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## Methodist Church to split over gay rights

Those that oppose LGBTQ inclusion will form new religion

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY, JAVONTE ANDERSON AND MARIE FAZIO

The United Methodist Church — one of the largest religious denominations in the United States — announced Friday that it is expected to split up over long-standing disagreements about LGBTQ inclusion.

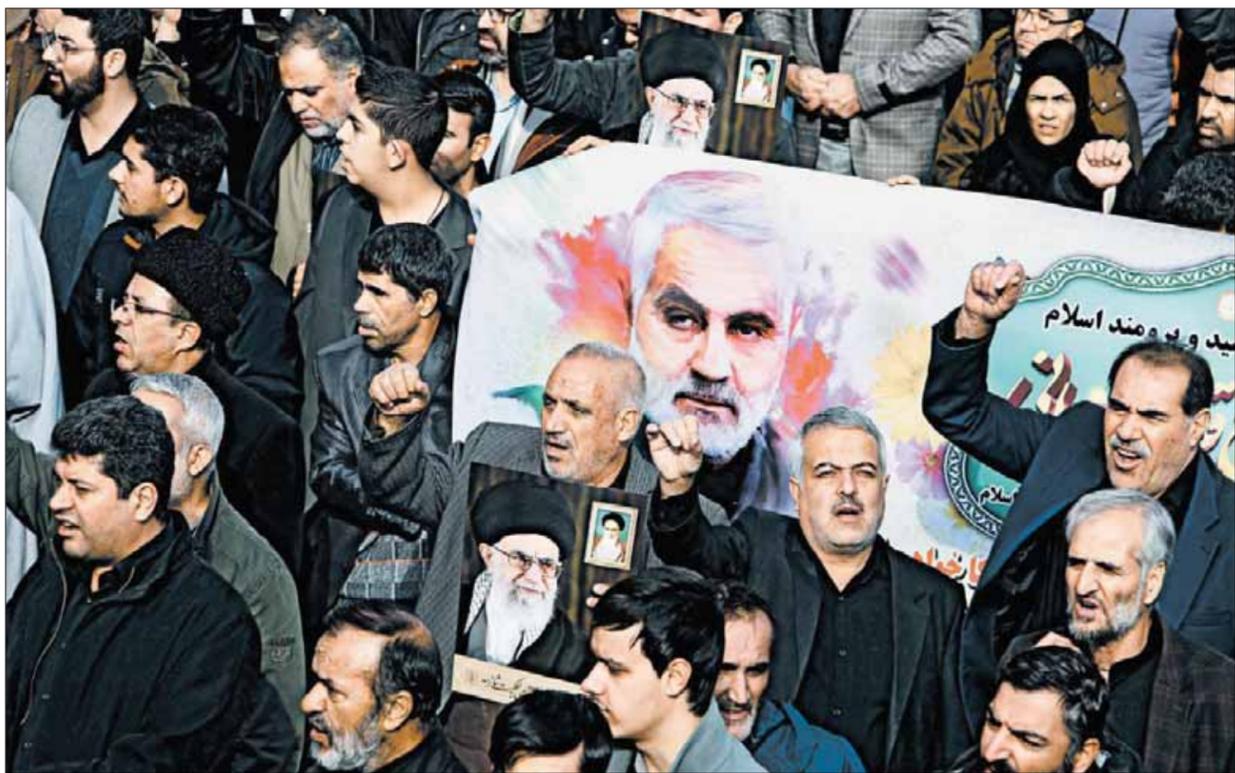
A group of UMC bishops, as well as progressives and traditionalists within the worldwide denomination of about 12.5 million people, signed a proposal that outlines the separation and is likely to be approved at a general convention in May.

"I think there is a broad agreement across the theological spectrum that, unfortunately, we have come to an impasse that cannot be bridged," said the Rev. Douglas Damron, senior pastor at Epworth United Methodist Church in Toledo, Ohio.

LGBTQ issues came to the forefront last year after the UMC's highest judicial body met in Evanston and upheld strict prohibitions against same-sex marriage and the ordination of gay clergy. The controversial measure, known as the "Traditional Plan," was passed at a special meeting of the global delegation in February and went into effect on Jan. 1.

"I really do think that the church as we knew it died in February 2019," said the Rev. Alka Lyall, pastor at Broadway United

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Iranians march with a large banner bearing an illustration of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Gen. Qassem Soleimani in Tehran on Friday.

# Trump: 'We took action last night to stop a war'

## Iran vows revenge for general's death; US sending troops to Mideast

BY ZEKE MILLER, ROBERT BURNS AND LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Friday that a "reign of terror is over" as he marked the death of an Iranian general killed in a U.S. drone strike he said he ordered and as

the Pentagon scrambled to reinforce the American military presence in the Middle East in preparation for reprisals by Tehran, which vowed "harsh retaliation."

Gen. Qassem Soleimani "made the death of innocent people his sick passion," Trump said from his estate in Palm Beach, Florida,

adding "a lot of lives would have been saved" if he'd been hunted down years ago.

Trump rejected concerns that his decision to kill the head of Iran's elite Quds force would draw the U.S. into a wider conflict in the Middle East.

"We took action last night to stop a war," he said. "We did not

take action to start a war."

Pentagon officials said 3,000 to 3,500 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, are deploying to Kuwait. That's in addition to the 600 sent earlier this week in response to Baghdad

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Mitchell Robins points to letters to form words that therapist Anthony Bartell writes to draft a blog post.

## 'Stop underestimating us'

### Highland Park teen with nonverbal autism blogs to reach others like him

BY MARIE FAZIO

A few years ago, Mitchell Robins wasn't able to tell anyone precisely what he was thinking. He lost the ability to speak when he was 4 and relied primarily on a system of pictures and limited sign language to tell his parents and caregivers what he wanted to eat or when he felt sick or how he wanted to spend his time. Then his parents realized he could spell.

Now Mitchell, 17, communicates deliberately, pointing letter by letter to a board that displays the alphabet. Ask him a question and his expression will flit between deep concentration and a jovial grin as he slowly spells his answer. Mitchell, who has autism and is nonverbal, said using spelling-based communication has changed his life.

"It changed everything because I could get my wants and needs met," he spelled during a

recent interview at his home in Highland Park, curled up in a couch corner while one of his therapists held the board at his eye level. "I am very happy people are finally figuring out how to reach people like me because it is a human rights issue we need to solve."

He was able to tell his parents that he wanted to start taking classes at the local high school

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## Marijuana dispensaries seek new retail spaces

### Companies scout spots on Randolph Street and near White Sox park

BY ALLY MAROTTI AND RYAN ORI

Marijuana companies are preparing to open new recreational shops in Chicago, and they're looking at some of the busiest retail corridors they can find.

The scouting for new locations began months ago, long before Chicago had developed rules and regulations for cannabis sales. But now the rules are in place, legal weed sales are underway, and the jockeying for locations is in full swing.

There were 21 ongoing requests for city support of new recreational marijuana store locations, according to information obtained Dec. 24 from the city's planning department. That included two separate requests for the same location, 60 W. Superior St. in the Near North neighborhood, by Greenhouse Group and PDI Medical, which is owned by Cresco Labs.

Locations of interest include

buildings near well-known restaurants, retail flagship stores and other attractions, including the White Sox's ballpark on the South Side. Another potential location, fittingly, is on Weed Street near Clybourn Avenue shops.

Illinois has 55 medical cannabis dispensaries, and all were able to apply to open a second shop for recreational sales. Companies began scouting Chicago locations for those second shops over the summer, even though the city did not yet have zoning rules in place. Some companies even signed leases contingent on obtaining city approval, real estate experts said.

Sites along the Magnificent Mile and other pricey retail corridors emerged as early favorites, but the city thwarted some of those plans. Mayor Lori Lightfoot's recreational marijuana rules, which passed in October, banned weed stores along the Magnificent Mile, the Loop and in large chunks of River North along the lakefront.

The rules created seven zones

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## Officials ramp up marijuana public education

Groups post messages on billboards, social media. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## American seeks money lost in 737 grounding

Airline in talks with Boeing seeking compensation. **Business, Page 7**



## THE BEARS BY THE DECADES

The Tribune sports department has compiled a comprehensive, decade-by-decade portrait of the Bears featuring essays, box scores, articles, photographs, a one-of-a-kind first person account by George Halas and team memorabilia from the Tribune's historical archives.

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■ A story published Dec. 27 about retail catalogs included an incorrect year for the start date measuring over time the decline in mailings to customers. It was 2006, not 2016. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Lucky Day Lotto evening	not available	Daily 3 midday	805
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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

People pass the First United Methodist Church of Chicago. The worldwide United Methodist Church is headed for a split.

## Church

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Church in Chicago.

UMC members began working on the separation proposal this summer after meeting in Chicago, according to the Council of Bishops. Bishop John Yambasu of Sierra Leone commenced the process and invited representatives from the church's traditional, centrist and progressive movements to participate.

The separation plan calls for the creation of a “traditionalist Methodist denomination” that will be distinct from the UMC. While the new denomination, which has yet to be named, will continue to practice the ban on gay marriage and clergy, the UMC will begin the process of removing restrictive language from its by-laws.

In the past, UMC clergy have faced discipline for performing same-sex marriages or identifying as LGBTQ, but many progressive churches have flouted such prohibitions for years.

The Rev. Dr. Maidstone Mulenga, a spokesman for the UMC Council of Bishops, said the separation plan was reached amicably and will allow for the church to set aside this divisive topic. “Our hope is that we’ll



United Methodist Church Bishop Sally Dyck oversees 370 churches in the northern third of the state.

move on and spend more time doing what we've been called to do, which is to tell people about Jesus Christ and transform his world through our work in ministry,” he said.

In Illinois, Methodist Bishop Sally Dyck, who oversees 370 churches in the northern third of the state, welcomed the proposal, saying it would allow the UMC to become more inclusive while also letting the traditionalists develop their own “expression of Methodism.”

Dyck said she expected the majority of churches in her region to remain in the UMC, though there could be some that choose to leave.

The decision might not be as uniform in some other

parts of the state.

The Rev. Chris Ritter, who leads a traditionalist congregation in Geneseo, a small city by the Iowa border, said the members of his church are likely to support a split from the UMC if the plan is approved.

“I hate that we reached this point,” he said. “It's best we disengage from all this and figure out how we move forward with like-minded parties.”

Under the separation proposal, the UMC will provide financial support to the traditionalist denomination once it forms.

The plan calls for the UMC to pay the new denomination \$25 million over four years, and local churches that leave UMC and join the breakaway group will be allowed to keep their buildings and other property. The payment amount was determined based on a “review of the financial health of the church” and discussions with stakeholders, according to the Council of Bishops. Congregations that want to join the new denomination will have to take a vote, according to the proposal.

Sixteen UMC representatives — including leaders from Europe, Africa and the Philippines — met for several months to craft the agreement. Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, a nationally

recognized mediation expert who served as Special Master of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and other prominent settlements, helped guide the process on a pro bono basis, according to the Council of Bishops.

In the proposal, called “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation,” signatories agree that separation is the “best means to resolve our differences, allowing each part of the Church to remain true to its theological understanding, while recognizing the dignity, equality, integrity, and respect of every person.”

The final separation plan is expected to be considered in May, when church delegates from around the world are due to hold a General Conference in Minneapolis.

It's widely expected to be adopted, with several Methodist pastors saying before Friday's official word broke that a split in the church was inevitable. Leaders, however, hope for an amicable separation.

“Many of us recognized that the United Methodist Church that we joined and committed ourselves to had radically shifted,” Damron said. “We were no longer the church of open hearts, open minds and open doors, but we have become something else.”

## Iran

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embassy protests.

Almost 24 hours after the attack on Soleimani, another airstrike killed five members of an Iranian-backed militia north of Baghdad, an Iraqi security official said.

Iranian-backed militias in Iraq known as the Popular Mobilization Forces confirmed the strike, saying it hit one of its medical convoys near the stadium in Taji but didn't kill any of its top leaders.

The American military did not carry out the attack, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Also Friday, the Pentagon placed an Army brigade in Italy on alert to fly into Lebanon if needed to protect the American Embassy there, part of a series of military moves to protect U.S. interests in the Middle East. Speaking on condition



JIM WATSON/GETTY-APF

President Donald Trump speaks during an “Evangelicals for Trump” campaign event held at the King Jesus International Ministry on Friday in Miami, Florida.

of anonymity, an official said the U.S. could send 130 to more than 700 troops to Beirut from Italy.

Reinforcements were ordered as U.S. officials said they had compelling intelligence that Soleimani was planning a campaign of violence against the U.S.

Trump said of Soleimani: “We caught him in the act and terminated him,” adding, “We take comfort in knowing that his reign of terror is over.”

U.S. officials offered few details of what they said was a plot to kill American soldiers and diplomats. The mention of diplomats seemed to suggest that targets included an American embassy — possibly the one in Baghdad that was stormed by pro-Iran militias last week.

“There was an imminent attack,” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Fox News. “What was sitting before us was his travels throughout the region and his efforts to make a significant strike against Americans. There would have been many Muslims killed as well — Iraqis, people in other countries as well.”

Pompeo defended the strike as “wholly lawful.”

The strike marked a major escalation in the conflict between Washington and Iran. The two nations have faced repeated crises since

Trump withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal and imposed crippling sanctions.

Soleimani was a cultural icon in Iran and the reputed mastermind behind the Islamic Republic's military operations throughout the region, backing Houthi rebels in Yemen, the Hezbollah party in Lebanon and other groups.

He also helped fight against Islamic State militants who at one point seized large parts of Iraq and Syria.

The attack — which also killed Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, deputy commander of the Popular Mobilization Forces — immediately inflamed tensions in the region. Already, Washington and Tehran have been engaged in a tit-for-tat conflict since Trump withdrew from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and reimposed harsh sanctions that have hurt Tehran's economy.

“Harsh retaliation is waiting” for the United States, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned in Tehran as he declared three days of mourning and appointed Maj. Gen. Esmail Ghaani, Soleimani's deputy, to replace him.

Thousands of worshippers in Tehran took to the streets after Friday prayers to condemn the killing, waving posters of

Soleimani and chanting “Death to deceitful America.”

The United States urged its citizens to leave Iraq “immediately” as fears mounted that the strike and any retaliation by Iran could ignite a conflict that engulfs the region.

The White House did not inform lawmakers before the strike. Defense Secretary Mark Esper notified House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of the strike shortly before the Pentagon confirmed it publicly.

The strike touched off a debate in Washington, with Republicans hailing the action as a decisive blow against a longtime enemy with American blood on his hands and Democrats expressing concern that the president was risking a new war in the Middle East.

With Congress returning to town after the holidays for a presumed Senate impeachment trial, Trump risked suspicion that he was taking action overseas to distract from his political troubles at home.

As a private citizen, Trump repeatedly accused President Barack Obama of seeking war with Iran to bolster his reelection chances in 2012.

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## 'Don't drive while high'

Officials ramping up weed education with billboards, advice

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**

Public and private groups are ramping up their marijuana public education campaigns now that the drug has been legalized in Illinois.

Chicagoans can see the messages online and on billboards around the city: "Don't consume cannabis if pregnant or breastfeeding... Don't drive while high... Daily cannabis use, particularly in high doses, can impair your memory and has been associated with an increased risk of psychosis."

The city Department of Public Health began posting the messages last month and online in anticipation of legalization on New Year's Day.

"We felt strong about having the information out there early," Acting Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said. "My team talked to a lot of other states to understand what the potential concerns should be

and what messaging seemed to be effective."

For those who do consume, health officials suggest starting with low doses and checking the effects before trying more. Smoking and vaping have almost immediate effects, but edibles can take hours before hitting full force.

"Over-consumption can result in hallucinations, paranoia, increased heart rate, confusion, poor judgment, panic attacks, nausea and vomiting," the health department warns.

So far, officials have not heard of unusual spikes in temporary overdoses, but cannabis-related hospital visits more than doubled after legalization in Colorado.

The Illinois law that allows weed sales also requires the state Department of Human Services to launch a public awareness effort.

The Let's Talk Cannabis Illinois website went live on New Year's Eve, along with Facebook, Instagram and radio ads, and more information will be rolling out on the web in the upcoming week, officials said.

The campaign was developed in time for the legalization rollout using \$460,000 from the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, department spokeswoman Meghan Powers said. A second, larger campaign will be funded from cannabis revenue.

The messaging was developed by Rescue, a corporation that had developed similar programs for California and Vermont, using what it calls a science-based, "judgement-free" approach.

In addition, Community — The Anti-Drug Coalition, a nonprofit group working to reduce youth drug use, has mounted an information campaign aimed at marijuana use in the northern suburbs.

It includes a "Two Facts" message, with posters in schools stating messages such as, "Not everyone who uses marijuana gets addicted... Marijuana is addictive."

The messages note that marijuana interferes with learning, memory, attention span and reaction time, especially when combined with alcohol or other drugs.



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A memorial in honor of Francisco Aranda is set up June 5 at the gated entrance door to Supermercado La Raza.

## Police ID suspects in Crete Township double homicide

Chicago business owner and his wife were bound in car trunk and left to die

By **ZAK KOESKE**

Police have identified two people of interest in the case of a Crete Township couple who in June were found bound in the trunk of their vehicle and left for dead by robbers who went on to ransack their home.

Will County Sheriff's Deputy Chief Dan Jungles said his department had been working for months with the Will County State's Attorney's Office to secure charges against two males in the case, but couldn't say when they might be charged or provide many additional details without jeopardizing the investigation.

Francisco Aranda, a 63-year-old business owner who'd for decades run a corner grocery in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood, died in the trunk of his Chevrolet Impala from a combination of stress, physical restraint and dilated cardiomyopathy, according to the Will County coroner's office. His death was ruled a homicide.

Aranda's 59-year-old wife survived the attack with minor injuries by managing to crawl her way into the Impala's backseat after her husband kicked down one of the car's seats.

"(Aranda) more than likely saved his wife's life by kicking out that seat so she could position her body to be in a place where she could stretch out and not be in a position to asphyxiate," Jungles said. "That was his last kind of good deed, to ensure that his wife was the one that could tell the story and serve the investigation as to who perpetrated the crime."

Aranda's wife and family members could not immediately be reached for comment.

Supermercado La Raza, the grocery Aranda and his family have operated at the corner of 47th and Marshfield streets for more than 30 years, closed briefly after its owner's death but has since reopened and is being operated by a cousin, Jungles said.

A memorial to Aranda, who was known as "Don Pancho," is no longer present outside the store's entrance, but a prayer card with his photo remains taped to a shelf beside the store's front counter.

Jungles said police believe Aranda was followed home from the store after closing up shop June 2, but declined to share specifics of what is believed to be a targeted home invasion robbery.

He said the suspects, at least one of whom lives in Chicago not far from Aranda's store, had targeted a number of local people and businesses they believed might have large amounts of cash on hand.

"They did do their homework," Jungles said of the suspects. "They did, for lack of a better word, stalk their victims. They conducted surveillance on their victims. It was a coordinated, planned out act that they perpetrated on the victims."

One of the Arandas' adult daughters called police the morning of June 3 to request a welfare check at her parents' South Klemme Road home in unincorporated Crete Township after neither showed up to work.

When police arrived just before 10:30 a.m., they found a black 2003 Chevrolet Impala in the attached garage with its windows covered in condensation, according to a police report.

Officers opened the unlocked front driver's side door and observed a leg sticking up from the backseat that belonged to Aranda's wife, who was disoriented and covered in sweat, the report states.

Aranda was subsequently found lying on his back in the trunk "with no signs of life."

Both he and his wife had their hands bound behind their backs with black zip ties, according to the report.

Jungles said it's believed they were trapped inside the vehicle for close to 12 hours.

After Aranda's wife was stabilized at St. Margaret's Hospital, she told investigators two masked men had entered the couple's home and robbed them, officials said.

A police report said officers found the kitchen and several bedrooms "ransacked" with items and paperwork strewn about.

Jungles said investigators have since recovered some of the items that were stolen.

He said one of the sheriff's detectives who speaks Spanish has been in contact with Aranda's wife on a weekly basis since the incident and will continue to keep her abreast of developments until there is closure in the case.

"It's been a long road, but there's no doubt in my mind that this case is going to get charged," he said last month. "It's just a matter of when."

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Police detectives investigate after a man was fatally shot during a pursuit Thursday in Chicago.

## Man shot by cops ruled homicide

Self-inflicted gunshot also could have killed him

By **ELVIA MALAGÓN**

The Cook County medical examiner's office has ruled a Melrose Park man who was shot by Chicago police and shot himself died in a homicide, although the man's self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head also could have killed him.

Mariano Ocon Jr., 31, of the 2300 block of Gustave Avenue, died of multiple gunshot wounds including a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, according to the medical examiner. Other gunshot wounds, including one to the chest and another to the arm, were caused by someone else, according to the agency.

"Both the self-inflicted and other gunshot wounds independently caused injuries severe enough to result in death. According to the National Association of Medical Examiners manner of death guidelines, when both external and internal factors may result in death, preference is given to external factors," the medical examiner's office wrote in an email.

Ocon died following a confrontation that began about 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the 6000 block of West Wellington Avenue, when officers made a traffic stop, Depu-

ty Police Chief Ernest Cato told reporters during a news conference Thursday afternoon.

An occupant of the vehicle exited and began "exhibiting characteristics of an armed person," Cato said.

Soon after, the officers saw the man with a handgun, which "prompted a confrontation" between police and the man.

During the confrontation, the man was shot at least twice: once in the upper body by a bullet "likely fired by police" and once in the head in what was described as "a possible self-inflicted gunshot wound," said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

Police said the shooting happened in the 2100 block of North McVicker Avenue, about a mile south and just west of where the traffic stop took place, and that's the block where police concentrated their activity Thursday afternoon. The medical examiner's office listed the location of the shooting as the 2100 block of North McVicker, although some information transposed numbers in the address and gave an incorrect location several blocks north, according to the office.

An investigation was underway by police, the medical examiner's office and the Civilian Office of Police Accountability.

By Friday morning, Ocon's family had hired Schaumburg-based attorney Thomas Glasgow. Glas-

gow was waiting for the autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death, and his office was looking into "conflicting statements" about the shooting.

"They just want answers at this point," Glasgow said about the Ocon family.

Four children under the age of about 15, who were inside the car, were taken to Amita Health Resurrection Medical Center, and a woman was placed under arrest, according to a source. During the news conference, Cato said the children were doing "OK."

At the time of the shooting, Ocon was wanted on an outstanding no-bond Cook County warrant in connection with a domestic battery charge in relation to an investigation by the Cook County sheriff's office, according to court records.

The news conference ended abruptly when a man, who identified himself as Juan Ocon, the deceased man's brother, began shouting and got into a brief physical altercation with an officer.

"Don't touch me!" Ocon yelled as an officer tried to usher him away from the scene. An irate Ocon yelled and cursed at police officers when they tried to talk with him.

Police officers quickly intervened and calmed things down.

Ocon said he "doesn't know the situation," but criticized police for how they handled things.

## Officials: Boys died of assault, fall from height from high-rise

By **MARIE FAZIO**

The deaths of two young boys who were found Thursday morning in an apparent murder-attempted suicide involving their mother have been ruled homicides, authorities said Friday.

Ameer Newell, aged 7 months, died of multiple injuries from an assault and Johntavis Newell, aged 2, died of multiple blunt force injuries from a fall from height, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Both children lived in the 8800 block of South Parnell Avenue, according to the medical examiner's office.

Thursday about 1:45 a.m. police responded to a call of a "person down" outside an apartment building in the 7200 block of South South Shore Drive. They

found a 20-year-old woman and her son on the ground, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

The 2-year-old boy appeared to have been thrown to his death from the 11th floor, police said.

Police found the younger boy in a bathtub in an apartment on the 11th floor. He appeared to have been scalded and had lacerations on his head, Guglielmi said.

Both boys were pronounced dead at Comer Children's Hospital, officials said.

The attack apparently began when the 20-year-old woman, who is the boys' mother, stabbed a 70-year-old man several times in his head and body and stabbed Ameer multiple times before setting him into a "scalding" hot bath, police said.

The woman first hurled John-

plunged herself from the same window at the apartment, police said.

The woman, who had several broken bones, and the 70-year-old man were both listed in serious condition at the University of Chicago Medical Center. The relationship between them was not known yet.

The state Department of Children and Family Services has not visited the boys' family before, but as of Thursday was launching its own investigation into the deaths at the high-rise, according to spokesman Jassen Strokosch.

The woman, who has one prior arrest for crossing between CTA cars, was under arrest at the hospital but no charges have been filed as of Friday afternoon.

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The high-rise in the 7200 block of South Shore Drive, the scene of an apparent murder-suicide attempt that left dead two children.

## Retail

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for marijuana sales. Initially, no more than seven dispensaries will be allowed in each zone. Dispensaries also cannot open within 1,500 feet of each other.

In November, the city held a lottery to determine which marijuana companies would get to open a dispensary in each of the zones. Once dispensary owners knew which area they could open a new shop in, they started submitting letters to the city's zoning administrator, requesting permission to apply to open a recreational marijuana store at certain locations.

There are some instances of applicants seeking permission for more than one location within one of the city's designated zones. Not all of those locations will result in a dispensary. In many cases, the marijuana companies are getting the approval process started to see which locations come to fruition.

A relatively small area of the city, within the Near North Side neighborhoods of River North, Near North and the Gold Coast, ac-

counts for 10 of the 21 letters from applicants seeking zoning opinion letters, according to the information provided by the city.

That is the step that comes before filing a formal application to open a recreational shop.

In three of those 10 instances, the process already has advanced to formal applications: from MOCA Modern Cannabis at 214-232 W. Ohio St., from Cresco Labs at 436 N. Clark St. and from Greenhouse Group at 612 N. Wells St.

The city's Zoning Board of Appeals would need to approve the applications, and the dispensaries would need licenses from the state.

One location where approval is sought — an application by Greenhouse Group at 100 E. Ontario St. — falls within a so-called exclusion zone, where the city will not allow pot sales. That building is home to Lawry's The Prime Rib.

Other Near North Side locations where zoning opinion letters were sought include requests from Greenhouse Group at 116 W. Hubbard St., 423 W. Ontario St. and 777 N. LaSalle Blvd. PDI Medical seeks preliminary approval for 21-29 W. Division St., part of which is



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Teri Kortz sorts marijuana in a processing room at Cresco Labs in Joliet. Cresco has filed requests to open a dispensary at 60 W. Superior St. in the Near North neighborhood.

leased to the Lodge Tavern.

Most of the other location searches are focused around two other areas known for high foot traffic: Fulton Market district just west of the Kennedy Expressway downtown and the Clybourn Avenue retail corridor on the city's North Side.

Fulton Market locations include two on a stretch of Randolph Street known for many of the city's top restaurants, including Windy City Cannabis' interest in 807 W. Randolph, next door to the Girl & the

Goat restaurant. A block west, NuMed Chicago is eyeing 935 W. Randolph.

Just north of there, Windy City Cannabis is interested in 901 W. Kinzie St. Just south of Fulton Market, the same firm seeks preliminary approval for 310 S. Racine Ave. and 1140 W. Madison St.

"We're just trying to keep our options open," said Steve Weisman, CEO of Windy City Cannabis.

There also are two inquiries to the city regarding locations not far from the

Apple store and CTA Red Line station at North and Clybourn avenues.

MedMen seeks permission to apply for a permit in a shopping center at 1001 W. North Ave., kitty-corner from yoga apparel seller Lululemon's first-of-its-kind flagship store with meals and drinks. Nearby, Windy City Cannabis seeks city signoff for a space at 923 W. Weed St., in the former Dinosaur Bar-B-Que space near the Sono residential high-rises and a huge Whole Foods store.

Windy City Cannabis also requested city support in three neighborhoods farther north, at 2352 W. Belmont Ave. in North Center, 4025 N. Elston Ave. in Albany Park and 4758 N. Clark St. in Ravenswood.

Of the 21 letters seeking the go-ahead to apply for special use permits, the only one pertaining to an address south of downtown was Greenhouse Group's request for 901 W. 35th St. in Bridgeport, a few blocks west of the White Sox's Guaranteed Rate Field.

MedMen and MOCA are the only applicants that mention in their zoning letters having signed long-term leases.

MedMen spokesman

Christian Langbein declined to comment on specific locations, but said the company can open two new stores in the Chicago area and plans to get them operational "as soon as possible."

Representatives from the other cannabis companies either declined to comment or could not be reached.

It's no surprise that marijuana companies are eyeing areas along some of the most popular retail spots in town.

For months, dispensary operators have worked to renovate their current spaces, rolling out clean and brightly designed dispensary concepts that would fit into Chicago's retail corridors.

Cresco rebranded its five Illinois stores to be called Sunnyside and plans to deploy the same concept at its new Illinois stores.

PharmaCann and Green Thumb Industries also are implementing dispensary concepts aimed at making shoppers feel welcome and comfortable. Their stores are called Verilife and Rise, respectively.

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## Autism

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and meet with friends at a coffee shop, where they talk about normal teenager things. Realizing he understood much more than they had ever thought, his mom said they went from reading him Dr. Seuss to Harry Potter "basically overnight."

In March, he started a blog about his life. By telling his story, Mitchell hopes to show the world that those who communicate differently shouldn't be underestimated. He already has readers from nearly every continent.

"It shows you the huge capabilities of these individuals with autism who are nonverbal," said Susan Robins, his mother, tears in her eyes as she spoke about her son. "They have huge capabilities, but we just don't know how to access it, and this is a way to access it. Mitchell has so much to share, and we just didn't know."

Around seven years ago Susan Robins attended a presentation about a therapy called Rapid Prompting Method, which teaches nonverbal individuals to communicate by spelling. The therapy teaches students to answer fact-based and yes-or-no questions on a plastic alphabet stencil board before building up to open-ended questions on a flat paperlike letterboard, Susan Robins said.

Eventually, many spellers transition to independent spelling on an iPad keyboard or computer keyboard. She was skeptical. In previous therapies, Mitchell hadn't been able to select from a set of cards which one showed a happy face. When she voiced concern that Mitchell would be able to learn spelling, the parent of one of the presenters knowingly told her, "Oh, he knows."

It didn't take long for her to realize that Mitchell had been absorbing the world around him by reading street signs and books and even listening to his dad help his sister with algebra homework. He understood everything, he just didn't have a way to tell them, she said.

"He was looking all the time, reading all the time," she said. "The words are there, they're all over the place. They're outside the windows when you're driving in your car, they're in books and newspapers you have in the house. He taught himself to read."

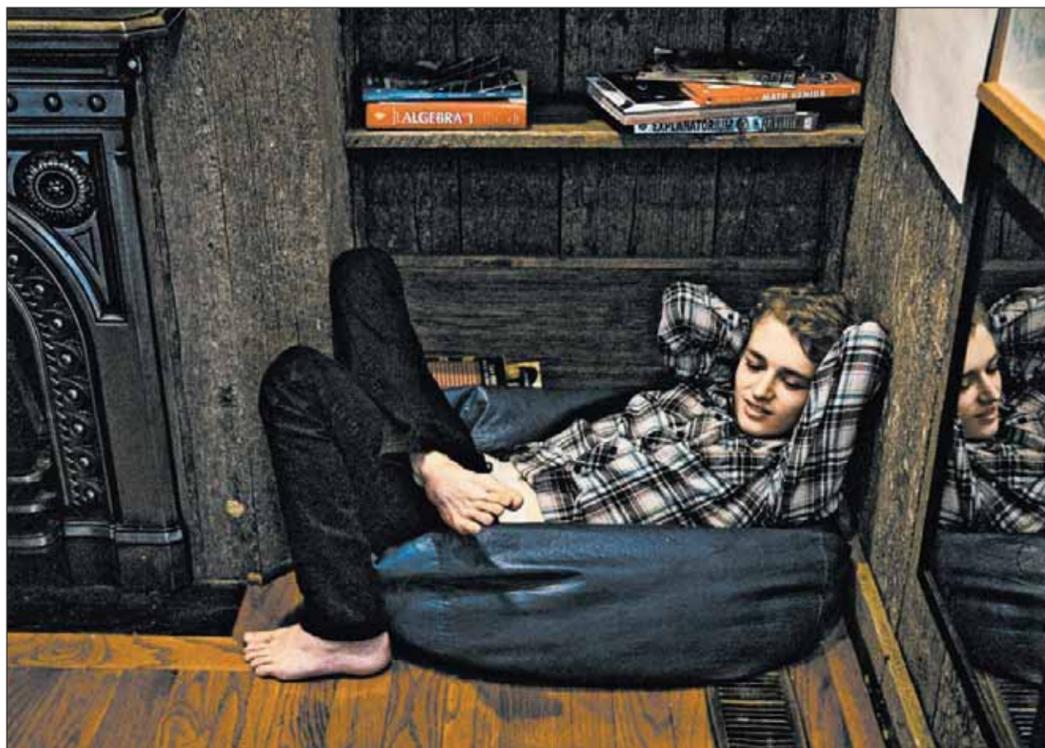
When he was first starting the therapy, he spelled to his sister that he loved her for the first time. Now he writes his mother letters thanking her for all she does. When they started to practice math, Mitchell already knew how to solve equations, he just needed to learn simple tables that he hadn't been taught in school, she said.

Last semester, Mitchell earned a B+ in the business class he took at Highland Park High School, on top of a full online course load including advanced physics

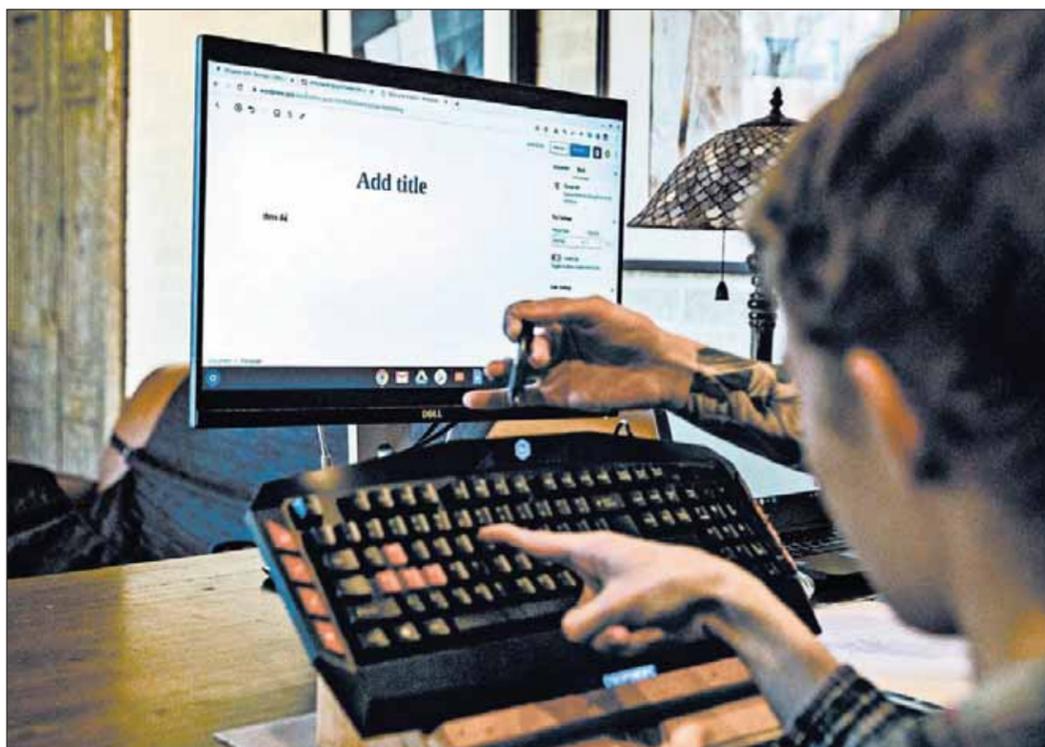


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Mitchell Robins, right, begins a rough draft of his blog post with assistance from therapist Anthony Bartell.



In his Highland Park home, Robins takes a break from working with his therapist.



Robins begins a rough draft of a blog post about a wart that the teen recently got removed from his hand.

and social studies. He particularly enjoys learning about the civil rights movements of the 1960s.

There has been little research to back up anecdotal success stories for this type of therapy, but that doesn't matter to Susan Robins after seeing the difference it's made in her son's life.

"It really changed things. Before, we loved him of course, but we would dress him and feed him and try to get him to smile, all these things but we didn't know him really," Robins said.

Mitchell sets his own goals during sessions with Taylor Janisch, one of several therapists who help him with schoolwork, life skills and communication. Recently he's been practicing writing blog posts with fewer breaks and holding longer conversations. At the end of every session they talk about a topic of his choosing, Janisch said, adding that she considers Mitchell a friend.

No one touches Mitchell's arms or hands or moves his board as he spells. Someone, usually a therapist or parent, holds the letterboard up to his visual field. His mother said he's come a long way since he started the therapy to having what would now be considered open communication. It took Janisch over a year of building trust to become "fluent" with Mitchell.

"There are lots of people in the school system that are his age that are being asked, 'show me the orange, what color is this, point to the spoon,'" Janisch said. "Can you imagine if you couldn't speak or communicate at all, but you're still you inside of yourself? You wouldn't know what to do. All these people are trapped."

After mastering the letterboard, Mitchell started learning to type on an iPad that speaks what he writes. He types his blog posts on a computer keyboard by himself. Spelling can be exhausting for people who struggle with motor skills, so he takes breaks, frequently flopping down on a blue beanbag in the corner of the office where he writes.

For quick requests, such as a bathroom break or drink of water, Mitchell uses sign language.

Mitchell said he blogs to help families of other nonverbal autistic people understand their capabilities. In a recent post, he wrote about the frustration he feels when people talk down to him because they assume he can't understand what they're saying.

Sometimes readers leave messages asking about the therapy and encouraging him to keep writing in the comment section of the blog. Mitchell said reaching people feels "amazing because I am making a difference."

"I think people need to stop underestimating us because our perspective is as important as everyone else's," Mitchell spelled. "We are intelligent and amazing people who deserve the benefits of open communication."

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## Woes grow as fires force mass evacuation

Many in Australia flee 'millions of sparks' amid winds, high temperatures

BY SHONAL GANGULY AND STEVE MCMORRAN  
Associated Press

SYDNEY — Wildfires raging across Australia have prompted one of the largest evacuations in the country's history as what is already the worst season on record is likely to become even more devastating due to hot weather and strong winds.

More than 200 fires were burning, and warnings of extreme danger to come Saturday prompted mass evacuations. Traffic was gridlocked as people fled and firefighters escorted convoys of evacuees as fires threatened to close roads. Navy ships were called in to pluck hundreds of people stranded on beaches.

Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews declared a disaster across much of the eastern part of the state, allowing the government to order evacuations in an area with as many as 140,000 permanent residents and tens of thousands more vacationers.

"If you can leave, you must leave," Andrews said.

The early and devastating start to Australia's summer wildfires has already burned about 5 million hectares of land, left at least 19 people dead, and destroyed more than 1,400 homes. That's more acres burned in Australia than any one year in the U.S. since Harry Truman was president.

In South Australia state,



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Mick Kelly inspects his destroyed home Friday between Batemans Bay and Surf Beach, Australia.

fire officials said the weather conditions were cause for concern because fires were still burning or smoldering.

"The ignition sources are already there," Country Fire Service chief officer Mark Jones said. "There are millions of sparks out there ready to go if they break containment lines."

This week, at least 445 homes were destroyed on the New South Wales southern coast and dozens were burned in Victoria. Ten deaths have been confirmed in the two states this week, and Victoria author-

ities also said 28 people are missing. Fires are also burning in Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania.

The navy evacuated hundreds from Mallacoota, a coastal town in Victoria cut off for days by wildfires that forced as many as 4,000 residents and tourists to shelter on beaches. Landing craft ferried people to the HMAS Choules offshore.

Evacuees waiting to board the ship described smoke and embers flying everywhere when the fires were at their worst.

"It's just scary waiting,"

Dani Barmeister told Channel Nine.

Choules Commander Scott Houlihan said 963 people had signed up for evacuation by sea and more had been airlifted to safety.

In New South Wales, a state of emergency and a total fire ban were in place. State Rural Fire Service deputy commissioner Rob Rogers urged people to not wait to leave, noting four people in the state died in their cars as they made late attempts to flee.

"We know people have got a little bit of fire fatigue. They've been dealing with

this now for months," Rogers said. "But we need people to stay focused. Tomorrow is not the day to drop your guard."

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he was inclined to cancel a scheduled trip to India later this month because of the wildfires. In December, he cut short a family holiday in Hawaii in the face of public anger at his absence.

Morrison cut short Thursday's visit to Cobargo in New South Wales when locals yelled at him, called him an "idiot" and criticized him for the lack of

equipment to deal with the fires in town.

In a radio interview, Morrison said he understood the anger of people affected by the fires.

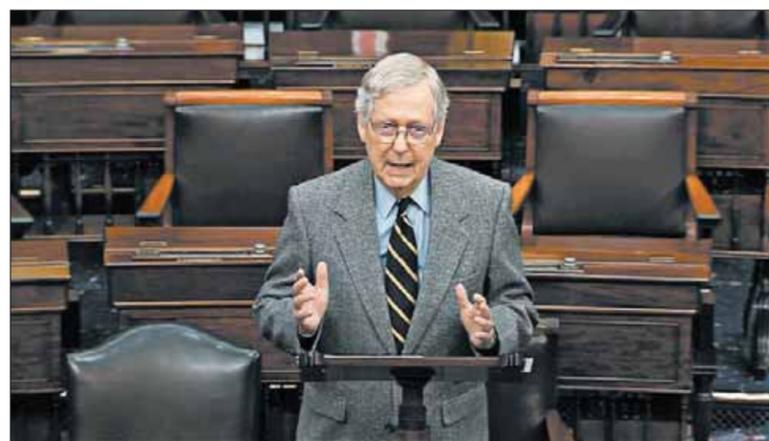
"People are angry and people are raw and people are upset," he said. "Whether they are angry with me or they are angry about the situation, all I know is they are hurting and it's my job to be there to try and offer some comfort and support."

In an interview late Friday with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's "A Current Affair," Morrison was defensive about his handling of the crisis. He denied ignoring the warnings of fire chiefs that Australia was heading into a catastrophic fire season.

"I listen to the fire chiefs that are in their jobs now," he said. "They provided those exact same warnings and prepared our services to deal with the situation."

He has repeatedly asserted that the fires are a natural disaster, not the result of climate change made worse by Australia's dependence on coal and other fossil fuels. Experts say climate change has exacerbated the unprecedented wildfires around the world, including those in California.

Smoke from the wildfires has choked air quality and turned daytime skies to near-nighttime darkness in the worst-hit areas. The smoke has also blown across the Tasman Sea into New Zealand, where glaciers have turned a deep caramel brown. The color change may cause more melting since the glaciers will reflect less sunlight.



SENATE TV

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks on the Senate floor Friday.

## McConnell, Pelosi remain at odds over impeachment trial

BY LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress opened the new year with the Senate deadlocked over President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, leaving the proceedings in flux as Republicans refuse to bend to Democratic demands for new witnesses.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell showed no signs Friday of negotiating with the Democrats as he aims for Trump's swift acquittal. At the same time, the Republican leader acknowledged the Senate cannot begin the historic undertaking until House Speaker Nancy Pelosi delivers the articles of impeachment — which she is refusing to do until he provides details on the trial's scope. Neither seems willing to budge.

"Their turn is over," McConnell said about the Democratic-led House. "It's the Senate's turn now to render sober judgment as the framers intended."

Pelosi responded that McConnell's stance "made clear that he will feebly comply with President Trump's cover-up of his abuses of power and be an accomplice to that cover-up."

The House and Senate gavelled in for brief sessions Friday with the crisis in the Middle East only adding to the uncertainty about how lawmakers will proceed with the impeachment trial, only the third in U.S. history.

Trump was impeached last month by the House on charges that he abused power and obstructed Congress in his dealings with Ukraine. Trump withheld nearly \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine, an Eastern European ally that depends on U.S. support to counter Russia, after asking President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to publicly announce an investigation into Trump rival Joe Biden. The aid was released after Congress objected.

Democrats believe their demands for witnesses are bolstered by new reports about Trump's decision to withhold the aid and unease among some GOP senators over the situation.

"The American people deserve the truth," Pelosi said in a statement.

McConnell has said the trial should start and then senators can decide the scope. As he opened the chamber Friday, he criticized House Democrats as having engineered a "slapdash" impeachment that

was the "most rushed, least fair" in history.

The GOP leader did not defend or criticize the president's actions toward Ukraine. But he invoked the Founding Fathers' vision of the slower-moving Senate as "an institution that could stop momentary hysteria and partisan passions."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., also drew on the founders to pressure Republican senators not to fall lockstep in line with Trump, as they typically do.

"The vital question, of whether or not we have a fair trial, ultimately rests with a majority of the senators in this chamber," Schumer said. He is pressing to hear testimony from at least four new witnesses, all of whom refused to appear in the House proceedings before the House voted to impeach Trump last month.

"We need the whole truth," Schumer said.

GOP Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins have indicated they were open to hearing from more witnesses and registered their concerns about McConnell's claim that he was working with the White House on the format for the trial.

## Court weighs House-Trump divide on McGahn testimony

BY MARK SHERMAN AND ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With an eye to impeachment, federal appellate judges struggled Friday with whether to grant House Democrats' demands for testimony from former White House counsel Don McGahn and access to secret grand jury materials from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

The Democrats say both could be relevant to President Donald Trump's impeachment and could even lead to additional accusations against him. The administration argues that the testimony and the documents have nothing to do with the impeachment inquiry, which centers on Trump's efforts to press his Ukrainian counterpart to investigate a political rival and concerns activities that occurred after the Mueller investigation had concluded and McGahn had left his White House post.

It was not clear how two separate panels of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit would rule after arguments that stretched over several hours, even as Judge Thomas Griffith described Trump's order not to cooperate with congressional investigations as "broad-scale defiance" that might be unprecedented in American history.

Griffith, an appointee of President George W. Bush, sat on both three-judge panels, one on the McGahn testimony and one on the grand jury material, and could be the decisive vote in each separation-of-powers struggle.

He seemed open to Trump administration arguments that courts should stay out of the "political food fight" between Congress and the White House over McGahn's testimony. Congress has other ways,



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The House Judiciary Committee is seeking testimony from former White House Counsel Don McGahn.

outside of the courts, of working its will, including cutting off appropriations, stopping the confirmation of judges, even impeachment, Griffith said. "That's what the separation of powers means," he said.

But he also appeared troubled by the administration's claim that McGahn and other close Trump advisers have absolute immunity from a congressional subpoena. Judge Judith Rogers, appointed by President Bill Clinton, signaled she shares that view. A trial judge ruled for the House, prompting the administration to appeal.

The House Judiciary Committee wants McGahn's testimony as it examines potential obstruction of justice by the Republican president during Mueller's Russia investigation. But it has held open the possibility that McGahn's testimony could be important in impeachment, even though the two articles of impeachment adopted last month by the House focus on Ukraine.

"It is the pattern of misconduct that could be relevant," Megan Barbero, a lawyer for the House, said.

Even if McGahn eventually shows up at the committee, it's unclear whether he would have much to say. Trump could assert executive privilege over some matters, though he allowed

McGahn to talk extensively to Mueller's investigators.

Judge Karen Henderson, the third member of the McGahn panel, had only a few questions, although she indicated McGahn might have a strong interest in saying little to the committee to protect his conversations with Trump. Henderson is an appointee of President George H.W. Bush.

In the arguments over the grand jury materials, Rogers again seemed likely to side with the House, while Judge Neomi Rao, a Trump appointee, seemed to favor the administration. Griffith's views were harder to discern.

At issue is whether House Democrats can obtain grand jury testimony outlined in Mueller's 448-page report, which examined the Trump campaign's ties to Russia and whether the president sought to obstruct that investigation. The Justice Department appealed a judge's order from the fall directing it to produce that material.

Testimony taken by grand juries are traditionally treated as secret. In certain cases, though, courts have authorized the disclosure of the information. The House Judiciary Committee received grand jury materials for its Watergate investigation in the 1970s.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Former Mexico security chief pleads not guilty in US case

NEW YORK — Mexico's former top security official pleaded not guilty on Friday on charges he accepted a fortune in drug-money bribes from kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's notorious Sinaloa cartel to let it operate with impunity.

Genaro Garcia Luna, 51, was indicted in New York on three counts of cocaine trafficking conspiracy and a false statements charge.

Garcia Luna was viewed as the point man in

then-President Felipe Calderon's 2006-2012 war on drugs. As public safety secretary, he was one of the most feared members of Calderon's government, but for years was dogged by allegations about his ties to drug traffickers.

U.S. prosecutors said in a court filing this month that Garcia Luna had accepted "tens of millions of dollars" in bribes — often briefcases full of cash — to protect the cartel.

## Judge allows Giuliani associate to hand over records to House

NEW YORK — A federal judge on Friday allowed a Rudy Giuliani associate indicted on campaign finance charges to turn over documents to Congress as part of the impeachment proceeding against President Donald Trump.

U.S. District Court Judge Paul Oetken granted Lev Parnas' request to turn over to the House intelligence committee documents and

data seized by federal investigators when Parnas was arrested in October.

Parnas' attorney said in a court filing he expected to receive the materials from the U.S. Justice Department this week.

Parnas and Igor Fruman were indicted in October on federal campaign finance violations related to a \$325,000 donation to a group supporting Trump's reelection. They have pleaded not guilty.

## 'Weirdos' wanted: Top adviser to UK's Johnson seeks help

LONDON — Britain is looking for a few good weirdos.

That's the word from one of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's top advisers, who in a lengthy blog post Friday appealed for a wide range of applicants for government positions.

"We need some true wild cards, artists, people who never went to university and fought their way out of an appalling hell hole, weirdos," said

Cummings, who has been a lightning rod for controversy during his tenure at 10 Downing Street.

Cummings' blog post is something of a screed against Britain's elites, even though Johnson was educated at Britain's uppermost educational institutions.

He said change is needed because of "profound problems at the core of how the British state makes decisions."



Heavy machinery removes debris after a seven-floor building under construction collapsed Friday in Cambodia. Twenty injured workers were rescued. At least four construction workers were killed, and recovery operations are searching for those still trapped.

## Warren, Klobuchar, Booker lag rivals in campaign fundraising

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren said Friday that she raised \$21.2 million from October through December, with more than \$1.5 million coming on the last day of the year. But the Massachusetts senator still trailed a trio of other top rivals in fundraising and fell short of her total from the three previous months.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar said she took in \$11.4 million for her White House bid to close out the year, while New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker said he raised \$6.6 million. It was the best

fundraising quarter for both Klobuchar and Booker.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, the strongest progressive voice along with Warren, said he raised more than \$34.5 million in the same quarter, proving that his heart attack in October hasn't slowed his fundraising prowess. Sanders and Warren both rely heavily on small contributions from donors that primarily come online.

Former Vice President Joe Biden rebounded from a summer slump to take in \$22.7 million, also his best quarterly haul as a presi-

dential candidate, while Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, raised \$24.7 million. Both typically use more traditional fundraising methods, including frequent gatherings with big donors that Warren and Sanders have shunned.

Entrepreneur Andrew Yang, who has not yet scored high enough in recent polls to qualify for the next Democratic presidential debate scheduled for Jan. 14, announced receiving \$16.5 million.

Trump's campaign said it raised \$46 million during the last quarter.

## US Rep. Phil Roe of Tennessee says he will retire

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — U.S. Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., announced Friday that he will retire at the end of the 116th Congress.

The 74-year-old called representing East Tennesseans in Congress for the past 11 years "the honor of my life" and said he always intended to serve five or six

terms because he didn't want to make it a second career. He practiced medicine for more than 30 years before being elected.

Roe is among more than two dozen Republican House members who have decided not to seek reelection next year.

Roe's announcement

makes him the first U.S. House member in Tennessee this election cycle to opt against seeking reelection. Tennessee has seven Republicans and two Democrats in the House.

U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., has also announced he will retire at the end of his term.

## 1 dead, 3 hurt in shopping attack near Texas Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas — A man stabbed two people inside a restaurant during a violent string of attacks Friday at a shopping plaza in Texas' capital city.

The attacks just south of the Texas Capitol terrified customers stopping for their morning coffee. It was the city of Austin's first homicide of 2020.

Austin police Sgt. David Daniels said investigators don't know what provoked the suspect to strike a person inside a coffee shop before fleeing and stabbing two people inside Freebirds World Burrito a few doors down. The man, who was not identified, jumped off the roof of the restaurant but survived.

Daniels said he did not know whether the stabbing victims at Freebirds were employees. Neither of the victims was identified, but Austin-Travis County EMS said one man in his 20s was pronounced dead at the scene.

**In France:** A man armed with a knife rampaged through a Paris, attacking passers-by seemingly at random Friday, killing one person and injuring two others before police shot him dead, officials said. Officials said one victim died and two others were injured.

The man's motives weren't immediately clear. A witness said he saw the attacker stab one man and select victims at random.

"We heard screams," said the witness, who gave only his surname, Dia. Police fired round after round in bringing him down, he added.

Police union official Yves Lefebvre said officers opened fire repeatedly because they feared the man was wearing an explosive belt and might blow himself up.

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About 20 million people now have coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Despite an adverse decision by a federal appeals court, the law, aka Obamacare, is still in effect.

## 20 Democratic-led states seek justices' input on Obamacare

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a move that could put the Obama-era health law squarely in the middle of the 2020 election, Democratic-led states Friday asked the Supreme Court for a fast-track review of a recent court ruling that declared part of the statute unconstitutional and cast a cloud over the rest.

A coalition of 20 states led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra filed a petition seeking expedited review. They hope to get a Supreme Court hearing and decision by this summer, before the November elections. For the court to agree to such a timetable would be unusual, but not unprecedented.

Defenders of the Affordable Care Act are arguing that the issues raised by the case are too important to let the litigation drag on for months or years in lower courts, and that the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans erred when it struck down the health law's now toothless requirement that Americans have health insurance.

"The lower courts' actions have created uncertainty about the future of the entire Affordable Care Act, and that uncertainty threatens adverse consequences for our nation's health care system, including for patients, doctors, insurers, and state and local governments," according to the states' filing.

There was no immediate reaction from the Trump administration. President Donald Trump had declared the appeals court ruling a victory.

While finding the health law's individual mandate to be unconstitutional, the 5th Circuit made no decision on such popular provisions as protections for people with preexisting conditions, Medicaid expansion and coverage for young adults up to age 26 on their parents' policies.

The 2-1 appeals court decision left the health law in effect for now.

The 5th Circuit sent the case back to a lower court judge who has already decided once to throw out the entire health care law. The appellate court asked Texas-based U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor to determine whether other

parts of the law can be separated from the insurance requirement, and thus remain in place.

About 20 million people now have coverage through the ACA, including its subsidized private insurance and Medicaid expansion. But the 900-page law also made many changes to other programs, from Medicare to community health centers to fraud-fighting efforts. Sorting out what might stay and what might go would be a colossal effort.

The 5th Circuit found that the requirement to carry insurance was rendered unconstitutional when Congress in 2017 eliminated the tax penalty for people going without coverage.

A revival of the "Obamacare" debate could put Republicans running for reelection this year in an uncomfortable spot. Their party was unable to repeal and replace the ACA when it controlled Congress, because Republicans couldn't agree among themselves on what a replacement would entail. Democrats rode the issue to win control of the House in the 2018 elections.

# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Bidding war escalates over parts supplier Anixter International

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

The bidding war for Glenview-based Anixter International continued Friday with a new \$97 per share cash-and-stock offer valued at \$4.5 billion from industrial parts supplier Wesco International Inc.

The proposal comes one day after Anixter announced it had accepted a \$93.50 per share all-cash offer from private investment firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice.

"The board will review and consider this updated offer from Wesco," Kevin Burns, Anixter's senior vice president of investor relations and treasurer, said Friday.

In addition to outbidding the private equity firm, John Engel, Wesco's chairman and CEO, issued a news release Friday touting the strategic advantages of merging the rival electrical and data communications companies.

"Wesco is uniquely positioned to deliver immediate



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value to Anixter stockholders and provide the ability to participate in the significant upside potential of a combined organization," Engel said.

Anixter's board of directors voted unanimously Wednesday to accept the \$93.50 per share offer from Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, which valued the company at \$4.3 billion. That was a week after the company's board agreed to a previous proposal from Clayton, Dubilier & Rice for a \$4 billion all-cash transaction.

The private equity firm has been trying to outbid Wesco, which announced its intention to acquire Anixter on Dec. 24 with a price of \$90 per share. Wesco approached Anixter's board again on Dec. 26 with a new proposal of \$93.50 per share in stock and cash, which valued the company at \$4.3 billion.

Wesco provides electrical, industrial and communications products, and it is a competitor of Anixter, which makes electrical and electronic wire and cable.

During the third quarter, Wesco reported earnings of more than \$47 million, down from \$87 million in the same period a year prior.

Clayton, Dubilier & Rice also recently made a bid to acquire Wesco, but Wesco's board declined the offer, Anixter said.

As part of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice's offer last week, Anixter shareholders would have received an additional \$2.50 per share if the private equity firm also agreed to acquire Wesco, or sell Anixter to Wesco, within a year after closing the deal. The most recent offer does not include that provision.

Shareholders were set to vote on Wednesday's offer from Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, which would make Anixter a private company, on Feb. 4.

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## American Airlines seeks compensation over canceled flights

BY DAVID KOENIG

American Airlines said Thursday it is negotiating with Boeing Co. over compensation for the airline's grounded planes and expects to share some of the proceeds with employees.

American had 24 Boeing 737 Max jets when the planes were grounded worldwide in March after two deadly crashes. Like other airlines, American has canceled thousands of flights as a result. It estimated that the grounding will cut its full-year 2019 pretax income by \$540 million.

A spokesman for American said Thursday that the airline is talking to Boeing "as to what that compensation looks like." Boeing has suggested that compensation could be in cash or other forms, such as help with training or spare parts.

American expects to make part of the compensation eligible for employee profit sharing, the spokes-

man said without providing any figures.

American Airlines Group Inc. CEO Doug Parker said in October he was confident that any losses due to the Max grounding "won't be incurred by American shareholders, but will be borne by the Boeing shareholders."

Pilots and flight attendants have lost wages because of canceled flights. Pilots at American have let their airline deal with Boeing, but pilots at Southwest Airlines have taken a different course — their union is suing Boeing for lost wages.

Boeing has reached partial settlements with Southwest and Turkish Airlines — neither carrier disclosed details — while continuing to negotiate with others. Chicago-based Boeing has estimated the eventual cost to reach \$5.6 billion over several years, although many analysts believe that figure will go much higher.

## BMO Harris brings about 400 workers from Buffalo Grove

BY ERIN HEGARTY

BMO Harris Bank is in the process of moving about 400 employees to its Naperville operations center in anticipation of closing its Buffalo Grove customer service center later this year.

The bank's lease on a building in Buffalo Grove is expiring and the company

owns its four-story, 330,000-square-foot Naperville office at 1200 E. Warrenville Road, said BMO Harris Spokesman Patrick O'Herlihy.

Some of the employees have already made the move to Naperville, O'Herlihy said.

Once it's complete by the end of February, the Naperville operations center

will have just more than 2,000 employees under one roof, O'Herlihy said.

"The lease expiring in Buffalo Grove gave us a really nice opportunity to consolidate operations in one place at our Naperville operations center," O'Herlihy said.

A bulk of the employees at the Naperville office will

work in customer contact, providing service after hours or when customers use the 1-800 number on the back of their debit and credit bank cards for assistance.

The Naperville property, which opened less than 10 years ago, has a "really modern open work space," O'Herlihy said.

Beyond being beneficial

by having a large number of employees in one location, the location is good because Naperville is an important market for BMO Harris, he said.

"A lot of employees live and work there. The commute for our employees is going to be really good," O'Herlihy said. "We're a big employer in Naperville and

it's a great market and important market for us."

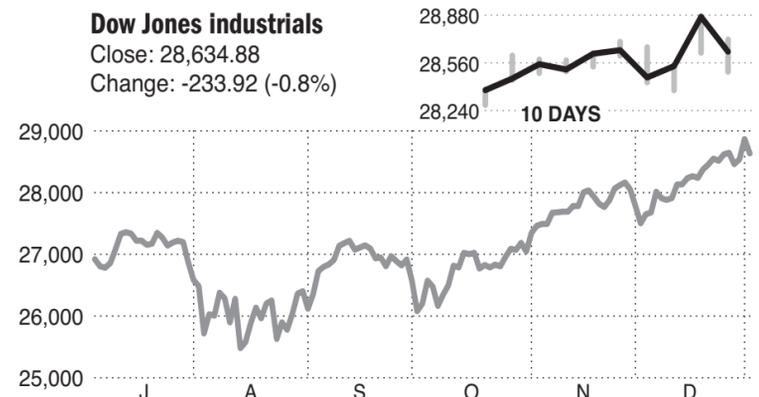
BMO Harris also plans to open a new 50-story BMO Tower in 2022 in Chicago near Union Station.

More than 3,000 BMO Harris employees are expected to work in the new building, O'Herlihy said.

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### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 28,716.31 Low: 28,500.36 Previous: 28,868.80



**Nasdaq**  
Close: 9,020.77  
Change: -71.42 (-.79%)

**S&P 500**  
Close: 3,234.85  
Change: -23.00 (-.71%)

**Russell 2000**  
Close: 1,660.87  
Change: -5.90 (-.35%)

**10-yr T-note**  
Change: -10 to 1.78%

**Gold futures**  
Change: +24.70 to \$1,549.20

**Yen**  
Change: -.54 to 108.01/\$1

**Euro**  
Change: (unch.) to .8956/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
Change: +1.87 to \$63.05

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change	30-day % change	1-year % change
DOW: -.04	DOW: +2.21	DOW: +22.20
NASD: +.16	NASD: +4.21	NASD: +33.86
S&P: -.16	S&P: +2.83	S&P: +27.76

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	560.75	562	551.75	554.50	-5.75
		May 20	564	564.75	554.75	557.75	-5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	391.50	392	385.50	386.50	-5
		May 20	397.75	398.25	392.25	393	-5
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	944.50	945.25	926.75	930.50	-13.75
		Mar 20	956	957	937.50	941.50	-14.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 20	35.08	35.12	34.50	34.81	-1.16
		Mar 20	35.28	35.40	34.75	35.08	-1.16
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 20	300.50	300.70	295.40	296.10	-4.50
		Mar 20	305.30	306.30	300.30	301.20	-4.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 20	61.18	64.09	61.13	63.05	+1.87
		Mar 20	60.96	63.80	60.91	62.82	+1.87
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	2.129	2.163	2.083	2.130	+0.08
		Mar 20	2.100	2.133	2.062	2.112	+0.19
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 20	1.7069	1.7824	1.7040	1.7488	+0.046
		Mar 20	1.7176	1.7919	1.7148	1.7591	+0.0436

Source: The Associated Press

### LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.89	-1.06	Envestnet Inc	N	71.54	+63	McDonalds Corp	N	200.08	-.71
AbbVie Inc	N	88.70	-.85	Equity Commonwealth	N	32.78	+63	Middleby Corp	O	109.11	+13
Allstate Corp	N	112.83	+0.01	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	70.09	+1.00	Mondelez Intl	O	54.24	-.09
Aptargroup Inc	N	114.04	+3.36	Equity Residential	N	80.80	+1.03	Morningstar Inc	O	151.92	+6.2
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.02	-.09	Exelon Corp	O	45.57	+1.14	Motorola Solutions	N	164.38	+2.75
Baxter Intl	N	85.50	-.37	First Indl RT	N	41.64	+4.1	NiSource Inc	N	27.40	+2.2
Boeing Co	N	332.76	-.56	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.39	-.42	Nthn Trust Cp	O	105.37	-2.21
Brunswick Corp	N	59.00	-1.00	Gallagher AJ	N	95.31	-.20	Old Republic	N	22.38	+0.5
CBOE Global Markets	N	121.33	+1.81	Grainger WW	N	340.66	-4.05	Packaging Corp Am	N	109.22	-1.50
CDK Global Inc	O	54.90	-.51	GrubHub Inc	N	47.17	-.07	Paycycle Hldg	O	125.67	-1.11
CDW Corp	O	142.15	-1.73	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	113.12	-.62	RLI Corp	N	90.48	+3.7
CF Industries	N	46.08	-.32	IAA Inc	N	48.25	+1.5	Stericycle Inc	O	61.97	-.69
CME Group	O	204.55	+2.70	IDEX Corp	N	172.76	-.54	TransUnion	N	88.30	+4.9
CNA Financial	N	45.28	+3.33	ITW	N	179.11	-2.57	US Foods Holding	N	40.73	-.25
Cabot Microelect	O	145.75	-1.11	Ingredion Inc	N	93.70	+7.5	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	250.17	-4.38
Caterpillar Inc	N	148.44	-2.09	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	173.84	-1.48	United Airlines Hldg	O	87.90	-1.84
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.34	-.29	Kemper Corp	N	77.55	-.14	Ventas Inc	N	57.07	+.68
Deere Co	N	175.55	-1.31	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.24	-.37	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	59.08	+.00
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.88	-1.42	LKQ Corporation	O	35.39	-.41	Wintrust Financial	O	70.90	-1.17
Dover Corp	N	115.78	-1.09	Littelfuse Inc	O	191.01	-2.47	Zebra Tech	O	256.05	-3.09

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Avon Products	5.60	-.05
Gen Electric	11.97	+0.04
Chesapeake Energy	.92	+0.06
Bank of America	34.90	-.74
Ford Motor	9.21	-.21
AT&T Inc	39.06	+2.0
Nokia Corp	3.81	-.06
Sthwstn Energy	2.33	+0.02
EnCana Corp	4.80	+0.06
Transocean Ltd	7.04	+1.11
Whiting Petroleum	7.85	+6.2
Callon Petrol	4.83	+1.3
Freeport McMoran	12.80	-.40
Snap Inc A	16.75	-.03
Teva Pharm	9.09	-.47
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.00	-.02
Uber Technologies	31.37	+3.8
Banco Bradesco ADS	9.25	+0.3
Denbury Res	1.54	+1.2
Vale SA	13.29	-.16
Petrobras	15.99	-.28
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.33	-.57
Meritor Inc	26.44	-.20
WalMart SA	4.96	-1.3

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Inpixon Corp	.46	+1.3
Adv Micro Dev	48.60	-.50
Guardian Health Sci	.36	+1.1
FuelCell Energy	2.06	+0.5
Onconova Therapeut	.49	+0.7
Apple Inc	297.43	-2.92
Pain Therapeutics	9.65	+2.45
Titan Pharmaceut	.26	+0.5
Ritter Pharmaceutic	.22	+0.1
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.09	-.04
Microsoft Corp	158.62	-2.00
Comcast Corp A	45.01	-.36
Caesars Entertain	13.47	-1.4
Tesla Inc	443.01	+12.75
JD.com Inc	37.99	+2.6
Leap Therapeutics	1.61	+5.5
Micron Tech	54.53	-.86
Yield 10 Bioscience	.20	+0.2
Medicines Co (The)	84.90	-.06
Cisco Syst	47.63	-.79
Intel Corp	60.10	-.74
Oasis Petroleum	3.44	+2.3
American Airlines	27.65	-1.44
IQIYI Inc	23.04	+0.7

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3083.79	-1.4/-1
Stoxx600	418.33	-1.4/-3
Nikkei	23656.62	-18.1/-8
MSCI-EAFE	2048.95	+12.0/+6
Bovespa	117706.70	-866.4/-7
FTSE 100	7622.40	+18.1/+2
CAC-40	6044.16	+2.7/+0

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	39.06	+2.0
Alibaba Group Hldg	217.00	-2.77
Alphabet Inc C	1360.66	-6.71
Alphabet Inc A	1361.52	-7.16
Amazon.com Inc	1874.97	-23.04
Apple Inc	297.43	-2.92
Bank of America	34.90	-.74
Berkshire Hath B	226.18	-2.21
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.33	-.57
Facebook Inc	208.67	-1.11
HSBC Holdings pRA	26.96	+0.9
JPMorgan Chase	138.34	-1.85
Johnson & Johnson	144.28	-1.69
MasterCard Inc	300.43	-2.96
Microsoft Corp	158.62	-2.00
Procter & Gamble	122.58	-.83
Taiwan Semicon	58.06	-1.98
Visa Inc	189.60	-1.52
WalMart Strs	117.89	-1.05

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.49	1.50
6-month disc	1.51	1.54
2-year	1.51	1.56
10-year	1.78	1.88
30-year	2.25	2.34

### SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1549.20	\$1524.50
Silver	\$18.068	\$17.966
Platinum	\$984.50	\$978.60

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## EDITORIALS

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Lincoln's hat editorial misleading

We read with disappointment the Jan. 1 editorial, "Another Illinois fiasco: The hat that wasn't Lincoln's." Unfortunately, as with the NPR segment the editorial board cited, it chose to cherry-pick certain conclusions about the state historian's report and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation's acquisition of the hat to bash a group of volunteers who are passionately committed to preserving Lincoln's legacy.

Most important, the historian, whose report was commissioned by the state, not the foundation, as the editorial erroneously cited, very specifically said he had not concluded the hat wasn't Lincoln's, so the editorial's headline and conclusions are inappropriate and misleading.

State Historian Samuel Wheeler did uncover some additional information supporting the provenance of the hat while criticizing others that had been previously cited by the state and the foundation. Lastly, he said more research was needed to further solidify the hat's provenance, steps the foundation fully supports.

In addition, the editorial omits other salient facts Tribune readers deserve, including the fact that the foundation was faced with a difficult choice in 2007: Either incur substantial indebtedness, which has since been substantially paid down, to support the state's request that we urgently acquire the hat and entire Taper collection (there was no a la carte option) or allow what was arguably the world's largest collection of Lincolniana to be auctioned off and disappear from the public domain forever. Faced with the same choice, we believe most people would have done the same thing.

— *Ray McCaskey, chairman, and Nick Kalm, vice chairman, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, Springfield*

#### Iranian commander deserved his fate

The U.S. took decisive and necessary action by wiping Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani from the face of the Earth. This coward, along with his maniacal cohorts, is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocent people around the globe. He wished to exterminate the state of Israel, the Jewish people and the U.S., and therefore he deserved his fate. The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps is a cesspool of vile anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism and is propelled forward by a twisted desire to bring Lady Liberty to her knees through cowardly proxy wars, using hostages as leverage, intervening in and perpetuating bloodbaths such as the Syrian civil war. Unlike the self-proclaimed media experts' bloviation, it is not the U.S. that wants war. Rather, it is the theocratic fascist movement, represented best by the Iranian leadership, that abuses Iran's own people and risks the peace of the world.

The critics have a right to voice their concerns, and once we solve our political polarization, we should muster up the fortitude to pass a congressional authorization for military action; however, I rejoice in the elimination of a man who wished death upon my family, friends, me and my beautiful country. This bold move sends a strong and unmistakable message to our enemies and all those who wish to stomp upon our inherent rights: Do not tread on us.

— *Henry J.H. Wilson, Barrington*

#### Legal pot lowers the bar for us

I am appalled that our state has legalized recreational marijuana. How far can we lower the bar! And for one reason: money. We have already abandoned religion. Civility is a thing of the past. We only tolerate our own opinions. And now the top news story is how long the lines are to purchase marijuana. This is a major mistake. We are saying to our children that they can live stoned, and it is accepted and legal. What comes after this? I am afraid to ask.

— *Sue Atkenson, Palos Park*

#### Lt. Gov. Stratton's pot purchase

The Jan. 2 edition of the Chicago Tribune printed a photo of Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton gleefully purchasing products at a store that sells recreational marijuana ("Era of recreational pot dawns in Illinois"). On the first day of a new year, and new decade, the No. 2 public official in the state of Illinois was making a statement about what she and this administration consider important. She was not shown feeding the hungry, visiting sick children in a hospital, trying to shelter the homeless or advocating for the young people in this state. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then her photo has told us more than any public pronouncements about where the concerns and priorities of Springfield really lie.

— *Joseph A. Mulcrone, Chicago*

#### Making dysfunction go down easier

Maybe if Illinoisans smoke enough pot, they will forget how poorly this state is run by politicians. Perhaps that's why the legislature legalized it.

— *Robert Angelica, Downers Grove*

#### Chicago's choice of LED lights

Thank you for the very interesting article on the city's decision to install LED lamps ("City's night sky about to become an orange memory," Jan. 2). While we should applaud the city's decision to install LED lamps and save money, we should be troubled by the city's decision to install 3000 Kelvin lamps. Recent research on the effects of LED lighting on humans, animals including birds, and insects states that 3000K is excessive and harmful when used outdoors. The city should amend its specifications and install 2200K lamps. 2200K lamps will light the city as well as 3000K, with measurably less impact on us and our environment. Also, it might be nice to see a few more stars! Please, Chicago, reconsider your decision to install 3000K. Please save the night sky.

— *Adam Kreuzer, Glen Ellyn*



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Protesters demonstrate after an airstrike that killed top Iranian commander Qassem Soleimani in Lahore on Friday.

## Trump takes out Iran's architect of mayhem. Can he de-escalate?

Immediately after the Pentagon confirmed Thursday night that an American military airstrike in Iraq had killed Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Revolutionary Guards' Quds Force, a political debate broke out back home. This was either a decisive, necessary U.S. operation — or a dangerous gambit.

As with many actions undertaken by President Donald Trump, assessments depend greatly on how much faith one places in Trump's judgment. Issues of national security shouldn't be partisan; protecting the country should be everyone's business. But Trump's blend of braggadocio and unorthodox impulses makes him appear either bold or irresponsible.

Statements from the Pentagon, the State Department and the White House suggested the U.S. military had justification for taking out Soleimani, the Iranian military's general in charge of murderous mischief and unquestionably an enemy of the United States. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said a planned attack on Americans had been "imminent" before the drone strike.

The Pentagon said it went after Soleimani for "actively developing plans to attack American diplomats

and service members in Iraq and throughout the region." That sounds plausible, though gauging justification for Soleimani's death would be easier if the Pentagon or the State Department provide more details about such plans.

**What's especially hard to assess** is whether eliminating a powerful military adversary will make the Middle East a safer or a more dangerous place for Americans and American interests. Tehran has already vowed to retaliate, and in the short term, the Iranian general's death raises the risk for U.S. troops, government workers and even civilians in Iraq and other parts of the region. In the long term, though, Soleimani's death hurts Iran because he was the mastermind of Iranian adventurism.

Soleimani had a long history of American blood on his hands. His forces in Iraq were responsible for killing hundreds of American troops during the Iraq war. Soleimani also supported the rise of Hezbollah as a Lebanon-based terrorist organization, and he protected Syrian strongman Bashar Assad. According to the Pentagon, in recent months Soleimani orchestrated attacks on coalition bases in Iraq, including the Dec. 27 attack that killed an Ameri-

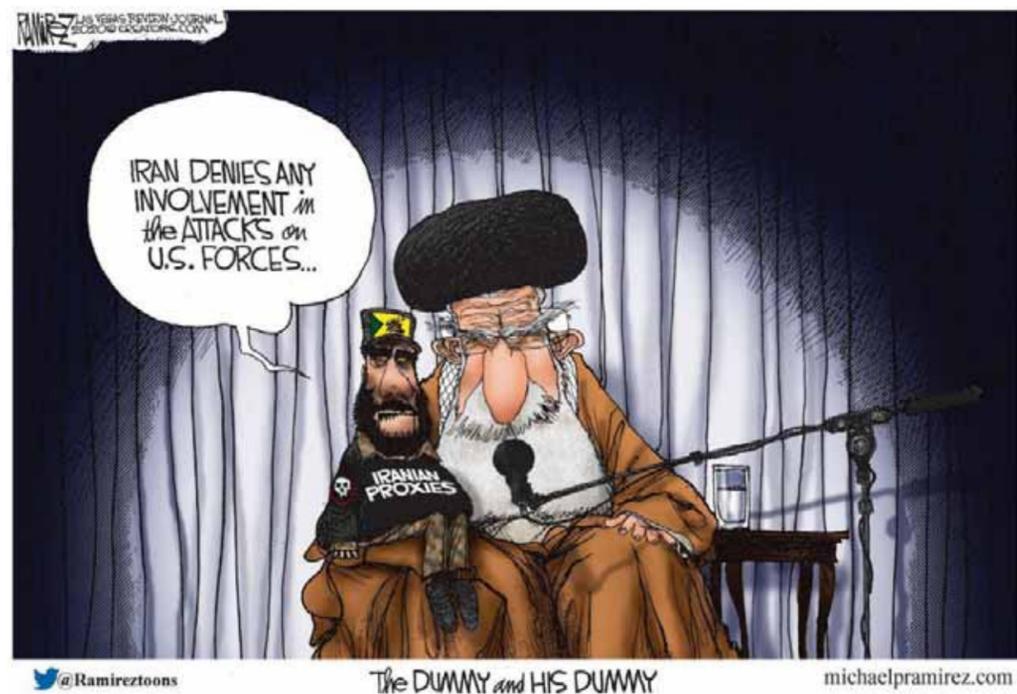
can contractor.

The United States and Iran have been in a standoff for years. The highest priority has been to curb Iranian nuclear ambitions, but Iran's shadowy military moves represent an ongoing threat to U.S. security and interests across the Middle East.

In recent months, Iran has stepped up its provocation campaign, largely in response to the sanctions squeeze that Trump has put on Tehran, part of a broad effort to quell Iran's nuclear ambitions. Iranian mine attacks on oil tankers near the Strait of Hormuz were followed by missile strikes on Saudi Arabian oil infrastructure.

Iran undoubtedly is weaker now that Soleimani is dead. And there's other bleak news for Tehran in this assault: the realization that U.S. intelligence was able to penetrate Soleimani's security bubble and hit him as he was leaving Baghdad's main airport.

**What's unanswerable at this point:** Does killing Soleimani lead to retaliatory strikes by Iran that demand reciprocal responses from the U.S., or can a perilous escalation be avoided? Trump issued a military order to take out a dangerous Iranian military leader. What Trump does next will be just as crucial.



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### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For more than a decade, leading urbanists and their media disciples have touted the idea that a resurgence of cities was occurring at the expense of suburbs, a trend that amounted to a historical reversal of American living preferences. The revival of some central business districts and the gentrification of old industrial neighborhoods into hip new urban enclaves fed a back-to-the-city narrative, while an exodus of the poor into nearby suburbs and a Great Recession-era drop in housing values sparked conjecture that the classic suburb was in decline.

**Comprehensive research tells a different story.** While the demographics of cities and suburbs are changing, the suburbs have continued to outperform urban neighborhoods on multiple economic and demographic variables, solidifying their hold on American wealth and

status. The good news is that the urban revival in many places is real. The better news is that it hasn't come at the expense of other communities.

**The data, then, seem at odds with the typical media narrative.** Gentrification of some city neighborhoods by young hipsters fostered an idea that educated millennials were rejecting their suburban upbringings to reclaim the city. But as they age, millennials are turning out more like their parents than previously thought. As demographer Wendell Cox has shown, even when these young people gravitate toward major metropolitan regions, they've been more likely to live in outlying areas than in central cities. Similarly, anecdotal stories of retirees ditching the 'burbs for city living exaggerate the trend.

— *Steven Malanga, City Journal*



The March sisters of "Little Women," played by, from left, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Saoirse Ronan and Eliza Scanlan.



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## Menzel is fierce in 'Uncut Gems'

By AKIVA GOTTLIEB  
 Los Angeles Times

Idina Menzel's public persona is defined by her starring role in a blockbuster children's franchise (the "Frozen" movies), a Tony Award-winning performance in Broadway's "Wicked" and a Christmas album or two, so it's more than a little jarring to see her show up as Dinah, Adam Sandler's estranged wife, in Josh and Benny Safdie's high-tension underworld thriller "Uncut Gems."

In just a handful of scenes with Sandler's rakish, charmingly duplicitous wheeler-dealer, Menzel generates serious emotional heat, upping the stakes of an already taut street-level drama.

**"It's a world I know and feel comfortable in."**

— Idina Menzel, on the milieu in "Uncut Gems"

"I just so yearned to be part of something that was different from what people expected for me," Menzel says. "I really feel like I haven't had the opportunity to show that kind of range."

The Safdie brothers saw her in Joshua Harmon's off-Broadway dark comedy "Skintight" and discovered that she might make sense as a fierce, self-possessed, well-heeled Long Island McMansionite.

She grew up lower middle class in Syosset, on Long Island, and says she recognizes Dinah as an "East Coast Jewish girl" like herself.

"Anyone who knows me knows that it's just where I live, literally and metaphorically. I know that character, and I know many women like her. And I've probably been known to act like her once in a while, after maybe a couple of beers late at night."

Though Dinah is largely absent from the main setting of "Uncut Gems," which takes place in and around Manhattan's Diamond District, Menzel said that milieu also felt familiar.

"My father was a pajama salesman, so he was in the Garment District, just a couple blocks from the Diamond District." She'd go visit him at work as a little girl and go to the diner with him and his friends. "It's a world I know and feel comfortable in."

The Safdie brothers' films are marked by a documentary-style realism that couldn't be further from the storyboarding and careful scripting behind a mass-market animated film like "Frozen." Menzel says that she was electrified by the Safdies' approach, with its fast pace and allowance for improvisation, and refers to "the frenetic, beautiful chaos that they create."

But she pushes back against the idea that "Uncut Gems" posed a new kind of challenge.

"Look, I've been singing professionally since I was 15 years old," Menzel says. "I guess I have tough skin. I know how to get up in front of an audience where nobody gives a ... and do my job. And then being a creature of the theater and knowing that every night is different and to welcome mistakes — I'm comfortable in that environment. I like spontaneity."

# Greta Gerwig gives 'Little Women' its due

Director worked adaptation with boldness, precision

By GLENN WHIPP  
 Los Angeles Times

Greta Gerwig knew how to end her new adaptation of "Little Women," the eighth film version of Louisa May Alcott's classic girlhood novel. She also knew not everyone would like her idea, so she decided to shoot it surreptitiously, betting she could pull it off.

Judging from the early reviews of the film, she did — though that doesn't mean the experience wasn't a little nerve-racking.

"You know how with each new draft of a script you have a different paper color ... so you have the pink draft, the blue draft, the green draft, and it goes to everybody, and you have the possibility of a bunch of notes?" Gerwig says. "This was just one of those things where I thought, 'I know what I want to do here. And I don't want to debate it. I want to just do it.'"

The 1868 novel about the March sisters — Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy — ends with the headstrong, spirited Jo giving up writing, marrying, having children and opening a school. But in real life, Jo's creator, Alcott, never married, never had children and continued writing, becoming a wealthy and famous author. "Jo should have remained a literary spinster," Alcott wrote later.

Gerwig thought she could close her "Little Women" by blending the two narratives, creating a movie within a movie that delivered the pleasures of a romance inside a story about Alcott realizing her artistic ambitions.

Gerwig did share her bold, meta approach with producer Amy Pascal, who had started developing a new adaptation of "Little Women" several years ago while she was running Sony Pictures. But that was pretty much it. Gerwig was flying solo in this follow-up to her Oscar-nominated "Lady Bird," "betting the farm," as she puts it, that it would turn out OK.

She cut it close too. Gerwig, 36, finished shooting "Little Women" on Dec. 16, 2018. She returned home to New York and began editing it the following day. Other than Christmas and New Year's, she and editor Nick Huo worked nonstop, setting up a New York screening for Sony studio executives on March 10.

Were there notes about that ending?

"They had some questions, yes," Gerwig says, laughing. "My argument was that I'm not stand-



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"What you choose to tell and how you choose to tell it indicates to an audience what's important," says Greta Gerwig, who adapted and directed "Little Women" for the big screen.

ing outside the romance. I'm not saying, 'What's wrong with you people that you want that?' I want it too! I want them to kiss! And even though in the movie, it's constructed that it's fiction, I'm still satisfied when they kiss."

Indeed, in the scene when Jo (played by Saoirse Ronan) runs after Friedrich (Louis Garrel), Gerwig pulls out all cinematic signifiers of romance: the rain machines and the backlights and the camera crane and cymbal crash and rolling thunder — heightening them just a touch. Gerwig's joy in the scene's emotional content is obvious in its construction. But she had more she wanted to say with the movie.

"She told Amy (Pascal) that the film was about art and money," Ronan says. "I can't imagine too many people having the guts to go into a major American studio and say something like that about 'Little Women.'"

Noting her confidence on their first collaboration, "Lady Bird," Ronan adds that "she's owning that even more. She's the hottest director in town, and everyone

wants to work with her and they absolutely should."

When Gerwig first met Pascal about "Little Women" in 2016, she was primarily known for her work as an actress in independent films made by Baumbach and Joe Swanberg. That didn't stop her from telling Pascal that she was the only person who could write this new adaptation. Gerwig got the job and, after the success of "Lady Bird," she was hired to direct it too.

When Gerwig showed the finished product to her agent, Jeremy Barber, he told her he found it more personal than "Lady Bird," a coming-of-age about a young woman, like Gerwig, who hailed from Sacramento.

Gerwig believes Barber's reaction is tied to the authorship question she explores in the film. Her "Little Women" opens with Jo shyly entering a publisher's office, looking to sell a story on behalf of a "friend."

"I lifted 90% of the dialogue straight from the book, but there was something about the language, her hesitancy, her willing-

ness to change the work to get the money ... all of that, I just knew through and through," Gerwig says. "I felt it could be me talking to a studio head. It has been me talking to a studio head."

Those conversations, Gerwig says, are reflected in an exchange between Jo and Amy that gets to the heart of why she wanted to make this movie. Amy asks her sister what she's writing. Jo replies that she's started something, but she doesn't think it's any good. Elaborating, Jo explains: "It's just about our little lives. Who would care about a story of our domestic struggles and joys? It doesn't have any real importance."

"Writing them will make them important," Amy answers.

"What you choose to tell and how you choose to tell it indicates to an audience what's important," Gerwig says. "I wanted to make this 'Little Women' 30 feet tall. I wanted to shoot it on film. I wanted it to have these amazing actors and collaborators. I wanted to give it the works because I wanted to say it matters."

Gerwig did all those things, assembling a cast that included Ronan, Laura Dern, Meryl Streep, Florence Pugh, Timothee Chalamet, Emma Watson and Eliza Scanlan. She exhaustively researched Alcott's life and pushed her audience to reconsider their ideas about familiar characters. The film's treatment of Amy, played by Pugh, is particularly nuanced, transforming the sister usually viewed as a brat into a clever, witty and, yes, stubborn young woman, the equal of Jo.

"When I was making the movie, someone asked, 'Why did you agree to play the worst sister, the one that burns the book and goes off with the rich, beautiful man?' " Pugh remembers. "And I said, 'How fun is it to play a character that people already hated and make them feel otherwise?'"

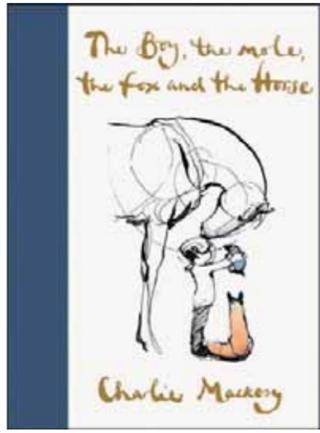
Pugh and Ronan speak of Gerwig with an admiration that occasionally borders on awe. Ronan uses "Greta" as both a noun and adjective; Pugh, marveling at Gerwig's precision with language, says, "It's almost like she invented talking."

Yet there's no pretense about the woman. Ronan loves to watch Gerwig on set because she becomes so "happy and giggly" after a good take. "She's not trying to be cool or edgy or art house," Ronan relates. "She gets absolutely pumped when you nail a scene."

## NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

### HARDCOVER FICTION

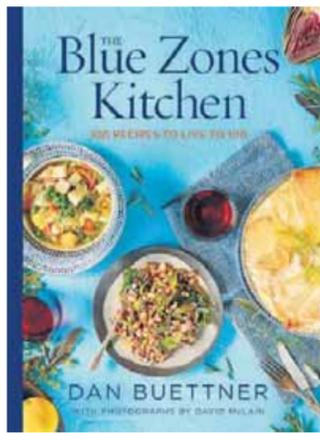
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- 2. **"The Guardians"** by John Grisham (Doubleday) Last week: 1
- 3. **"Strange Planet"** by Nathan W. Pyle (Morrow Gift) Last week: 5
- 4. **"Criss Cross"** by James Patterson (Little, Brown) Last week: 4
- 5. **"The Institute"** by Stephen King (Scribner) Last week: 3
- 6. **"A Minute to Midnight"** by David Baldacci (Grand Central) Last week: 6
- 7. **"Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte) Last week: 7
- 8. **"The Testaments"** by Margaret Atwood (Doubleday/Talese) Last week: 10
- 9. **"Twisted Twenty-Six"** by Janet Evonovich (Putnam) Last week: 9
- 10. **"The Water Dancer"** by Ta-Nehisi Coates (One World) Last week: 12

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1. **"The Blue Zones Kitchen: 100 Recipes to Live to 100"** by Dan Buettner (National Geographic) Last week: 15



- 2. **"The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The New Frontier"** by Ree Drummond (Morrow) Last week: 1
- 3. **"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice"** by Michelle Obama (Clarkson Potter) Last week: 3
- 4. **"Guinness World Records 2020"** by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records) Last week: 2
- 5. **"Me: Elton John Official Autobiography"** by Elton John (Holt) Last week: 4
- 6. **"Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know"** by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown) Last week: 6
- 7. **"Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas History That Changed American History"** by Brian Kilmeade (Sentinel) Last week: 5
- 8. **"Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us"** by Donald Trump Jr. (Center Street) Last week: 7
- 9. **"Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker: The Visual Dictionary"** by Pablo Hidalgo (DK) Last week: 29
- 10. **"A Warning"** by Anonymous (Twelve) Last week: 10

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## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Co-worker might not deserve closure

**Dear Amy:** I went on a date with a co-worker some weeks ago.

We both had a great time, and he suggested a second date the following weekend. I waited for a text to set something up and when nothing came by Thursday, I decided to text him. We agreed to do something Sunday, but Sunday came and went and I got radio silence.

I texted him on Monday, saying it's too bad we never got together, and he responded back a few hours later with, "Yeah, I should have let you know I was spending time with my family."

We had a companywide holiday dinner where it was very obvious that he was avoiding me at all costs, yet texted me as soon as he left, claiming he didn't know I was there.

I suddenly realize that as a woman, I was doing all the pursuing, and he was basically sitting back and letting it happen.

He was always so sweet when we crossed paths at work, so this ghosting took me by surprise.

He is a few years younger than I (he's 23 and I'm 27), but he acted so mature before all of this happened.

I know now that he is too emotionally immature for me, but I really want to ask him why he did that, and let him know how much it hurt me.

I think I need closure. Should I pursue closure from him?

— Confused

**Dear Confused:** I struggle to see what, exactly, closure would look like for you, because so far — you have pursued him, and he has deferred and dodged

you. This behavior might be embarrassing for you, but please do not let this rise to the level of being hurt. He is merely revealing himself. He is not into you, but he hasn't figured out how to be a grown-up about it.

Do you really need to confront him? This one-date relationship doesn't seem to warrant it. He might be an adequate work friend, but he is not boyfriend material for you.

This is as much closure as you're going to get, and you should not pursue him for more, because, in doing so, you could affect your own professional experience and standing at work.

It's fun to crush on someone at work, and — unless your company has a strict policy against it — the office can be a good place to find a potential partner. But what you're dealing with now is why companies sometimes frown on interoffice romantic relationships: They lead to drama.

**Dear Amy:** My husband and I are in our mid 30s and have been together for eight years. We are happily childless, by mutual agreement.

I work as a genetic counselor at our local children's hospital and occasionally a family asks if I have kids of my own or what decision I would make for my own child.

Each time I say I don't have children the family appears sad or disappointed. A few families have asked me WHY I don't have any, and this trips me up.

Amy, there is a laundry list of reasons why we don't want or have kids,

but it would be offensive and irrelevant in my position to share. It's also none of my client's business.

Recently, a family shared that one of their doctors was childless, and so they felt like she wasn't as good of a doctor to their child.

Now I want to hide that fact about myself because perhaps families will think I'm not as good of a counselor to their child.

Is there a nice, easy phrase at work I can use when families ask me if and why I don't have kids?

— E

**Dear E:** The families you are working with are vulnerable and sharing deeply personal information with you. Perhaps this is why they are leaping over boundaries.

A polite, crisp and professional answer for you might be: "We're not here to talk about me. We're here to talk about you. Let's get started and focus on your case, OK?"

**Dear Amy:** "Dismissed and Invisible" stated that she is routinely interrupted during conversation.

I wonder if Dismissed is one of those people who rambles on and on, where people can't get a word in edgewise without interrupting? I wish you had suggested this.

— Conversationalist

**Dear Conversationalist:** Rambling is a definite possibility. I agree that "Dismissed" should review her own speech patterns.

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### 'THE GRUDGE' ★★ 1/2

## New entry conjures miseries, supernatural and mundane

By NOEL MURRAY  
Los Angeles Times

The first few movies in Japanese filmmaker Takashi Shimizu's "Ju-On" series (aka "The Grudge") helped popularize the now-familiar early 2000s J-horror motifs: the pale, long-haired child-ghosts; the deep shadows concealing unimaginable terrors; the guttural clicking noises on the soundtrack; and the concept of an inescapable evil that drives victims to suicidal madness before it passes on to someone else.

Writer-director Nicolas Pesce's new American version of "The Grudge" — a long-in-the-works reboot of an earlier English-language "Grudge" franchise — doesn't reinvent the formula. Andrea Riseborough plays Detective Muldoon, a newly widowed cop investigating the violent history of a house in the small town she's re-



Lin Shaye and Tara Westwood in "The Grudge," a reimagined version from Nicolas Pesce.

cently moved to with her young son. As she discovers the house is cursed, Muldoon begins experiencing the effects of that curse herself.

This new "Grudge" copies Shimizu's nonchronological structure. Muldoon's investiga-

tion leads to stories within stories — all about hauntings and murders — which Pesce weaves together with the help of an impressive cast that includes John Cho, Betty Gilpin, Lin Shaye, Jackie Weaver and Frankie Faison. "The Grudge" is like three inter-

connected short films, cut together to illustrate how one person's sins can keep ruining peoples lives years later.

Fans of Pesce's idiosyncratic indie horror films "The Eyes of My Mother" and "Piercing" may be disappointed by how he

toes the line here. His "Grudge" is truer to the original franchise than it is to his own more disturbing visions.

But Pesce's "The Grudge" is distinctively sour: from the way its characters look exhausted and hollow-eyed to the fact that

**MPAA rating:** R (for disturbing violence and bloody images, terror and some language)

**Running time:** 1:33

so many have had loved ones who've suffered from cancer, dementia or some other devastating medical condition. This is not a "fun" horror picture. It's about miseries both supernatural and mundane.

And, yes, it's scary. Pesce's art-film roots are evident in the movie's slow-burn first hour. But in the final third, "The Grudge" piles on the explicit gore and jump scares, all leading to a final scene and final shot as terrifying as anything in the original series. If the angry, vengeful "Ju-On" ghosts must endure, they might as well be deployed by someone who knows how to make their attacks bruising.

## 'Supernanny,' 'Waltons' return, and Bravo pits spy versus spy

Tribune wire services

Everybody's favorite nanny has returned for another season of politely offering parenting examples and advice in Lifetime's reboot of "Supernanny."

Jo Frost, 48, draws on her years of experience helping parents solve the many challenges kids bring into the home. The original "Supernanny" ran from 2005 to 2011.

"I used to work in a maternity shop and I was at college, but I started babysitting in the evenings," Frost said. "I started then to professionally nanny full time — I was in sole charge when I was 18. I finished college and then I didn't go on to do anything else. I started to professionally

help families, and I chose not to go to training for professional nannies.

"The institutions for child care were not something that I cared to do because I felt the best training that I would have would be working in the field, working with different families, professionally nannying and consulting. So I became a professional nanny helping different families and became what they call a 'troubleshooter.'"

**'The Waltons' return:** MeTV has resurrected the family-friendly "The Waltons" at noon weekdays. It's the tale of the struggles of a rural family in Virginia during the Depression and into the era of World War II and on. The series ran for nine seasons beginning in

1972 and scooped up dozens of awards.

Richard Thomas starred as John-Boy, the oldest of seven children in the family. Thomas went on to star in many other projects, but none of them ever eclipsed his performance in "The Waltons."

Thomas has a theory on why he thinks the series was unique.

"It was a show that honored the lives of people that were not — at least on the surface — exceptional," he said. "They weren't powerful lawyers or doctors or cops or sexy young people or sexy old people. It wasn't geared in that respect to the marketplace, so people felt their own less romantic and simpler lives honored in a way that they didn't anywhere else.



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Jo Frost is again trying to solve family issues in Lifetime's reboot of "Supernanny."

"And I think they responded to that a lot. That was also a show in which a husband and wife equally raised the family. And you

had something very rare in this country — respect and veneration for the elderly. You had people who were 6 years old and 80 years old

and it was not a cynical view of either age or youth — although a lot of the flaws and foolishness of age and youth are portrayed."

**Seeking super spies:** Those who've always been fascinated by the antics of James Bond or Jack Ryan or Jason Bourne will dig Bravo's new competition show: "Spy Game," premiering Jan. 20, pits 10 would-be agents against each other in a high stakes game of spy vs. spy.

The contestants live together in a secret cell and are charged with gathering intelligence on each other. They must prevail over a series of challenges designed by three former agents: one from the CIA, one from the FBI and one from the Secret Service. The contestants who show the canniest skills at espionage activities will move forward in the game. The ultimate winner will take home \$100,000.

# WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Cicely Tyson

**“Sounder”** (7 p.m., TCM): Four Oscar nominations — including best picture, best actor and best actress — went to this beautifully done 1972 film, based on William Armstrong’s novel about the travails of black sharecroppers in 1933. Kevin Hooks plays the son, who must help his mother (Cicely Tyson) after his father (Paul Winfield) is jailed for stealing meat to feed the starving family. The youth then meets a schoolteacher (Janet MacLachlan) who introduces him to a larger world.

**“NFL Football”** (3:35 p.m., ABC 3:35 p.m., ESPN): The NFL Playoff picture is set and the action begins with the Wild Card round as Deshaun Watson and the AFC South champion Houston Texans (10-6) host Josh Allen and Buffalo Bills (10-6). The Texans are hoping for the possible return of defensive end JJ Watt. Later on CBS, Tom Brady and the New England Patriots (12-4) welcome Ryan Tannehill and the Tennessee Titans (9-7). The Pats have won 11 consecutive AFC East titles.

**“The Aftermath”** (7 p.m., 11:15 p.m., HBO): Set in 1945 postwar Germany, James Kent’s 2019 adaptation of Rhidian Brook’s 2013 novel of the same title stars Keira Knightley as a woman who drifts into an affair with a handsome German architect (Alexander Skarsgard) while she and her husband (Jason Clarke), a British colonel, are stationed in Hamburg. Martin Compston, Fionn O’Shea, Kate Phillips and Flora Thiemann also star.

**“Winter in Vail”** (8 p.m., Hallmark): Frequent Hallmark leading lady Lacey Chabert steps back in front of the cameras for a new 2020 romance called “Winter in Vail,” filmed on location in that favorite Colorado destination resort for ski enthusiasts. The actress stars as event planner Chelsea Whitmore, who impulsively quits her job and moves to Vail after inheriting a chalet there (as one does). As she ponders her next career move, Chelsea falls under the spell of this magical locale and its residents, especially handsome Owen Becker (Tyler Hynes).

**“The Upside”** (8 p.m., Showtime): Bryan Cranston and Kevin Hart might seem like unlikely co-stars, but then that’s a character point in director Neil Burger’s hit 2017 dramedy about a paralyzed billionaire (Cranston) who hires a recently paroled convict (Hart) to take care of him. Unexpectedly, a friendship eventually develops between these two very different men. Adapted from a 2011 French film called “The Intouchables,” the movie also stars Nicole Kidman, Tate Donovan, Aja Naomi King and Julianna Margulies.

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	<b>NBC</b> 5	Dateline NBC: “After the Storm.” ©				Saturday Night Live: “Drake.” ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
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<b>FOX</b> 32	Flirty Dancing: “Episode 1: Octavius & Erin.” ©		Deputy: “Graduation Day.”		Fox 32 News	Winter Preview (N)	Beat Shazam ▶	
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<b>MNT</b> 50	AHL Hockey: Iowa Wild at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N)						Chicago ▶	
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Batman Begins (PG-13,‘05)		** Christian Bale, Michael Caine.				X-Men *** ▶	
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<b>FX</b>	Despicable Me 3 (PG,‘17) **	Voices of Steve Carell.			Despicable Me 3 (PG,‘17) ** © ▶			
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<b>LIFE</b>	Surviving R. Kelly (Season Finale) (N) ©		Hopelessly in Love (Premiere) (N) © (Part 1 of 3) ▶					
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<b>OWN</b>	Ready to Love (N)		Ready to Love (N)		Ready to Love (N)		Ready (N) ▶	
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: “Theresa Voss.”		Snapped: “Judy Flanagan.”		Snapped ©		Snapped ▶	
<b>PARMT</b>	Green MI		The Green Mile (R,‘99) *** Tom Hanks, David Morse. © ▶					
<b>SYFY</b>	(5:30) Edge of Tomorrow		E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (PG,‘82) **** Henry Thomas. © ▶					
<b>TBS</b>	(6) Liar Liar (‘97) **		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	
<b>TGM</b>	Sounder (G,‘72) **** Cicely Tyson, Paul Winfield. ©				Louisiana Story (NR,‘48) ***			
<b>TLC</b>	Say Yes to the Dress (Season Premiere) (N) ©				Say Yes to the Dress ©		Say Yes ▶	
<b>TLN</b>	Exalted		Pacific Garden Mission		In Grace		Humanitarian	
<b>TNT</b>	Red 2 (PG-13,‘13) **		Bruce Willis. ©				(9:15) Red (PG-13,‘10) ** © ▶	
<b>TOON</b>	Dragon		Dragon Ball		Burgers		Family Guy   Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Paranormal Caught on Camera ©						Haunted Hospitals (Season Premiere) (N) ©	
<b>TVL</b>	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
<b>USA</b>	xx: Return		The Hitman’s Bodyguard (R,‘17) ** Ryan Reynolds. ©				Dare Me ▶	
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<b>WGN America</b>	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: “Little Fish.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ▶	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	The Aftermath (R,‘19) ** Keira Knightley. ©						Fantastic Beasts: Crimes ▶
	<b>HBO2</b>	Robin Hood (PG-13,‘18) * Taron Egerton. ©						The Bronx, USA (NR,‘19) ©
	<b>MAX</b>	Meet the Fockers (PG-13,‘04) ** Robert De Niro. ©				(8:55) Little Fockers (PG-13,‘10) **		
	<b>SHO</b>	(6) Pavarotti (‘19) *** ©		The Upside (PG-13,‘17) ** Kevin Hart. ©				The L ▶
	<b>STARZ</b>	XXX (PG-13,‘02) ** Vin Diesel, Asia Argento. ©				(9:07) Dublin Murders		Saint Judy ▶
<b>STZNC</b>	(6:52) Lethal Weapon 2 (R,‘89) *** Mel Gibson. ©				(8:49) Lethal Weapon 3 (R,‘92) *** ▶			

# Gervais’ Golden Globes goal: ‘Bulletproof’ jokes

BY NARDINE SAAD  
Los Angeles Times

It’s almost party time: The 77th Golden Globes are happening Sunday, officially kicking off Hollywood’s televised awards season.

## What time is the show? And on what channel or streaming service?

Taking place at its usual haunt, the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, the three-hour telecast will air live from coast to coast on NBC at 7 p.m. The show is produced by Dick Clark Productions in association with the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and is viewed in more than 210 territories worldwide.

The ceremony can also be viewed on NBC.com, but users will need to provide cable or satellite login info to stream it.

The official red carpet pre-show, “HFPA Presents Globes Red Carpet Live,” will stream live from the Beverly Hilton on Facebook Watch from 5 to 7 p.m. E!’s red-carpet countdown begins at 3 p.m., and its main red-carpet event begins at 5 p.m.

## Who is hosting?

The HFPA, the international body of journalists who vote on the nominees and winners, has invited acerbic comedian Ricky Gervais back to host the boozy shindig for a record fifth time.

He says it will be his last time hosting and “could make for a fun evening,” which is putting it lightly for a brash comic who’s been criticized for sometimes going too hard on Tinseltown and even the HFPA itself. Let the insults, celebrity roasts and expletives fly, even in these sensitive times.

“I write jokes, and they’re considered and I



Presenters at the Golden Globe Awards on Sunday include, top row from left, Glenn Close, Daniel Craig, Ted Danson, Will Ferrell and Tiffany Haddish; bottom row from left, Kate McKinnon, Octavia Spencer, Charlize Theron, Sofia Vergara and Kerry Washington. NBC will broadcast the show at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California, beginning at 7 p.m.



Eddie Murphy in “Dolemite Is My Name.”

make sure they’re bulletproof,” Gervais told the Hollywood Reporter. “Nowadays, you’ve got to make sure they’re bulletproof in 10 years’ time, with people going through saying, ‘He said this once, 10 years (ago).’ Kevin Hart (lost) his job (as Oscars host) for 10-year-old tweets that he said he was sorry about and deleted at the time. So there’s more pressure on making (the jokes bulletproof). It’s the world (watching). This isn’t me in a comedy club.”

He added: “I’m happy to play by the rules. It’s just that the 200 million people watching have different

rules. That’s the plight. When people say, ‘He crossed the line,’ I say, ‘I didn’t draw a line; you did.’ It’s relative. It’s subjective.”

## Who are the nominees?

Awards will be doled out across 25 categories spanning motion pictures, television and even some music.

Streaming giant Netflix dominated in both film and TV when the nominations were announced last month, but there was a dearth of female representation in the nominees. The top nominees include Net-

flix’s breakup drama “Marriage Story,” which leads the film nominees with six nods. On the TV side, HBO’s disaster series “Chernobyl,” Netflix’s period drama “The Crown” and crime drama “Unbelievable” tied with four nominations each.

The HFPA has already announced a few heavy-hitters set to make appearances at the 2020 ceremony: TV host Ellen DeGeneres will receive the Carol Burnett Award, and actor Tom Hanks will be honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Award for “outstanding contributions to the world of entertainment.”

Here’s a breakdown of the nominees in the marquee categories:

### FILM

#### Comedy

- “Dolemite Is My Name”
- “Jojo Rabbit”
- “Knives Out”
- “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood”
- “Rocketman”

#### Drama

- “1917”
- “The Irishman”
- “Joker”

- “Marriage Story”
- “The Two Popes”

### TELEVISION

#### Drama series

- “Big Little Lies”
- “The Crown”
- “Killing Eve”
- “The Morning Show”
- “Succession”

#### Comedy series

- “Barry”
- “Fleabag”

- “The Kominsky Method”
- “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”
- “The Politician”

#### Miniseries or television film

- “Catch-22”
- “Chernobyl”
- “Fosse/Verdon”
- “The Loudest Voice”
- “Unbelievable”

## Who’s going to be there?

The HFPA loves its stars, and that love isn’t limited to those currently up for awards. The organization has also invited a bevy of A-listers, past and present winners and nominees to present at this year’s ceremony. Here’s a list of who’s going to be taking the stage (so far), with a few more popping up closer to show-time:

Tim Allen, Glenn Close, Daniel Craig, Ted Danson, Ana de Armas, Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning, Will Ferrell, Tiffany Haddish, Salma Hayek, Scarlett Johansson, Harvey Keitel, Rami Malek, Kate McKinnon, Amy Poehler, Margot Robbie, Octavia Spencer, Charlize Theron, Sofia Vergara, Kerry Washington and Pierce Brosnan, whose kids are Golden Globe ambassadors.

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G-Suggested for GENERAL audiences  
PG-Parental Guidance Suggested  
some material may not be suitable for children  
PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned  
Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13  
R-Restricted Persons under 17 not admitted  
unless accompanied by parent or adult guardian  
NC-17 No children under 17 admitted

### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Jan. 4): Envision dreams come true this year. Realize possibilities with dedicated action, including a personal milestone this winter, before a collaborative effort changes direction. An unplanned barrier changes your course this summer, before you discover a new level of creative partnership and romance. Prioritize love.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Money could appear from unusual sources. Make deals and sign contracts. Actions taken now can have long-term benefit.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Discover a burst of energy. You've got the power and confidence to make things happen. Take advantage of a surprising personal opportunity to shine.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Contemplate mysteries, dreams, visions and potential plans. Heed the voice of experience. Consider the details to make an important connection.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Make an unexpected connection. Good fortune and opportunities arise through your network of friends. Plan and act for a common cause. Together, you're incredibly powerful.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Grab a surprise career opportunity. Discover a windfall or beneficial perk. Long-term benefits can arise from the actions taken today. Go for it!

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Pursue a long-range vision of what you'd like to create. Business seminars, classes and conferences provide great connections. Jump on a hot educational opportunity.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Collaborate with a shared financial venture. Look for beneficial opportunities and find them. Discover a windfall or error in your favor.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Negotiate and bargain. Coordinate and strategize. You and a partner are on the same wavelength. Creative brainstorming produces valuable results. Build something wonderful together.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Profit from meticulous attention to detail. Practice to raise performance levels. Adjust and tweak. Physical action can achieve long-term gain.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Relax and have fun with people you love. Practice your arts and passions. Savor beauty, love and family. Listen with an ear for hidden elements.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. The comforts of home draw you in. Take advantage of favorable conditions to make an improvement you've long wanted. Raise the level of domestic bliss.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Sign contracts and launch your creative works. You're especially brilliant and creative. Get expert feedback. Both learn and teach. Use your persuasive arts.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

**North**  
 ♠ J 8 6 4 2  
 ♥ 6 4 3  
 ♦ 8 3  
 ♣ A Q 7

**East**  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ K Q 2  
 ♦ Q 10 6 5  
 ♣ 10 5 4 3 2

**West**  
 ♠ 9 7 5 3  
 ♥ J 9 7  
 ♦ A 9 7  
 ♣ J 9 8

**South**  
 ♠ A Q 10  
 ♥ A 10 8 5  
 ♦ K J 4 2  
 ♣ K 6

South treated his hand as worth 18 points because of his two potentially valuable 10's. We agree with his evaluation. That decision, however, led to a final contract that was far from cold.

South wanted to retain the lead in dummy for a spade finesse of his own in case East started with three spades to the king, so he played dummy's jack at trick one. This was not necessarily the right play, although it was reasonable, and it was wrong on this deal. When East covered the jack with his singleton king, it promoted West's trump holding into a certain trick. Declarer discovered this when he cashed the queen of spades.

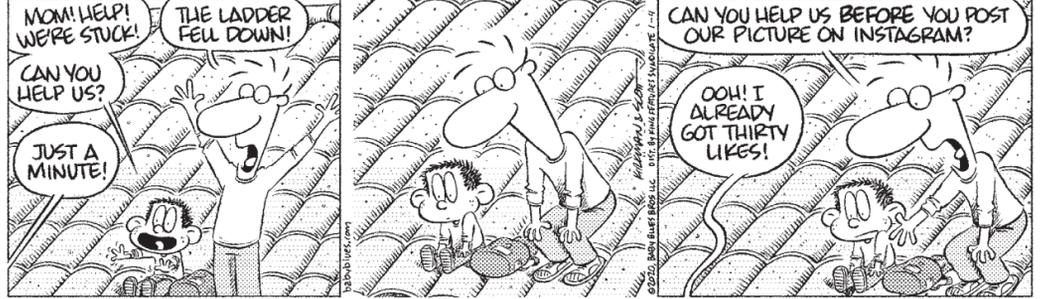
His chances were extremely thin, but he kept trying to recover. He led a low club to dummy's queen and then a diamond to his jack. Good guess! West's low heart shift went to East's queen and South's ace. Declarer's timing now was perfect. He cashed the king of clubs and the king of diamonds, followed by a diamond ruff in dummy. He discarded a heart on the ace of clubs and led a spade to his 10. He had nine tricks in the bag at this point — four spades, one heart, one diamond, and three clubs. He led his last diamond and West was not able to prevent dummy's eight of spades from taking the tenth trick for declarer. Beautifully done!

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### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



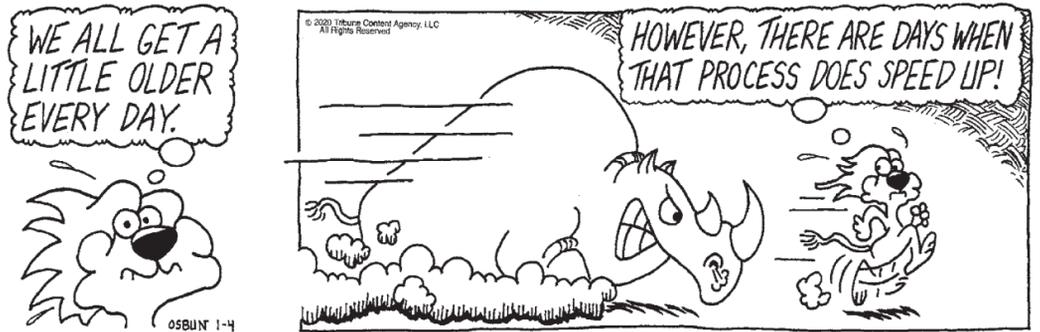
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



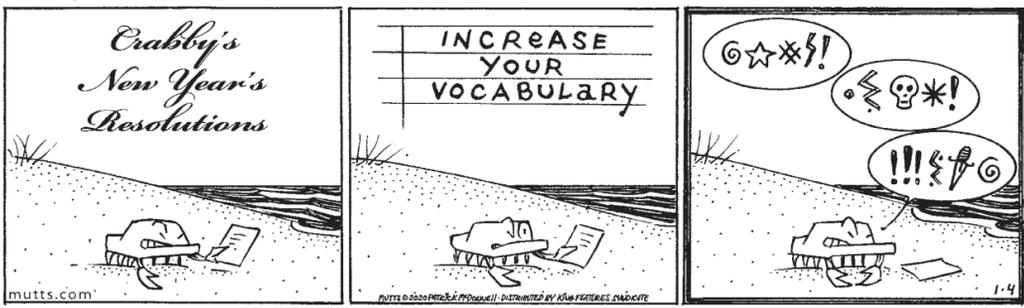
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



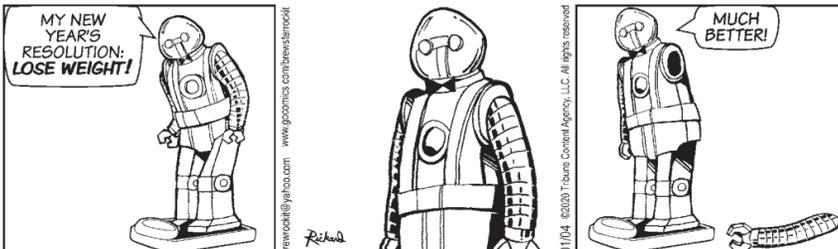
**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



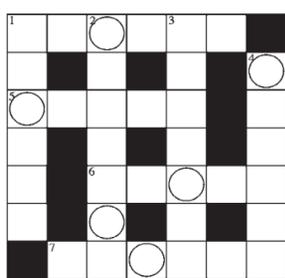
**Trivia Bits**

Who wrote the tale "Thumbelina"?

- A) Hans Christian Andersen
- B) Carlo Collodi
- C) Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
- D) Beatrix Potter

Friday's answer: Iron contributors to the red color of human blood.

**Jumble Crossword**



- CLUE ACROSS**
1. Prime
  5. Stadium
  6. Greek epic poem
  7. Passage out

- ANSWER**
- UNE BRM  
NARAE  
AILID  
ESREGS

- CLUE DOWN**
1. Almost
  2. \_\_\_ room
  3. Devious
  4. Mass

- ANSWER**
- ALYNER  
TIEMEEN  
ASVVEEJ  
XUSDEO

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.

**TRIPLE BONUS**  
The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

- CLUE:** Aviators  
**CLUE:** \_\_\_ Corps  
**CLUE:** Stay

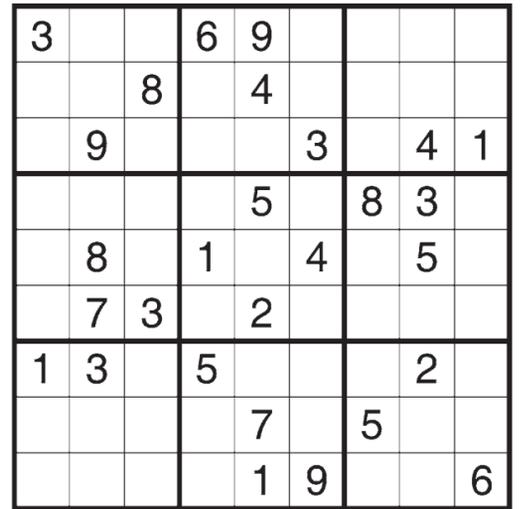
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

1/4



9	1	8	5	4	3	2	7	6
6	7	2	1	9	8	5	3	4
3	5	4	2	7	6	8	9	1
5	2	3	4	8	1	7	6	9
1	4	9	6	5	7	3	2	8
7	8	6	9	3	2	1	4	5
4	6	1	7	2	5	9	8	3
8	9	7	3	1	4	6	5	2
2	3	5	8	6	9	4	1	7

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

**Friday'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.

- OWSNO
- UVNEE
- RAYTAS
- DUROAN



Answer here



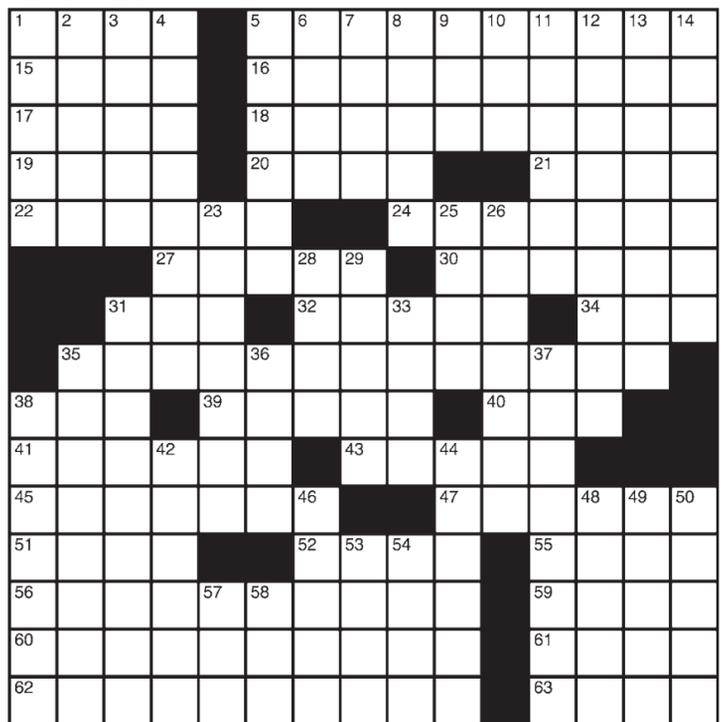
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Jumbles: WORRY HONEY PIGLET GRATIS  
Answer: The Hoover Dam hydroelectric facility, built in the '30s, has proven its — STAYING POWER

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- 1 Station lineup
  - 5 Lacks calmness, in modern slang
  - 15 Wrench or twist
  - 16 SiriusXM channel devoted to "the King"
  - 17 Feature of some cheeses
  - 18 Jigsaw-making process
  - 19 Site with many alterations
  - 20 Kelly of "Anchors Aweigh"
  - 21 Fast-food order
  - 22 Eurasian ecoregion
  - 24 Improvement plan
  - 27 Source of relief
  - 30 Take off
  - 31 Place with a bucket list?
  - 32 Steamed by
  - 34 Familia nickname
  - 35 TV program generally targeted for women

- 38 See 39-Across
- 39 With 38-Across, SLR since 1987
- 40 London's Old \_\_\_
- 41 Loosen, in a way
- 43 Portfolio item
- 45 Brings back to the team, say
- 47 Best Picture title locale the year after the West Side
- 51 Uncommitted
- 52 What a reservation can prevent
- 55 Philosopher influenced by Hegel
- 56 Yellowish-tinted spirit
- 59 Stress indicator: Abbr.
- 60 Munch, e.g.
- 61 Period in ads
- 62 Timely quality
- 63 Barely gets (by)

- 12 Like much spoken language
- 13 Chantelle offering
- 14 Access, in a way
- 23 Indy front-runner?
- 25 Semi-hard cheese
- 26 Move beyond
- 28 "Game on!"
- 29 The Apolima Strait separates its two main islands
- 31 Greet affectionately
- 33 Escape rooms
- 35 In an atom's outer shell, two electrons not bonded to another atom
- 36 Red annoyance?
- 37 Wheat germ nutrient
- 38 ABBA's genre
- 42 Evening hr.
- 44 Mythical wine lovers
- 46 Proust character married to Odette
- 48 Cloth-dyeing method
- 49 Steamed
- 50 Beetle bars
- 53 Play fare
- 54 Shakespearean warning word
- 57 Christian denom.
- 58 Slowing, in mus.

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## ATTENTION!

Bears need to find the next **Ryan Tannehill** — not the next Drew Brees — and they can learn a lot from how the Titans handled their QB transition

BY DAN WIEDERER

When the new year began, the bigwigs found themselves scratching their heads and searching for solutions. They were still processing their frustrating season, trying to figure out why the momentum of the previous year's playoff breakthrough hadn't done more to propel them upward in the NFL hierarchy.

The leaders of the organization were unsatisfied yet optimistic regarding the performance of their franchise quarterback, still publicly professing faith in the player they had drafted with the No. 2 pick a few years earlier.

Publicly, the general manager supported the quarterback by praising his work ethic and his passion for the game and emphasizing the brighter moments from his journey.

"He showed that he made some really good plays for us," the general manager said. "When he was out there, he did some things and played at a really high level and made some plays for us and was key in a lot of our wins."

Still, the organization also knew it had to start seriously brainstorming fallback plans, protecting itself in case the



quarterback struggled significantly enough to threaten the next season. Thus, despite what they were expressing in front of the cameras, the bigwigs inside team headquarters went to work mapping out their Plan B options.

Now? On Saturday, the Tennessee Titans will play an AFC wild-card-round game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass. The franchise quarterback they so badly wanted to succeed, Marcus Mariota, is now their backup.

Turn to **Tannehill, Page 4**

### NFL PLAYOFFS: WILD-CARD ROUND Saturday's games



#5 Bills at  
#4 Texans  
3:35 p.m.  
ESPN



#6 Titans at  
#3 Patriots  
7:15 p.m.  
CBS-2

Preview, predictions, complete playoff schedule, **Page 3**

### Bears' Jackson becomes NFL's highest-paid safety

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears general manager Ryan Pace wasted little time this offseason locking down a key piece of the defense's future.

The Bears and safety Eddie Jackson agreed to a four-year contract extension, his agency tweeted Friday.

SportsTrust Advisors wrote that the contract is for \$58.4 million, with \$33 million guaranteed.

Making an average of \$14.6 million, Jackson, 27, will be the highest-paid safety in the NFL.

The Bears did not immediately announce the extension.

Through three seasons with the Bears, Jackson, a 2017 fourth-round draft pick, has 184 tackles, 10 interceptions, 26 passes defended, five defensive touchdowns, four forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and two sacks.

Drafting Jackson is one of Pace's best moves during his five seasons as general manager.

Jackson broke his leg in October of his senior season at Alabama, and he slipped to No. 112 in the draft. But he seized a starting spot for the Bears by his rookie season opener.

Turn to **Jackson, Page 4**

The Titans made the switch from Marcus Mariota, top right, to Ryan Tannehill, left, midseason and it paid off with a playoff berth.  
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JONATHAN HAYWARD/AP

The Canucks' Tyler Motte fails to get a shot past Blackhawks goaltender Robin Lehner during the second period Thursday night.

### HAWKS TAKEAWAYS

## Tough ending to road swing for ailing Lehner, Blackhawks

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — No team walks away happy following a defeat, but after Thursday's frustrating 7-5 loss to the Canucks, the Blackhawks saw the bigger picture.

They took two of three on a road trip that took them to the Eastern, Mountain and Pacific time zones and if it weren't for a few bad bounces they might have made it a sweep.

"There's a lot of positives to

take," said Connor Murphy, who scored his fourth goal of the season. "Just the way guys come together and play in three different time zones and a lot of travel. Seemed to string periods together and show we can be a team to put a big winning streak together and I think we really wanted to do that tonight."

"But we know ... we have to string it together at some point and we have a good opportunity going home to do that."

Here are three takeaways from Thursday's loss.

#### 1. It may be a good time to give Corey Crawford the next start.

The ice wrapped around Robin Lehner's right knee looked worse than it was and he insisted there was nothing to worry about. But it still might be time to give him a rest Sunday when the Hawks host the Red Wings. With Corey Crawford in a slump and the Hawks desperately in need of wins, Lehner started his fourth straight game for the first time all season.

Turn to **Blackhawks, Page 6**

# TOP OF THE SECOND

## BULLS TAKEAWAYS

# Close loss a frustrating exercise

BY PHIL THOMPSON

One word came up often after the Bulls lost 102-98 to the Jazz on Thursday night: frustrating.

"The outcome of the game is frustrating and disappointing," coach Jim Boylen said. "The fact that we were down 10, we battled back and kept competing against a playoff team, a good team, I think we can build off those things."

Both teams led by as many as 11 points in a battle between defensive-minded squads, but it was the Bulls who overcame a 10-point deficit and had a chance to tie or win the game with 21 seconds left. The Bulls' hopes of pulling out a win ended when Zach LaVine's driving layup against Rudy Gobert banked off the rim.

"Those are the ones that are even more frustrating," Bulls guard Kris Dunn said of another close loss to one of the NBA's playoff contenders. "Yeah, we were upset (about Monday's loss to the Bucks) but they just handed it to us. ... But a game like this, you play so well and there's droughts throughout the game, we let things slip and they come out with the victory."

"It's definitely frustrating, but at the same time it's the NBA. A lot of games come quick. Got to get ready for Saturday" against the Celtics.

Here are two takeaways from Thursday night's game.

### 1. Despite forcing 17 turnovers, the Bulls were hurt by defensive lapses.

The Jazz like to run pick-and-roll, and the Bulls, a team that hangs its hat on defense, welcomed the challenge.

The Bulls slowed down the Jazz in the first quarter, but in the second half allowed Utah to find gaps and cutters to the basket, leading to open layups and passes to 3-pointer shooters.

Jazz center Rudy Gobert burned the Bulls on one particular fourth-quarter play when he mimicked a screening motion before quickly rolling down to the basket as both Bulls defenders closed on the ballhandler, Joe Ingles. Ingles lobbed to Gobert for a dunk and a 100-96 lead with a minute to play.

"They just kept running their stuff, honestly. Kept believing in their system," Bulls guard Kris Dunn said. "They were just waiting on us to make some mistakes, we made some and they capitalized."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Jazz's Rudy Gobert pokes the ball away from the Bulls' Wendell Carter Jr. on Thursday.

Dunn said the Bulls were late on rotations and failed to pay attention to details. "Breakdowns happen."

Bulls coach Jim Boylen said frustration on offense — the Jazz went on a 24-4 run in the third quarter — led to mental lapses on defense.

"I thought there were moments there we missed a couple of plays at the rim," Boylen said. "We hung our head a little bit and didn't run back. They're not a high transition team, so when they get transition buckets it's like found money for them. You can't give them transition buckets."

"When we're not scoring we've still got to guard and run back."

### 2. Daniel Gafford didn't want to look "weak" against Rudy Gobert.

Reserve center Daniel Gafford didn't win every battle against the Jazz's Tony Bradley and Gobert, but he held up fairly well and got a block on each player.

If Gafford or any other Bulls big didn't put up solid defense against Gobert, he knew Boylen would be "calling you 'weak.' I don't want that to happen to me."

Gafford remembered a time when Boylen did call him out.

"I like to needle guys a little bit and hopefully motivate them," Boylen said. "Daniel's a competitive person and obviously he took it to heart."

## LET'S PLAY 2



**Sunday**  
Red Wings  
6:30 p.m.  
NBCSN

**Tuesday**  
Flames  
7:30 p.m.  
NBCSCH



**Saturday**  
Celtics  
7 p.m.  
NBCSCH

**Monday**  
@Mavericks  
7:30 p.m.  
NBCSCH

## SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

**NBA**  
7 p.m. Celtics at Bulls NBCSCH  
WSCR-AM 670

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
11 a.m. Indiana at Maryland FOX-32  
11 a.m. Oklahoma St. at Texas Tech ESPN2  
11 a.m. LSU at Tennessee ESPN2  
11 a.m. Creighton at Butler FS1  
Noon Georgia at Memphis CBS-2  
1 p.m. Providence at DePaul FS1  
WSCR-AM 670  
1 p.m. Villanova at Marquette FOX-32  
1 p.m. Iowa vs. Penn State BTN  
1 p.m. Florida State at Louisville ESPN2  
1 p.m. Connecticut at S. Florida ESPN2  
1 p.m. LIU at Mount St. Mary's CBSSN  
3 p.m. Notre Dame at Syracuse ESPN2  
WMVP-AM 1000  
3 p.m. Ole Miss at Wichita State ESPN2  
3 p.m. Cincinnati at Tulane CBSSN  
5 p.m. Alabama at Florida ESPN2  
5 p.m. Iowa State at TCU ESPN2  
5 p.m. Boise State at Nevada CBSSN  
7 p.m. Duke at Miami ESPN  
7 p.m. Texas at Baylor ESPN2  
7 p.m. Bradley at Northern Iowa ESPN2  
9 p.m. Pepperdine at Gonzaga ESPN2  
9 p.m. Air Force at UNLV ESPN2  
9 p.m. San Diego St. at Utah St. CBSSN

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
3 p.m. Penn State at Wisconsin BTN  
5 p.m. Minnesota at Nebraska BTN

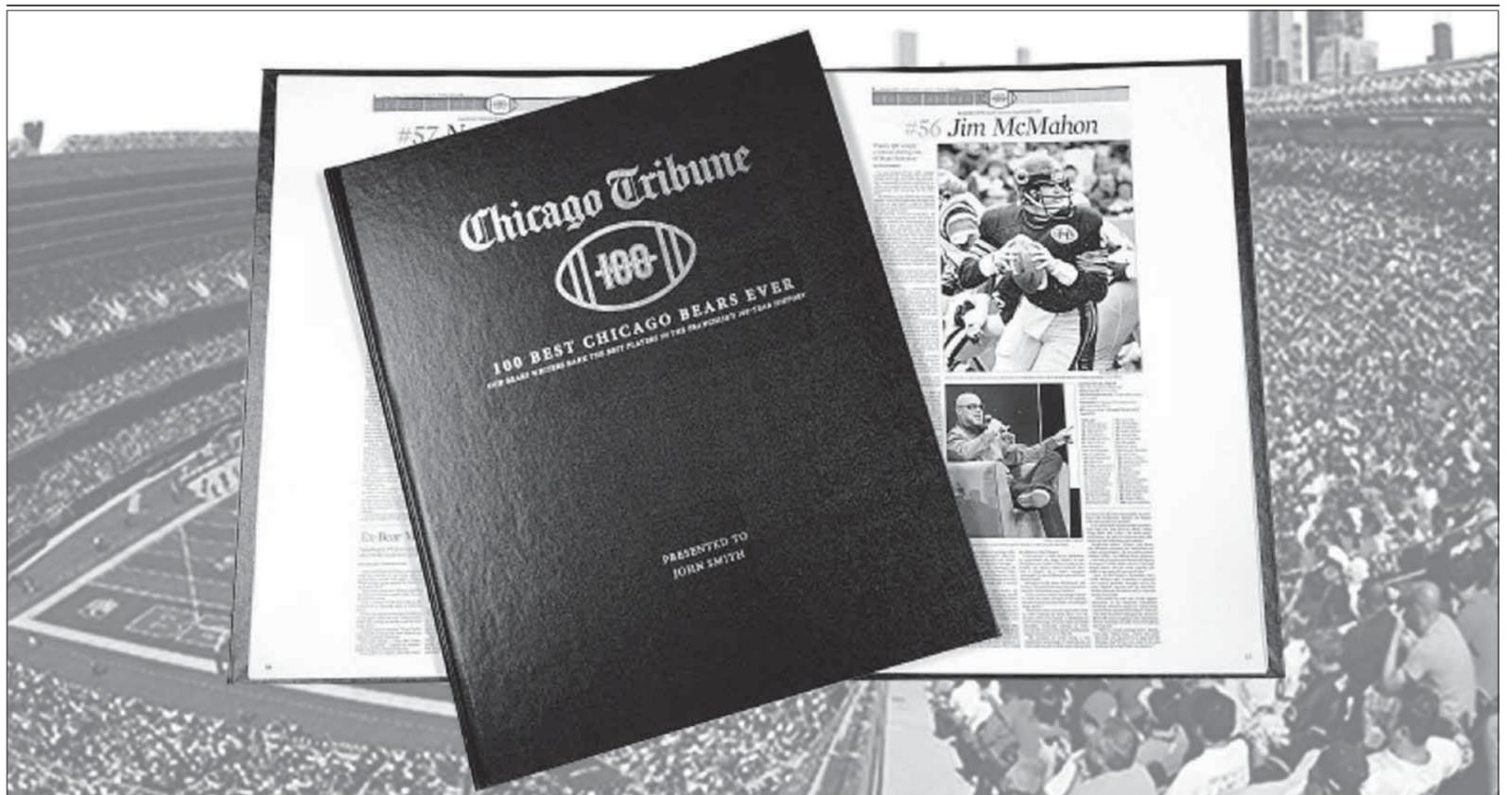
**NFL**  
3:30 p.m. Bills at Texans ESPN, ABC-7  
WBBM-AM 780  
7 p.m. Titans at Patriots CBS-2  
WBBM-AM 780

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
10:30 a.m. Southern Miss vs. Tulane ESPN

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
Noon All-American Bowl NBC-5

**GOLF**  
3 p.m. Tournament of Champions NBC-5  
5 p.m. Tournament of Champions Golf

**HOCKEY**  
3 p.m. Blues at Golden Knights NHL  
6 p.m. Penguins at Canadiens NHL  
7 p.m. AHL: Wild at Wolves WPWR-50



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## NFL



## WILD-CARD ROUND

#5 Bills at #4 Texans  
3:35 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

#6 Titans at #3 Patriots  
7:15 p.m. Saturday, CBS-2

## DIVISIONAL ROUND

#1 Ravens vs. TBD  
Jan. 11 | 7:15 p.m.

#2 Chiefs vs. TBD  
Jan. 12 | 2:05 p.m.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

AFC Jan. 19 | 2:05 p.m.  
NFC Jan. 19 | 5:40 p.m.

Super Bowl  
Feb. 2 | 5:30 p.m.

## DIVISIONAL ROUND

#1 49ers vs. TBD  
Jan. 11 | 3:35 p.m.

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Jan. 12 | 5:40 p.m.

## WILD-CARD ROUND

#6 Vikings at #3 Saints  
12:05 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

#5 Seahawks at #4 Eagles  
3:40 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Texans QB Deshaun Watson on his competitive drive: "It's definitely in my DNA to go out there and compete and try to win in everything I do."

# Watson's way is to win

In 2nd career playoff start, Texans QB aims to deliver in clutch

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Deshaun Watson doesn't remember a time when he wasn't competing.

Whether it was trying to outrun his older brother while taking out the trash as a child or running away from defenders during a game of flag football he had the same mentality.

"It's definitely in my DNA to go out there and compete and try to win in everything I do," Watson said.

Years later the Texans quarterback has maintained that same mindset, and when you ask almost anyone about him that's one of the first things they'll bring up. As the Texans prepare to host the Bills in the first round of the playoffs Saturday, coach Bill O'Brien reminisced about his early interactions with Watson and when he knew he was special.

"He's a winner, cares about winning, will do whatever it takes to win," O'Brien said. "That came across in the first two meetings, so I would say it was way before he got here."

Since then as O'Brien has gotten to know Watson better and watched him lead the Texans he's only become more impressed with him.

"He's got great poise," O'Brien said. "Anybody that's been around him for a long time, (knows) he doesn't have any fear. He has no fear and .... he has a lot of fun playing, you see the smile on his face, he loves playing football and he loves being out there with his teammates."

Watson takes great pride in being a leader and knows how he carries himself will rub off on the rest of the team and impact how others perform.

"You're the face of the franchise and everyone is looking (at) you," he said. "So regardless if you're down, if you're up, you're facing that adversity (or) you're having success too, people want to still see that fight and that will to continue to finish what you

started and try to win the game or what you're competing in. Everyone is going to follow that and everyone will see it."

Receiver DeAndre Hopkins loves that quality in Watson and thinks that's one of the reasons why he's so successful.

"Everybody in this locker room, offense and defense feeds off of his game and how he never feels like we're out of a game no matter what the score is," Hopkins said. "He's a winner. He's won his whole career and it shows every day in everything he does."

Watson has a penchant for shining in the biggest moments. He did it when he helped Gainesville high school to a state title and at Clemson when he led the Tigers to a national championship in the 2016 season. Watson has continued that success with the Texans where he's helped them to consecutive AFC South titles and had some of his biggest games when they were playing in prime time.

But in perhaps the biggest game of his NFL career, Watson came up short. Last season in his

## BILLS (10-6) AT TEXANS (10-6)

Texans by 2½ | O/U 43½

The Texans are limited on defense, but do the Bills have the offensive firepower to take advantage of that? As good as the Bills are defensively, Deshaun Watson will make some plays outside the pocket to win.

**Sam Farmer's pick:**  
Texans 24, Bills 23



playoff debut Watson threw an interception and struggled to move the offense effectively in a 21-7 loss to the Colts.

He believes the experience in that playoff game will help him Saturday.

"Just knowing that ... the game is going to go by faster, the plays, the players play a little bit faster than the regular season. Everything just speeds up," he said. "So, just being able to be prepared and see how the energy and everything changes in a playoff game, it really helps out to get that firsthand look last year. I know it didn't go our way, but we've got another opportunity this year."

# Nostalgia not part of story for Brady

Patriots QB insists focus solely on Titans rather than future

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady made one thing clear Thursday. He isn't thinking about the past or the future this week as he prepares for the 17th postseason of his 20-year NFL career.

"I'm not much for nostalgia," Brady said. "I'm just pretty focused on what I need to do. This week has felt just like every other week for the last 20 years."

Maybe. But there is a lingering possibility that when the Patriots host the Titans in Saturday's wild-card round, it could be the quarterback's final home game as a Patriot.

"I haven't thought about those things. I wouldn't be thinking about those things anyway," he said. "It's felt like a normal week for me. We know we've got a big challenge, a very tough test. Great football team coming here. It's playoff football and everyone knows what's at stake, so you certainly have to earn it to move on."

What's undeniable is that Brady has struggled at times in 2019, with a completion percentage (60.8%) that was at its lowest mark since 2013. His passer rating

## TITANS (9-7) AT PATRIOTS (12-4)

Patriots by 4½ | O/U 44½

Nothing points to the Patriots winning this ... except that these are the playoffs, and they're the Patriots. The Titans should be able to run the ball and set up the play-action, and Ryan Tannehill is having a phenomenal season.

**Sam Farmer's pick:**  
Titans 27, Patriots 20

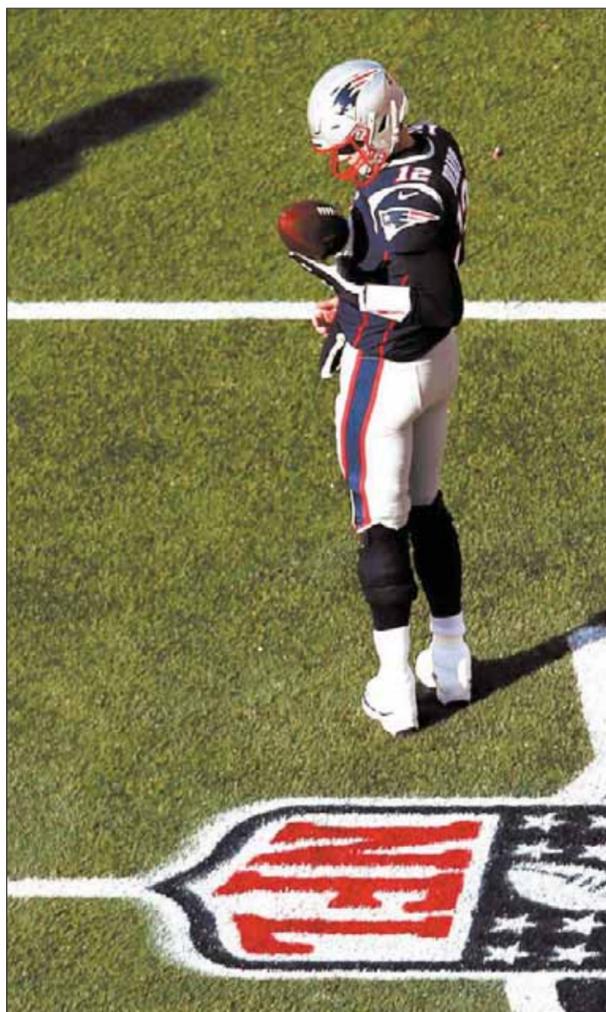


was also just 88.0 during the regular season (ranked 27th in the NFL), its lowest since he suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Patriots' 2008 opener.

More importantly, Brady has a contract that is set to expire after the season, meaning that Patriots coach Bill Belichick, who also handles team personnel decisions, will have to decide whether to stick with the 42-year-old future Hall of Famer or turn the page toward a successor. It would mean Brady could face the prospect of entering free agency for the first time in his career.

Asked Thursday if he thinks this could be the end of their time together, Belichick said his focus was only on the Titans.

"That's all I'm focused on, so we'll do everything we can to get ready to go and play the best game we can play Saturday night," he said.



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

Future Hall of Fame QB Tom Brady says he's not thinking about his future with the Patriots ahead of Saturday's game against the Titans.

## NFL NOTES

## Panthers' McCaffrey All-Pro at 2 positions

News services

Christian McCaffrey's versatility and superb statistics helped him to a rare double: The Panthers running back has made The Associated Press NFL All-Pro Team at two positions.

McCaffrey rushed for 1,387 yards and 15 touchdowns while catching a phenomenal 116 passes for 1,005 yards and four TDs. He became the third player in NFL history to finish with 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving in the same season, joining Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk and Roger Craig, who's on the senior ballot for the hall this year.

That so impressed the 50 members of a nationwide media panel who regularly cover the NFL for McCaffrey to be voted the first-team running back and the top flex player. The flex position was created in 2016 to reward players who epitomize the way offense is now played in pro football. Not one fits that description better than McCaffrey, whose terrific season came for a 5-11 team.

"It means a lot," says McCaffrey, a third-year pro. "It is a big honor and that is something that you don't work hard for it, but when it comes you are really grateful and appreciative."

McCaffrey's achievement was complemented by the unanimous selections of Saints receiver Michael Thomas and Patriots cornerback Stephon Gilmore. It's the second straight season both made the squad, Thomas doing it with an NFL-record 149 catches, Gilmore anchoring the league's top-ranked defense.

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Not surprisingly, the Ravens led the All-Pro Team with five selections, while the Saints had four.

### Seahawks getting healthy:

The Seahawks defense will get a big boost as both safety Quandre Diggs and defensive end Jadeveon Clowney will play in the opening round of the playoffs Sunday against the Eagles.

Diggs had been expected to return after missing the final two games of the regular season with a high-ankle sprain. He has been a full participant in practice this week but there was uncertainty about Clowney and his ongoing issues with a core muscle injury.

As for the Eagles, Pro Bowl tight end Zach Ertz was awaiting test results that were to determine whether he's able to play. Ertz, the team's leading receiver, suffered a broken rib and a lacerated kidney during a Week 16 win over the Cowboys and missed the regular-season finale and division-clinching win over the Giants.

Eagles rookie running back Miles Sanders, who's been dealing with a low ankle sprain, said he will play Sunday.

**Bears reward Jackson:** The Bears and two-time Pro Bowl safety Eddie Jackson agreed to a four-year contract extension worth \$58.4 million with \$33 million guaranteed.

At an average of \$14.6 million per year, the 27-year-old Jackson will be the league's highest-paid player at his position.

Jackson, a 2017 fourth-round draft pick, has 184 career tackles along with 10 interceptions, 26 passes defended, five defensive touchdowns, four forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and two sacks.

**Extra points:** The league suspended Raiders CB Nevin Lawson one game for using his helmet as a weapon in Sunday's loss to the Broncos. He was ejected before the final play of the game for taking off his helmet and swinging it. Lawson will miss the first game next season as a result of the suspension. ... NFL TV ratings rose this season by 5% compared with 2018.

**BEARS**

# Patterson earns All-Pro honors

Kick returner, special teams had strong 1st season with Bears

Chicago Tribune staff

Cordarrelle Patterson wrapped up his first season as a Bear with a pair of All-Pro honors Friday.

Patterson was named to the Associated Press All-Pro team as a kick returner. He also made the second team as a special teamer. He previously was first-team All-Pro in 2013 and 2016 and second team in 2015 and 2018.

Patterson led the NFL with 825 kick return yards and was first in the NFC and second in the NFL, averaging 29.5 yards per kick return.

Last month, Patterson was selected to the Pro Bowl nod as a special teams player

given his solid production as both a kickoff returner and in punt coverage.

He was named the NFC's special teams player of the month in November thanks in big part to his talents as a gunner.

Patterson has the second-highest kickoff return average in NFL history (29.9 yards), trailing only Bears great Gale Sayers (30.6).

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This class includes several multiple All-Pro: Rams DT Aaron Donald and Seahawks LB Bobby Wagner, each for a fifth time; Cowboys right guard Zack Martin and Ravens kicker Justin Tucker for a fourth time.

Like Patterson, Eagles center Jason Kelce and Texans receiver DeAndre Hopkins each made the first team for the third time.

Not surprisingly, the Ravens led the All-Pro team with five selections, while the Saints had four and the Steelers had three. There were 16 AFC players and 13 from the NFC.

Associated Press contributed.

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Ryan Tannehill was brought to Tennessee as a backup plan to Marcus Mariota.

## Tannehill

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And starter Ryan Tannehill is out to continue a run in which he has helped the team win seven of its last 10 games.

Privately, GM Jon Robinson and coach Mike Vrabel are exchanging fist bumps. Somewhere inside Halas Hall, the Bears should be taking notes. Their 2020 plans will require a similar approach and an exhaustive search for alternatives at quarterback.

None of this is to suggest the Titans are suddenly the model NFL franchise. They finished 9-7 and barely squeezed into the AFC playoffs with a win over the Texans in Week 17.

But just 11 weeks ago, the Titans were 2-4. The frustration was growing. Mariota's inconsistency was again becoming problematic. He was, at times, too indecisive and jittery in the pocket.

The quarterback's lack of production was pushing the Titans ever closer to the cliff, closer to a plunge into irrelevance. Yet Robinson had prepared for just that kind of emergency.

Tannehill, you see, had arrived in Nashville, Tenn., in March via a trade with the Dolphins. He wasn't just a journeyman backup tasked with being attentive in meetings and providing a strong support system for the starter. He had made 88 career starts in Miami and had enough talent and experience that the Titans believed they could win games with him if necessary.

Tannehill has rewarded that belief and has an opportunity Saturday to shoot for the biggest victory of his career.

Admittedly, this isn't a sexy example for Bears fans to gravitate toward. But in reality, it's the kind of troubleshooting approach general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy should be working toward as they privately consider the possibility that Mitch Trubisky might not have what it takes to lift the franchise to the next level.

Yes, Trubisky will be the designated starter when the Bears open organized

team activities in May. And based on Pace's emphatic statements Tuesday, Trubisky figures to hold that role into the regular season next fall.

But for how long? If his play remains erratic, if his development stalls again, if his maddening inconsistency continues, won't the Bears be forced to make a Titans-like change? And isn't it mandatory that Pace prepares for that possibility, as much as he doesn't want it to happen?

Shouldn't he already be brainstorming possibilities for free agency, the draft or even a trade?

"The quarterback room is critical," Pace acknowledged this week. "It's important for us. We're always going to try to make it better. But as far as who it is and what we're going to do, we're not there yet."

OK. Fair enough.

We all should know far more about the Bears' motives and visions by the last week of March. Once free agency heats up and Pace takes his money to the flea market and his pencil to the "QB2" line on the depth chart, the Bears will be left to explain the role and expectations for their 2020 backup. And the identity of that player almost certainly will hint at just how long a leash the team is willing to give Trubisky.

(Suggestion: Research the Titans' plan of attack.)

Immediately after trading for Tannehill, Robinson emphasized that Mariota was still the undisputed starter and that the message had been clearly conveyed to Tannehill.

"He understands that he's coming in as the backup quarterback," Robinson said.

But eventually, the Titans' confidence in their backup was strong, sincere and enough to help salvage their season.

As much as Pace continues to plead for patience — and his requests, so far, have been met with enthusiasm by his bosses — it's hard to fathom anyone at Halas Hall will have the stomach to again stay the course if the 2020 season falls short of the playoffs with quarterback problems remaining persistent.

So for now, with the Bears' 2017 search for the next Drew Brees registering as a disappointment, a 2020 search for the next Ryan Tannehill should begin.

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## Jackson

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And a year to the day after he broke his leg, he became the first player in NFL history with multiple defensive touchdowns of 75 yards or more in the same game, with a 75-yard fumble return and a 76-yard interception return against the Panthers.

In his second season in 2018, Jackson had a career-high six interceptions and three touchdowns and was named an All-Pro.

His production was down in 2019, in part because offenses tried to stay away from his play-making abilities, but he still was named to his second straight Pro Bowl. He had two interceptions — both on desperation throws at the end of games against the Lions and Vikings — five passes defended, a forced fumble, 60 tackles and five tackles for a loss.

He didn't have a touchdown for the first time in his three seasons and told the Tribune in November that it was "getting stressful" as he waited out a big-play drought.

"I feel like I'm still playing well," Jackson said then. "But I'm one of my biggest critics. Just trying to get in more positions to make plays, if that makes any sense. But it's a different system with different things (involved). So you've just got to buy in and

control what you can control. Just dominate my square and my man. Whatever I'm in, I've just got to dominate that."

He wasn't the only Bears player to see a dip in numbers this season under new defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano. The Bears went from 36 takeaways in 2018 to 19 in 2019. Even with that regression, the Bears still held opponents to 18.6 points per game and gave up just 40 passing plays of 20 or more yards, tied for third best in the NFL.

"There's gonna be years that you have seven, eight, nine (interceptions) and there's gonna be years you have zero, one or two," Pagano said when asked about Jackson's Pro Bowl nomination. "Sometimes you just don't have the same opportunities and things like that. He's a great player. He deserves to be in that deal."

With Jackson locked up with big money, the Bears need to determine who will start alongside him at the other safety spot. Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Jackson's former teammate at Alabama, played well during his one-year, prove-it contract with the Bears, but it's unclear if they will try to bring him back.

According to Spotrac, Jackson's \$14.6 million per year ranks ahead of the Titans' Kevin Byard (\$14.1 million), the Chiefs' Tyrann Mathieu (\$14 million) and the Redskins' Landon Collins (\$14 million). Collins, who is on a six-year, \$84 million contract, has \$44.5 million guaranteed.

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Toronto	23	12	.657	2½
Philadelphia	23	14	.622	3½
Brooklyn	16	17	.485	8½
New York	10	25	.286	15½

## SOUTHEAST

Miami	25	10	.714	—
Orlando	16	19	.457	9
Charlotte	14	23	.378	12
Washington	10	24	.294	14½
Atlanta	7	28	.200	18

## CENTRAL

Milwaukee	31	5	.861	—
Indiana	22	13	.629	8½
Chicago	13	22	.371	17½
Detroit	12	23	.343	18½
Cleveland	10	24	.294	20

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## SOUTHWEST

W	L	PCT	GB	
Houston	24	11	.686	—
Dallas	22	12	.647	1½
San Antonio	14	19	.424	9
Memphis	13	22	.371	11
New Orleans	11	24	.314	13

## NORTHWEST

Denver	24	10	.706	—
Utah	22	12	.647	2
Oklahoma City	19	15	.559	5
Portland	15	21	.417	10
Minnesota	13	21	.382	11

## PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	28	7	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	25	11	.694	3½
Phoenix	14	21	.400	14
Sacramento	13	22	.371	15
Golden State	9	27	.250	19½

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando 105, Miami 85  
Boston 109, Atlanta 106  
Portland 122, Washington 103  
Houston 118, Philadelphia 108  
Phoenix 120, New York 112  
L.A. Lakers 123, New Orleans 113

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.  
Utah at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Indiana at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.  
Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

New York at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.  
Portland at Miami, 5 p.m.  
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.  
Boston at Phoenix, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

## TRAIL BLAZERS 122, WIZARDS 103

**PORTLAND:** Anthony 7-9 1-2 16, Bazemore 2-7 0-2 5, Whiteside 8-14 7-8 23, Lillard 10-20 13-14 35, McCollum 10-18 2-2 24, Hoard 0-0 0-0 0, Tolliver 0-1 1-2 1, Trent Jr. 3-7 0-0 6, Hezonja 4-7 2-3 10, Little 0-1 0-0 0, Simons 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 45-88 26-33 12-20.

**WASHINGTON:** Brown Jr. 3-10 4-5 10, Williams 4-6 0-2 8, Mahinmi 1-5 1-4 3, Payton II 2-7 0-0 4, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Schofield 0-3 1-2 1, Pasencnik 2-7 0-0 4, Bonga 1-2 0-0 2, Mathews 6-9 1-1 18, McRae 12-26 7-9 35, Smith 6-14 2-16 26. Totals 38-90 16-25 103.

**Portland** 27 39 25 31 —122  
**Washington** 31 27 20 25 —103

**3-Point Goals**—Portland 6-25 (Lillard 2-6, McCollum 2-6, Bazemore 1-4, Hezonja 0-3, Trent Jr. 0-3), Washington 11-33 (Mathews 5-7, McRae 4-10, Smith 2-5, Mahinmi 0-2, Schofield 0-2, Brown Jr. 0-3, Payton II 0-3). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Portland 41 (Whiteside 21), Washington 41 (Pasencnik 9). **Assists**—Portland 16 (McCollum 6), Washington 19 (Smith 5). **Total Fouls**—Portland 21, Washington 28. A—17,945 (20,356)

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	24	7	11	59	139	107
Toronto	23	14	5	51	152	135
Tampa Bay	22	13	4	48	139	121
Florida	21	14	5	47	145	137
Buffalo	18	17	7	43	124	133
Montreal	18	17	6	42	132	133
Ottawa	16	20	5	37	114	138
Detroit	10	29	3	23	90	161

## METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	28	9	5	61	150	125
N.Y. Islanders	25	11	3	53	115	102
Pittsburgh	24	11	5	53	138	107
Carolina	24	15	2	50	139	116
Philadelphia	22	14	5	49	131	123
Columbus	19	14	8	46	107	113
N.Y. Rangers	19	17	4	42	132	136
New Jersey	15	19	6	36	104	139

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	26	10	6	58	131	114
Colorado	24	13	4	52	151	122
Dallas	24	14	4	52	115	104
Winnipeg	22	16	3	47	128	126
Minnesota	19	17	5	43	126	137
Nashville	18	15	6	42	134	131
Chicago	18	18	6	42	123	139

## PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	23	15	6	52	139	129
Arizona	23	16	4	50	122	110
Vancouver	22	15	4	48	139	124
Edmonton	21	17	5	47	127	137
Calgary	21	17	5	47	118	130
San Jose	18	21	3	39	112	141
Los Angeles	17	21	4	38	109	132
Anaheim	16	20	5	37	105	128

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

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

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

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

San Jose at Washington, 11:30 a.m.  
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 4 p.m.  
Florida at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.  
Calgary at Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

## CAPITALS 4, HURRICANES 3

**Washington** 0 2 2 —4  
**Carolina** 0 0 3 —3

**FIRST PERIOD:** None. **Penalties:** Siegenthaler, Was (Delay of Game), 7:14; Niederreiter, Car (Interference), 11:26; Washington bench, served by Vrana (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 11:26; Eller, Was (Interference), 12:16; Dowd, Was (Misconduct), 20:00.

**SECOND PERIOD:** 1, Washington, Panik 5 (Eller), 2:58. 2, Washington, Kuznetsov 16 (Carlson, Backstrom), 5:07 (pp). **Penalties:** Aho, Car (Interference), 4:17; Ovechkin, Was (Slashing), 8:12; Aho, Car (Interference), 13:43; Wilson, Was (Slashing), 16:18.

**THIRD PERIOD:** 3, Carolina, Staal 6 (Svechnikov, Pesce), 0:39. 4, Washington, Eller 9 (Ovechkin, Orlov), 2:29 (pp). 5, Washington, Vrana 16 (Kuznetsov, Oshie), 4:51. 6, Carolina, Teravainen 8 (Svechnikov, Aho), 6:35 (pp). 7, Carolina, Dzingel 8 (Necas, Gardiner), 12:35 (pp). **Penalties:** Haula, Car (Slashing), 0:53; Hagelin, Was (Hooking), 6:27; Oshie, Was (Cross Checking), 10:59; Hamilton, Car (Roughing), 17:16.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Washington 7-14-8-29. Carolina 18-8-15-41.

**POWER PLAYS:** Washington 2 of 4; Carolina 2 of 6.

**GOALIES:** Washington, Samsonov 11-2-1 (41 shots-38 saves). Carolina, Mrzsek 16-9-2 (29-25).

A: 18,680 (18,680). T: 2:36.

**Referees:** Dan O'Rourke, Justin St.Pierre. **Linesmen:** Ryan Galloway, Jonny Murray.

## NFL

## WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Buffalo (10-6) at Houston (10-6), 3:35 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)  
Tennessee (9-7) at New England (12-4), 7:15 p.m. (CBS)

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Minnesota (10-6) at New Orleans (13-3), 12:05 p.m. (FOX)  
Seattle (11-5) at Philadelphia (9-7), 3:40 p.m. (NBC)

## DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

**SATURDAY, JAN. 11**  
Philadelphia, Seattle or Minnesota at San Francisco (13-3), 3:35 p.m. (NBC)  
Houston, Buffalo or Tennessee at Baltimore (14-2), 7:15 p.m. (CBS)

**SUNDAY, JAN. 12**  
New England, Houston or Buffalo at Kansas City (12-4), 2:05 p.m. (CBS)  
New Orleans, Philadelphia or Seattle at Green Bay (13-3), 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19**  
AFC, 2:05 p.m. (CBS)  
NFC, 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

## PRO BOWL

**Sunday, Jan. 26 in Orlando, Fla.**  
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

## SUPER BOWL

**Sunday, Feb. 2 in Miami Gardens, Fla.**  
AFC vs. NFC champs, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## BOWL SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY'S RESULT**  
**Famous (Boise) Idaho Potato:**  
Ohio 30, Nevada 21

**SATURDAY**  
**Armed Forces:** Southern Miss (7-5) vs. Tulane (6-6), 10:30 a.m. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)

## MONDAY

**Lendingtree:** Miami (Ohio) (8-5) vs. La-Laf. (10-3), 6:30 p.m. (Mobile, Ala.)

## JAN. 13

**CFP Championship (New Orleans):**  
LSU (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0), 7 p.m.

## RECENT BOWLS

**JANUARY 1**  
**Citrus:** Alabama 35, Michigan 16  
**Outback:** Minnesota 31, Auburn 24  
**Rose:** Oregon 28, Wisconsin 27  
**Sugar:** Georgia 26, Baylor 14

**JANUARY 2**  
**Birmingham:** Cincinnati 38, Bos. Coll. 6  
**Gator:** Tennessee 23, Indiana 22

**FCS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Jan. 11: At Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas**  
North Dakota State (15-0) vs. James Madison (14-1), 11 a.m.

## ODDS

## NBA

at LA Clippers **SP O/U** Memphis  
at Brooklyn 1 217½ Toronto  
at Orlando off off Utah  
at Okla. City 6½ 212½ at Cleveland  
Indiana 6 221½ at Atlanta  
at Chicago off off Boston  
at Wash. off off Denver  
at Dallas 12 216 Charlotte  
at Milwaukee 11½ 228½ San Antonio  
at Golden St. off off Detroit  
at Sacra. off off New Orleans

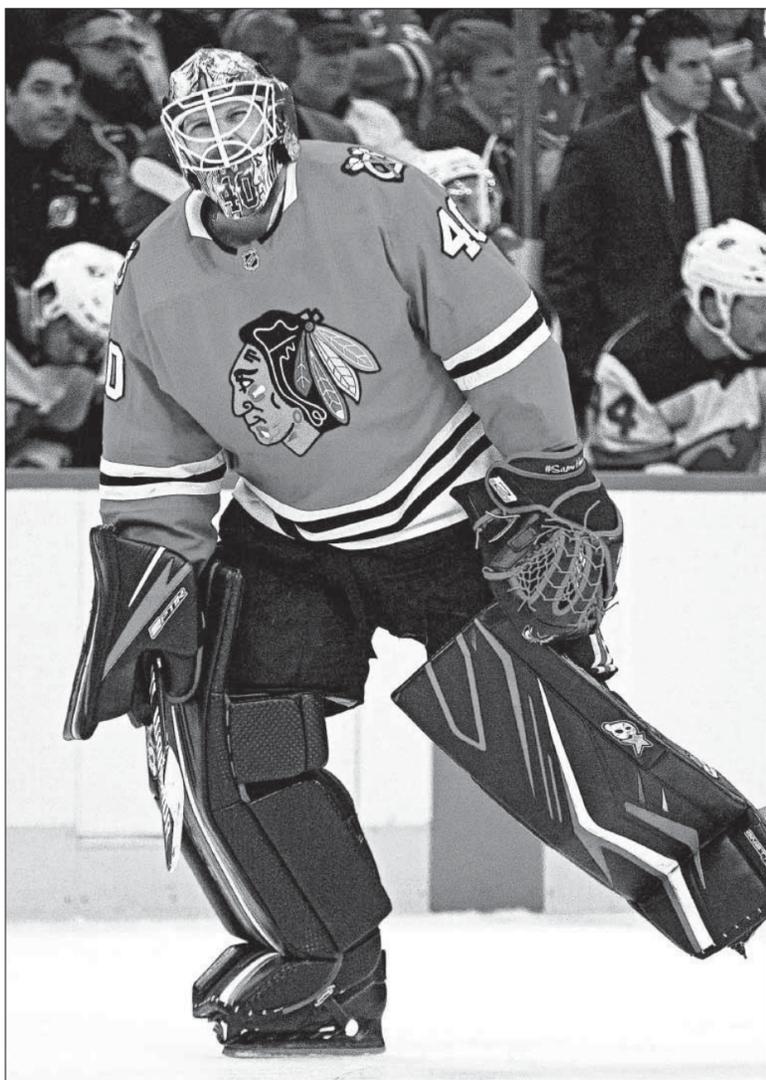
## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SP	SATURDAY
at Tennessee 1	LSU
at Texas Tech 4	Oklahoma St
at Butler 5	Creighton
at Santa Clara 0	San Diego
at Clemson off	NC State
Akron 2½	at E. Michigan
at Maryland 7½	Indiana
at Pittsburgh 7½	Wake Forest
at Oklahoma 7	Kansas St
at Memphis 8½	Georgia
W. Carolina 7	at The Citadel
Seattle U 14½	at Chicago State
at Colorado St 13½	Wyoming
at VMI 6	Samford
at DePaul 2½	Providence
at Kentucky 4	Missouri
at Cent. Mich. 4	Miami Ohio
at Louisville 6½	Florida St
at Marshall 3	North Texas
at Buffalo 6½	N. Illinois
at Harvard off	UC Irvine
UConn 2½	at South Florida
at Penn St 5	Iowa
at Coast. Carol. 1½	Georgia St
at Marquette 1	Villanova
at Virginia 7½	Virginia Tech
Duke 10½	at Miami
Texas St 2	at Arkansas St
at UALR 1	Texas-Arlington
S. Alabama 1½	at La.-Monroe
at Morehead St 7½	Tenn. Tech
Youngstown St 3½	at Cleveland St
at Kansas 10½	W. Virginia
at Northeastern 7	William & Mary
at Charlotte off	Mid. Tenn.
UTEP 2	at FAU
at W Michigan off	Ohio
at Appalach. St 3	Ga. Southern
at Furman 4	E Tennessee St
at Wichita St 7½	Mississippi
Jacksonville St 1	at E. Kentucky
Cincinnati 6	at Tulane
at Hofstra 15	Elon
at S. Illinois 2	Illinois St
at S. Utah 6½	Montana St
at Syracuse 3½	Notre Dame
at Charleston 10	James Madison
at Mercer 1	Chattanooga
Auburn 2	at Miss. St
at Tennessee St. 13	SIU-Edwardsville
Oregon 5	at Utah
at W Kentucky 11	Rice
at La. Tech 16	Southern Miss
at Belmont 12	E. Illinois
at E. Wash. 7	Portland State
at S. Dakota St, 11½	W. Illinois
at BYU 17½	Loyola Marymt
at Austin Peay 10	UT Martin
San Fran. 9½	at Portland
at Florida 8½	Alabama
at Drake 4	Indiana St
at Nevada 4½	Boise St
at N. Arizona 2	Weber State
at N. Carolina 10	Georgia Tech
at TCU 3½	Iowa St
NC Greensboro 2	at Wofford
Towson 4	at UNC-Wilm.
at Wash. St 1	UCLA
at Arkansas 13½	Texas A&M
at FIU 5½	UTSA
at Fresno St off	San Jose St
at Evansville 2½	Valparaiso
at Old Dominion 5	UAB
at Pennsylvania 8½	Princeton
at N. Iowa 7½	Bradley
at Loyola (Chi) 5½	Missouri St
at Neb.-Omaha 1	Oral Roberts
at Murray State 14	SE Missouri
at La.-Lafayette 3½	Troy
at Baylor 10½	Texas
at N. Colorado 7½	Montana
SMU 10	at Vanderbilt
at Arizona off	Arizona St
at Gonzaga 21½	Pepperdine
at UNLV 6	Air Force
at Utah St 1½	San Diego St
Saint Mary's Ca 8½	at Pacific
New Mexico St 2	at Cal. Baptist
at Bakersfield 2½	Grand Canyon
at Sacra. St 8½	Idaho State

## NHL

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
at Columbus -150	San Jose +140				
at Boston -200	Edmonton +180				
at Minnesota -140	Winnipeg +130				
at Vegas -137	St. Louis +127				
Colorado -176	at New Jersey +164				
Tampa Bay -207	at Ottawa +187				
Florida -118	at Buffalo +108				
at Toronto -163	NY Islanders +153				
at Montreal -113	Pittsburgh +103				
at Arizona -125	Philadelphia +115				
at Vancouver -165	NY Rangers +155				

**NHL**



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Robin Lehner has started the last four games in goal for the Blackhawks.

# Blackhawks

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The Hawks have two days off and Lehner said his knee is fine, so perhaps coach Jeremy Colliton will stick with him for a fifth in a row.

Lehner stopped 30 shots but allowed six goals, the most he has given up this season. The issue with his knee occurred late in the third period when Jonathan Toews gave Tanner Pearson a push from behind and the Canucks forward toppled over onto Lehner.

After the whistle, Lehner waited a few minutes before getting up but stayed in the game after getting a quick look from Hawks trainer Mike Gapski.

Lehner won his last three starts and might have taken a fourth straight if it weren't for some bad bounces. Two of the Canucks' goals deflected off their players and two went off Hawks, including the game-winner by Adam Gaudette with 4:11 left that hit the back of Dennis Gilbert's leg to make it 6-5.

"That was a really weird game," Lehner said. "I thought we deserved better. (They had) two tips, two off our own bodies. It just felt like everything they kind of threw to the net went their way. It's tough because I felt like I made a lot of really good saves. I felt good today and let in six goals so it's frustrating."

### 2. Dennis Gilbert had a rough night.

Rookie Dennis Gilbert has been giving the Blackhawks good minutes as a third-pairing defenseman but took a step backward against the Canucks.

Gilbert was on the ice for four Canucks goals and suffered the indignity of putting a goal into his own net when a rebound caromed off his skate and past Lehner to put the Canucks ahead 5-4 in the third period.

Gilbert has averaged 17 minutes, 28 seconds of ice time over his last four starts but only played 12:38 against the Canucks and only was on the ice for four shifts in the third period.

"He's a young player, it's not going to be great all the time," Colliton said.

### 3. The Blackhawks need to start taking care of business at the United Center.

Forty-two games into the season, the Blackhawks have identical 9-9-3 records at home and away from the United Center.

While that might be a nice road record, it's not a home record to be happy about.

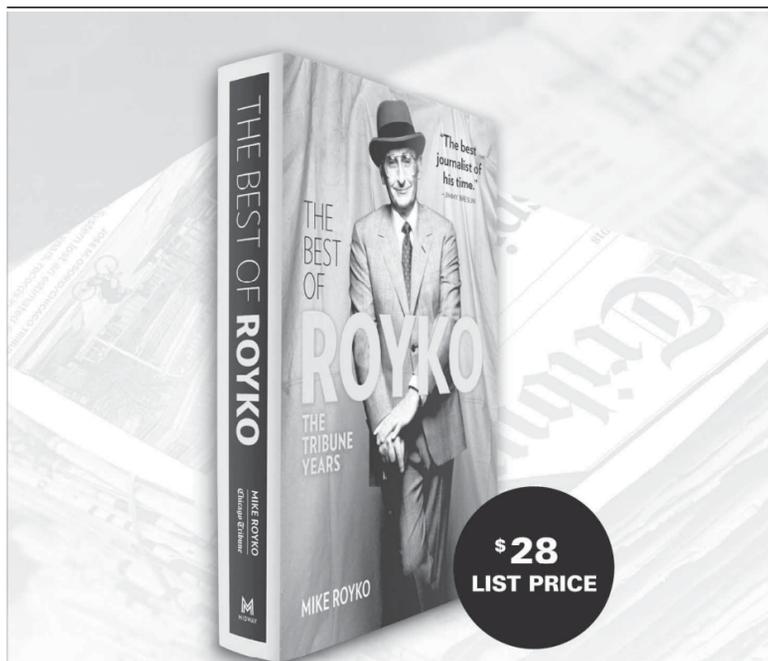
The Hawks start a four-game home-stand Sunday that includes games against the Red Wings, Flames, Predators and Ducks. The Red Wings are terrible, the Hawks just ran over the Flames in Calgary and the Predators and Ducks have been average this season.

It's a great opportunity to start cleaning up at home and get back on track after Thursday's loss. Colliton has tried to stress playing a simpler game at home, the same kind of game that helped the Hawks win four of their last five road games.

"Hopefully we see what works and what doesn't work," Colliton said. "We haven't been good, we haven't gotten the points we need. If we had a better home record, we'd be in much better shape, so just lay it out there for them. There's buy-in, I'm not concerned about that — I think they want to do it, and we will."

The trick for the Hawks, who beat the Islanders 5-2 at the United Center in their final game before the road trip, might be to pretend they never came home.

"We (need to) just keep playing the same way we do on the road," Patrick Kane said. "We come out, we're not trying to put on a show or anything, just working hard. Commitment to defense first and then create that way. I think if we do that at home, it'll be even better."



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#### Brailov, Harold

Harold Brailov, 87, beloved husband of the late Ferne nee Schlifka for 62 years; loving father of Susan (Mark) Daniels and Michael (Marianne) Brailov; cherished Grandpa of Rachel, Spencer and Aaron Brailov and Allie Daniels. Private family service. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or any breast cancer research organization of your choice. For information or to leave condolences, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).



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#### Brandson, Jeanne

Jeanne Marie Brandson nee Manade of Hoffman Estates. Funeral mass will be held at 10am Friday, January 10, 2020, at St Raymond de Peñafort Church 301 S. I-Oka Mount Prospect, IL. Visitation at 9am Friday, January 10, at St Raymond Church prior to the mass.

Born on June 9, 1924, in Baton Rouge, LA., daughter of Edward and Jean Manade nee McKenna. She passed peacefully on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at the age of 95. Worked for the U.S. Government in the aftermath of WWII, 1945-1946, stationed in Germany, Alaska, and San Francisco. Married on June 18, 1954, in Chicago, loving wife of Michael Brandson "Mile Pecenkovic" for 46 years until his death in 2001. Together with her husband she was co-owner and CFO of Branko Corporation, Bristol, WI, before retiring in 2000. She lived in Mt. Prospect, IL and was an active member of St Raymond's parish for approximately 50 years, before moving to Charter Senior Living in Hoffman Estates. Caring sister to Jeannette Lyons, and sister-in-law Pat Manade, and her late siblings Robert (Pat) Manade, Edward (Pat) Manade and Grace (Ben) Zmuda. Proud mother to Michael (Sheila) Brandson, and Karen (Frank) Colasuono. Energetic Yaya to Mila and Max Brandson, Carly, Matthew, and Caysie Colasuono. Wise and caring Aunt Jeannie to many nieces and nephews. A good friend to many, including the late Lucille Giessinger, all at St Raymond's, and her friends and caregivers from Charter Senior Living.

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#### Dombrosky, Paula J.

Paula J. Dombrosky (nee Grasha), age 72, a 30 year resident of Naperville, IL, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2020 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. She was born May 24, 1947 in Buffalo, NY. Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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#### Novak, Michele F.

Michele F. Novak, 73, passed away suddenly in Marco Island, Florida with her loving sister, Kathy, at her side. Loving sister of Kathy Novak; cherished niece of Jeanne (the late Edward) Swiatowiec; close cousin to Edward (Delores) Kowalczyk, Ray (Chris) Novak, Ken (Mary Rose) Nowak, Michael (Cindy) Swiatowiec, John (Patty) Swiatowiec, Mary Lee (Jaime) Garcia, and Beth Anne Swiatowiec; cherished cousin and friend of many. Preceded in death by her parents, the late Frank and Eleanor Novak. Michele was a Math Teacher and Principal at Alvernia High School. She also worked in the Development Department and was on the Alumni Board at St. Patrick's High School. Michele was the Coordinator of the Department of Medicine Residency Program and later Business Manager for the Department of Medicine at Stroger Hospital before retiring. Michele has lived in the Chicago area all her life, spending over 70 summers in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and nearly forty winters and holidays in Marco Island, Florida. She was a much loved and dedicated educator and friend to many. Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 6th, at 9:15am from Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646, to St. Hyacinth Basilica for a funeral mass at 10:00am. Interment Maryhill Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 5th, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Adult Down Syndrome Center, 1610 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068; to Lewis University DISCOVER Initiative, 1 University Parkway, Unit 292, Romeoville, Illinois 60446, or a charity of your choice. Michele will forever be imprinted on the lives she touched and through the memories we will always cherish. We celebrate a life lived with integrity, compassion, kindness, and courage. For more information, please call (773) 774-4100 or visit [www.malecandsonsfh.com](http://www.malecandsonsfh.com).

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#### Remish, Anita

Anita Remish (nee Sack), 93, passed away on December 17, 2019 in San Diego, Ca. Beloved wife of the late Alexander Remish for 61 years. Cherished mother of Steven (Nancy) Remish and Daniel (Barbara) Remish. Proud grandmother of Nicole, Michael, Lauren, Matthew, Madeline, Emma and Nicholas. Dear sister of the late Dr. Leonardo Sack, the late Dr. Sophia Sack, and Dr. Mary Cohen. Born in Argentina she came to Chicago and earned her master's degree in Education and worked for the Chicago Public Schools until her retirement. Funeral services were privately held. Donations can be made to your favorite charity. Graveside memorial to be held at Waldheim cemetery this spring, date TBA.



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April 2, 2020 at 8:30am  
May 14, 2020 at 8:30am  
June 11, 2020 at 8:30am  
July 9, 2020 at 8:30am, Annual Meeting  
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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SATURDAY, JAN. 4

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 17°

RECORD HIGH: 64° (1997)

RECORD LOW: -14° (1884)

## Snow showers Saturday, then windy on Sunday

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 34 | **LOW** 28

■ Possible slippery spots. Brief visibility reductions in heavier snow showers this morning. Total snow accumulations of a dusting to an inch.

■ Mostly cloudy early with scattered morning snow showers. Skies begin to clear late afternoon.

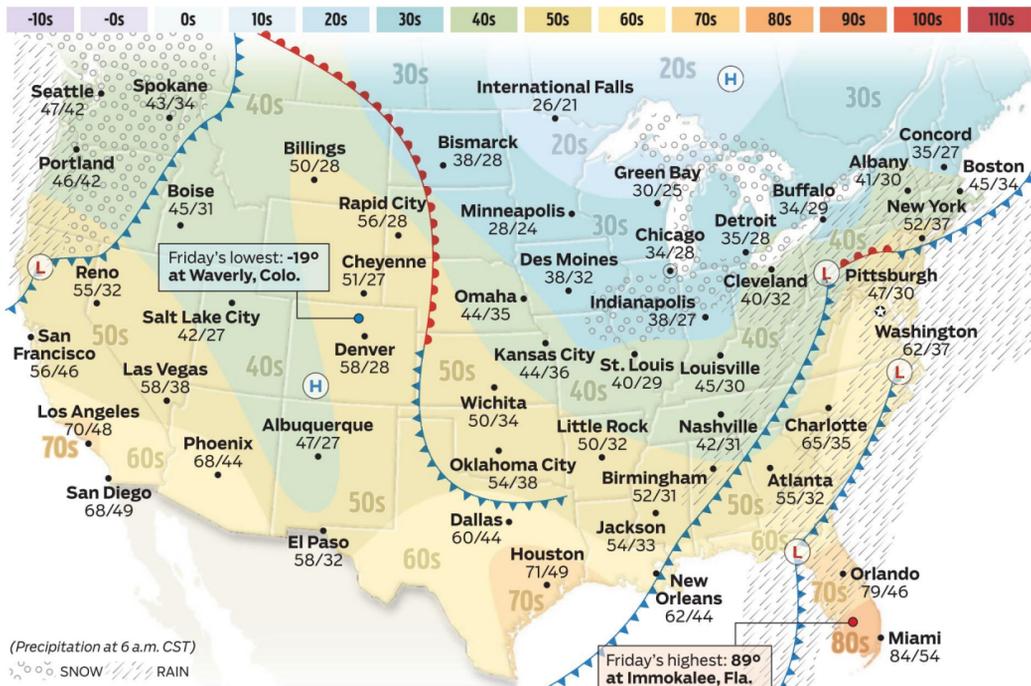
■ Seasonal afternoon temps with a high in the mid 30s.

■ NNW winds turn W 10-20 mph. Small craft advisory in effect from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

■ Partly cloudy overnight. A bit breezy with W winds turning SSW 8-18 mph.

■ Nighttime low in upper 20s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



A chance of early snow showers this morning could provide a dusting to up to an inch of snow in some locations. The snow ends early today with skies beginning to clear in the afternoon. Cooler today with a high in the mid 30s, still a few degrees above normal for early January. Seasonal snowfall is now near normal after an early start to the snow season in October and the first two weeks of November. The current forecast does not call for any significant snow this week. Higher than normal temperatures continue over the next week with a high forecast to reach the mid-40s on Thursday. The last day with a below-normal average temperature was Dec. 19. Sunday will see more sun and strong southwest winds turning west with gusts over 40 mph likely. Some locations may see gusts exceeding 50 mph.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 5

**HIGH** 43 | **LOW** 28

Partly cloudy, becoming very windy mild. West winds 20-30 mph with gusts over 40 mph possible. High in the low to mid 40s. Mostly clear overnight. Winds diminish but still breezy at 15-25 mph. Low in the upper 20s.

### MONDAY, JAN. 6

**HIGH** 40 | **LOW** 31

Partly sunny, windy and a little cooler but still nearly 10 degrees above normal. West winds 10-15 mph with gusts to 25 mph. High near 40. Clouds increase overnight. Winds diminish and turn south. Low near 30.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 7

**HIGH** 34 | **LOW** 19

Mostly cloudy with a snow shower possible. Light SW winds to NW increasing to 12-20 mph after a cold front passes. High in the mid 30s. Chance for snow showers diminishes overnight. Cold with a low in upper teens.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

**HIGH** 38 | **LOW** 26

Partly sunny. Few degrees warmer. Light west winds turn SSE and strengthen. High in upper 30s. Clouds increase overnight. Warmer nighttime temps in mid 20s. S winds 6-12 mph gusting to 20 mph overnight.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 9

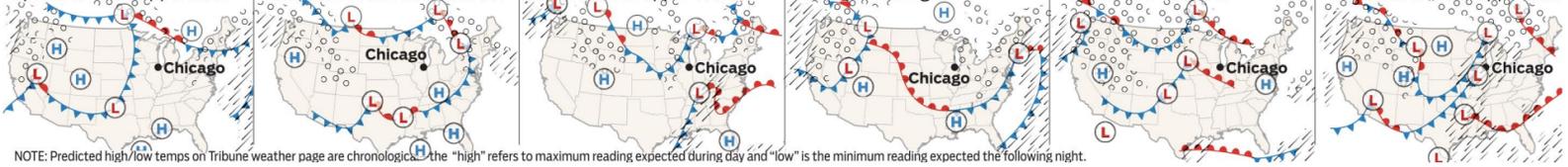
**HIGH** 45 | **LOW** 29

Clouds increase. Windy and warmer. High in mid 40s, nearly 15 above normal. Rain showers possible in afternoon. SSW winds 15-20 mph to 30 mph. Showers overnight with breezy NW winds. Low near 30.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 10

**HIGH** 39 | **LOW** 28

Cloudy start to day with few lingering morning rain or snow showers. Becoming partly sunny and cooler with a high near 40. Chance for some light overnight snow showers with breezy NW winds. Low in the upper 20s.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
Looking at my new weather calendar for 2020, I notice the lowest temperature ever recorded in the Lower 48 is at Rogers Pass, Montana. Do you have any additional information?  
Ron Mitchler, Evanston

Dear Ron,  
You are correct that the lowest temperature ever recorded in the "Lower 48" is at Rogers Pass, Montana: -70 degrees on Jan. 20, 1954. It is a cooperative ranger station at an elevation of 5,470 feet. After that reading was reported, the alcohol-filled thermometer was checked for accuracy by National Weather Service technicians and found to be satisfactory. With the granting of statehood to Alaska in 1959, it was inevitable that that record would fall. On Jan. 23, 1971, the thermometer plunged to -80 degrees at Prospect Creek, Alaska (elevation 1,100 feet), the current record lowest in the U.S.

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## Friday snow in the Plains—high winds here Sunday

#### SNOWFALLS FRIDAY

Belmont, Iowa	8.0"
St. Ansgar, Iowa	6.0"
Kanawha, Iowa	5.5"
Algona, Iowa	5.0"
Bruce, S.D.	4.0"
Garvin, Minn.	4.0"
Clarian, Iowa	3.8"
Currie, Minn.	3.5"
Watertown, S.D.	3.5"
Huron, S.D.	3.0"

#### HIGH LAKE LEVELS CONTINUE—JAN. 3, 2020 REPORT

CHICAGO SHORELINE WATER TEMP	CURRENT	A YEAR AGO
	36°	36°

Only one third last year  
GREAT LAKES ICE COVERAGE: 1.9%

- Last year: 3.9%
- Two years ago: 19.7%

#### COLD AIR'S ON THE MOVE THE SECOND HALF OF THE MONTH

Temperature departures from normal

#### ESTIMATED PEAK SUNDAY WIND GUSTS

Chicago	47mph	Wausau, Wisc.	52mph
Milwaukee	50mph	Green Bay, Wisc.	52mph
Des Moines, Iowa	40mph	Dubuque, Iowa	49mph
Twin Cities, Minn.	47mph	Traverse City, Mich.	41mph
Grand Rapids, Mich.	47mph	Peoria, Ill.	37mph

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives  
TOM SKILLING, BILL SNYDER, MARK CARROLL, BRENT BROCK AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	37	33	Midway	42	36
Gary	42	34	O'Hare	41	34
Kankakee	39	34	Romeoville	39	34
Lakefront	44	34	Valparaiso	42	37
Lansing	38	32	Waukegan	39	33

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Fri. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.06"
January to date	0.00"	0.19"
Year to date	0.00"	0.19"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Fri. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	10.3"	8.0"
Normal to date	10.6"	11.2"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	NW 15-20 kts.	SW 25-35 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet	3-5 feet
Fri. shore/crib water temps	38°/34°	

#### U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 3	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	31.4%	40.4%
Average snow depth	3.0"	2.9"

#### TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	11 days	9 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

#### CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Friday's reading: Good  
Saturday's forecast: Good  
Critical pollutant: Particulates

#### SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:18 a.m.	4:32 p.m.
Moon	12:32 p.m.	12:56 a.m.

#### SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:13 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
Venus	9:23 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Mars	4:04 a.m.	1:38 p.m.
Jupiter	6:55 a.m.	4:01 p.m.
Saturn	7:50 a.m.	5:10 p.m.

#### BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:30 p.m.	17.5° SW
Mars	5:45 a.m.	15° SE
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



A women's soccer league in Sudan is a flashpoint for the nation grapples with change after decades of authoritarian rule that espoused a strict interpretation of Islamic Shariah law.

## FIELD OF CONTENTION

Amid political shift, women's soccer league in Sudan challenges beliefs

BY MARIAM FAM  
Associated Press

OMDURMAN, Sudan — All her life, Elham Balatone wanted to play soccer — like her brothers, like the boys on her street. But in the Sudan where she grew up, women could be flogged for wearing pants, let alone soccer shorts. She heard all the reasons why she had to give up her dream. It's a Muslim country; the uniform is inappropriate; the sport was meant for men.

She played anyway, wearing pants or putting on leggings underneath shorts.

"There's nothing in this world that I love more than soccer. Please let me play," she says she told her family. For years, she and other women played largely in the shadows, sometimes on dirt pitches they cleaned themselves, often bouncing from one spot to another.

The women finally took center stage when the world watched them play at a Khartoum stadium as the youth and sports minister and others celebrated Sudan's new, officially recognized women's soccer league. Balatone even had her family's blessings.

But it's more than just a game. The women's league became a field of contention as Sudan grapples with the transition from three decades of authoritarian rule that espoused a strict interpretation of Islamic Shariah law and, activists say, disenfranchised women in particular.

Transitional authorities have taken some steps to roll back the legacy of ousted President Omar al-Bashir. In November, they overturned a notorious "public order" law that the prime minister said had been used as a "tool of exploitation, humiliation," resulting in "atrocities" against women and youth. Rights defenders call it a step in the right direction, but say the fight is far from over.

Some ultraconservatives, however, have been pushing back. Preacher AbdulHay Yousif and others have painted soccer as part of a battle for Sudan's identity.

"What religion, what Shariah, what manhood would allow a Muslim woman to appear before men ... with her arms, legs and some of her thighs exposed and then run before them," Yousif told worshippers in October, shortly after the league, made up of 20 teams, started.

"By God, these people have not come ... for economic development or social prosperity or scientific elevation. They have come to destroy religion and morals."

He also denounced the youth and sports minister, a woman, saying she "doesn't believe in what we believe in" and is a follower of "an apostate" — comments that sparked a legal battle between him and the minister.



Players from Sudanese side al-Sumood welcome a teammate as they sit on the bench during a match with the al-Difaa team in December in Omdurman. Players in the league have said there's no conflict between their faith and the sport they love.

A pro-Shariah group that backs Yousif urged preachers "to use their pulpits to make the truth victorious and to defend the constants of Shariah ... and expose the government's secularization plots."

Critics argue some conservatives are using an old playbook in Sudan: weaponizing stringent religious views to target political opponents, control women and thwart change.

"Clearly this is part of an effort by Yousif to undermine the new government by stimulating a 'moral panic' regarding the subversion of gender roles. Partly it's about his religious views, but it is predominantly a patriarchal form of gender politics," said Willow Berridge, a lecturer in history at Newcastle University who has written about Sudanese Islamists.

Yousif and his supporters "tend to occupy the most uncompromising end of the religious spectrum in Sudan."

The preacher's diatribe has had little direct impact on the league. But Taghreed Awoda, an administrator with one of the teams, al-Difaa, and a feminist, said the showdown was part of a larger fight for change.

"To have a women's soccer league play in Sudan, this dismantles many of the main pillars underpinning the last regime," she said.

Under al-Bashir, laws like those restricting attire were inconsistently applied and disproportionately targeted the poor and less educated, as well as anti-regime activists, Awoda said. Women players were generally left alone if they kept a low profile, although one group was once briefly arrested, she said.

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—Taghreed Awoda, administrator for al-Difaa, a team in the league

Preparations for the league began more than a year ago in line with the objectives of the international soccer federation FIFA, said Mervat Hussein, head of the women's soccer committee at the Sudan Football Association. The efforts accelerated after al-Bashir's removal, she said. FIFA, which sets criteria for developing women's soccer, says member associations have objectives to meet to obtain funding.

Women were at the forefront of the protests that eventually pushed the military to overthrow al-Bashir in April.

Hala Al Karib, regional director of the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa, said this should have translated into more rights, but many laws discriminating against women remain in place even after the public order law was reversed.

She said some hardline Islamists are fighting for their interests after losing clout in al-Bashir's fall, arguing their rhetoric finds little resonance. Women's issues usually "get turned into bargaining chips" and risk being sacrificed to appease hardline groups, she said.

In the midst of all the wrangling is the story of women who say they just want to play soccer.

"These are people who have struggled, toiled and have pressed ahead in the face of so many attempts to destroy their talents,"

said Amany Anas, a player for al-Tahadi team. "Now the moment has come when they can show people that women could play just like men."

**Al-Difaa player Fatima Gadal** said in the past players sometimes used their own money to buy balls and gear. At times, she skipped buying food to afford bus fare to go play. "We were very much so on the margins."

Some things are still austere. After a recent game in Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city, the al-Difaa team squeezed into a minibus with cracked windows, rusty interiors and not enough seats. The engine soon quit and team members pushed the bus, cheering when the engine restarted.

The players hope official recognition will now result in more opportunities. Some families asked to enroll their daughters after they saw the league, said Anas.

At the Omdurman game, the players picked up fans — men and women.

One spectator, Akram Abdel-Aziz, said he didn't expect to see women play soccer in Sudan.

"It's a lovely thing that I hope will continue. I love the courage of the women on the field," he said. "I pray and I am a believer ... and I can see that women are covered up and dressed modestly."

On the field, most players wear leggings under their shorts, but otherwise are in regular soccer kit, and many don't cover their hair.

Some are not convinced. After praying at the mosque where Yousif preaches, a woman who gave her name only as Balqis said she wouldn't allow her daughters to follow in the players' footsteps, stressing the need for modest attire.

"We're Muslim people and we love our Islam and how religious we are," she said. Women sports were fine in closed areas, she said.

The players say there's no conflict between their faith and their sport.

Gadal said she once heard men at the stadium saying women playing the game was "haram," or religiously forbidden, and the players belonged at home. She ignored them.

"I fast, I pray and I perform my Islamic duties. I see no problem," she said, pointing out that numerous Muslim countries field women's soccer teams.

Balatone, who was raised in a conservative household that is "religious but not extremist," said she once explained to her brother why she was so determined to play.

She had already given up a lot. She had three passions: singing, soccer and English. She couldn't afford college, she dropped singing because she was told it's haram.

"When it came to soccer, I said 'Excuse me, I cannot let soccer go,'" she said. "We live and breathe soccer."

Associated Press writer Samy Magdy in Cairo contributed.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# KEEPING THE FAITH



Greg Ward Jr. had the game-winning TD catch for the Eagles in their 37-27 victory over the Redskins on Dec. 15.

MATT ROURKE/AP

Greg Ward Jr. refused to give up his NFL dreams. Now he may have found a home in Philly.

BY MIKE SIELSKI  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

After every phone call that brought more bad news, through three years of learning that their youngest son had been cut or waived or released once again, Greg Ward Sr. and his wife, Mary, always called on a core practice of their Christian faith to sustain them, and him.

For 21 years, Greg Sr. has ministered and preached to the small congregation of Porters Chapel Church of God in Christ in Tyler, Texas. He has been the church's pastor for six years, and as part of their lives as Pentecostals, he and Mary fast two or three times a week for 15 hours at a stretch. From midnight to 3 p.m., they deny themselves food and water, "stripping your spirit and weakening your flesh," he said, "so you can have a closer relationship with God."

And whenever Greg Jr. told them that the Eagles still didn't think that he was a bona fide NFL receiver, the couple would offer their fast as a sacrifice on their son's behalf. Maybe then a door would open for him. Maybe then his dream wouldn't die.

"He's not the type of person who will open up and say what's on his mind," Mary said by phone recently from the Wards' home in Tyler. "He'll just hold it in. I'd ask him, 'You all right? You all right?' And he'd just say, 'Yes, ma'am.' He never complained or anything, but I know it was hurting him, because it was hurting us."

"But we told him, 'When God opens a door for you, can't no man close it. If you keep your mind on God, He'll keep you in perfect peace. You have to have a strong mind and will, and I've noticed this about my son: He has a strong mind and a strong will, and when he sets his mind to something, he's not going to give up until he accomplishes what he's after.'"

It's too early to tell whether the last six weeks qualify as an accomplishment for Ward or just the beginning, at age 24, of a longer career. Either way, of course, the Eagles will take it, and so will he. His 28 receptions over those six games, his game-winning touchdown catch against the Redskins on Dec. 15, his sharp route-running and soft hands as a slot receiver: Ward has been more than reliable during the Eagles' late-season push into the playoffs, into Sunday's wild-card game against the Seahawks.



NIKKI BOERTMAN/AP 2016

Listed at 5-foot-11 and 185 pounds, Greg Ward Jr. passed for more than 8,700 yards with 52 touchdowns between 2013 and 2016 at the University of Houston.

He has been indispensable, and for him and his family, his emergence as one of Carson Wentz's favorite targets and as the Eagles' primary punt returner isn't a surprise. It's a reaffirmation of Ward's refusal to believe that a 5-foot-10 undrafted free agent who played quarterback at the University of Houston couldn't make it in the NFL.

"If that was my mindset, I would have quit a long time ago," Ward said. "But I can't quit. I wasn't raised like that. My parents didn't instill that in me. My brothers didn't allow it. No matter what was going on, no matter what the situation is, you never quit."

Yes, those two older brothers, Reggie and Anthony Nelson, would text Ward every time Doug Pederson or Howie Roseman or another Eagles official told him that the team didn't have room for him on its 53-man roster. Yes, they'd offer the same encouraging words over and over: You've been through this. You're built for this. We're praying for you. Keep your faith. Yes, they would keep angry over what they saw as the injustice and unfairness of it all. Wasn't Greg improving? Hadn't his stint with the San Antonio Commanders of the Alliance of American Football shown the Eagles that he could play wide receiver and

return punts at football's highest level?

"To me," Anthony said, "it was like a slap in the face when they didn't put him on the 53. It was really hard for me to understand. The first two years, I watched his game, and I would see he wasn't ready yet. He needed more work on his routes. And I kept watching him, and I was like, 'I don't understand this year.'"

**Football came so easily** to the kid, after all. It always had. That's why Reggie, who's eight years older than Ward, and Anthony, who is five years older, never hesitated to include him in the neighborhood games they'd played as boys. The family's rancher-style home in Tyler overlooked a grassy lot bracketed by two ribbons of concrete. The ribbons were the sidelines. Getting tackled out of bounds meant an added measure of punishment: gashed knees, bruised shoulders, palm heels and elbows scraped to sharkskin. Reggie, Anthony, and their friends started letting Greg play when he was just 6. "That's where he got his toughness," Reggie said.

Before he became a standout basketball player at Tyler Junior College, where one of his teammates and friends was a fellow

named Jimmy Butler, Reggie often played quarterback during those pickup football games. One day, the group chose up sides, and he picked Greg, giving him some simple instructions: Go deep, and just stand there. No one's going to cover you. No one did, and 14-year-old Reggie chucked the ball 30 yards to his wide-open 6-year-old brother. "He caught it," Reggie said. "No chest, nothing. Just pure hands. Pure hands, man. Ever since, I was like, 'Yeah, man, he's going to be special.'"

When Ward was in middle school, Anthony was a sophomore running back/quarterback at Tyler Lee High School, and the front-yard workouts between them that had once been fun became too one-sided. Their disparity in size and speed was too great. Greg just couldn't stop Anthony from plowing him over, not until Reggie took Greg behind the house and showed him proper tackling technique. Such are the benefits of big brothers.

"He cut me and flipped me over," Anthony said. "If he played safety, he could have went to any school he wanted."

But what he wanted was to play quarterback.

"In Pop Warner, he'd be the only little kid who could throw 30, 40 yards," Anthony said. "They tried

to go get a quarterback and have him throw it to Greg, because Greg was such an athlete. That didn't work out, so they had to move him back to quarterback and start letting him bootleg and hit his little friends when they were open."

Soon, Greg and Anthony were practicing drop-backs and scramble drills together, watching videos of DeSean Jackson, Reggie Bush, and Steve Slayton to incorporate the moves of those shifty, explosive runners into Greg's repertoire. Ward threw for nearly 7,800 yards at John Tyler High School, but because he was just 165 pounds, Houston recruited him as a wide receiver.

No matter. Over his four years there, he took over as the Cougars' starting quarterback, rushing for 1,114 yards as a junior and throwing for 3,557 as a senior, but also catching 25 passes and returning 11 punts. His ability to play multiple positions gave him options in the NFL, options that the Eagles eventually recognized, even if he and his brothers struggled to make their son an example of perseverance, of never giving up in the pursuit of something as small as your personal goals or as great as God's grace.

"I still think he can play quarterback," Greg Sr. said.

Such is the faith of a loving father. A dozen people filled the Wards' house for that Redskins game, when Greg Jr. hauled in that feathery 4-yard pass from Wentz with 26 seconds left in regulation. "We were all rejoicing," Mary said. The next night, while leading a Bible study class, Greg Sr. cited his son as an example of perseverance, of never giving up in the pursuit of something as small as your personal goals or as great as God's grace.

Two weeks later, after six catches in the victory over the Giants that won the Eagles the NFC East, Greg Jr. picked up some of his clothes that were scattered across the MetLife Stadium locker room floor, tossed them into his duffel bag, and said he had no idea that his mother and father had fasted for him and his dream, no idea at all.

"We always call each other, and they pray for me all the time," he said. "But I didn't know they'd fast. That's absolutely amazing. To have parents like that. I don't know. That means so much to me."

Just then, he was ready to leave, to board the team bus back to Philadelphia. On the other side of the room was an open door, and Greg Ward went through it.

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# Motor City – capital of autos' future?

The Motor City's historic strength in manufacturing is enabling it to become the center for the future of the automotive industry.

Just a few years ago, conventional thinking assumed Silicon Valley's tech heavyweights held the upper hand in producing the next generation of vehicles. That was before the extensive problems experienced by electric-vehicle start-up Tesla Inc. in building EVs at its California plant, among other challenges to the tech-will-prevail thesis.

"There was this thinking that Silicon Valley was going to crush Detroit, that they knew how to do it better," said Michelle Krebs, an analyst with Cox Automotive. "Well, reality has set in" that Detroit knows is how to make cars. "Yes, they can be autonomous, they can be EVs. But ... you still have to know how to build a car."

Detroit does. And recent investments by all three Detroit automakers as well as a Silicon Valley self-driving company are helping the city build on its legacy of manufacturing know-how to stake the claim as the nation's center for self-driving and electric vehicles.

Ford Motor Co. is investing \$740 million to renovate a historic site in Corktown and develop future technologies there. General Motor Co. plans to spend \$3 billion at its Detroit-Hamtramck plant to build electric trucks and potentially other models. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV earmarked \$2.5 billion to retool two plants in Detroit to build next-generation Jeep SUVs and, eventually, electric vehicles. And Waymo LLC, the self-driving unit of Google parent Alphabet Inc. is investing \$14 million to outfit vehicles with its autonomous technology at a former American Axle & Manufacturing plant in the city.

More than a century ago, Detroit's identity as the Motor City was born. From the Ford Model T to the Dodge Viper and Chevrolet Impala, a procession of vehicles have been built inside the city limits. Fast-forward to 2019 and the production hasn't stopped, but what's being built is changing.

"It's almost like we are a Silicon Valley again, because if you look back over a century...we were a hub for natural resources, innovation and people — and we are seeing that again," said Glenn Stevens, executive director of MICHauto and the Detroit Regional Chamber's vice president of automotive and mobility initiatives.

The city's reinvention as a hub of innovation is visible in Corktown, where Dearborn-based Ford is building a campus that will be an electric and autonomous technology center for the automaker and its partners. The technology will take shape at Michigan Central Depot, a towering symbol of Detroit's decline as it sat vacant for 30 years. Ford plans to reinvigorate it to house 2,500 employees and create space for partners to have another 2,500 employees to develop and test new mobility technologies. The station's transformation, which will include retail and hospitality businesses, will be complete by the end of 2022.

"Ford believes in the city of Detroit and its peoples' future as a global hub for modern mobility," Ford's Corktown spokeswoman Christina Twelftree said. "Michigan is the automotive R&D capital of the world and Detroit is uniquely positioned to leapfrog other



Self-driving Ford Fusion Hybrids being tested with partner Argo AI are a common sight in the Motor City. (Todd McInturf/Detroit News)

urban cores to explore the role transportation can play in revitalizing cities."

Already there's a staff of 250 Ford Autonomous Vehicle LLC employees working in the neighborhood. A fleet of self-driving Ford Fusion Hybrids being tested with partner Argo AI is a common sight in the Motor City.

The global automotive industry has multiple cities wanting to stake the claim that they are the center for future automotive technologies. Because Detroit is "working from a position of history and a position of strength with regards to the ecosystem, it's a great place for the center to develop," Stevens said.

"We are very quickly becoming not only an

automotive center, but an absolute global leader for the development of this next-generation mobility technology."

GM's Detroit-Hamtramck plant is yet another example of the city capitalizing on what it knows how to do best: build vehicles.

The automaker decided in November 2018 that Detroit-Hamtramck wouldn't get another product after it stopped production of the Chevrolet Impala and Cadillac CT6. But in its new labor contract with the United Auto Workers, GM pledged to invest \$3 billion in the plant to build electric trucks and vans. That commitment will come with 2,225 new jobs.

Details of what the vehicles will be and when production would start have not been released. Production of the Impala and CT6 have been extended to the end of February, beyond the previous January production end date, because of the six-week UAW national strike against GM.

"We think this is a good investment. It positions us well to lead in battery-electric trucks as well as internal combustion trucks," GM CEO Mary Barra said on the company's third-quarter earnings call.

The decision to make the Detroit-Hamtramck plant the center of electric vehicles makes sense logistically, given the proximity to GM's Warren Tech Center and suppliers. The Detroit-Hamtramck workforce has built an electric vehicle before, the discontinued Chevrolet Volt hybrid.

Fiat Chrysler decided its best bet for the future was to invest in Detroit. The automaker is transforming its Mack Avenue plant to build a yet-unnamed three-row, full-size Jeep SUV and next-generation Grand Cherokee. The plant will first build vehicles with traditional internal combustion engines; eventually it will build electrified versions of the models.

The transformation is expected to take 16 months, with production expected to begin at the end of 2020. The company expects to add 3,850 new jobs at the Mack plant. Fiat Chrysler's Jefferson North plant will also be retooled to build the internal combustion and electrified next-generation Jeep Grand Cherokee along with the Dodge Durango. The plant will get an additional 1,100 jobs.

"Building a new assembly site in Detroit was an obvious choice for us for a number of reasons," said Mark Stewart, chief operating officer for Fiat Chrysler North America. "First, we've been building cars on Jefferson Avenue for more than 100 years. Second, we're repurposing a facility that has been idle since 2012. And it's in close proximity to Jefferson North, which gives us maximum flexibility. Finally, but most importantly, Detroit is our home."

California-based Edmunds analyst Jessica Caldwell said it's logical for Detroit to see these investments because of the existing infrastructure, workforce and having the Detroit Three headquartered here.

"The thoughts around Detroit have changed," she said. "We saw it once as a downtrodden place that once was the center for innovation ... it has swung back. Going to Detroit is much different than it was 10 years ago. It looks like a different place."

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- 9 Use a sieve
- 13 Rich soil
- 15 \_\_\_ for; desire strongly
- 16 Qualified
- 17 Actress Turner
- 18 Wild Australian dog
- 19 Chicken \_\_\_; paltry amount of money
- 20 Precursor
- 22 Bladed tools
- 23 \_\_\_ down; reclines
- 24 Deface
- 26 Destructive insects
- 29 Most highly seasoned
- 34 Seawater
- 35 Texas or Idaho
- 36 Compete
- 37 Pitcher's goals
- 38 Nuts
- 39 \_\_\_ processor; computer job
- 40 Family card game
- 41 \_\_\_ out; escapes in a parachute
- 42 Furniture wood
- 43 Awful
- 45 NASCAR drivers
- 46 Actor Robinson's initials
- 47 Corridor

### DOWN

- 48 Part of the alphabet
- 51 Attacker
- 56 Steel's main component
- 57 Barbies & Cabbage Patch Kids
- 58 "\_\_\_ Window"; James Stewart thriller
- 60 Ready to be picked
- 61 Martini garnish
- 62 Apiece
- 63 Ran fast
- 64 On the \_\_\_; in a helpless position
- 65 Fight result, for short

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- 29 Swiped
- 30 Cookware items
- 31 Escape detection by
- 32 Stringed instrument
- 33 In \_\_\_; weeping
- 35 Dirt
- 38 \_\_\_ retriever; friendly dog
- 39 Announce; make known
- 41 "\_\_\_ Sky Country"; nickname for Montana
- 42 \_\_\_ off; cancel
- 44 \_\_\_ in; brought under control
- 45 Elevates
- 47 Bisect
- 48 Evergreens
- 49 Tight hold
- 50 Remain optimistic
- 52 Fly alone
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- 59 Sorority letter

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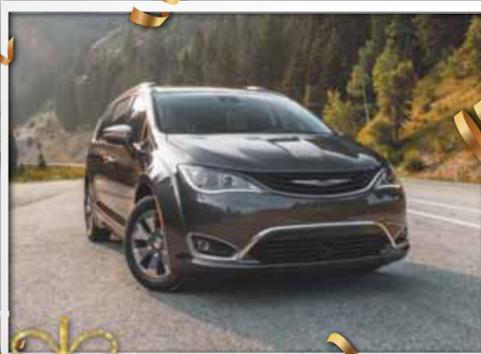
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