Now and then he wanders away from terrible comedies to work with some of our most vital filmmakers: Paul Thomas Anderson in "Punch Drunk Love," Noah Baumbach in "The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Dec. 24): Sow seeds and plan for the future this year. Consistent practices lead to a personal flowering. A winter spotlight shines your way before you resolve a barrier with a partnership. Summer introspection leads to personal growth, preparing you for deepening romance. Let your love light shine.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Travels and studies take flight. Long-distance discoveries beckon. Make a sweet connection. Provide and accept gifts and contributions. Celebrate what you're learning.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Get clear on shared expenses. Murkiness with the numbers could get expensive. Collaborate in order to stick to the budget. Pull together for a bonus.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Communicate with your partner to achieve practical goals. Coordinated actions get farther than expected. You can realize plans you've long wanted. Collaborate for shared gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Get coaching to improve your physical performance. Dreams get realized through practical step-by-step actions. Practice makes perfect. Nurture your health with good food and rest.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Have fun with friends and family. Give in to romance. Share gifts and surprises. Express your love and appreciation. Play games and relax together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Domestic bliss could set in. Give up on unrealistic expectations. Appreciate what you have rather than some idealized version. Contribute to a family project.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're especially charming and persuasive. Ask for what you want, for yourself and others. Imagine perfection and then invite participation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Generate profitable possibilities. Stick to practical priorities to bring in positive cash flow. Avoid frivolous spending. Stick to the basics to save time and money.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Dress to impress. Use your power and confidence to propel a personal project. Let go of nebulous illusions to advance clear, specific goals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Recharge in peaceful privacy. Reduce overstimulation, noise and bustle. Consider philosophical and spiritual questions. Adapt to a transition.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Brilliant ideas flow through your circle of friends and allies. Share resources and encouragement. Get together to share appreciation and gratitude.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Schedule carefully. Crazy professional dreams seem possible. Take practical steps and ignore unrealistic plots. Innovation doesn't require revolution. Get creative and invite feedback.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"Delete that."

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, East deals

North
♦ J 5 4 2
♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ 9
♣ 9 8 7 6

East
♦ Void
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ Q 4 3 2
♣ A J 10 4 3

West
♠ K 10 9 8 7

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ J 10 8 6

♣ Void

South
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♥ A
♦ A K 7 5
♣ K Q 5 2

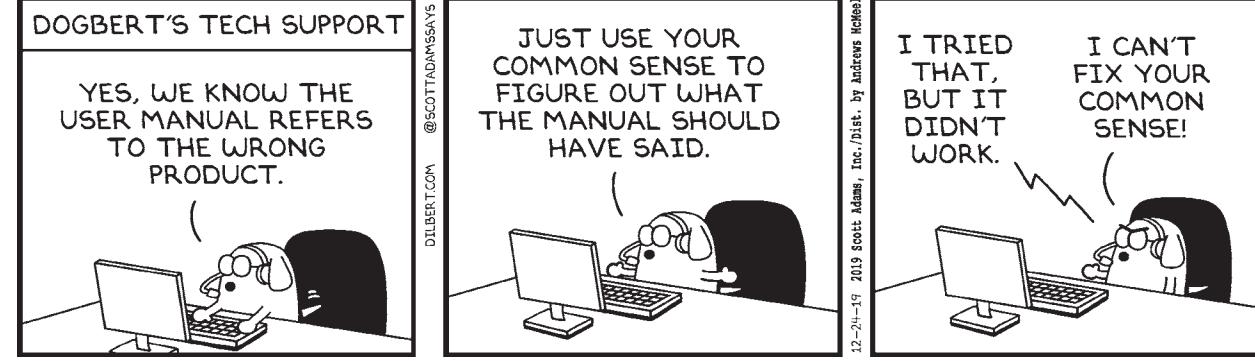
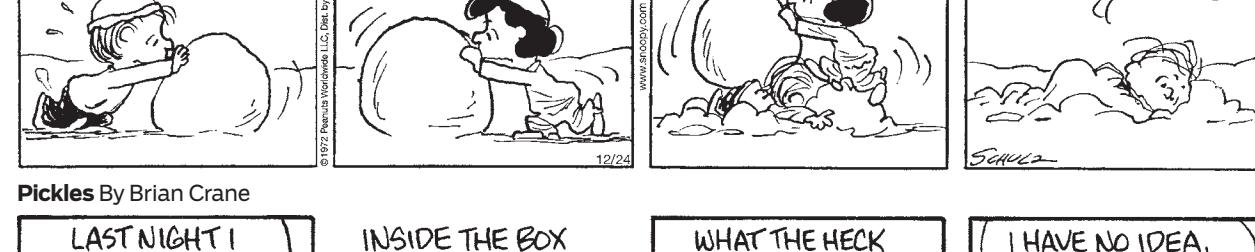
The opponents will sometimes throw a confusing auction at you and you must do your best to understand it. The befuddled South in today's deal was Australian expert Ian Thomson. East-West were playing a strong club system, hence East's opening bid of one diamond rather than one club. The opponents were bidding all of Thomson's suits, so he passed at his second turn. He was sure another double from him would fetch an unwelcome heart bid from partner.

When the opponents put on the brakes in two diamonds, Thomson re-assessed the situation. Partner must be short in

diamonds, he reasoned, so there was a fair chance that he held a few spades. Thomson backed into the auction with a two-spade bid despite the suit being bid on his left, happy that he wasn't doubled. He was even happier at the sight of dummy, which must have been the best one-point dummy Thomson had ever seen.

Thomson won the opening diamond lead with the ace and cashed the king of diamonds and the ace of hearts. He ruffed a diamond in dummy and then a heart in his hand. Another diamond ruff in dummy was followed by another heart ruff in his hand. He now had seven tricks in the bag and he exited with the king of clubs. He never took a club trick, of course, but he couldn't be prevented from scoring both the ace and queen of trumps to bring home an overtrick. Nice bid!

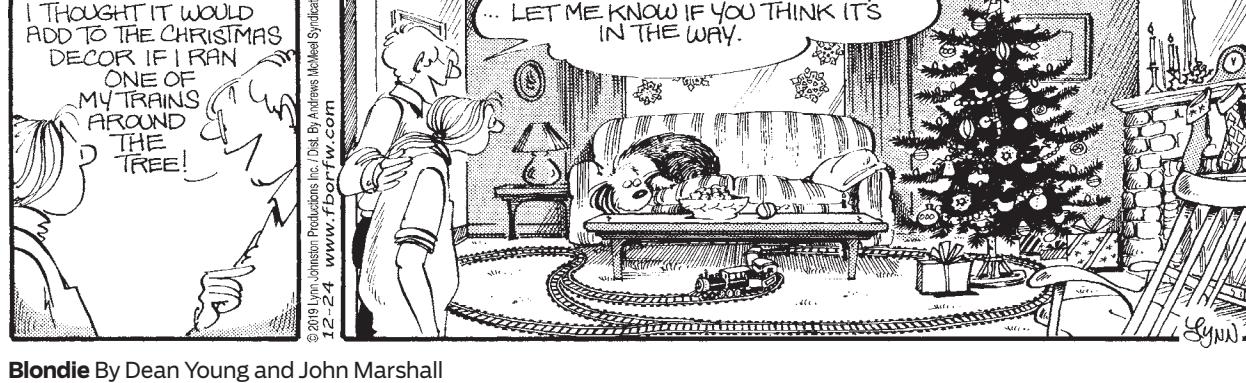
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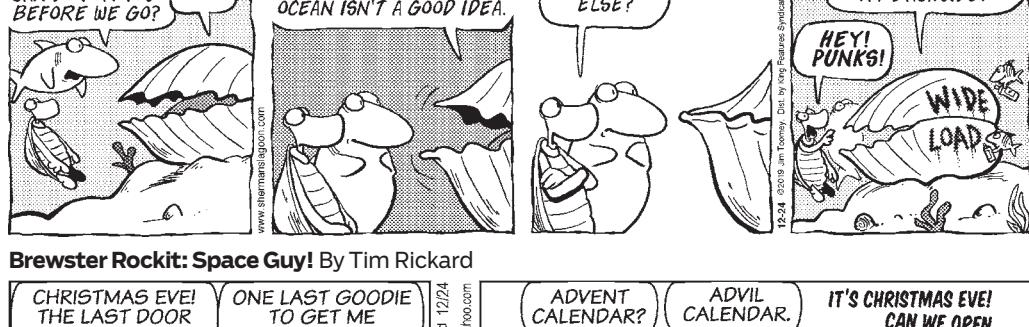
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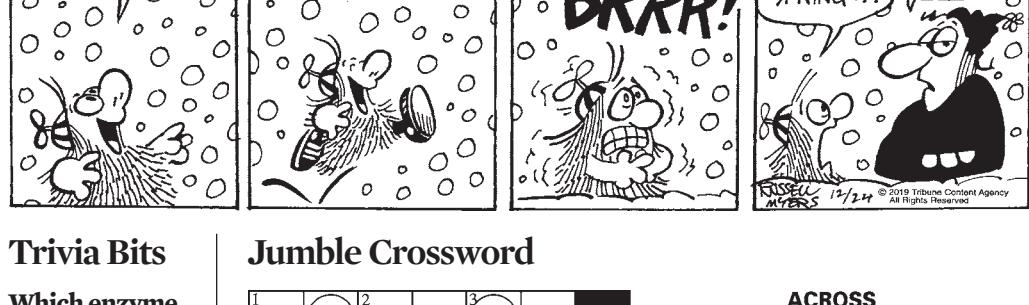
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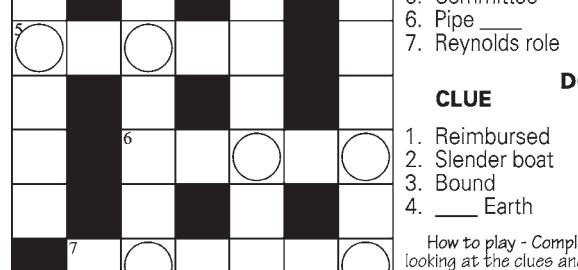
Trivia Bits

Which enzyme produced in the stomach helps digest protein?

A) Bile
B) Chyme
C) Pepsin
D) Ptyalin

Monday's answer: John L. Sullivan is considered the last of the bare-knuckle heavyweight boxing champs.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE: The _____ is the world's largest office building (about 6,500,000 square feet).

BONUS: _____

ANSWER: _____

ACROSS

1. Area, domain
5. Committee
6. Pipe
7. Reynolds role
1. Reimbursed
2. Slender boat
3. Bound
4. Earth

DOWN

- RINOGE
NAPEL
ANGRO
DIBNTA
- DIREP
LONOGAD
EBIGDOL
ATNPTEL

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWER: _____

Monday's solution

A	F	I	R	E	F	I	S	H	E	G	G
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S	K	Y	O	C	E	A	N	H	I	T	M
A	B	D	U	C	T	E	D	C	A	R	E
B	O	Z	Z	F	U	O	N	E	F	C	B
E	R	G	O	C	A	R	L	Y	S	H	O
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L	A	R	E	D	O	L	I	N	E	R	
W	E	I	R	D	T	R	O	V	E	I	M
E	T	N	A	B	A	R	E	F	E	R	E
A	M	E	N	C	O	K	E	I	C	A	N
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Sudoku 1234

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	9		1	6	5							

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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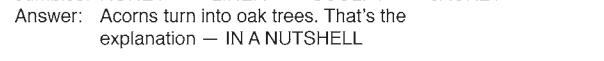
MRISEM



ENNBIG



Answer here



Monday's answers

Jumbles: HONEY LINER SCULPT JACKET
Answer: Acorns turn into oak trees. That's the explanation — IN A NUTSHELL

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Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15						16		
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59			60						61			

Across

1. Drains of energy
5. Pay with a credit card
11. FDR's successor
14. Gillette razor
15. Alabama's cross-state rival
16. Bar-three eagle
17. *Nutrition guide
19. Big coffee holder
20. Battery terminals
21. Chant for Real Madrid
23. Send (to) for treatment
24. *Comprehensive personal philosophy
27. Disney CEO Robert
28. Cross-shaped Greek letters
29. Yardstick unit
30. Grass farm roll
31. Truth
32. Small boat
34. *Horse breeder's concern
36. Covent Garden productions
39. Driver's one-eighites
40. Gave birth to
43. CBS legal drama "The Good ____"
44. Yardstick units
45. Novelist Caleb
46. *Figuratively, whence some unexpected ideas
49. Mint family herb
50. Corkscrew pasta
51. Rose impressively
52. Big name in ATMs
53. 9:00 AM weekday event, typically ... and what the first word in the answers to starred clues can be
56. To this moment
57. Lacking nothing
58. Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
59. Insured investments: Abbr.
60. Ready for more action
61. Run the show

Down

13. Down-for-the-count count
18. Part of mph
22. Like ewe, but not me
24. City between Austin and Dallas
25. Best in an épée match
26. Tot's query
28. New Mexico art colony
31. Home of the SEC's Gators
32. Nutrition regimen
33. Officeholders
34. One of hockey's Hulls
35. Stretched the truth
36. See 12-Down
37. Poked a hole in
38. Concerted tries
40. Fall outing in a wagon
41. Country south of Georgia
42. Made deeper, as a shipping lane
44. Deceptive fencing moves
45. Coco of fashion
47. optic cable
48. Completely absurd
49. Low digit
51. Went quickly
52. Home of MoMA
54. Hobbyist's buy
55. Smelter input

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Always family first: 'That's what drives us'

On Joe McKeown's journey to 700 wins, basketball and fatherhood are intertwined for the Northwestern women's coach

BY SHANNON RYAN

Two fans of an opposing team were heckling Joe McKeown throughout a conference tournament years ago, upsetting his wife and young daughter.

McKeown, who was coaching the George Washington women's basketball team at the time, called his family

over and introduced himself and them to the boisterous Temple students before tipoff. They spoke to the young men for about five minutes.

"Then (during the game) they never said a word," McKeown's daughter Meghan recalled. "He taught me about taking criticism, which has helped me throughout my life. He didn't realize how much of an impact it had on me. You have to deal with it, but you can take it."

Joe McKeown is in his 11th season at Northwestern, and on Friday he achieved his 700th career victory when the Wildcats defeated East Carolina 64-45 at the West Palm Invitational in Florida. He's only the 13th active Division I women's basketball coach to reach the milestone.

Joe McKeown with daughter Meghan, left, concentrating on a game, center, and instructing his team, right.

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"You could do this a long time, and you have to be a little lucky," he told reporters after the game. "I've been really fortunate. My wife and my family have been with me the whole way. ... That's what drives us. We're really blessed to have this great family, this great team of people that I get to coach."

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BRAD BIGGS'



THOUGHTS

The Tribune's longtime Bears observer, best known for his online opus after every game, has made up his mind: **The Bears need to replace Mitch Trubisky**

Some thoughts after the Chiefs defeated the Bears 26-3 on Sunday night in the final game of the season at Soldier Field.

1. On a perfect night for late December football along the lakefront, you couldn't help but wonder if Mitch Trubisky made his final start at Soldier Field. It had to be, didn't it?

A terribly frustrating Bears season came full circle, and the embarrassment that players referenced was only magnified by the spotlight of NBC's "Sunday Night Football." The stumbling Bears offense closed out the slate of 2019 home games just the way it started back on Sept. 5, when the same NBC crew was in town for the opener against the Packers — scoring just three points. Talk about very ugly symmetry.

What was broken then remains broken now, and, no, it has nothing to do with missed snaps by starters in the preseason. The Bears are one week from having an offseason to devote to determining what went wrong and, more important, how to fix it. There won't be any recency bias for general manager Ryan Pace, his trusted front-office advisers and the coaching staff when it comes to evaluating the operation and what little uptick the team has had recently.

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SEASON FINALE

Bears at Vikings

Noon Sunday, FOX-32

"If the Bears don't make replacing Trubisky their No. 1 offseason priority, they've failed to have an honest evaluation of what's happening at Halas Hall and they've done the rest of the NFC North a favor. No one knows who will be available yet, but this mess isn't going to fix itself with Trubisky remaining the starter in 2020."



TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

A Sunday night snoozefest

When the NFL put three Bears games on NBC's prime-time schedule this season, it probably did not mean to saddle the network with a team that would score only 13 points in 12 quarters.

But that's how it played out.

The third installment in television's saddest trilogy — the Bears' 26-3 loss Sunday to the visiting Chiefs — was bad.

Maybe it wasn't "Cats" bad, but it was far enough from good that apologies are in order to any fans who waited all day for Sunday night.

WMVP-AM 1000's Marc Silverman summed things up effectively. "Sophomore geometry was more fun than this Bears game," he tweeted.

Even the Bears' official Twitter account was exasperated.

"Sigh," the team tweeted after a 15-play third-quarter drive flamed out after 78 yards on an incomplete pass on fourth-and-goal.

Sigh, indeed.

It's not the NFL's fault the 2019 Bears were not the Super Bowl contenders they were thought to be. That's on Matt Nagy, Mitch Trubisky, Ryan Pace, et al.

There is, however, little doubt NBC would have flexed Bears-Chiefs had the league's own NFL Network not bogarted Bills at Patriots or Rams at 49ers for its exclusive Saturday window.

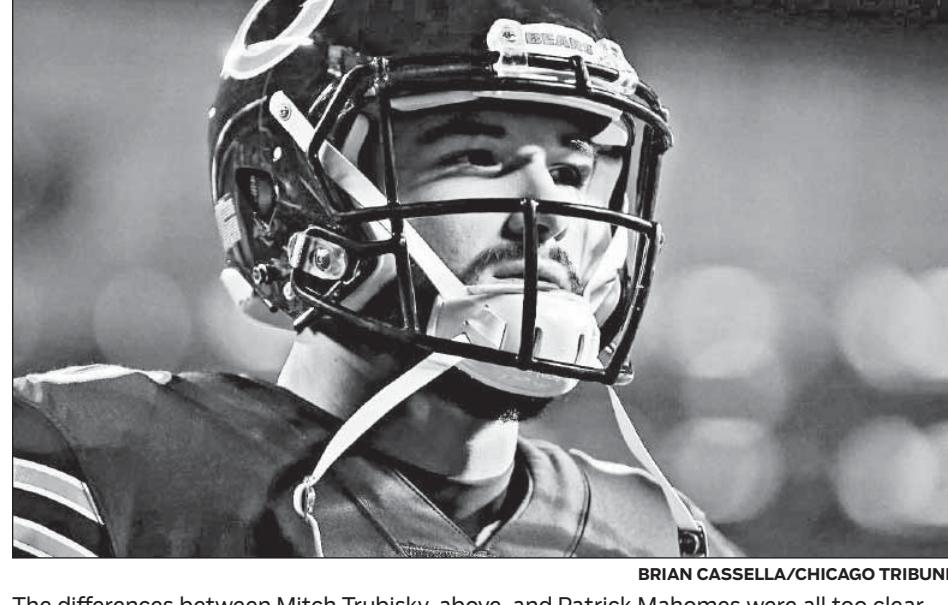
Football fans were not the only losers any more than the Chiefs were the only winners, so let's take a look back at the 7-8 Bears' penultimate telecast.

Winner: Snaggles

The high point for Bears fans may have been NBC sideline reporter Michele Tafoya's pregame revelation that Nagy's mentor, Chiefs coach Andy Reid, has pet names for him. From that point on, it was hard to think of calling him anything but Snaggles or Snaggle-icious.

Loser: Ryan Pace

Sometimes 10 fingers send the same message as giving one finger. NBC cameras caught Chiefs quarterback and reigning NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes counting to 10 after his touchdown pass to Travis Kelce, signaling that Mahomes is as aware as everyone else that the Chiefs picked him 10th in the 2017 draft while Bears general manager Pace preferred to take Trubisky with the No. 2 selection.



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The differences between Mitch Trubisky, above, and Patrick Mahomes were all too clear.

Winner: Wilco

Kudos to CBS Sports writer and podcaster Will Brinson for noticing a wonderfully subtle musical dig. Underneath a discussion about Trubisky and the Bears, NBC played Wilco's "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart."

Loser: Cris Collinsworth

Was anyone watching this game in a mood to hear the NBC analyst's "He did not become the second overall pick by accident" argument regarding Trubisky? "I'm going to tell you the most bizarre thing this week as I was watching all the tape," Collinsworth said. "I went through and watched every pass of the entire season for (Trubisky and Mahomes), and if you took the highest-end special plays from those quarterbacks and made a highlight reel, (they) would look kind of alike. I mean, both guys (are) very mobile, can scramble around... moving one direction, throwing the other direction." But Trubisky doesn't have as many quality receivers to target as Mahomes has, and, as Collinsworth explained pregame, "He misses a lot of layups, and this (Bears) offense cannot afford to miss layups." Play-by-play partner Al Michaels allowed Collinsworth to make some good points but quickly added, "Now you have to convince every Bears fan I know."

Winner: Johnny Morris

Michaels twice name-checked the former Bears wide receiver and retired Chicago sportscaster, now 84. As the Bears' all-time leader in receptions 52 years after his playing career ended, Morris is emblematic of the franchise's age-old struggle to develop its passing game, much like citing Sid Luckman is shorthand for the team's historic dearth of great quarterbacks. But also notable is that, when Michaels made his NFL TV debut with a 19-0 Vikings win over O.J. Simpson's Bills for NBC on Oct. 3, 1971, Morris was his color commentator.

Winner: Joe Maddon

Having the new Angels manager voice an intro to the game reflecting on innovation in sports was a nice, unexpected touch. It might have been even nicer a year or three ago before the limits of Maddon's innovation were seen with the Cubs.

Loser: Cody Parkey

Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker's conversion attempt that caromed off the two uprights in a "double doink" was the latest excuse for Michaels and Collinsworth to revisit their call of Parkey's "double doink" field-goal try, which bounced off an upright and crossbar to end the Bears' playoff bid versus the Eagles in January.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Sunday @Vikings Noon FOX-32	End of season
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	Saturday Hawks 7 p.m. NBCSCH	Monday Bucks 7 p.m. NBCSCH
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BEARS ON TV PRIME-TIME EMBARRASSMENT

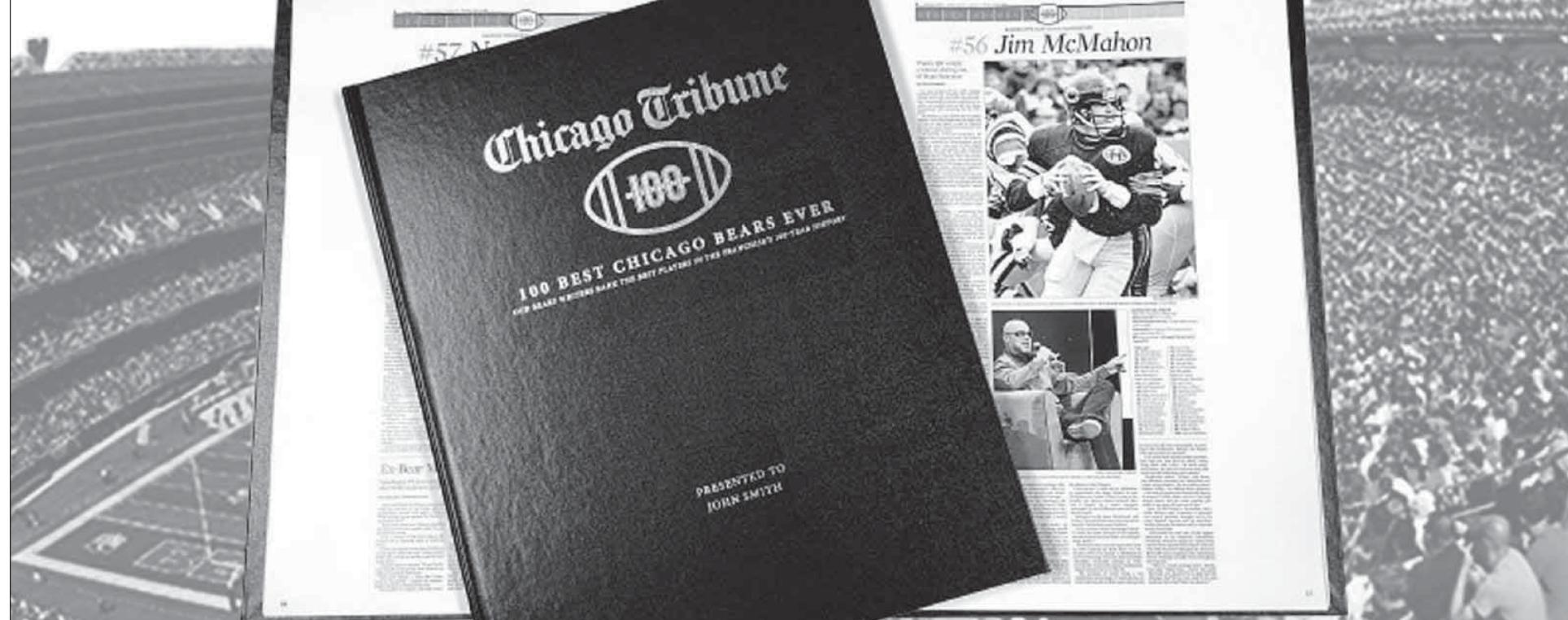
Talk about a no-look pass. A surprising number of Chicago-area TV viewers passed on the Bears' 26-3 prime-time Week 16 pantsing by the Chiefs on "Sunday Night Football." The Bears' performance was hard to watch, to be sure. It not only was the lowest-rated prime-time game this season, but also was their second-lowest-rated game all season locally, averaging a 22.3 household rating in the market on NBC-5. Only their Nov. 3 road loss to the Eagles, which was the fourth of four successive losses for Matt Nagy's crew, proved more of a turn-off locally for Bears fans. The Eagles fiasco was also the second-lowest-rated game locally since Nagy took over as head coach. Sunday night's game edged the noon start versus the Eagles, which averaged just 0.2 of a rating point worse in the Chicago TV market, translating to a difference of about 6,500 area households.

— Phil Rosenthal

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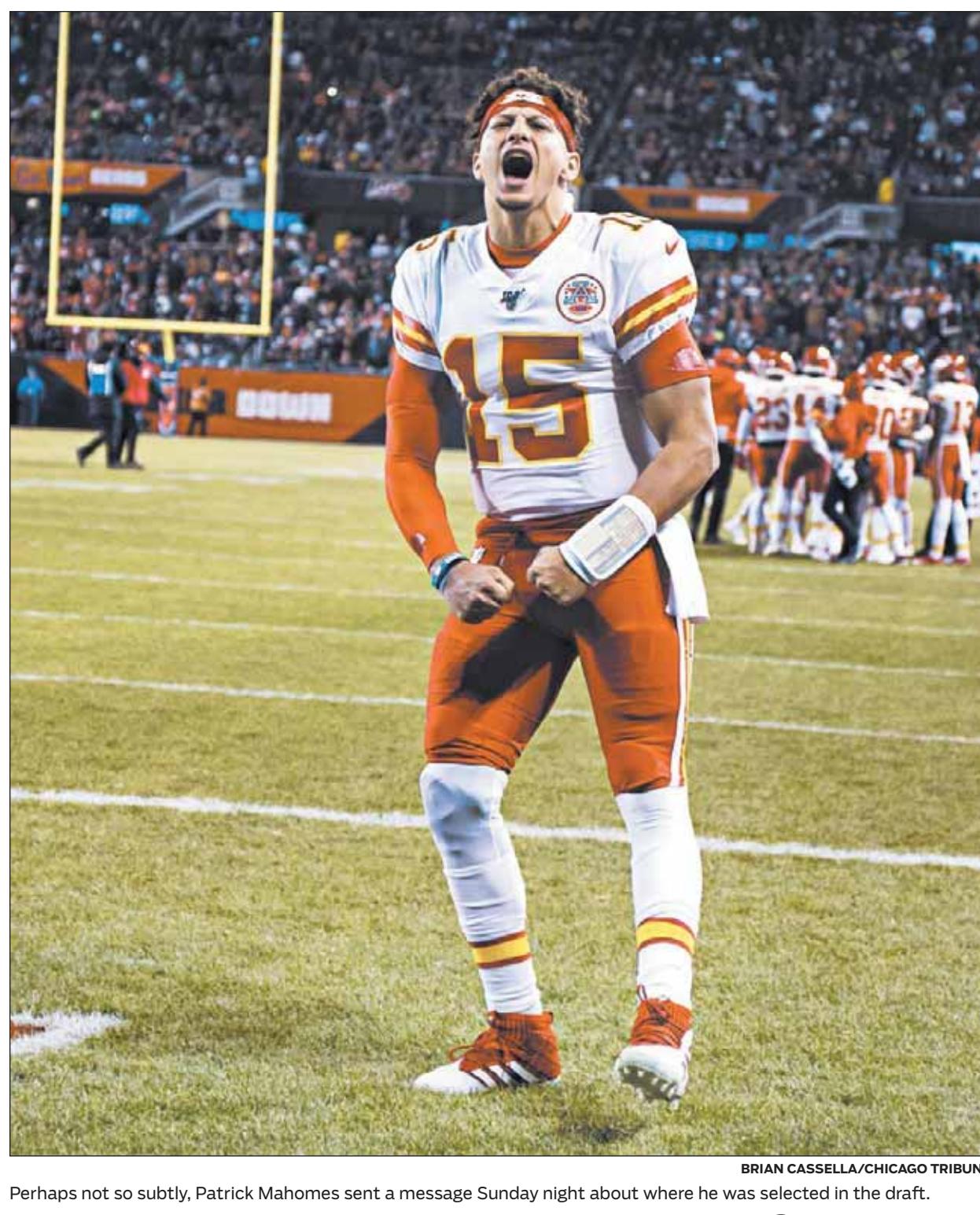


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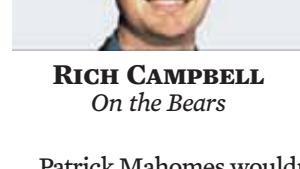
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BEARS

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Perhaps not so subtly, Patrick Mahomes sent a message Sunday night about where he was selected in the draft.

Bears miss perfect 10 with Mahomes



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

Patrick Mahomes wouldn't own it, which is too bad because he has earned every right to flex on his many doubters during his brilliant, nascent career.

Then again, what the Chiefs quarterback said after the game meant nothing compared with how he celebrated the second of the three touchdowns he accounted for in a 26-3 drubbing of the Bears on Sunday night.

An NBC television camera captured Mahomes counting to 10 with both hands as he trotted back to the sideline after his 6-yard touchdown pass to Travis Kelce.

Ten — the spot in the 2017 draft the Chiefs selected him, eight spots after the Bears, who traded up from No. 3 to No. 2, selected Mitch Trubisky.

But you already knew that, Chicago.

"I don't think about celebrations and stuff like that," Mahomes said with a smile. "I just go out there and enjoy the moment. That's who I am. I play with a lot of passion."

Sure. Yeah. Right.

Downplaying the 10 count was just about the only thing Mahomes didn't do well Sunday. The reigning NFL Most Valuable Player was 23 of 33 passing for 251 yards, two touchdown passes, one touchdown run and a 112.1 passer rating.

And with the Bears offense doing Bears-offense things on the other side, the lopsided result was a humiliating, in-person reminder that the franchise-defining choice of Mitch Trubisky over Mahomes has turned out so very wrong.

An hour after the nationally televised game, Ryan Pace was still trending nationally on Twitter. The Bears general manager who oversaw the Trubisky selection was the butt of jokes and target of vitriol as Trubisky sputtered and Mahomes brought his playmaking magic to the city that longingly watches him from afar each week.

"We let each other down. We let the fans down," Trubisky said. "That's not how we want to finish our last home game at Soldier Field. We just left a lot of plays out there and a lot of uncharacteristic things that you're embarrassed of."

The problem, though, is that so much of how the Bears played was characteristic of this lost season.

It wasn't just Trubisky either. From coach Matt Nagy on down, the Bears looked like a beaten-down team that had its eyes on locker-cleanout day next Monday.



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Patrick Mahomes looks back at Aaron Lynch while running for a touchdown.

They were shut out in the first half for the fourth time this season. They had as many penalties in the first half as first downs (six). There were missed assignments, drops and erratic, uninspired quarterback play.

"If there's not focus, then there's some sloppiness, and I felt like that kind of matched up a little bit," Nagy said.

In that regard, yes, Mitch Trubisky didn't lose to Patrick Mahomes on the lakefront Sunday. The Bears got whipped by a complete Chiefs team that is legitimizing its Super Bowl hopes by getting healthy and peaking at the right time.

But don't lose focus, folks. It's always about the quarterbacks.

That's the NFL. Even the trending GM is on record saying success can't be sustained in the NFL without great quarterback play.

And that was the most noticeable, meaningful difference Sunday between the Chiefs and the Wannabe-Chiefs.

On the opening drive, for example, the Chiefs fell into third-and-18 because of a Khalil Mack sack. So what did Mahomes do? He zipped a dart to Tyreek Hill over the middle behind confused linebackers for a 19-yard first down.

On an ensuing third-and-4, Mahomes earned a new set of downs by getting Aaron Lynch to jump offside. Three plays later, he scrambled 12 yards to the end zone with a defender within 3 yards of him.

But it was Mahomes' next touchdown that caught everyone's attention. The perfectly timed angle route to Kelce, the All-Pro tight end. And then the cold-blooded celebration.

"QB1 got some edge, and I'm glad he showed it," Chiefs defensive end Frank Clark said. "He showed them that 10 piece tonight."

"Right now, he's playing with championship swagger. He knows he's doing what he wants to do with that pill. You see him throwing it. I

see him throwing it. He's making some plays I can't believe he can make. He's just having fun out there. Fifteen (Mahomes' jersey number) is dangerous. I wouldn't want to be on the opposite team."

After the game, the Chiefs locker room buzzed a victorious buzz. It was reminiscent of how postgame gatherings felt for the Bears last season. Winning in December does that. But it's also a symptom of great quarterback play.

"When your quarterback is your leader and he has swagger and he's playing with that confidence, that's what we feed off of," Clark said. "Pat ... Year 3, he has just been a hell of a leader."

Comparing that with the Bears situation Sunday was just sad.

Trubisky's final stat line was 18 of 34 for 157 yards and a 65.4 rating — and even that was inflated a bit by garbage time.

His news conference mercifully lasted only four minutes. He described the missed opportunity for a 46-yard touchdown to Allen Robinson: "Just overshot, overthrow."

He wondered aloud about a checkdown on fourth-and-23. He answered a question about beginning the season at Soldier Field with only three points against the Packers and bookending it with Sunday's three-point flop.

"We've just got to want more for ourselves and more for each other," he said.

That feeling of emptiness was evident in the seating bowl, literally, as the final minutes elapsed.

After thousands of Bears fans had already headed toward their Christmas holiday, Chiefs fans made their presence felt with the "Tomahawk Chop" chant. Mahomes waved for them to get louder. Of course, they obliged.

For Mahomes, it's a perfect 10.

For the Bears, well, the offseason awaits.

Big home loss a fitting end to disastrous run



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

For the Bears fans who stuck around to the end Sunday night, for the masochists who needed to experience every last ugly incompleteness and every sloppy penalty and every red-zone malfunction, the final stages of Sunday's 26-3 loss to the Chiefs provided quite the depressing soundtrack.

First, there were the visitors, all those gleeful Chiefs fans who watched the evacuation of Soldier Field as if there were a tornado warning. The stadium cleared out in such quick and orderly fashion in the fourth quarter.

Half-empty. Three-quarters empty. Crowded stairwells and mourners heading into the night.

Yet so many of those out-of-town guests stuck around, dressed in red and breaking into a "Tomahawk Chop" chorus as their superstar quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, stood on the field and encouraged them to do it louder. So louder they got.

On the Bears' home turf. In the final home game of the Bears' 100th season.

Oh-ohhhhhh-ohhhh-ohhhhhh-

And then, as if that weren't enough, when the final second ticked off the latest painful loss of this brutal season — "Embarrassing," Khalil Mack called this one — the Soldier Field playlist went right to "Last Christmas" by Wham! A real holiday earworm if ever there was one, left to pinball around the home crowd's brains for the entire drive or train ride home as they replayed the night's misery.

Last Christmas I gave you my heart. But the very next day you gave it away ...

Wow, what a contrast this was to the night of the home opener, that electric Thursday night in September when, moments before the NFL's 100th season began, a handful of 1985 Bears emerged from Soldier Field's northwest tunnel waving towels and sending a jolt through a city that believed without apology that this season was going to be special.

Man, the buzz back then seemed to make the entire skyline shake.

But that was also the night the Bears' myriad flaws began to show, the night they failed to score a touchdown in an agonizing prime-time loss. So just for good measure, the Bears finished their home schedule Sunday night in much the same way. By failing to score a touchdown in an agonizing prime-time loss.

In fact, so much of Sunday's defeat was simply a montage of the 2019 Bears' most irritating blunders.

Need another razzle-dazzle play that sends the Bears backward and kills a drive? How about Anthony Miller's fumble and 10-yard loss on a first-down end-around near midfield on the opening possession? Paging Pat O'Donnell.

Need some more sloppy penalties? How about edge rusher Aaron Lynch jumping the gun for his seventh offside or neutral-zone infraction of the season to aid a Chiefs scoring drive? Or left tackle Charles Leno retaining the team lead in flags with No. 13, a fourth-quarter holding penalty that again upped the degree of difficulty for the offense to score?

Need an untimely special teams gaffe? Here was Kevin Pierre-Louis running into Chiefs punter Dustin Colquitt to provide a free first down that led to a Chiefs touchdown. That came, of course, on a drive in which the Chiefs were backed up into second-and-28. Yet somehow they wound up in the end zone.

Need a subpar defensive showing? The Bears totaled one sack and zero takeaways.

Need another compilation of Mitch Trubisky misfires? Why not? The worst came in the second quarter with Allen Robinson breaking open down the left side of the field for what should have been a 46-yard touchdown.

It should have been a 10-7 game. Instead, it was second down and headed for Puntville. And all it would have taken to change that was one sharp throw.

"I'll have to go back and watch it on tape," coach Matt Nagy said. "I didn't get to see Mitch with how much time he had in the pocket or his vision of that."

What Nagy will see is that his starting quarterback had all day and then some. He locked and loaded and fired deep.

"Felt good coming out," Trubisky said. "I just overshot it. Overthrow."

Oh, yeah. That again.

"Again," Nagy said, "those are ones you want to be able to hit. And we didn't."

In a game that featured the top two quarterbacks selected in the 2017 NFL draft, Mahomes outclassed Trubisky — to no one's surprise. The Chiefs star threw for 251 yards with two touchdown passes, a 112.1 rating and a 12-yard touchdown run. By his standards, it was an ordinary night in a breezy win. Yet it was evidence that he and the Chiefs could be playing on Super Bowl Sunday six weeks from now.

Trubisky went 18-for-34 for 157 yards and a 65.4 rating. It was his fifth full game this season that fell short of 200 yards. It was his fifth without a touchdown pass and his eighth with fewer than two.

It featured, inexplicably, a fourth-and-23 checkdown completion to tight end Eric Saubert 2 yards beyond the line of scrimmage when the Bears were trailing by 20 points in the fourth quarter. Did we mention it was fourth-and-23?

"We had some longer routes on there," Nagy said. "You'd like to be able to maybe get a (pass interference) or something in that case. But we just didn't."

Added Trubisky: "I probably should have (taken) a shot."

Earlier in the night, Mahomes converted third-and-18 with an MVP-caliber 19-yard dart to Tyreek Hill. That was one of four third-down conversions for the Chiefs on their opening-drive touchdown march.

Two possessions later, after Mahomes hit Travis Kelce with a 6-yard touchdown pass, he went back to the sideline counting to 10 on his fingers. Social-media sleuths jumped to conclusions and declared that Mahomes was reminding the Bears, the city of Chicago and anyone else who cared that he was selected 10th overall in 2017. Eight spots after the Bears picked Trubisky.

Mahomes wouldn't confirm or deny that outside suspicion.

"I don't know if there was necessarily a meaning," he said. "I was kind of just in the moment and enjoying it."

For the Bears, it was a sobering reality check.

As Mahomes and the Chiefs prepare for a possible charge in January, the Bears played Sunday night as if their lost playoff hopes had stolen their competitive spirit. The postmortem was as somber as it has been all season.

The word "embarrassing" kept popping up in various pockets of the locker room.

There's another week, another game to play. But Sunday night sure seemed like a fitting ending to a letdown season.

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Not after this lousy showing that comes a week after a bad game in Green Bay that, on the surface, maybe didn't appear terrible because of the stat padding the Bears were able to do after falling behind 21-3 midway through the third quarter. There was no stat padding in this one. Trubisky didn't reach triple digits for passing yards until the fourth quarter.

It was another ugly showing, and reality is the Bears have regressed on offense this season. Trubisky has regressed. Coach Matt Nagy is in a slump with the offense.

With one week remaining the Bears rank 30th in scoring with 256 points. Only the Bengals (246 points) and Redskins (250) are worse. The Bengals have earned the No. 1 pick in the 2020 draft for their futile efforts. They're likely to draft LSU quarterback Joe Burrow. Based on current standings, the Redskins would own the No. 2 pick.

The Bears will be picking somewhere near the middle of the second round. At least they have two picks in that round as they own the Raiders' second-rounder.

Barring a dramatic offensive explosion in Minnesota to close out the season, the Bears will almost certainly finish in the bottom six in the NFL in scoring. They could wind up in the basement if the effort against the Vikings resembles what they did against the Chiefs.

It will mark the sixth time in the last 20 years the Bears have been among the bottom six in scoring — and the third time since Pace's arrival in 2015 and the second time with Trubisky as the primary starting quarterback.

With year, points, rank, primary starting QB

- 2000: 216, 28th, Cade McNown
- 2002: 281, 27th, Jim Miller
- 2004: 231, 32nd, Hutchinson/Krenzel
- 2016: 279, 28th, Matt Barkley
- 2017: 264, 29th, Mitch Trubisky
- 2019: 256 (and counting), 30th, Trubisky

You know what the Bears did after the 2000 season? They dumped McNown, a former first-round pick, in a trade with the Dolphins and changed quarterbacks.

After the 2002 season, the Bears released Miller, used a first-round pick on Rex Grossman and paired him with Kordell Stewart and Chris Chandler. Hutchinson and Krenzel were forced into action in 2004 after Grossman was injured, and the team invested a draft pick in Kyle Orton the next year.

Barkley had the most starts in 2016 only because Jay Cutler was injured, and the team drafted Trubisky and signed Mike Glennon for the next season.

What do you do when you're at or near the bottom of the NFL in scoring? You make changes and strongly consider a move at quarterback.

I've been hesitant to think the Bears would pull the plug on Trubisky as the starter; they have invested so much in him and pinned so much hope to him. They made the trade for Khalil Mack before the 2018 season with the idea they were ready



Mitch Trubisky (10) and Patrick Mahomes, right, after meeting following Sunday's game. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

to compete for a championship. There's no better time to do that than when the starting quarterback is on a rookie contract. Controlled cost at the most important position allows for investments elsewhere.

But it's impossible to fully evaluate this season and say Trubisky has made progress. When you think you've come up with a way to compliment his game, you almost always have to attach a caveat to it that winds up being the needle to pop the balloon.

That Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes utterly outclassed Trubisky in this loss doesn't make it any worse. It was no surprise Mahomes was the superior performer, operating with a mastery of the pocket to create time, angles and throwing windows in order to do damage downfield. Trubisky barely looked downfield and threw it downfield less. He had one deep shot to Allen Robinson that he overthrew.

If the Bears don't make replacing Trubisky their No. 1 offseason priority, they've failed to have an honest evaluation of what's happening at Halas Hall and they've done the rest of the NFC North a favor. No one knows who will be available yet, but this mess isn't going to fix itself with Trubisky remaining the starter in 2020. The Bears have been shut out in the first half of four games. That's more than one out of every four. They've failed to score a first-half touchdown in 10 of their 15 games. So we're not talking about a small sample size here.

Until the Bears acknowledge they have a problem at quarterback and begin searching for an upgrade, they're stuck. That's the predicament they found themselves in with Cutler — and Pace shouldn't be given a free pass for sticking with Cutler for two seasons, more or less biding time with a guy everyone knew couldn't take the team where it wanted to go.

It will be the No. 1 question of the offseason: Are the Bears ready to admit they have a quarterback problem?

2. The Bears were going to need one of their best games to have a shot at upsetting the Chiefs.

They didn't challenge the Chiefs defense, particularly on third down. Mitch Trubisky didn't throw the ball to the sticks and beyond.

When the Bears faced third-and-8 on their 20-yard line at the end of the first quarter, Trubisky threw a wide receiver screen to Anthony Miller, who caught the ball 4 yards behind the line of scrimmage and wound up with a 2-yard gain.

On third-and-9 on the next possession, Trubisky tried a screen pass to running back David Montgomery. Chiefs safety Tyrann Mathieu sniffed it out and stopped Montgomery for a 2-yard gain.

On fourth-and-23 from their 46 with 7:51 remaining and the Bears trailing 23-3, Trubisky checked down a pass to tight end Eric Saubert. When I say he checked it down, Saubert caught the ball 3 yards beyond the line of scrimmage, leaving another 20 for him to pick up on his own or with the help of blocks. He managed 11, and the Chiefs took over on downs.

This isn't a moment where the Bears could have changed the outcome of the game. I understand that. But wouldn't you prefer the quarterback to push the ball close to the line to gain or beyond it and give his receiver a chance? Trubisky is conditioned not to turn the ball over and is deathly afraid of interceptions, so he struggles pushing the ball downfield.

"Yeah, I probably should have (taken) a shot," Trubisky said. "Just when I was escaping the pocket, saw everyone really, really deep. Tough situation but try to get what we can get. Maybe next time force one to give ourselves a better chance. But you can't be in those."

He's right. You can't be in fourth-and-23 and expect to find success, but there are far too many instances of Trubisky not pushing the ball downfield this season. That's precisely what we saw Patrick Mahomes do in some key moments.

Chiefs cornerback Bashaud Breeland wasn't surprised the Bears didn't test the secondary with more vertical throws.

"Nah," Breeland said. "The way we have been playing on the outside, I knew coming into the game, a lot of teams aren't going to really try us outside. They will try to get us in the middle and try to get us to close after maybe they've lulled us to sleep out there."

"To see them in third-and-long hit the short routes, it was like: 'Why they do that? Are they really trying to play?' We just kept focusing on doing what we have to do and handling what we have to handle and everything worked out for us."

Third-and-8? Screens? They were trying to get us with screens. Some teams were successful against us with screens. I mean, the past couple weeks, we held teams that tried to run screens on us. They really couldn't do it.

"It beats my guess, man, but when you really don't have (anything) to play for, you tend to come out and do anything. You know what I'm saying? Why not take chances?"

3. I thought the Bears had pretty good energy during the week at Halas Hall.

Sometimes you see folks just going through the motions when the playoffs have been eliminated as a possibility and largely meaningless games remain. The Bears, however, definitely had some energy and seemed invested — but, boy, that didn't manifest itself in the game at all.

"Lack of execution," left tackle Charles Leno said when I asked him why the offense continues to struggle in the first half.

That has to be frustrating because it's a recurring theme.

"Yeah, well the season ended last week, so that was frustrating," Leno said. "At the end of the day, what's frustrating about this? We didn't score points."

4. The same thing you said about the defense early in the season remains true now.

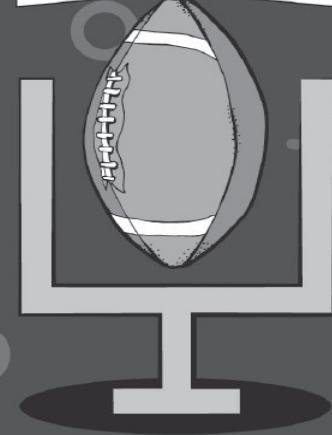
You're just not seeing the highlight plays from the Bears defense, the game-changing plays or even the ones that happen to swing momentum with regularity. The Bears have now gone three consecutive games without a takeaway on defense. That's a little surprising given the investments on that side of the ball. I thought the search to find a stretch of three consecutive games without a takeaway might be a lengthy one, but it wasn't long ago. It happened from Weeks 11-13 in 2016.

The Bears are tied for 21st in the NFL with 16 takeaways. And they're tied for 18th with a net turnover differential of minus-2.

Here's something to watch for next week: an interception. If the Bears don't get one, they would finish with eight in a season for the fourth time in the last five years. Eight happens to be the franchise record for fewest interceptions in a season. Let this serve as a reminder that takeaway statistics don't often translate well from one season to the next.

Excerpted from Brad Biggs' "10 thoughts" column that runs after every Bears game at chicagotribune.com/sports

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Mitch Trubisky tries to toss the ball to receiver Anthony Miller (17) in the first quarter of Sunday night's loss to the Chiefs at Soldier Field.

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Bears must 'lock in'

Concentration, discipline seem in short supply — and it's driving Nagy crazy

By COLLEEN KANE

The lowlight reel began less than four minutes into the Bears' 26-3 loss to the Chiefs on Sunday night at Soldier Field.

The Bears had first-and-10 at the 50-yard line when Mitch Trubisky pitched the football to Anthony Miller on an end around. As Miller looked ahead to where he was running, the ball hit his hands and bounced to the ground. Miller recovered the fumble, but the Bears lost 10 yards.

"Were you watching me on the sideline?" Bears coach Matt Nagy asked at his Monday morning news conference.

The NBC broadcast didn't show his reaction to the botched play, so we'll have to imagine.

"Yeah, it tests me," Nagy said. "These are great kids. They mean well. But we've got to lock in. We've got to be really, really good in those situations. And when you put yourself in a second-and-20 ... those are the things that we've really got to lock in on."

Maybe the Bears' lack of focus Sunday was understandable.

They were playing one of the best teams they've faced this season in their first game since being eliminated from playoff contention. Some sort of letdown seemed inevitable, even though Nagy made it clear all week they were playing to win.

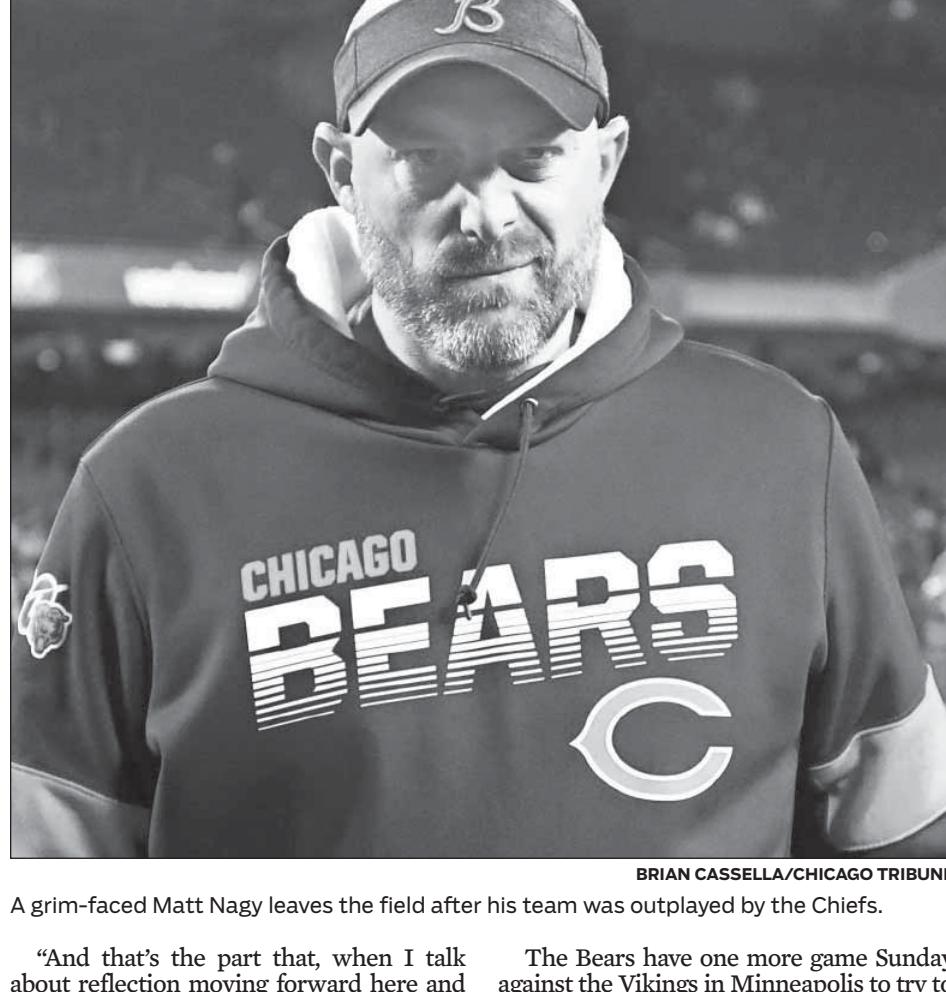
But mistakes piled up from all three phases during a game players afterward called "embarrassing."

Outside linebacker Aaron Lynch committed a neutral-zone infraction on third-and-4 that gave the Chiefs a first down on their first touchdown drive. Kevin Pierre-Louis was called for running into the kicker when the Chiefs were punting on fourth-and-4, extending their second touchdown drive.

And the Bears offense committed back-to-back false-start penalties to end the first half as they were trying to put their first points on the board.

Nagy wasn't making excuses Monday as he rattled off that long list of disappointments, and he doesn't fault observers from calling it undisciplined.

"That's the frustration part for me is I know we're a disciplined team," Nagy said. "But when you have some of the things that happened yesterday in the game, it's very easy to say that we're undisciplined."



A grim-faced Matt Nagy leaves the field after his team was outplayed by the Chiefs.

"And that's the part that, when I talk about reflection moving forward here and when I step back and look at everything big-picture-wise, that's my job. I need to make sure that part gets fixed. And that's what I'm going to do. And so whatever it takes, however it's done, I'm going to do it. I'm going to be locked in on making sure that these mistakes come to an end."

Looking back, there was a foreshadowing in the Bears' first offensive play of the season against the Packers on Sept. 5, when Tarik Cohen fumbled Trubisky's pitch. It ended up not mattering because a defensive holding penalty nullified the play, but it was the type of mistake that has hurt the Bears early in games, particularly on offense.

"Why are you trying to remind me of all of this stuff?" Nagy joked when a reporter mentioned the play.

Nagy soon will remind himself of all of it as he takes on a daunting offseason to-do list.

The Bears have one more game Sunday against the Vikings in Minneapolis to try to stay on point, and that might not be easy with the holidays and offseason plans providing distractions this week.

After that, Nagy will turn to offseason evaluations. He must assess with general manager Ryan Pace the Bears' quarterback situation and take a hard look at his play-calling inadequacies.

Because of games like Sunday, he also has to examine why his players' focus has lapsed.

"None of this is criticism on the players, but we've got to learn from this," Nagy said. "We've got to understand that this is the 'why?' part that we talk about. And so we've got to all lock in. I've got to lock in better, our coaches need to lock in better, our players need to."

"When we do that, I think we can be pretty scary. We didn't do that this year."

For draft aid, Bears pulling against Raiders

By BRAD BIGGS

A year after trading away Khalil Mack, the Raiders have a shot at making the playoffs.

It's not a great shot, but they are alive in the AFC entering Week 17, a proposition that would affect the Bears, who will receive the Raiders' second-round draft pick in 2020.

The Bears' hope all along has been that the second-round pick would be a high one

and mitigate the lack of a first-round pick in 2020 as part of the Mack deal. But if the Raiders reach the playoffs, the highest that pick would be No. 53 (21st in the second round).

The Raiders' slim playoff chances remained alive Sunday with a win against the Chargers and losses by the Titans and Steelers. The win snapped the Raiders' four-game losing streak and improved their record to 7-8.

According to the NFL, the Raiders would make the playoffs if they close the season with a victory over the Broncos combined with a Titans loss in Houston, a Steelers loss in Baltimore and a Colts win in Jacksonville.

In that scenario, the Raiders would claim the No. 6 seed in the AFC in a tiebreaker over three other teams.

It's a long shot, but the Bears will be watching the scoreboard when looking ahead to the 2020 draft.



ANDY CLAYTON-KING/AP

Aaron Jones runs for a 56-yard score to seal the Packers' victory Monday night.

NFL

Packers win showdown, NFC North

News services

Aaron Jones rushed for 154 yards and two second-half touchdowns, Za'Darius Smith had five tackles for loss to lead a stifling defensive performance, and the Packers became NFC North champions by beating the Vikings 23-10 on Monday night in Minneapolis.

The Packers (12-3) made Matt LaFleur the 10th rookie coach in NFL history to reach 12 victories, winning for the first time in four tries at U.S. Bank Stadium with a dominant finish after trailing 10-9 at halftime.

With the win, the Packers stayed in position for a first-round bye with the top seed and home-field advantage until the Super Bowl still in sight.

The Packers stormed back from three first-half turnovers, including a rare pick by Aaron Rodgers, to lock the Vikings (10-5) into the sixth playoff seed.

Kirk Cousins was sacked five times, with a whopping 3½ by Smith, and he threw an interception in the third quarter that set up the first score by Jones. Cousins fell to 0-9 in his career in Monday night games.

Beast Mode back? The Seahawks could be reuniting with former star running back Marshawn Lynch, coach Pete Carroll said during his radio show Monday.

Lynch flew to Seattle and underwent a physical later that day. The Seahawks are in desperate need of running backs after Chris Carson (hip) and C.J. Prosise (arm) both suffered season-ending injuries in Sunday's 27-13 loss to the Cardinals.

"... We're going to give him a really good chance of coming back and playing for us," Carroll said of Lynch.

Lynch hasn't played in more than a year. His last game was Week 6 of last season with the Raiders before a core injury ended his season.

But the best stretch of Lynch's career came during his six seasons with the Seahawks. He arrived via trade from the Bills early in the 2010 season and became the face of a franchise filled with stars during his time. Sometimes difficult to deal with, but almost always productive on the field, Lynch rushed for 6,347 yards and 57 touchdowns in the regular season during his time with the team.

Lynch will always be remembered for his touchdown run in the 2010 playoffs against the Saints that helped coined the nickname "Beast Mode." It was the top of the long list of highlights with the Seahawks.

The current Seahawks need production and that will be the big question with a 33-year-old back. Lynch averaged 4.2 yards per carry and 62.7 yards per game before getting injured last season.

ESPN reported that former running back Robert Turbin signed with the Seahawks on Monday night. He played for the team from 2012-14 and was Lynch's backup.

Mixed bag for Eagles: Pro Bowl tight end Zach Ertz suffered a fractured rib during the Eagles' win over the Cowboys on Sunday, according to reports Monday.

There's no timetable yet for his return, but the Eagles believe the injury is bad.

The Eagles can clinch the NFC East title with a road win over the Giants in the finale.

On the positive side, ESPN reported that running back Jordan Howard likely will return for the game after missing the last six with a shoulder injury.

Resting Ravens: Having already accomplished all their goals for the regular season, the Ravens will play the finale against the Steelers this weekend without quarterback and leading league MVP candidate Lamar Jackson, eight-time Pro Bowl guard Marshal Yanda and several other key starters, including injured running back Mark Ingram.

The Ravens (13-2) extended their winning streak to 11 games and clinched the top seed in the AFC playoffs with a Week 16 win over the Browns. Ingram left in the fourth quarter with a calf injury, but should be ready when the Ravens open the playoffs at home during the second weekend in January.

Ravens coach John Harbaugh said Monday that Ingram has a "mild to moderate calf strain" and would have been unavailable anyway.

"We'd be looking for him to be ready in two weeks," Harbaugh said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

McKeown

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He passed along to his children his love of the game — and the thick skin that has allowed him to maintain a healthy perspective while also being a fiery competitor.

Meghan McKeown said that attitude helped her as a Northwestern basketball player (2010-14) and now as a sports journalist who freelances for Big Ten Network and other outlets.

Their bond through basketball has shaped their tight relationship.

Meghan, the oldest of three, was 10 days old when she took her first airplane trip to see her dad coach in a basketball tournament in Las Vegas.

Joe would bring a mini television to practices and let Meghan watch "Beauty and the Beast." But usually she just wanted to be by his side. She taped her ankles with his players. She wrote scouting reports, noting players who struggled to shoot left-handed.

As a 6-year-old, she persuaded him to rent a convertible for a recruiting trip in Ohio. She was allowed to stay up past bedtime when keeping him company as he broke down game film.

"I took her everywhere with me," Joe said. "We traveled with her, took her to all the NCAA Tournaments, all the tournaments in the Bahamas and Florida. We're a family and we did everything together. It was really special as a parent to share that."

The Atlantic 10's all-time leader in coaching wins, McKeown took George Washington to 15 NCAA Tournaments in 19 seasons before rebuilding Northwestern's long-struggling program. The Wildcats won only five games the year before he took the job in 2008, moving to the Chicago area in part to find better services for his son, Joey, who has autism.

Northwestern has four 20-win seasons under McKeown but only one NCAA Tournament appearance, in 2015. The Wildcats, who boosted their record to 10-1 with a 79-59 victory over Xavier on Saturday, are trying to improve upon last season's 21-15 record and WNIT semifinals appearance.

Through the years, his family life and basketball life have been intertwined.

He would rush from practice at George Washington to Meghan's games in Virginia — once getting a speeding ticket in the process. After coming to Northwestern, he would finagle his schedule to make it to her games at Loyola Academy, sitting quietly in the stands to avoid drawing attention from her on the court.

Now she does the same at his games.

During a victory last week against Texas-Arlington, Meghan wore a purple Northwestern winter cap and sat with her



Northwestern women's coach Joe McKeown gives his team instructions.

mom, Laura, behind the NU bench at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

"I get so nervous," Meghan said.

She left a job in June as a weekend sports anchor for WISH-TV in Indianapolis, where she reported on the Colts and Pacers, to move home with her family. She started out covering high school sports for a small station in Terre Haute, Ind.

Meghan now serves as an assistant coach for her sister Ally's basketball team at North Shore Country Day in Winnetka. She keeps in touch with her brother, who now lives in Cleveland.

Ever since Big Ten Network came to her home to report a story on Joey when she was 16, she dreamed of becoming a sports journalist.

She worked as the sideline reporter for BTN's broadcast of the Northwestern-Massachusetts football game this fall and has provided color commentary for BTN Plus for several Purdue basketball games.

"She became so professional in Indianapolis," Joe said. "If she was nervous, it didn't show. Her mom and I would be watching on the computer (and say), 'Wow she's a pro.'

We're really proud of her. She's got this. She's cut out for this and can handle things."

She had offers from Yale and other schools after a standout high school basketball career and strong academic record at Loyola, but she chose to play on her dad's Northwestern team.

She was named a captain as a senior in 2013-14, averaging about two points in 10 minutes per game. She called Joe "Coach."

Meghan was always intent on proving she wasn't on the team because of her father. During a game at Ohio State, fans chanted, "Daddy's girl," every time she touched the ball. She made a 3-pointer and they stopped.

That thick skin came in handy again.

"We just looked at each other and laughed," Meghan said of her reaction with her dad.

She doesn't want anyone to think that provided a journalism "in" either. Now they break down games as coach and analyst as well as father and daughter. And she critiques his news conferences.

"He's a great interview," Meghan said. "He's funny, but I like his sense of humor."



YOUNG KWAK/AP
Coach Mark Few, guard Admon Gilder and Gonzaga have five straight wins.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Gonzaga takes top spot in poll

Associated Press

Gonzaga is the latest No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball poll that has had no stability on the top line.

The Bulldogs moved up a spot to take over for Kansas, which lasted only a week at No. 1 before losing at now-No. 10 Villanova. At the time, that had marked the first time the AP poll has had five different No. 1s before New Year's Day.

And now it's six, with the Zags (13-1) earning 54 of 65 first-place votes to outdistance Ohio State in a year with no dominant team.

Gonzaga's only loss was to No. 11 Michigan in the championship game of the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas on Nov. 29. The Zags have won five straight since, including victories at No. 21 Washington and No. 24 Arizona as well as a home win against North Carolina.

"I don't think they should be doing polls this year until March," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said after Saturday's win against Eastern Washington. "I'm serious, I mean, it's just an effort in futility at this point."

This is the eighth season to have as many as six different teams reach No. 1, though it has happened now three times in the last five years. The record for an entire season is seven, set in 1982-83 when names like Michael Jordan and Ralph Sampson were still in the college ranks.

Michigan State, Kentucky, Duke and Louisville were the first four teams to hit No. 1. Throw in Kansas, and none has won more than twice before suffering a loss.

The Zags won't stumble this week, at least; they don't play again until hosting Detroit Mercy next Monday evening after another poll is released.

Ohio State (11-1) earned nine first-place votes and jumped three spots to No. 2 after lopsided wins against Villanova and at then-ranked UNC, and a six-point victory over then-No. 6 Kentucky in Las Vegas.

Louisville remained at No. 3 ahead of its state rivalry game against the 19th-ranked Wildcats this weekend, followed by Duke and Kansas, which fell four spots to No. 5.

Oregon, Baylor, still-unbeaten Auburn, Memphis and Villanova rounded out the top 10.

Villanova made the week's biggest jump, climbing eight spots after taking down the Jayhawks.

Iowa was the lone new addition to Top 25, grabbing the last spot at No. 25 after beating Minnesota, Iowa State and Cincinnati.

The Big Ten leads the nation with six top-25 teams, including Michigan (11), Michigan State (14) and Penn State (20).

Pitino, Adidas settle: Former Louisville coach Rick Pitino reached a settlement with Adidas, the Hall of Fame coach and the global sportswear company said in a joint statement Monday.

Pitino had contended in a lawsuit that Adidas "outrageously conspired" to funnel money to the family of a Louisville recruit without his knowledge and made it appear he was aware of its practices.

Settlement terms weren't released but the statement said all issues were resolved.

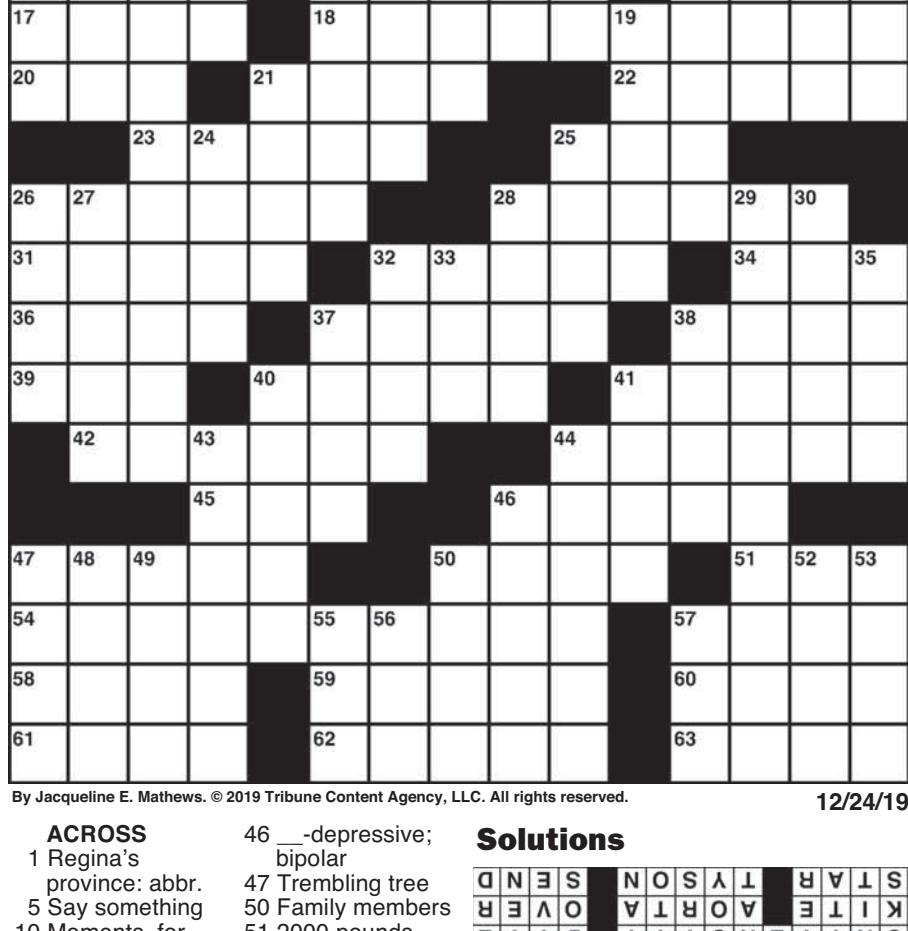
"Over 16 years working with Adidas, Coach Pitino demonstrated his passion for basketball and his commitment to excellence both on and off the court," the statement read. "We wish Coach Pitino the best in his new role as head coach of Panathinaikos, the Greek national team and any future endeavors."

Pitino said he had "nothing to add" when reached by text message by the Courier Journal. Adidas replied with an automated response saying its press office was closed for the holidays.

Pitino sued Adidas in October 2017 in U.S. District Court for breach of contract, alleging that the Oregon company deliberately ruined his reputation. Adidas had terminated its personal services contract with Pitino hours after Louisville's Athletic Association fired him for cause following the school's acknowledgement of its involvement in a federal bribery investigation of college basketball. Pitino wasn't named in the federal complaint.

A federal judge dismissed Pitino's lawsuit against Adidas last year, agreeing with the sportswear maker that his claim required arbitration and should be heard out of court.

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Regina's province: abbr.
- 46 -depressive; bipolar
- 5 Say something
- 10 Moments, for short
- 14 Pine or palm
- 15 Therefore
- 16 Nag
- 17 TV show award
- 18 Explorer; globe-trotter
- 20 Letter from Greece
- 21 Hee-haw
- 22 Back street
- 23 Merciless
- 25 Tear
- 26 UFO pilots
- 28 Two-colored horses
- 31 Tempts; attracts
- 32 Regal decree
- 34 Bertinelli, to friends
- 36 Be without
- 37 Have ___ in; trust
- 38 Game similar to lotto
- 39 Actor Brynner
- 40 Prepares to take a selfie
- 41 Brings on board
- 42 Deodorant brand
- 44 "Look out!"
- 45 ___ Padres National Forest
- 46 Trembling tree
- 50 Family members
- 51 2000 pounds
- 54 Columbia or Cornell
- 57 Sleazy nightclub
- 58 Toy with a tail
- 59 Vital vessel
- 60 Think ___; contemplate
- 61 Asterisk
- 62 Mike or Cicely
- 63 Transmit
- 1 Staircase part
- 2 Gives a weapon to
- 3 Rainbow's shape
- 4 Door opener
- 5 Stock purchases
- 6 Ride a Schwinn
- 7 1 of the 7 deadly sins
- 8 Part of a royal flush
- 9 Griffey Jr.
- 10 Carve a statue
- 11 Actor James Jones
- 12 Northern U.S. Indian tribe
- 13 Nimble
- 19 Contaminate
- 21 Hot dog holders

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| 24 Have a strong smell | 43 Shrewd | 44 Sprawling tree |
| 25 Wealthy | 45 Slogan | 47 Diving birds |
| 26 Friendly nation | 48 In a ___; sulking | 49 Bread for a gyro |
| 27 Maui feasts | 50 Gentlemen | 50 Hotpoint appliance |
| 28 Holes in the ground | 51 Bookish fellow | 52 One not to be trusted |
| 29 Hyper | 53 One not to be trusted | 55 Shredder |
| 30 Less nuts | 56 sauce; teriyaki marinade | 57 ___ and don'ts; rules |
| 32 Oregon-to-New York direction | 58 ___ | |
| 33 Perish | 59 ___ | |
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DEVILS 7, BLACKHAWKS 1

Devilish smile at United Center

Instead of heading into the holiday break with a little hope, the Blackhawks will have to wonder if there's any way they can salvage the season. They were devoured 7-1 by the Devils — who have the second-fewest points in the league — on Monday night at the United Center in a disastrous game that not only failed to build on the momentum from consecutive road wins, but also might have cost them the services of Adam Boqvist. Boqvist, the Hawks' first-round pick in 2018, left early in the first period with what the Hawks described as a right shoulder injury and did not return. But the story of the game was how the Hawks, who dropped to 15-17-6, turned in their worst period and worst game of the season at the worst possible time. After a physical first period that ended 1-1, the Devils bombarded the Hawks in the second period. P.K. Subban, Damon Severson and former Hawk John Hayden, above (15), scored to drive Corey Crawford from the game after giving up four goals on 20 shots. The Devils added a short-handed goal after Robin Lehner relieved Crawford to make it 5-1. They outshot the Hawks 23-8 in the second period and 44-32 overall. It marked the 10th game this season the Hawks have allowed at least 40 shots on goal. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Rivalry a lifetime

Boqvist brothers — Hawks' Adam, Devils' Jesper — face each other for the 1st time

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

By the time the Blackhawks morning skate ended and Adam Boqvist was back at his locker, the smile on his face lit up the room.

Soon it became clear why.

Word had trickled back to the rookie defenseman that his older brother, Jesper, a rookie forward with the Devils, would be in the lineup Monday night at the United Center.

"I heard he's going to play, so it's going to be a lot of fun," Adam Boqvist said. "But at the end of the day, it's Blackhawks versus the Devils."

It didn't turn out as fun as Adam predicted. Both brothers left the game with injuries, and the Hawks announced Adam Boqvist wouldn't return because of a right shoulder injury he suffered in the first period.

The brothers Boqvist are likely to face each other quite often over the course of what should be productive careers. That the first meeting happened this soon is a product of luck, the injury bug that has hit the Hawks and, of course, the fact they're really good players.

Jesper Boqvist's path to the NHL began in 2017, when the Devils drafted him with the No. 36 pick. Rather than sign immediately, the 21-year-old played professionally in Sweden for two years before signing an entry-level contract last summer.

Jesper made his NHL debut Oct. 5, and just as he came into the world first, he also beat Adam to the NHL by four weeks.

The journey has been different for Adam, 19, whom the Hawks drafted at No. 8 last year and who nearly made the leap to the NHL after his first training camp. After being the last defenseman cut, he spent a year in juniors with the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League.

The Hawks didn't have room for him when this season began and sent him to Rockford. But an injury to Connor Murphy

led to Adam making his NHL debut Nov. 2, and after returning to the IceHogs, the Hawks called him up again this month when Calvin de Haan seriously injured his shoulder.

The Boqvist parents and an aunt were already planning to fly in from Sweden for the holidays.

"It was really good timing," Adam said. "One day I hoped we (could) play against each other. This early, I couldn't believe it. It's nice it's happening and I want to take the lead."

Ah, there it is. Brotherly love and brotherly competition are never far apart.

If scouts had been invited into the Boqvist basement when Adam and Jesper were growing up, they would have witnessed the beginnings that led both to the NHL. And they would have seen Jesper dominate their early battles.

"I always won," he said. "And (Adam) got pissed."

That's often the fate of the younger brother, though Adam hasn't given up on returning to the basement to even the score.

"I had kind of a tough time down there," he said. "But (Jesper's) two years older than me, so he's been growing a little bit more muscle than me. But I hope I can take him down one day down there."

While Jesper made it to the NHL first, he didn't score until Nov. 26. Adam scored his first goal Nov. 3 in just his second game with the Hawks.

The Boqvist boys were both forwards as kids until Adam began to play defense when he was around 11 or 12, he said. And that turned out to be a blessing.

"When we were skating, we could go one-on-one all the time," Adam said. "We didn't have to (have) one go D-man, one go forward. Those battles were kind of hard. He's fast, so I had some heavy legs."

The brothers agree that Adam is more of a trash talker, but their personalities aren't too different. No matter how Monday's game turned out, they were headed to New York City with their family for a few days while the NHL enjoys a three-day holiday break.

"(Jesper) is a great hockey player and it's going to be a lot of fun," Adam said.

Possibly for many years to come.

MAGIC 103, BULLS 95

LaVine's 26 not enough as Bulls go cold in 4th

Head off to Christmas break as 2-game win streak ends

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Terrence Ross scored a season-high 26 points Monday night to help the Magic break a three-game losing streak with a 103-95 victory over the Bulls.

Zach LaVine led the Bulls with 26 points on 8-of-26 shooting, but they scored only 14 points in the fourth quarter. Tomas Satoransky added 20 points and was 4 of 5 on 3-pointers.

The loss ended a two-game winning streak for the Bulls, who went 2-2 during a four-game road stretch.

Nikola Vucevic had 21 points and seven rebounds for the Magic, who blocked 13 shots and held the Bulls to 31% shooting in the second half. Jonathan Isaac finished with 13 points, nine rebounds, five assists, four steals and three blocks.

Ross, who made six 3-pointers, hit a short jumper and a 3 on a 7-0 Magic run early in the fourth quarter to put them ahead to stay.

With LaVine hitting two free throws and a 3-pointer, the Bulls scored the first nine points of the game.

Lauri Markkanen and LaVine made two 3-pointers apiece in the last 4:15 of the first half to give the Bulls a 54-51 lead at the break.

Bulls rookie big man Daniel Gafford left the game early in the second quarter with a cut above his right eye. He returned in the third quarter.

The Bulls are off until Saturday night, when they play host to the Hawks at the United Center.

■ Bulls guard Max Strus suffered a torn ACL and bone bruise in his left knee Saturday, the team announced in a statement Monday. He will miss the remainder of his rookie season. Strus, who signed a two-way contract Oct. 22, was on assignment with the Windy City Bulls when he went down during a game against the Lakeland Magic at the G League Winter Showcase in Las Vegas. The severity of Strus' injury was confirmed when he experienced swelling and discomfort and underwent an MRI. The DePaul and Stagg High School product will undergo surgery in about three weeks and will miss eight to 12 months to recover. He averaged only 2.5 points in two appearances with the Bulls but put up 18.2 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game in 13 games with Windy City.

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OBITUARIES

WARD JUST 1935-2019

Acclaimed journalist, author had roots in Waukegan

BY YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON

Ward Just, an acclaimed journalist and author with roots in Waukegan, died at 84 on Thursday.

He leaves behind a journalistic legacy that began in his early 20s when he was a reporter for his family's newspaper, the Waukegan News-Sun, from 1957 to 1959.

Just was briefly a student at Lake Forest Academy before transferring to Cranbrook Boarding School in Michigan, according to the "International Who's Who Authors and Writers" publication. He then went on to start his reporting career in Waukegan.

Just's interest in writing didn't only come from his father, Franklin Ward Just, and his grandfather, William L. Just, who owned the Waukegan News-Sun.

In 2006, Just told the Chicago Tribune that his mother, Elizabeth Swift Just, also helped him cultivate that love.

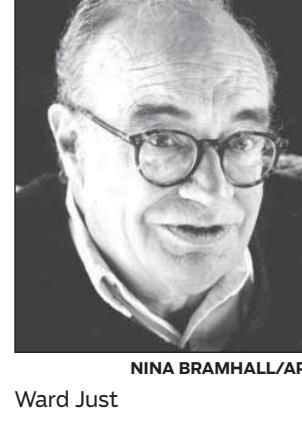
"One of my earliest memories was when I was 16 or 17, I think, she gave me a volume of the collected short stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald," Just said.

"She admired greatly his work. I was a little bit young for a volume like that, but I have to tell you I devoured it."

In an obituary in the Washington Post, Just was quoted as saying he struggled to make friends as a boy and threw himself into books and, eventually, journalism.

According to the Washington Post, "An early stint at his family's newspaper, the Waukegan News-Sun, ended when he was fired for wearing shorts in the office."

Stories from friends told to the Vineyard Gazette, a newspaper on the island of Martha's Vineyard, where Just lived, recount how Just came up with stories for his



NINA BRAMHALL/AP

Ward Just

fictional works, which came after he ended his journalism career.

According to the Vineyard Gazette, soon after Just and his wife moved to the Vineyard full-time, Tess Branham became friends with the couple. "You never knew when his book ideas would come and neither did he," Bramhall said. "They just emerged from his imagination and daily moments."

In the Vineyard Gazette, Bramhall described a time when they were playing ice hockey on a pond and Bramhall tapped the ice with his hockey stick, which took Just back to his Chicago youth where his father had done the same thing. "That became a scene in 'An Unfinished Season,'" Bramhall said.

In an interview with NPR's Scott Simon, Just said his novel "An Unfinished Season" was somewhat autobiographical. It tells the story of a young copy boy working for a tabloid newspaper in 1950s suburban Chicago.

Just's wife, Sarah Catchpole, told The Associated Press that he died Thursday at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth, Mass. He had been suffering from Lewy body dementia.

A native of Michigan City, Ind., he had covered overseas conflicts for Newsweek before becoming one

of the first hires by the Washington Post's managing editor Ben Bradlee, who started his job in 1965.

Assigned to cover the Vietnam War, Just wrote hundreds of stories and survived wounds sustained from a grenade thrown during an attack by the North Vietnamese.

He returned to the United States in 1967, and the following year covered the presidential election won by Richard Nixon and published a book that openly questioned the war, "To What End? Report from Vietnam."

Bradlee had also worked with Just at Newsweek, and in his memoir "A Good Life" would remember him as "bright, full of ideas and energy, and a wonderful writer." Bradlee had been looking for a "new Hemingway," who could "write like an angel" but never lose sight of the facts. He believed Just was the right man.

"(He) found drama everywhere he looked — the drama that turned details into truth and isolated events into history," Bradlee wrote. "Sometimes Just would get a single quote that would tell an entire story."

Over the next 50 years, Just was a prolific author of politically and socially conscious fiction, his influences including Hemingway and Henry James. "Echo House" was a National Book Award finalist in 1997, and "An Unfinished Season" was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2005.

His other novels included "The American Ambassador," "A Dangerous Friend" and "Exiles in the Garden."

Just was married three times, most recently to Catchpole. He had three children and six grandchildren.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 24 ...

Opera in New York.

In 1524, Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama, who had discovered a sea route around Africa to India, died in Cochin, India.

In 1814, the War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.

In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" had its world premiere in Cairo to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass.

In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave his last public performance, singing in Jacques Halevy's "La Juive" at the Metropolitan

prison for the 1975 murders of two French investigators and a Lebanese national.

In 1999, five hijackers seized an Indian Airlines jet with 189 people aboard, forcing the aircraft on a journey across South Asia and into the Middle East. The eight-day ordeal resulted in the death of one passenger and India's release of three jailed pro-Kashmir militants in exchange for the rest of the hostages.

In 2000, bombs exploded outside churches in nine Indonesian cities and towns, killing at least 19 people.

In 2001, a West Virginia woman kidnapped 16-month-old Jasmine Anderson from a Chicago bus station in order to pass the child off as her own; Sheila Matthews and Jasmine were found by FBI agents three days later in West Virginia. (Matthews was later sentenced to more than 12 years in prison.)

In 2002, Laci Peterson was reported missing from her Modesto, Calif., home, by her husband, Scott, who was later convicted of murdering her and their unborn son.

In 2003, a roadside bomb exploded north of Baghdad, killing three U.S. soldiers in the deadliest attack on Americans to that time following Saddam Hussein's capture.

In 2005, Iraq's governing Shiite coalition called on Iraqis to accept results showing the religious bloc leading in parliamentary elections and moved ahead with efforts to form a "national unity" government.

In 2012, William Spangler, a felon, shot and killed two firefighters and wounded two others during an ambush before killing himself in Webster, N.Y.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS Dec. 23

Lotto 16 20 27 49 51 52 / 11

Lotto jackpot: \$15.25M

Pick 3 midday 563 / 6

Pick 4 midday 5531 / 4

Lucky Day Lotto midday 12 22 23 29 44

Pick 3 evening 971 / 4

Pick 4 evening 3590 / 7

Lucky Day Lotto evening 04 13 31 37 44

Dec. 24 Mega Millions: \$45M

Dec. 25 Powerball: \$183M

WISCONSIN Dec. 23

Pick 3 054

Pick 4 9138

Badger 5 02 03 15 19 30

SuperCash 10 15 21 24 25 34

INDIANA Dec. 23

Daily 3 midday 694 / 9

Daily 4 midday 3947 / 9

Daily 3 evening 423 / 2

Daily 4 evening 1135 / 2

Cash 5 07 09 29 36 41

MICHIGAN Dec. 23

Daily 3 midday 302

Daily 4 midday 8613

Daily 3 evening 125

Daily 4 evening 6949

Fantasy 5 07 15 17 18 33

Keno 03 04 17 18 20 21

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In Memoriam

Donald Kanter

From all those who loved you, we miss you. You will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts. Sylvia, Helene, Larry, Corrine, Zach, Liz, Jenny, Bailey

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Kerr, Jerome Robert

Jerome Robert Kerr, 87, passed away on Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 in Libertyville, IL. He was born Nov. 14, 1932 in Chicago, attended Sullivan HS, worked in transportation sales for most of his life, and had an amazing aptitude for directions, never needing a map. If anyone was lost, they only needed to tell him the intersection where they were

and he'd be able to get them to their destination from memory. During his retirement, he worked 4 days a week driving employees to and from Lambs Farm. He even learned sign language to communicate with those employees who could not hear. Jerry loved the Cubs and anything with a motor, steering wheel, and peddles, and a good scotch on the rocks. He once owned a Kawasaki Dealership and enjoyed fishing, water skiing, racing cars, current events, pork egg foo young on Christmas Eve, and poker Monday with his buddies at Brookdale. He especially loved his family, prayed for us every night, and never hung up the phone without saying "I love you."

Surviving are his daughters, Debra A. (John Steven) Kelso and Jacqueline R. (Randall J.) Schlosser; 7 Grandchildren, John Isaac (Leah) Kelso, Patrick B. Kelso, Edwin E. Kelso, Katherine E. Kelso, Joseph R. Schlosser, Johnathan R. Schlosser and Jacqueline R. Schlosser; his great granddaughter Harper Rose Kelso; brother Kenneth (Marie) Kerr, Sister-in-law Carol Kerr and many nieces and nephews, including his "favorite guy," Norm.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harriett nee Skudlarski and Richard Ambrose Kerr, brothers Donald, Norman, Thomas, and Ronald, wife Gwendolyn Wiedman in 2018 and by his dear friend Natalie Prisly.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm Thursday, Dec. 26 at the **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville and for one hour prior to mass at the church. Funeral mass will be held at 11 am Friday, Dec. 27 at St. Patrick Church (new church) 950 W. Everett Road, Lake Forest. Interment will follow at Lake Forest Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Curcio, Joseph J.

Joseph J. Curcio of Wheaton, age 71. Beloved husband of Nijole; loving father of Britt, Kelly, Erin, Jurigita and Rasa; proud grandfather of 9. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 29, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester. All to meet Monday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8404 S. Cass Ave., Darien for 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangement entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Director. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Chris J. Balodimas

BALODIMAS

Funeral Director

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Heinz, George D.

George D. Heinz age 79 beloved husband of Maureen nee Rohan; loving father of George D. Heinz, Michael Heinz and Kathleen (Frank) Heinz-Taheny; loving grandfather of Colin Heinz, Tristan and Aoife Taheny; fond brother of Margaret Heinz and Cathy (the late Ron) Clark. George was a retired pharmacist, member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, former volunteer firefighter for Evergreen Park, member of Friends of Namekagon River, member of the LaSalle Brittany Club, was an avid rose gardener and was known as The Big Whooper through his membership with the Whooping Crane Conservation Association involved with Operation Migration. Visitation Friday December 27, 2019, 3 pm to 9 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Saturday December 28th; 10:15 am from Chapel to St. Bernadette Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Hoffman, Dr. Melvin Aaron

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Melvin Aaron Hoffman, beloved husband for over 50 years of Miriam Hoffman (née Flink); loving and devoted father of Sharon Allen (Daniel Allen) and Judi Hoffman (Deron Kibbel); adored grandfather of Mia, Seth, Sarah, Ethan, and Louis; dear brother of Gertrude Lytton (née Hoffman); dear brother-in-law of Ina Flink; and dear friend to many in Chicago, Boca Raton, and Toronto. Melvin was a dedicated optometrist for over 60 years. His sense of humor, kind spirit, quiet generosity, and keen mind will be missed. Funeral service will be held Wednesday December 25th at 11:00AM, Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Interment at 12:00PM at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to The Baycrest Foundation, www.baycrestfoundation.org. For details on Shiva times please call the funeral home. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Jevorutsky, Rosalie M. 'Rose'

Rosalie "Rose" M. Jevorutsky, nee Delzotti, age 88 of Brookfield. Beloved wife of the late Henry E. Jevorutsky; fond mother of Carol (Larry) Lemkau and Joseph (Patricia) Jevorutsky; dear grandmother of Jason Lemkau, Matthew (Leslie) Lemkau, Aaron Lemkau, Nicholas (

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Lyon, M.D., Dr. Edward Spafford

Edward Spafford Lyon, MD, age 93, died peacefully on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at home, surrounded by his wife of 68 years, Valerie Lyon, their children, spouses and families. He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 siblings. The youngest of four children of Dr. Will Ferson Lyon and Alice Thayer Lyon, he lived

on Chicago's south side for much of his life. After attending the University of Chicago Laboratory High School, he continued a path of life-long learning at the University of Chicago, with degrees of PhB, SB and MD, and all of his postgraduate medical training. The day he finished high school, he volunteered for the Navy in 1944 for 2 years as a petty officer in the Air Corps. He married Valerie Jean Traut in 1951, and together they raised 12 children. After completing his internship and urology residency, he joined the faculty at the University of Chicago, where he fulfilled many important administrative roles during his noteworthy 38 year academic and professional career. He was a beloved teacher, mentor and collaborator for numerous medical students, residents, fellows and colleagues. His research focused on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of kidney stones. Combining curiosity, creativity, surgical skill, and a love of photography, he developed new techniques and instrumentation for surgical stone treatment, pioneering ureteroscopy and the practice of endourology. He taught his techniques to urologists around the world. Ureteroscopy rapidly became an invaluable procedure in the diagnosis and treatment of urologic diseases throughout the world. He was a trusted colleague and physician to countless patients. His soft-spoken, genuine nature and understated skill, intelligence, and humility are his legacy. He flourished during retirement with a never-ending agenda of hobbies and projects with his wife, children, 36 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He will be missed, and his legacy will carry on as a role model and mentor, a gentleman and scholar, and a wonderful family man.

Services are private. A memorial service at the University of Chicago is being planned. Arrangements were entrusted to the **Strang Funeral Home** of Antioch, 1055 Main St. Antioch, IL 60002. INFO 847-395-4000 or www.strangfh.com.

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Marshall, John D.

John D. Marshall, 79, of Palatine, passed away on December 22, 2019. He was born May 19, 1940 to Howard and Sophie Marshall, of Somonauk, Illinois.

John is survived by Marcia, his wife of 58 years, their children: Jackie (Jim) Danielson, David Marshall, Jason (Sara) Marshall, Patty (Mark) Anderson, Brian (Tricia) Marshall, Denise (Chris) Perkins, Mike (Jeri) Marshall, and Cathy (Dave) Waltz, 31 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson.

Family and friends are invited to gather at 10am on December 26, 2019 at St. Theresa in Palatine followed by 11am Mass. A Celebration of Life will also be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60660 would be appreciated.

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Martin, Patricia M.

(nee Burke) Age 95. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Martin. Loving mother of Mary Ann (Randy) Pearson, Patty (Jim) Brody, Kathy (Steve) Johnson, and John (Betsy) Martin. Cherished grandmother of Jason (Jaime), Erin, Megan (Randy), Bridget (Brad), Marcy (Kevin), Mike (Kristen), Mary Kate, Rachel, and the late Chad. Devoted great-grandmother of 8. Dear sister of the late Michael Jr., Jack and Edmund Burke. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass 10:00 a.m., St. Mary Church, 19515 115th Avenue, Mokena, IL. Entombment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 East Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Murphy, George Patrick

George Patrick Murphy, 61, of Skokie. It is with great sadness that we announce his passing after a 14-month courageous battle with brain cancer. He passed away after a day spent with family and friends. Loving, supportive and thoughtful husband of Jill (nee Juhlin). Loving, devoted and proud father of Theresa Elizabeth and Rebecca Ann. Cherished son of the late George Gathof and Helen (nee Harrington) Murphy. Beloved and devoted eldest brother of Mary Beth (Bob) Mikelson, John (Vicky) Murphy, Barb (Peter) Derl, Susan (Seamus) Reid, Patty (Terry) McTague, and Peggy (Adam) Luchowski. Dear brother-in-law to Tina, Amy, Michael and Jennifer Juhlin. Proud and beloved uncle of Kristin & Erick Mikelson, Sara, Bridget, Katie & Colleen Murphy, Christopher & Alli Derl, Siobhan, Fiona & Seamus Reid, Sean, Brian & Eileen McTague, and Megan & Wendy Luchowski. Jason, Fawna, Christopher & Clayton Demma, Rhiannon & Ryleigh Yalowitz. Proud great-uncle to Justice & Jade Taylor, Lara & Lincoln Demma, and Julian Taylor Demma. Dear son-in-law to Betty, Sandi and the late Wayne Juhlin. Honored to be Godfather of Lauren Girard Forster, Kristin Mikelson, Fiona Reid and Eileen McTague. Fond nephew and cherished cousin to many in Illinois, Florida, Texas, Ohio and London. Gathered and kept many, many kind, generous and wonderful friends from growing up in Roger's Park, working at St. Francis Hospital during college, Skiing & Biking, Basketball & Volleyball, and Work. Dedicated 39+ year employee of Abbott/TAP/AbbVie. Attended St. Jerome's Grammar School, Gordon Tech High School, and University of Chicago where he earned a degree in Chemistry. He strove to live his life according to the Boy Scout Oath, "...to help other people at all times; to keep himself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight..." Throughout his life, he enjoyed reading, traveling, skiing, playing sports and, most importantly, spending cherished time with family and friends. He was a loving husband, amazing father, devoted brother & uncle, loyal friend who was deeply loved and will be dearly missed. Visitation Friday, December 27, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, December 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joan of Arc Church, 9248 North Lawndale Avenue, Evanston, IL 60203. Interment private. Donations can be made to the Les Turner ALS foundation (5550 W Touhy Avenue, Suite 302, Skokie, IL or on-line at lesturnerals.org) a charity that was close to his heart, or the Glioblastoma Foundation, (GlioblastomaFoundation.org) which focuses on developing Glioblastoma drug therapy. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Priola, Doris J.

Doris J. Priola, nee Devoney, age 91, passed away on December 22, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Doris was the beloved wife of the late Felix for 70 wonderful years; loving mother of Pamela Jo (Paul) Breider and Kim Mari (Neal) Topping; dearest daughter of the late Josephine, nee DiGilio, and the late Edward Devoney; cherished grandmother of Tiffany Jo (John) Hutter, Karli Marie and Luke Anthony Topping; great grandmother of Logan Paul Hutter; dear sister of the late Peter, Edward and William Devoney. Doris was a good cousin, aunt and friend of many. Visitation Thursday, December 26, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Juliana Church in Chicago for Mass at 11:30 a.m. The entombment will follow at Maryhill Mausoleum in Niles, IL. For more information www.cumberland-chapels.com or (708)456-8300.

CUMBERLAND CHAPELS

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Quigley, Sr., Francis Xavier

Francis Xavier Quigley Sr., 88, of Libertyville, US Army, passed away peacefully December 21, 2019 at Loyola Medical Center, Maywood. Francis was born and raised in Chicago graduating from St. Ignatius High School and attended Loras College in Dubuque Iowa. Francis loved God, his wife, his children and family unconditionally. He dedicated 45 years of loyal service to Bell and Howell and enjoyed retirement summering at Grand Beach, Michigan. Faith was one of the highest priorities he instilled in his family and was dedicated to his Catholic faith being a parishioner of St. Joseph Church for 46 years, participating in the vocational club and attending daily Mass. Francis is remembered as an accomplished pianist and for his great sense of humor that he maintained until his last breath. He was a great man and will be dearly missed.

Francis is survived by Margaret (nee Burke) his beloved wife of 63 years; his loving children Francis X. Jr. "Frank", James Francis (Carol), Margaret Mary, Anne (Jim) Bower, Eileen, John Francis (Kimberly) and Joseph Francis (Dalia); his adoring 14 grandchildren and his cherished 2 great-grandchildren. Francis is preceded in death by his parents John and Madeline and his 7 siblings.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:30am Saturday December 28th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E Maple Ave, Libertyville. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers memorials made to the Catholic Extension Society, 150 South Wacker Drive, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606 or the St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, 1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060 would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements by **McMurrough Funeral Chapel** (847) 362-2626. Please sign the guestbook at libertyville-funeralhome.com. Celebrate the Irish...wear green.

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Reynolds, Virginia T.

Virginia T. Reynolds, nee Griffin, age 94, member of Saint Pius X parish for over 47 years; beloved wife of the late George; loving mother of James (Cecelia) Reynolds and Ellen Reynolds, Maureen (Jeff) Waid, Thomas, Martin (Robin) and Gary (Michelle) Reynolds and Kathleen (the late Christopher) Panko; proud grandmother of Mary (Jon) Reynolds-Kane, Kate Gilmartin, Kelly Waid, Christopher, Elizabeth and Matthew Reynolds, Michael, Jack and Luke Reynolds and Nichole and Emily Panko and the late Bridget Reynolds; cherished great grandmother of Nate and Owen Kane and Bridget, Declan and Eileen Gilmartin; dear sister of Margaret (Lou) Ferrara and the late Mary Sweeney, Juliana Griffin, Eileen Johnston, and Thomas and Jamie Griffin. Visitation Thursday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Lombard. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Riederer, Lois M.

Lois M. Riederer, nee Knudsen. Ago 90 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of Peter F. Loving mother of Kenneth (Qinghua), Charles (Nancy), Joanne (Tim) Zito and John (Editha). Cherished grandmother of Kelsey, Cody, Jeffrey, Jessica, Anthony, Nicholas, Peter (Megan) and Anne. Devoted great-grandmother of Kiara, Jazmine, Olivia and Brennan. Visitation Thursday, December 26, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Mass to follow, 12:30 p.m., at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 140 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Info, www.ryan-parke.com

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Sharlin, Dorothy

Dorothy Sharlin, nee Robinson, 81, beloved wife of the late Jerry for 53 years; loving mother of Steven (Debby) Sharlin, David Sharlin and Dana Sharlin Gordon (Chris Springer); cherished grandmother of Jordan, Colby and Sydney Sharlin and Jessica Gordon; devoted daughter of the late Jack and Helen; dear sister of Vivian Bronshvag and Sondra Markim; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Thursday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Entombment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kidney Cancer Cure (KCCURE.org). For information or to leave condolences 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Strauss, Ronald

Ronald Strauss, age 80, died suddenly of a heart attack on December 22. Ron was born to parents Edgar and Helaine (Kratzenstein) Strauss on July 2, 1939, in Milwaukee, WI, where he grew up playing checkers and hanging out at the Milky Way drive-in. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and his MBA from New York University. He also served proudly as an officer in the Army from 1960-63. Ron began his esteemed career in Chicago as a research analyst at Montgomery Ward. He was a General Partner at Mesirow and Co., and later became an award-winning food and restaurant analyst and a General Partner at William Blair & Company. In 1997 Ron joined Pekin Hardy Strauss Wealth Management, where he managed client portfolios and served as CEO until he retired in 2014. He was beloved by his colleagues, staff, and clients, all of whom relied on him for his sage advice and sound leadership. Ron was an avid golfer and enjoyed countless rounds in Galena, where he had a home. In recent years, he took up tennis and played regularly, often in multi-generational matches with his sons and grandsons. He was always up for a good chess match, a game of hearts, a heated game of gin rummy, and cheering on the Cubs. Ron was patriotic and chose to celebrate his birthday each year in conjunction with Independence Day. Beyond all his accomplishments and activities, Ron was always clear on one thing: he was proudest of his role as a father and grandfather. His first marriage was to Annabel (Lett) Levine, with whom he had two children, Joshua and Adam; that marriage ended in divorce. In 1996 he married Suzy (Russell) Strauss. Ron will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Suzy, his children Adam Strauss (Celia) and Josh Strauss (Anat Geva), his step-children Russell Lynde (Renske) and Hannah Wittman (Noah), and his beloved grandchildren Kalman, Avital, Toren, Myla, Ani, Tristan, and Jasper. He is survived by his best friend and brother Bob Strauss (Sue), and by nephews, nieces, cousins, and numerous friends and colleagues. Ron's inspiring steadfastness, his unsurpassed integrity, and his thoughtfulness will live on in the memories of all who knew and loved him. A Memorial service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, December 26th, at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL. Shiva information provided on their website. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Chicago Food Depository, which was a focus of Ron's philanthropy. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Travers, Phyllis

Phyllis Travers, 96, passed away peacefully at the Alexian Brothers Hospice on December 21, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Phyllis was a resident of Friendship Village of Schaumburg, Illinois. She previously resided in Park Ridge and Hoffman Estates. Phyllis was born on September 27, 1923, the daughter of Helen and Albert Coulter. Born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana she graduated from St. Lawrence Elementary School and St. Francis High School. On August 31, 1946 Phyllis married William Travers in Lafayette. William preceded her in death on July 19, 2001. Their union was blessed with four children. Phyllis lived a full and active life, enthusiastically supporting her children's school, sports and social activities. She was active in her parish, belonged to numerous bridge clubs and served as a long-time volunteer at St. Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates. She is survived by her devoted children Cheryl, Carlene, Patrice (Larry Coffin), and Michael: her cherished grandchildren Stacy Ignoffo Ryan (Jeffrey), Terri Ignoffo, Michael Coffin and Kristy Coffin; precious great-grandchildren Conor and Caleigh Ryan. Phyllis was a loving aunt to her numerous nieces and nephews and a caring friend to many. A funeral mass will be celebrated for Phyllis on Friday, December 27 at St. Julianne Church, 7201 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Trio Animal Foundation at trioanimalfoundation.org.

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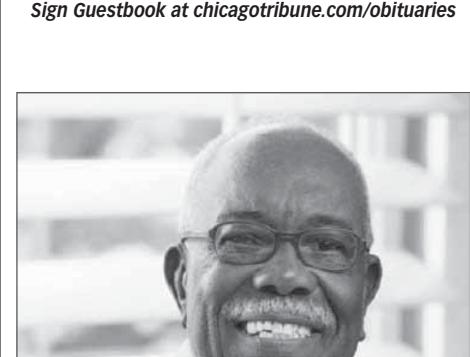
Zemaitis, G.J.

G.J. Zemaitis, 1952-2019. He loved beautiful women, beautiful cars, and beautiful guns. He was a deputy sheriff and a newspaper man. When told his cancer was terminal, he lit a cigar and said, "So it goes." Born in Canada, survived by his wife Regina nee Maleckas, son Paul (Kayla), and daughter Lauren (Daniel) Flores.

Visitation Friday, December 27, 4-8 pm at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Project Purple would be appreciated.

Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Dayvion Terry
(Mother) (S) CHILD(REN) of Sharita Wilson
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01088

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Travis Terry (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 30, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OR CO-COUNSEL through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTOOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 12, 2019 6550657

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
December 12, 2019 6552363

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Devon L Williams AKA Kevonta Robinson
A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01892

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Nicole Williams (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 28, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OR CO-COUNSEL through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Stuart Lubin in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 01/07/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 58 COURTOOM 11,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 12, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
December 9, 2019 6550638

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jaymar Beard Mesiyah Beard
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maria Harris
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01362 19JA01363

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Juan Beard (Father), and Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern that on November 19, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTOOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 3, 2019 6550653

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Josiah Palmer, Jr AKA Josiah Washington
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cemetary
Washington (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00445

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Josiah Palmer, Sr (Father), and Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern that on May 01, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 11:30 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTOOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 4, 2019 6516764

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Devon L Williams AKA Kevonta Robinson
A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01628

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Devon L Williams AKA Kevonta Robinson (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 11, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OR CO-COUNSEL through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Stuart Lubin in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 58 COURTOOM 11,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 2, 2019 653447

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, "Steve" (Father), Unknown Father, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 2, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTOOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 4, 2019 6548725

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Giovanni Ocampo (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 12, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTOOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 4, 2019 65348725

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Katelyn Barnetti (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 24, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTOOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD, IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 20, 2019 6538438

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Jessie Fisher (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on March 2, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 01/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTOOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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TUESDAY, DEC. 24

NORMAL HIGH: 33°

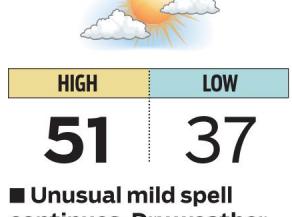
NORMAL LOW: 19°

RECORD HIGH: 64° (1889)

RECORD LOW: -25° (1983)

Mild, dry weather to continue into Christmas

LOCAL FORECAST



- Unusual mild spell continues. Dry weather across the Midwest for Christmas eve travelers.
- Haze and a few fog patches around daybreak. A frosty start to the day as temps hover near freezing.
- Sunshine filters through high cloudiness much of the day, but temps still rise to levels about 20 degrees above normal.
- Readings again peak in the low-mid 50s.
- Some fog/low cloud patches possible again overnight. Low temps stay well above freezing.

NATIONAL FORECAST

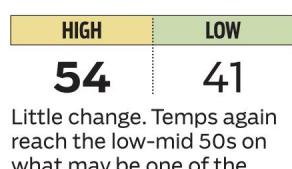


Temperatures citywide eclipsed the 50-degree plateau again Monday, and readings are forecast to remain unseasonably mild though Thursday. If current forecasts verify, this will be the longest stretch of 50-degree readings on record for this late in the season.

After a weekend that featured 100% of possible sunshine, Monday followed with 92%, boosting the month's total to 57%. December normally is a dreary month, averaging just 41% of possible sunshine. Tuesday is forecast feature generous amounts of sun. Clouds are due to increase midweek, but measurable precipitation is not expected.

Our unusually dry December likely is to persist through Friday. More typical weather for this time of year may arrive over the weekend, with clouds, rain, snow and falling temps.

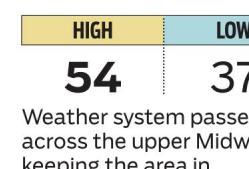
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25



Little change. Temps again reach the low-mid 50s on what may be one of the city's top 5 warmest Christmases on record. Sun filters through mid-high clouds. SW winds 15-20 mph. Very mild overnight.



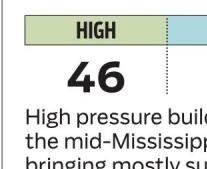
THURSDAY, DEC. 26



Weather system passes across the upper Midwest keeping the area in unseasonably mild air. Temps peak in the low-mid 50s. Sun fades behind patches of thicker cloudiness. SW winds 15-25 mph.



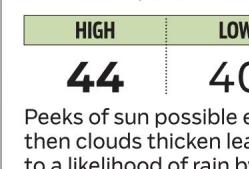
FRIDAY, DEC. 27



High pressure builds across the mid-Mississippi valley bringing mostly sunny skies and modest cooling. Temps still climb to the mid 40s despite W-NW winds of 10-15 mph. Becoming cloudy overnight.



SATURDAY, DEC. 28



Peeks of sun possible early, then clouds thicken leading to a likelihood of rain by late in the day. Temps reach the low-mid 40s. E-SE winds build to 15-25 mph. Windy, rainy and mild well into the night.



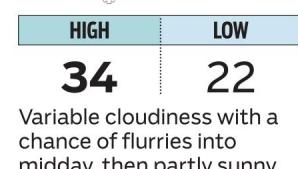
SUNDAY, DEC. 29



Unpleasant. Blustery and turning colder. Partial sun early, then cloudy with sporadic rain showers changing to snow. Morning temps in the mid 40s fall to the low 30s by evening. SW winds 25-35 mph.



MONDAY, DEC. 30



Variable cloudiness with a chance of flurries into midday, then partly sunny. Temps run closer to normal, with highs in the low-mid 30s. NW winds 20-25 mph. Clearing, colder overnight.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Why doesn't it thunder during a snowstorm?
Tommy Smithson,
Gary, Indiana

Dear Tommy
Chicago winter weather is typified by stratoform (horizontal) cloud layers in the atmosphere. These layers generally are stable and do not create an electrical charge differential. As a result, lightning and thunder are rarely part of the winter scenario.

On occasion, though, moist and unstable Gulf air works its way as far north as Chicago. Such air can touch off a thunderstorm, but usually temperatures are above freezing and the precipitation is rain. On rare occasions, unstable Gulf air overrides more dense colder air at the surface. This forces the moist air higher into the atmosphere and can touch off "thunder snow," a bona fide thunderstorm that can produce intense snowfall in just a matter of minutes.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koerner, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrios Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

December's warmth and lack of snow making sledding tough

AFTER A ROBUST EARLY START TO THE SNOW SEASON, AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN MEAGER

December 2019 currently among the least snowy on record

December full month total snowfall (in.)

	HIGH	LOW
1889	54	41
1912	54	37
2014	54	37
2019*	54	37
Long term avg.	54	37

*Through December 23

PREDICTED WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL

Wednesday (Christmas Day)
December 25, 2019
high temperatures—
how much above normal?



DECEMBER IN CHICAGO HAS BEEN DRY AND COMPARATIVELY SNOW LESS

Through today (Dec. 24), third driest on record since 1871

CHICAGO O'HARE PRECIPITATION (WATER EQUIVALENT)

0.17"

NORMAL TO DATE: 1.83"

CHICAGO O'HARE SNOW

0.5"

NORMAL TO DATE: 0.74"

17th least snowy December open since 1885

SNOW

OPEN SINCE 1885

MIDWEST CITIES

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Illinois

Champaign pc 59/40 pc 62/52

Decatur pc 48/35 pc 56/47

Moline pc 51/37 pc 58/48

Peoria pc 54/38 pc 59/44

Quincy pc 60/44 pc 64/49

Rockford pc 52/37 pc 54/43

Springfield pc 55/38 pc 56/47

Sterling pc 52/36 pc 58/50

Indiana

Bloomington pc 56/37 pc 60/51

Fort Wayne pc 46/32 pc 56/45

Indianapolis pc 51/34 pc 56/47

Lafayette pc 52/36 pc 58/50

South Bend pc 48/36 pc 56/46

Wisconsin

Green Bay sh 40/33 sh 39/36

Kenosha sh 49/37 sh 53/42

La Crosse sh 44/33 cl 45/38

Madison sh 48/35 cl 49/39

Milwaukee sh 48/36 cl 51/41

Watertown sh 38/29 sh 37/34

Michigan

Detroit sh 41/31 pc 51/38

Grand Rapids cl 46/36 sh 51/39

Kalamazoo sh 38/30 sh 37/34

St. Joe sh 32/30 sh 37/34

Traverse City sh 44/37 sh 44/37

OTHER U.S. CITIES

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Abilene pc 73/47 pc 73/44

Baltimore pc 51/34 pc 56/47

Billings pc 50/31 pc 52/33

Boise pc 59/25 pc 61/28

Cheyenne pc 50/31 pc 52/33

Chicago pc 51/37 pc 53/40

Des Moines pc 52/41 pc 54/37

El Paso pc 57/42 pc 57/35

Fargo pc 72/61 pc 70/71

Fayetteville pc 55/23 pc 57/30

Fort Myers pc 72/61 pc 81/66

Fort Smith pc 66/41 pc 68/46

Fresno pc 55/43 pc 53/40

Gainesville pc 49/33 pc 50/41

Great Falls pc 36/23 pc 34/21

Hartford pc 47/33 pc 50/34

Harrisburg pc 49/36 pc 47/30

Houston pc 67/48 pc 67/49

Idaho Falls pc 39/25 pc 37/23

Int'l Falls sh 33/21 sh 30/26

Jackson pc 60/50 cl 70/54

Jacksonville pc 66/57 cl 66/60

Kansas City rs 37/36 rs 38/38

Laramie pc 55/29 pc 54/25

Las Vegas pc 53/40 pc 51/32

Lincoln cl 57/37 pc 59/27

Little Rock pc 66/42 pc 69/49

Long Beach pc 59/37 pc 62/50

Los Angeles pc 61/49 sh 56/59

Madison pc 70/43 pc 61/41

McCook pc 55/29 pc 54/25

Memphis pc 55/31 pc 54/28

Minneapolis sh 33/31 sh 38/34

Mobile pc 70/55 pc 71/56

Montgomery pc 77/50 pc 68/48

New Orleans pc 67/54 pc