



'No skepticism' on intel, Pompeo says

Secretary of state defends Soleimani's killing amid Democrats' questions

By LAURA KING
 Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Sunday defended last week's killing of a top Iranian general and pushed back against reports that some senior Trump administration officials had privately voiced concerns before the strike that it could

have deadly repercussions across the already volatile Middle East. Senior Democratic leaders said the president's seemingly impulsive decision-making had raised the possibility of a conflagration with Iran, which has vowed vengeance for the drone strike that destroyed a convoy carrying senior Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani outside Baghdad's airport.

"We do not need this president either bumbling or impulsively getting us into a major war," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said on ABC's "This Week." Pompeo said there was "no skepticism" among the president's closest advisers about the accuracy

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo defended President Trump's threat to strike Iran, but said targets would be legal.

Fraud in CPS is a 'constant problem'

Employees caught living outside Chicago limits face dismissal

By HANNAH LEONE

One Chicago Public Schools teacher lived in Glenview for all 14 years she worked in the district. Another provided false Chicago addresses to CPS for more than a decade while she was really living in Manteno, a small town surrounded by farm fields about 50 miles away.

Like other public workers, CPS employees are required to live within Chicago city limits unless they're granted a waiver. But the new annual report by the school district's watchdog revealed the office received 140 complaints of possible residency violations during the year ending July 1. The CPS inspector general's report also outlined 15 cases of residency fraud for which it recommended dismissal or where the employee resigned during the investigation.

Complaints of residency fraud ranged from lunchroom attendants to central office staff who have maintained Chicago addresses after moving to the suburbs or never even lived in the city to begin with. In at least two cases, the CPS employees had their own children enrolled in CPS schools in violation of attendance boundaries, including a special education classroom assistant who enrolled his son in a free, all-day pre-kindergarten program even though they lived in far southwest suburban Romeoville.

The numbers are down from 2018, when the office reported 180 residency complaints, and 2017, which saw 168. In the new report, residency fraud makes up the third-largest type of complaint, with sexual misconduct far exceeding other categories with 458 reports; mismanagement claims were second at 199.

CPS Inspector General Nick Schuler said the issue of residency fraud among CPS employees is not new.

"We get a lot of complaints every year on this, far more than we could actually investigate," Schuler told the Tribune. "It's a steady, constant problem. ... This is more or less consistent with what we always do. We try to give some attention to it."

Under the Chicago Board of Education's residency policy, a CPS employee who lies about his

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Miguel Cervantes and the cast take a curtain call after the final production of "Hamilton" in Chicago on Sunday at the CIBC Theatre.

FINAL CURTAIN FALLS

'Hamilton' closes in Chicago to huge ovations; its star now next Broadway lead

By CHRIS JONES

On an emotional Sunday afternoon, capped by an on-stage tribute from "Hamilton" superfan Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the most successful Broadway musical in Chicago history said goodbye to the city as well as to a cast that has performed the

show at the CIBC Theatre for 171 weeks.

At the end of the final matinee of Lin-Manuel Miranda's hit musical, which was interrupted several times by standing ovations for every principal actor, most of the performers were in tears. Lightfoot brought her whole family to this last

performance and told the Tribune at intermission that she had seen the show "at least five times." She took the stage at the curtain call to thank the company and praise a score that she said "had resonated in living rooms, kitchens and cars," presumably including her own. Speaking for the cast, lead

actor Miguel Cervantes said the performers were "eternally grateful to the city of Chicago."

Cervantes' star is set to rise further.

In an exclusive pre-show interview with the Tribune, "Hamilton" lead producer Jeffrey

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CHICAGO SPORTS

Bears' Kyle Long 'stepping away'

After being placed on injured reserve in October, Kyle Long announced that he has retired. "I became a man while playing in Chicago," he said in a tweet.

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'1917,' Tarantino's latest top awards

While Netflix commanded 34 nominations coming into the Golden Globes, awards were spread among Hollywood studios, indie labels and cable.



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Construction is underway near the "kiss and ride" area at the CTA Orange Line station at Midway International Airport in Chicago on Dec. 23.

Chicago shelves plan to expand Midway garage



MARY WISNIEWSKI
 Getting Around

The city's aviation department has rebuilt the "kiss and ride" lot next to the "L" station at Midway International Airport, about 18 months after the lot was demolished for a garage expansion that didn't happen.

A Southwest Side community group wonders why it took so

long to restore the kiss and ride, since the removal of the drop-off area inconvenienced airline and CTA passengers and caused traffic problems.

"If the city had planned this the right way, it wouldn't have torn any of that up," said Steve Fischer, a member of the Vittum Park Civic League, which has been asking the city for months to restore the kiss and ride. "It's poor planning on their part and a waste of money."

The city announced back in 2017 that it was expanding the terminal garage as part of its

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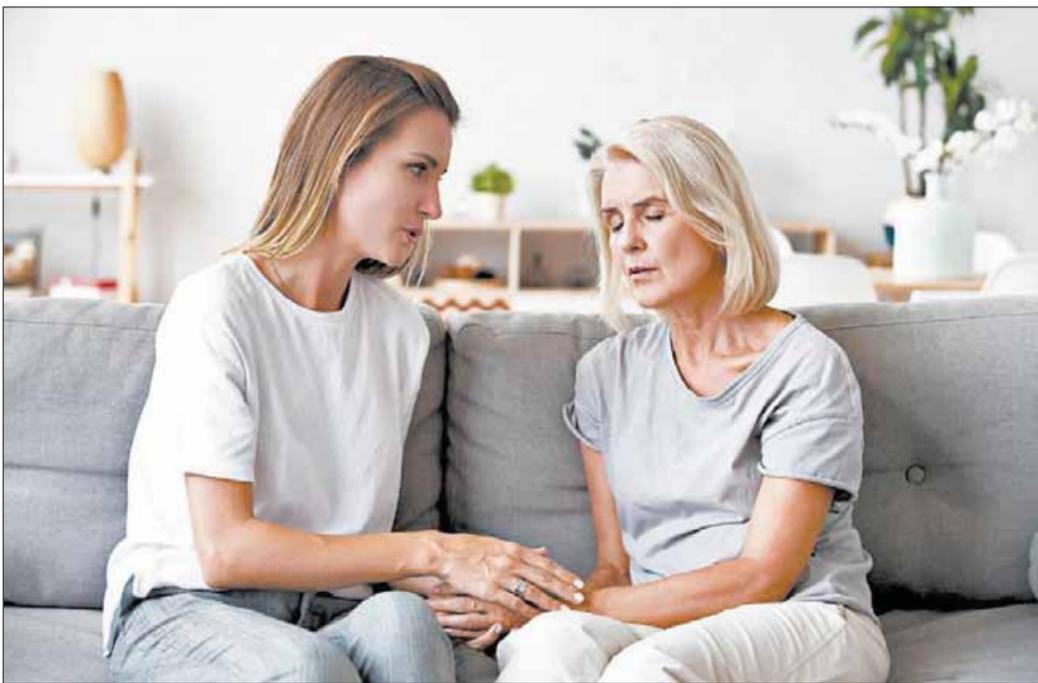
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The caregiver's heartache

As tough as it is to be you, always, always it is harder to be them



DONNA VICKRO

Once, they were larger than life — your heart, your world, your constant. So strong, so steady you thought they'd never age, let alone grow old.

But the muscles they used to flex and let small children hang from now sag. That tattoo, a "mistake" made in adolescence, looks like the bruise of an elderly mishap.

Their hilarious wisecracking has been squashed by somberness. Their pranks defused by exhaustion.

How did they get to be so small — their silhouette so pale they're almost invisible, their footprints so faint they're quickly passed by, their voice so distant a soft breeze drowns them out?

What has happened to their sass, their wit, their penchant for duct-taping together solutions and helping people out of a jam?

They were tough enough to survive wars, economic depressions, bigotry, picket line uncertainty and job displacement in the name of progress.

But time is an enemy that always wins. It has stolen their strength, their confidence, their hope.

So their words, like their aging joints, are often painful, their comebacks, like the pills they swallow, sometimes bitter.

They are sick. They are sad. They have lost more people than you currently know.

And their echoes are sometimes too much to bear.

They snicker at your time management issues. Time was, they organized the lives of a large family and simultaneously worked two jobs, running things like a conductor works a symphony.

They complain when you take the long way to the doctor's office. Way before GPS, they were experts on back roads, short cuts and streets with multiple names. You don't even know

what hundred is Kedzie Avenue. Once neat freaks, they now shrug when you vacuum the peanuts from their carpet.

They roll their eyes when you sweep their kitchen floor because they were just about to do it themselves.

They suggest you toss the meals you prepared specifically for them into the garbage.

They aren't hungry. Besides, your spaghetti doesn't have enough sauce.

Your chili is too big a portion. And why did you also bring melon when they only asked for bananas?

What's the point, they ask again and again.

No, they don't want to go out to dinner. It is not a treat. It is an obstacle course when your balance is unsteady. They can't read the menu and they can't believe the prices these days.

They say not to worry but worry has become your companion. Did they take their medicine? They think so. Did they eat this morning? Maybe. They say you have done too much for them and yet guilt is your nightly visitor. Why can't your efforts ever produce happiness?

Sure, they still chuckle at your jokes and family stories, but each laugh is now punctuated with a sigh.

Stop suggesting they move in with someone.

Stop trying to introduce them to new things.

Stop offering to help. After a lifetime spent helping others how did they become the one that needs so much?

And please explain this litany of foreign terms: downloads, apps, Medigap, screenshots. What in the world are you talking about?

They can't trust a society in which bills are paid on a computer and it takes 20 minutes to find the ball game on TV and nobody answers the phone on the wall when it rings.

Television has become a labyrinth of confusion. Can you just come over and get these captions off the screen?

They scoff when you pick up the tab, spring for the meds or stop by with groceries. Paying their way is

something they still are able to do. They don't care if you feel bad taking money from someone on a fixed income.

Sometimes they make you feel small, inept, ridiculous. Sometimes they make you cry and want to run away. Gifts and attention and home-made meals can't fill the void they live in, can't bring back what they have lost. So stop trying.

But you can't. You want them to feel better, to get better, to strive again.

You brisk in with that cheerful can-do attitude and they meet you with a chisel.

Why is getting old such a difficult thing to do, such a heartbreaking thing to watch?

Why does society not honor and protect these life veterans? Why are we not chronicling their stories, tapping their wisdom, making things easier instead of more complicated?

Why are we not kinder, more patient, more accommodating?

Our obsession with speed makes us angry when they drive slowly on the highway or block the aisle at the grocery store. They are rotary phones in an 11 Pro Max world, yet their value does not increase the way it does for other antiques.

Why must people who don't feel well and who struggle with mobility go here to see a doctor and then go there to have a test done and then go over there to wait for their medication?

Time is stealing our loved ones. The strength of a thousand armies can't stop it.

And as hopeless as it makes you feel, as heartbreaking as it is for you to watch, as tough as it is to be you, always, always you know it is harder to be them.



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Sunday services address Methodist Church split

Above: Tiffani Orange, left, and her mother Satia Orange sing during a Kwanzaa service on Sunday at Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago. **Right:** Paula Roderick makes announcements, including one about a possible split of the United Methodist Church over LGBTQ issues, during the service. The UMC announced Friday that it is expected to split up over long-standing disagreements about LGBTQ inclusion. A group of UMC bishops, signed a proposal that outlines the separation and is likely to be approved at a general convention in May.



Two teen girls turn themselves in for Red Line robbery, police say

BY PAIGE FRY

Two teenagers have been charged in connection with a Dec. 29 attack on a Red Line train at the Roosevelt Road station after they turned themselves in to police Saturday, Chicago police said.

The two girls, ages 15 and 16, each face one count of robbery and two counts of aggravated battery, police said. Investigators say after the girls saw their images posted on an alert issued by police, the teenagers admitted to participating in the robbery and

punching and kicking two female victims on the train.

Each has a scheduled court hearing Monday to determine bond, police said.

The attack happened about 6:40 p.m. Dec. 29 after a group approached the victims, beat them and then robbed them, police said.

Police later issued several images of young people wanted for the robbery. The images showed a female wearing a pink jacket. A second female was wearing a black jacket and had black hair. The third female was wearing a

red NASA jacket, and a fourth had on a purple hooded sweatshirt and was donning a bandanna on her head, police said.

Police also released images of two males, one of whom was wearing a gray hoodie, a blue and white jacket, and yellow pants. The other male had on a gray hat, a black hooded Nike jacket and tan or brown pants, police said.

Detectives are continuing to search for other suspects involved in the incident, police said.

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Uber driver gets 5 years for sex abuse of rider

Now he'll be tried for allegedly paying to 'silence' her

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO

A former Uber driver convicted of sexually abusing a passenger was sentenced to five years in prison Friday — and on Monday he will stand trial on charges that he attempted to hire someone to “hurt or silence” the woman.

Ahmed Tawfeeq, 29, of Elgin, was found guilty in November of criminal sexual abuse, attempted sexual assault, promoting prostitution, aggravated battery and unlawful restraint.

Tawfeeq faces a second trial this week on allegations that, following his arrest, he posted bond for a fellow McHenry County Jail inmate and offered him another \$6,000 to “kidnap” the woman.

A different inmate informed jail personnel that Tawfeeq asked him for a “favor” and said he “raped a ... girl in his Uber cab and that he needed someone to threaten the girl, kidnap her, or beat her so she wouldn't testify,” according to prosecutors' court filing seeking to revoke or increase Tawfeeq's bail. In their request, prosecutors noted that Tawfeeq was born in Iraq and “has been there as recently as 2009,” saying his “ties to a foreign state indicate (he) poses a flight risk.”

Tawfeeq was initially arrested after prosecutors said he picked up the woman in Elgin about 8:30 a.m. June 16, 2017, and, while driving to her home in Prairie Grove, began making “unwanted sexual comments ... including asking her if she had any interest in being a prostitute.” Later, prosecutors said, he turned off the Uber app and sexually abused her in a parking lot while she begged him to stop.

Before Tawfeeq was sentenced Friday, McHenry Assistant State's Attorney Mary Ann Scholl read a statement from the victim, who said she still feels panic, vulnerability and fear because of Tawfeeq's actions.

She has “flashbacks and nightmares” and feels “vulnerable and small,” she wrote, calling the encounter “the scariest time in my life.”

In asking for an eight-year sentence, Scholl said people use

ride-share services daily and it should be a trusted means of transportation. Instead, she said, Tawfeeq used his position and “preyed on” the woman. Scholl said a sex offender evaluation suggested Tawfeeq is an “above average risk” to reoffend.

What happened to the woman was a “nightmare” and caused her “serious emotional distress,” Scholl said.

The distress was only compounded when he attempted to hire someone to “hurt or silence her,” Scholl said.

Tawfeeq has been charged with harassment of a witness for those allegations and is set for trial Monday.

Scholl also noted that in June, while out on bond, Tawfeeq was charged with domestic battery in Kane County.

According to court documents, Tawfeeq “poured gasoline on (a female relative) while

she lay in bed while holding a lighter and threatened to ‘light up the house on fire with the kids and was going to watch (her) burn.’”

Tawfeeq faces misdemeanor domestic battery charges in the pending Kane County case, according to court records.

In the McHenry County case, Tawfeeq had denied all sexual assault and abuse allegations or that he initiated talk of the woman working as a prostitute.

His attorney, Brian Shields, said at the sentencing that the woman's testimony was not credible.

“(Tawfeeq's) actions did not cause serious physical harm to anyone,” Shields said, adding that his client has good character, cares for his family and is unlikely to commit such crimes again.

McHenry County Judge Robert Wilbrandt denied Shields' request for a new trial, saying he found the woman's testimony to be credible.

Wilbrandt referenced a phone conversation between Tawfeeq and the woman that took place while police were listening in, in which the woman asks Tawfeeq why he abused her.

The judge repeated Tawfeeq's answer: “I don't know, (it was) one of those things, a crazy moment ... a stupid moment.”

Amanda Marrazzo is freelance reporter.



Tawfeeq

Lake County begins trial of rule that could reduce jail population

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA

Lake County has put together an initial plan to follow a state-mandated pretrial risk-assessment, which ultimately is expected to result in fewer people awaiting trial in jail.

The county is taking it slow by using January as a 30-day “trial period” to comply with the state's Criminal Rule 26, which relates to pretrial release, said Lake County Superior Court Judge Julie Cantrell.

“We're just unsure how many people this is going to affect ultimately,” Cantrell said.

But, officials from Porter County and Allen County, both of which have already implemented Rule 26 as pilot programs, have seen its benefits.

Adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court in 2017, Rule 26 was the result of two separate initiatives surrounding best-practices in criminal justice that began to focus directly on the pretrial process,” said Mary Kay Hudson, executive director of the Indiana Office of Court Services.

A pilot program began in 2016 with 11 counties volunteering, including Porter, Hamilton and Allen counties, according to the manual.

“Criminal Rule 26 is really focused on use of pretrial risk assessment in making release and supervision decisions,” Hudson said.

Rule 26 requires collaboration between local criminal justice entities, Hudson said. It has the potential to decrease jail populations, but it varies from county to

county, she said.

“The impact of using risk assessment to inform release decisions at the pretrial stage will vary from county to county, and that is in large part attributable to either what their practices are currently ... or the extent to which they make changes to their current practices under Criminal Rule 26,” Hudson said.

Risk assessments do not replace a judge's discretion, Hudson said.

“It is designed to be additional information to inform the court's decision. The judge always retains discretion,” Hudson said.

The rule became Indiana law on Jan. 1.

Allen County, the third largest county in the state, likely became a pilot county in 2016 because a former county judge was the chairman of the steering committee that ultimately created Rule 26, said Jeff Yoder, executive director of Allen Superior Court criminal division services.

“It's allowed a number of low risk folks to be released instead of sitting in jail for days or weeks on end because they can't afford a bond,” Yoder said. The county “took baby steps” when implementing the rule because it was difficult, at first, to change the mind of people who work in the county criminal justice system, Yoder said.

“If people do something for so many years it's hard to change. But, secondly, you don't want to think of someone being released in the name of a pilot project and then going out and committing a violent offense,” Yoder said.

Initially, people in Allen County

charged with a felony level 6 and level 5, or all non-violent charges, qualified for a risk assessment, Yoder said.

Now, all charges other than treason and murder qualify for a risk assessment, Yoder said.

Of the 1,500 people assessed since the program started, 95% of those that were low risk, 86% of those that were moderate risk, and 64% of those that were high risk attended their next hearing, Yoder said.

The “safety rate,” or those that have been released and avoid arrest, is 92% of those that were low risk, 77% of those that were moderate risk, and 59% of those that were high risk, Yoder said.

“In other words, high risk people are getting arrested much more often than the low risk people. (The high risk people) are showing up to court much less often than the low risk people,” Yoder said. “With that data, we had more buy in and that's why we decided to expand, because frankly, it's working.”

Yoder declined to share the cost savings of implementing the program.

“I can tell you that pretrial incarceration avoidance costs are quite substantial thus resulting in a significant cost reduction to the county and taxpayer at large,” Yoder said.

Since the start of the program, Allen County has received four grants to fund two additional part-time staff to join the four full-time staffers, Yoder said.

As Lake County Judge Cantrell has done, Yoder said he will have to go to the county council to ask for funding for the two part-time



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Lake Superior Judge Julie Cantrell

staff when the grant ends in July 2020.

“I don't see how we can operate without these two people not continuing to be on our payroll,” Yoder said.

Porter County, one of the pilot counties, implemented Rule 26 in March 2017, said Porter County Pretrial Services Supervisor Doug Lang.

There, pretrial release assessments are available for all charges except murder and treason, Lang said.

Typically, the assessment and an initial hearing happen within 24 hours during weekdays and within 72 hours if someone is arrested over the weekend, Lang said.

Porter County uses two assessors and one jail officer in the program, Lang said. The assessors and officer are paid for through a grant, he said.

Additionally, Porter County has three pretrial officers and one

supervisor that supervise those on pretrial release, Lang said.

Porter County has seen a correlation between implementing the rule and a decrease in jail population, Lang said.

“We're keeping the right people in jail that should be in jail,” Lang said.

Though he declined to share specific numbers, Lang said Porter County has seen its lowest jail population in more than 15 years.

“If you could imagine a jail reduction of well over 100 people in a year, you could imagine the cost-cutting savings just in food and standard utilities and stuff like that,” Lang said.

Lake County will use January as a “trial period” to see how to best implement Rule 26, Cantrell said. To start, felony level 5, felony level 6 and misdemeanor charges will qualify for a risk assessment, she said.

Cantrell said the five probation officers that work in her court will stay after work for four hours one day a week, plus four hours Saturday and Sunday, to conduct assessments.

Additionally, Cantrell and attorneys will spend their lunch hours holding bond hearings, she said.

After speaking with other Lake County judges and officials from a few pilot counties, including Allen County, Cantrell said she determined a trial period without hiring additional staff was the best approach to ultimately save taxpayer dollars.

“We need to see if we need 50 people or five people,” Cantrell said. “We just don't know.”

Officer hurt in Aurora mass shooting retires

26-year veteran among 5 cops injured at Henry Pratt Co. in February

BY MEGAN JONES

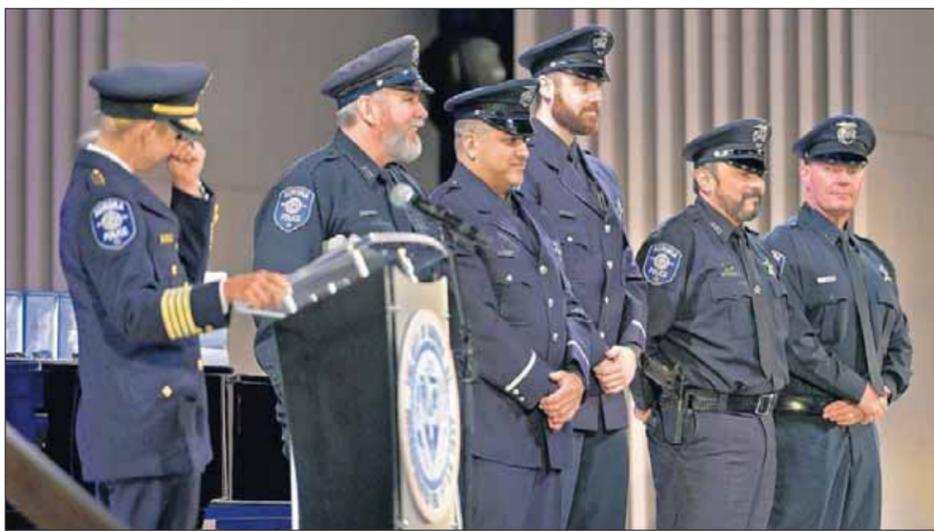
A long-time veteran with the Aurora Police Department who was one of the five officers injured in the Henry Pratt Co. mass shooting last year retired Friday.

James Zegar, a 26-year veteran with the Aurora police, was honored Friday along with three other recent retirees from the department.

Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman said Zegar showed the embodiment of what it means to sacrifice for the well being of another.

"When he was struck in the neck during the Pratt shooting, he believed he only had moments to live, so he insisted on going back in the building to find the shooter," Ziman said.

Zegar held various positions throughout his career at the department from patrol to the Special Operations Group. He was a bicycle patrol officer, DARE officer, field training officer, street evidence technician and juvenile



Aurora Police Officer James Zegar, far right, listens as Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman at the podium honors Zegar and the four other officers injured during the Henry Pratt mass shooting last February. The other wounded Aurora police officers are, from left, John Cebulski, Marco Gomez, Adam Miller and Reynaldo Rivera.

youth officer, police officials said. He was also a member of the department's Honor Guard.

Most notably, Zegar was one of the five police officers injured during the Feb. 15 mass shooting at the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse where five employees were killed and five police officers and an employee were wounded.

Zegar was among a group of

three officers who went into the warehouse together before returning to the door they'd first gone through as they learned new information as the incident went on. Two of the men proceeded to a new place in the building and Zegar was shot in the neck outside the warehouse.

He was the first of the wounded officers to return to full duty after

the shooting. Officers John Cebulski and Marco Gomez are currently working on light duty while they continue physical therapy while Adam Miller and Reynaldo Rivera returned to full duty in November.

Zegar was later honored with a Blue Star Award for his actions during the Pratt shooting. During a ceremony, he thanked Aurora Po-

lice Lt. Jeff Wienczek and Sgt. Matt Ziman for drawing off fire so he could get help after he was shot. He said, "without their lifesaving efforts that day, I might not be here."

Zegar has declined to speak with reporters following the shooting.

The February shooting was not the first time Zegar had come into contact with the Pratt gunman Gary Martin. Two decades ago, Martin was shot and Zegar was one of the first officers on the scene.

It was also not the first time that Zegar had come under fire. He was previously shot while working undercover in late 2002, when a bullet grazed his head during an exchange of gunfire with a man later sentenced to 18 years in prison for attempted murder. Ziman said Zegar survived two line of duty shootings because of his remarkable resilience and "never give up" attitude.

"I'm proud to call him my friend and colleague," Ziman said. "His legacy will live on at APD for many generations."

Other recent Aurora Police Department retirees honored Friday were Lt. Joseph Weber, a 24-year veteran; Officer Jeffrey Sherwood, a 28-year veteran; and Officer John Gibson Jr., a 22-year veteran.

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Theatergoers pose for photos outside the CIBC Theatre before the final 'Hamilton' performance in Chicago on Sunday.

Finale

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Seller said that Cervantes was soon to take over the role of Alexander Hamilton in the Broadway production, beginning in about two months. He likely will be in that marquee role for at least a year, if not more.

"Miguel will be our new leader and standard-bearer," Seller said, as he stood grinning in the lobby. "Who better?"

Certainly, everyone at the CIBC Theatre on Sunday seemed to agree. The audience gave the actor, who has played the role here since the opening in the fall of 2016, a prolonged ovation at his first entrance and throughout the show. It surely was deserved. Even though he came from New Jersey, Cervantes had a clear relish for the quirks of Chicago, even celebrating the 2016 World Series victory of the Chicago Cubs by pulling a "W" flag from the pit and leading the cast in a chorus of "Go Cubs Go."

Cervantes persisted in the role even through the tragedy of losing his young daughter, 3-year-old Adelaide, who had childhood epilepsy. Cervantes and his wife, Kelly, both residents of Bucktown, went public with their struggles with their daughter's health and constantly praised the medical care she had received in Chicago. In previous interviews with the Tribune, Cervantes has said that he felt the city buoyed his family through their pain.

Seen in the context of a closing (albeit in just one city), "Hamilton" already feels like a product of a different America. Developed in part at the Obama White House, the musical was embraced and promoted by the 44th president of the United States and imparts



Mayor Lori Lightfoot presents a proclamation to Miguel Cervantes and the cast after the final production.

mostly centrist values very much consistent with the values of that administration: diversity, unity, tolerance, an embrace of complex thinking and an optimistic point of view about American democracy and its ability to push past its own failings for the eventual betterment of all citizens.

In the years that have followed, the discourse in the country has coarsened, with extremist silos formed on the right and the left and with both sides rendering harsh verdicts on fellow Americans and, indeed, the country itself. In its embrace of immigrants, its sympathy for faith-based ideas and personal failings

and redemption, its lack of judgment, and also its implicit understanding that most Americans are trying to do their best for their families, "Hamilton" now feels almost quaint.

Such is the speed with which the cultural discourse now moves. But the abiding affection for the show on display Sunday in Chicago served as a reminder that "Hamilton" became a phenomenon because of its artistic excellence, for sure, but also as a consequence of its kindness and its prescient understanding that progress in this nation has historically been messy and complicated, but real.

Lightfoot pointed out that "31,000 students from the Chicago Public Schools saw 'Hamilton,'" a formidable and unparalleled educational achievement from a for-profit entity that also saw \$400 million come through its box office. By any measure — money, attendees, educational impact, artistic force, popular appeal — "Hamilton" turned out to be a remarkable gift for Chicago.

"There will be a void," Lightfoot said.

And she was right.

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Bail denied in shooting in front of school

BY WILLIAM LEE

A Cook County judge on Sunday denied bail for a Chicago man who allegedly fled to Northern California late last year after fatally shooting a man in front of two children, including his own 6-year-old daughter.

Dressed in a light-colored Civilized-brand jumpsuit at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Michael Dent, 27, said nothing as he faced a first-degree murder charge in the Nov. 15 shooting death of Richard Buick, 30.

But Dent's head tilted and his face straightened as he listened to details from prosecutors about how he allegedly shot Buick seven times in the parking lot of a South Austin charter school that his daughter attended.

Dent was in violation of an active order of protection barring him from the school property when he appeared at the Moving Everest Charter School in the 400 block of North Laramie Avenue around 8:15 a.m. to pick up the girl, Assistant State's Attorney Kim Pressling told the court.

Dent and the girl's mother had agreed that he would be able to see the girl later that day, but he arrived shortly into the girl's school day to remove her from class, authorities said. The girl, however, was running late, and wasn't yet in school.

School officials denied Dent's requests to take the girl out of class and called the child's mother and confirmed that Dent wasn't authorized to remove the girl, even updating school records to reflect that after the call, Pressling said.

School staff allowed Dent to speak with the mother by phone, and he continued yelling and cursing until he left the office, Pressling said.

Around 9:30 a.m., the ex-girlfriend and her daughters arrived in a SUV driven by Buick.

As the woman exited the SUV and approached the school with her two daughters, prosecutors said Dent approached Buick, made a brief statement and allegedly opened fire with a .40-caliber handgun.

The SUV slowly rolled south on Laramie until school employees rushed out to stop the vehicle and administer CPR. Buick had been wounded seven times, including twice in the head, authorities said. He was later pronounced dead. After police arrived, Dent's ex-girlfriend gave police his name as the gunman.

Surveillance video captured the shooting, as well as Dent walking in and around the school, prosecutors said. An arrest warrant was issued on Nov. 20 and U.S. Marshals arrested him Dec. 10 in Vacaville, California.

After hearing details, Judge David R. Navarro denied bail for Dent, in addition to granting a petition by prosecutors stating that Dent violated the terms of probation for a DUI conviction.

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Alternative to the knife for your knee pain? Non-Surgical treatment success rate soars after using new digital technology

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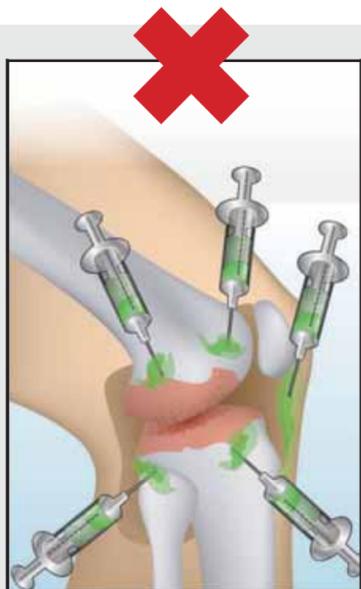
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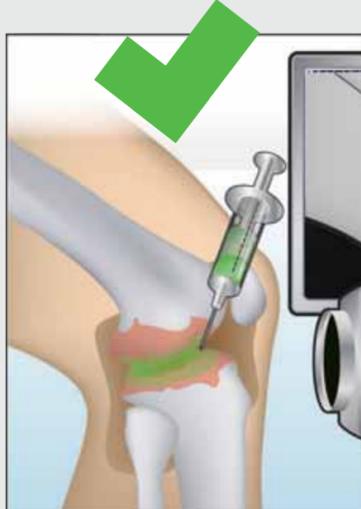
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Cops look for possible serial arsonist

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ AND KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Chicago police on Sunday said they are investigating as arson at least one of four or more fires reported on the North Side Saturday into Sunday, and they believe the fires likely are related.

About 4 a.m., officers on patrol in the 3400 block of Lincoln Avenue reported a dumpster on fire in an alley, said police spokeswoman Sally Bown. Police later determined that the fire was arson, and as more fires were reported, Bown said investigators began looking into whether they were intentionally set by the same person or people.

Walter Schroeder, the deputy district chief for the Chicago Fire Department, confirmed firefighters were called to the dumpster fire on Lincoln Avenue, which was extinguished right away.

Shortly after, other fires in an estimated five to six dumpsters also were reported within a 1-mile radius of each other in locations including the 1700 block of West Cornelia Avenue and the 1800 block of West Eddy Street.

Officer Jessica Alvarez, another police spokeswoman, said officers believe the first fire was set about 11:35 p.m. Saturday in the 3200 block of North Leavitt Avenue.

Bomb and arson units were called to the scenes. No injuries or displacements were reported and no arrests had been made, officials said.

The crime blog CWBChicago first reported the multiple fires as the work of a possible serial arsonist, saying the fires are similar to those of a person wanted in connection with earlier intentionally set fires.

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or her address can be immediately fired.

The residency requirement was in the spotlight during contract talks and the subsequent strike this past fall by the Chicago teachers and support staff unions. Both the Chicago Teachers Union and Service Employees International Union Local 73 referenced the policy, arguing that with the rising cost of living, support staff employees like custodians and bus aides in particular needed higher pay to afford living in the city where they work.

While residency complaints are slightly down, reports of CPS employees being arrested or having a criminal background are significantly up. The inspector general reported his office received 41 such complaints in the 2019 fiscal year, compared with 11 in 2018 and seven in 2017.

Overall, at 2,175 total, the office took in nearly 1½ times as many complaints in 2019 as in each of the previous two years, though many of the additional complaints are related to a shift in responsibility to investigate sexual misconduct allegations.

CPS did not dispute any of the report's findings. In a broad statement addressing the annual report, spokeswoman Emily Bolton said the district is "committed to upholding the highest standards for operational excellence and employee conduct."

"We take seriously our duty to hold accountable any individual who commits serious breaches of district policy or seeks to cause harm," Bolton said. "The district appreciates the Office of the Inspector General's continued efforts to investigate wrongdoing as we work to ensure all employees and operations are held to the highest standards of integrity."

The 2019 report is the first since the inspector general's office formed the Sexual Allegations Unit, which in October 2018 began investigating allegations of CPS employees, vendors or other adults engaging in sexual misconduct involving students.

The unit was formed after the Tribune's "Betrayed" series



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Findings by the Chicago Public Schools watchdog office outlines reports it received of mismanagement and misconduct.

documented widespread failures to protect CPS students from sexual abuse, in part because of how such cases were previously investigated by the district's Law Department. The department was also tasked with defending the district against lawsuits by victims of the very same cases it was supposed to investigate.

"Those competing interests made it impossible to tell whether the Law Department was working for student victims or trying to limit the district's legal exposure," Schuler's report said.

The new Sexual Allegations Unit opened 458 cases during the 2019 fiscal year, hovering around three cases per school day, according to the report.

Chicago police became involved in 75 of those cases, and so far criminal charges have been filed in 15 of them. The unit's investigations also have led to 109 CPS staff members being removed or blocked from schools and 36 staff being fired, quitting or retiring. Ten staff members were reinstated as a result of the inspector general's recommendation.

"There have been more complaints than we thought," Schuler said. "The volume of the workload has been high, and getting a team up and running, finding the right people and getting them trained, that's been the challenge."

Pending criminal charges include a vendor's employee ac-

cused of exposing himself to a preteen student, showing her naked photos of himself and touching her inappropriately, according to the report. The school board is seeking to bar the employee.

One sexual misconduct case included a bus aide who approached a high school student from behind, touched her inappropriately and made a sexual comment about her body, an inspector general investigation concluded. The OIG's office also determined that another male high school teacher required students to write graded journal entries about their sexual turn-ons and fantasies.

The report also noted an unusual inspector general investigation of a principal accused of sexual harassment and forcing a teacher to have sex with him. The principal did not cooperate with the investigation and resigned from CPS, according to the report. The school board put a do-not-hire designation on the principal's file, and the Illinois State Board of Education is now investigating the principal.

Schuler said CPS' handling of the sexual misconduct cases and resources provided to his office show the board is taking the issue seriously. "I think it's clear that they are dedicated to trying to tackle this problem," he said.

Among other findings:
■ A high school swim coach made \$30,000 improperly renting out his school's swimming

pool to three groups between 2013 and 2016.

He was charged last August with felony theft and official misconduct, and those charges are pending, according to the report. In some cases, he sublet his club's lease to use the pool, charging outside groups more than he was paying, "essentially stealing money that should have gone to the school," according to the report.

In others instances, he "simply rented out pool time that he was not entitled to at all," according to the report.

■ At one elementary school, six staff members who enrolled their children in half-day pre-kindergarten were allowed to keep their kids in school for the whole day without paying extra, while members of the public could only enroll their children in morning or afternoon sessions. The report valued the additional free pre-kindergarten at about \$4,000 per school year, per child.

"That's significant. That goes to the kinds of problems that people associate with Chicago in general, these sort of insider perks that aren't available to the general public," Schuler said.

■ Tuition-based pre-kindergarten continues to be affected by falsified applications, including by CPS employees. In 15 cases, applications for children of CPS employees underreported the parents' income. That includes 14 CPS employees who evaded nearly \$60,000 altogether in sliding-scale tuition, according to the report. Schuler said the form and verification process need to be strong, and that's a point his office will continue to monitor.

"We do continue to be concerned about whether the application process, the income verification process, is robust enough," Schuler said.

■ The president of a nursing-services vendor allegedly sought to gain favor while seeking a \$30 million CPS contract by offering a free stay at her vacation home to a member of the committee evaluating proposals. The employee accepted the stay, in violation of the CPS ethics code. Though the franchise president's company did not win that contract in 2014, CPS awarded her company a contract for the same services several years later.

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Midway Modernization Program, which also includes new and expanded concessions and a larger security checkpoint area.

Construction began in July 2018 to add 1,500 new parking spaces, according to construction updates on the city's web site. The \$143 million expansion plan required the demolition of the kiss and ride, restriction of driver and pedestrian access to South Kilpatrick Avenue and temporary removal of tracks at CTA's repair yard, the city said.

The city later shelved the garage expansion plan, without any public announcement, and agreed in November to pay its contractor, Walsh Construction, up to nearly \$76 million for improvements to the parking garage, about \$67 million less than the original cost of expanding it, according to city procurement documents.

The original "kiss and ride" area next to the Orange Line station, which was shut down to make way for the canceled garage expansion project, will reopen on Monday, airport officials said.

Aviation spokesman Matt McGrath said the Chicago Department of Aviation received updated cost projections in April for the parking garage expansion project that would have increased the price tag by at least \$15 million.

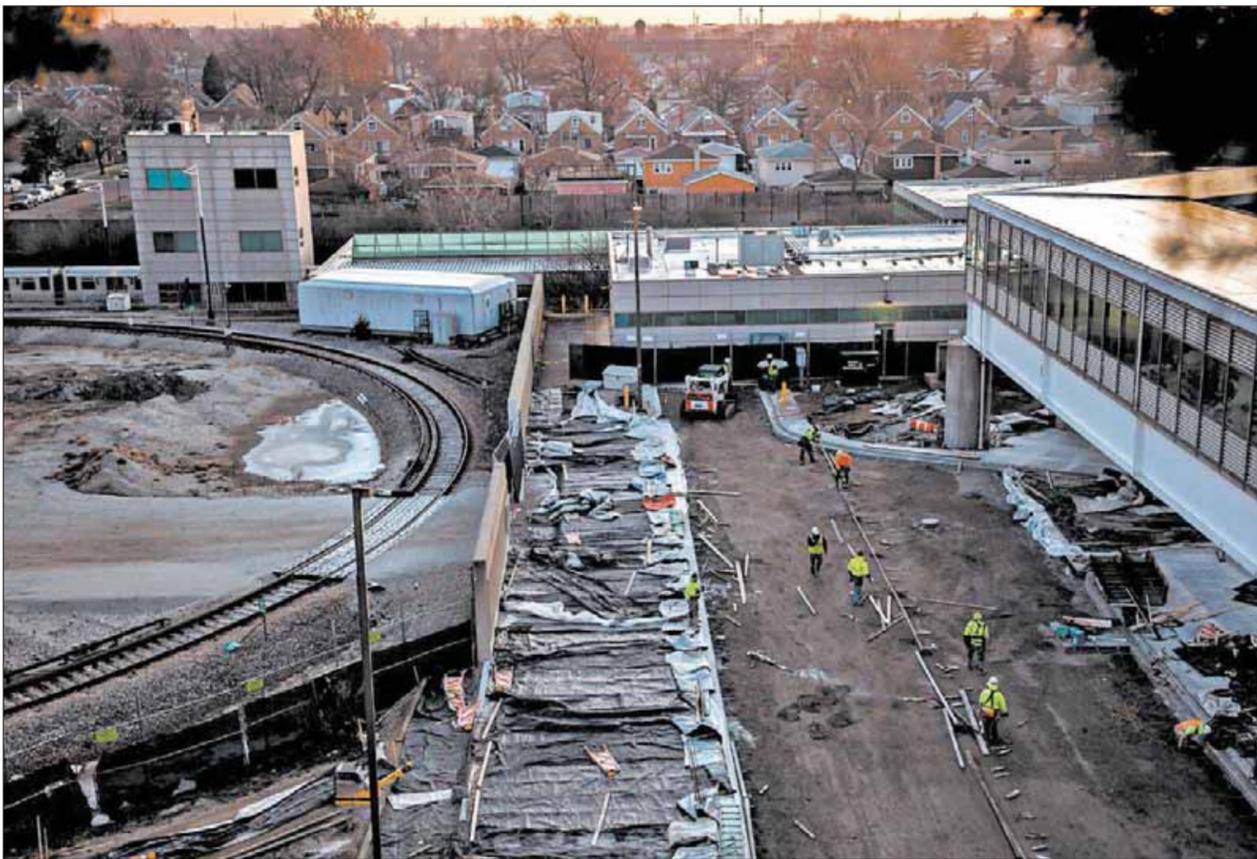
"After careful consideration of costs as well as industry trends, CDA determined the expansion was no longer viable, and the project was officially terminated in September, 2019," McGrath said in an emailed statement.

McGrath said the growth of ride-share services like Uber and Lyft meant fewer people were parking at the airport.

Also, Midway terminal parking use fell by about 3.2% in 2018, McGrath said.

Some travelers who drive to Midway avoid the city's garage because of cost. Parking in the Midway terminal garage costs \$40 for 24 hours. Nearby private lots can be cheaper — for example, the Midway SpeedPark on 63rd Street charges \$9.95 for the same amount of time and provides a shuttle to the airport, according to a representative.

McGrath said that the new kiss and ride is an improvement over the old facility, using more durable concrete instead of asphalt, and with improved drainage. He said work on rebuilding the kiss and ride lot began after the settlement agreement was reached with Walsh.



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A construction at the Kiss and Ride area at Midway airport CTA Orange Line station at Midway Airport in Chicago on Dec. 23.

The entire Midway Modernization Program is being paid for by airport revenues, provided by airlines, and is not coming out of city revenues, McGrath said. The cost of the entire project is now about \$333 million.

Fischer said the League has been asking aviation officials when the kiss and ride would finally be rebuilt, and was told dates in September, November, December and finally in January.

McGrath disputed that multiple dates were given. He said the project was originally slated to be complete on Dec. 22, but that date changed because of bad weather.

Fischer said the League complained to Ald. Marty Quinn, 13th, whose ward includes part of the Midway area. In a statement, Quinn said he acted as the "go-between" between Fischer and the department of aviation to make sure the area would be cleaned up by early 2020.

"If we hadn't stayed on them like cheap suits, we wouldn't be where we are now," said Fischer, regarding the kiss and ride restoration.

The kiss and ride was temporarily relocated to the CTA's "park and ride" lot further south, off of 59th Street, which requires pedestrians to cross the entrance/

Transportation song quiz

■ Some folks start in transportation jobs, and abandon all that glamor for music. Last week's quiz asked for the name of a former railroad brakeman who became a star. The answer is country singer-songwriter Jimmie Rodgers. Louis Mehl was first with the right answer.

■ This week's song is about a woman with deep relationship problems, who knows the flight schedule. Diana's not on this one. What's the song, and who did it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune pen, and glory.

exit to the CTA bus terminal to get to the Orange Line "L" station. This temporary lot is still in operation.

Sometimes, parents of teenagers who ride to school on the Orange Line could not get into the lot, and would instead drop off their charges along busy 59th Street, causing traffic backups and safety hazards, said Holly Petroschuk, a member of the Civic League.

Fischer said he has also seen people driving out of the temporary kiss and ride onto 59th Street the wrong way, and then making U-turns.

The construction required the temporary removal of some of the CTA's repair yard tracks, located at the end of the Orange Line. A CTA spokesperson said the agency was able to accommodate this with "minor adjustments" to

its normal rail vehicle maintenance practices, and that all of the yard tracks were restored and the yard back in service as of Dec. 22.

The city made no public announcement that it had abandoned the garage expansion. In its monthly construction updates about the Midway Modernization Program on the department of aviation's web site, the city promised "an expanded terminal parking garage" up until November. At that point, the language on the city's construction update was changed to "an enhanced terminal parking garage."

Improvements to the garage include a new payment system, with more automated gates and expanded payment options; brighter LED lighting and fresh paint; upgraded and additional security cameras; refurbished elevators; and better directional

signage from the garage to the terminal, according to the city's web site. The city will pay Walsh up to \$75.9 million for these improvements, including the cost of demolishing and restoring the kiss and ride.

A representative for Walsh was not available for comment.

A spokesman for Southwest Airlines, Dan Landson, said in a statement that Midway's largest airline supported the decision to improve the parking garage while forgoing the garage expansion.

This isn't the only time an aviation project has run into issues before completion.

The rehabilitation of O'Hare International Airport's "people mover" light rail system, which the city initially intended to have finished by December 2018, has been delayed by more than a year and is not expected to be completed until late spring. The department has delayed the completion date three times — the latest problem being an unspecified mechanical issue.

The city expects to continue working on its Midway Modernization Program through 2020, McGrath said.

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Blowback follows Soleimani's death

Iran scraps nuclear limits; Iraq wants foreign forces out

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The blowback over the U.S. killing of a top Iranian general mounted Sunday as Iran announced it will no longer abide by the limits contained in the 2015 nuclear deal and Iraq's Parliament called for the expulsion of all American troops from Iraqi soil.

The developments could bring Iran closer to building an atomic bomb and enable the Islamic State group to stage a comeback in Iraq.

Iranian state television cited a statement by President Hassan Rouhani's administration saying the country would not observe limits on fuel enrichment, on the size of its enriched uranium stockpile and on its research and development activities.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran no longer faces any limitations in operations," a state TV broadcaster said.

In Iraq, meanwhile, lawmakers voted in favor of a resolution calling for an end to the foreign military presence in the country, including the estimated 5,200 U.S. troops stationed to help battle Islamic State extremists. The bill is subject to approval by the Iraqi government but has the backing of the outgoing prime minister.

In yet another sign of rising tensions and threats of retaliation over the deadly airstrike, the U.S.-led military coalition in Iraq said it is putting the battle



ALIREZA MOHAMMADI/ISNA VIA AP

The flag-draped coffins of Gen. Qassem Soleimani and others are carried by mourners on Sunday in Ahvaz, Iran.

against IS on hold to focus on protecting its own troops and bases.

The string of developments capped a day of mass mourning over Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani, killed in a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad on Friday. Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets in the cities of Ahvaz and Mashhad to walk alongside the casket of Soleimani, who was the architect of Iran's proxy wars across the Mideast and was blamed for the deaths of hundreds of Americans in suicide bombings and other attacks.

The general who replaced Soleimani as com-

mander of the Quds Force vowed revenge. Esmail Ghaani made the remarks in an interview with Iranian state television on Monday.

Ghaani said, "God the almighty has promised to get his revenge, and God is the main avenger. Certainly actions will be taken."

The U.S. State Department had no immediate comment on Iran's announcement.

Iran insisted that it remains open to negotiations with European partners over its nuclear program. And it did not back off from earlier promises that it wouldn't seek a nuclear weapon.

However, the announce-

ment represents the clearest nuclear proliferation threat yet made by Iran since President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew from the accord in 2018 and reimposed sanctions. It further raises regional tensions, as Iran's longtime foe Israel has promised never to allow Iran to produce an atomic bomb.

Iran did not elaborate on what levels it would immediately reach in its program. Tehran has already broken some of the deal's limits as part of a step-by-step pressure campaign to get sanctions relief. It has increased its production, begun enriching uranium to

5% and restarted enrichment at an underground facility.

While it does not possess uranium enriched to weapons-grade levels of 90%, any push forward narrows the estimated one-year "breakout time" needed for it to have enough material to build a nuclear weapon if it chose to do so.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi earlier told journalists that Soleimani's killing would prompt Iranian officials to take a bigger step away from the nuclear deal.

"In the world of politics, all developments are interconnected," Mousavi said.

In Iraq, where the

airstrike has been denounced as a violation of the country's sovereignty, Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi said that the government can end the presence of foreign troops or restrict their mission to training Iraqi forces. He called for the first option.

The majority of about 180 legislators present in Parliament voted in favor of the troop-removal resolution. It was backed by most Shiite members of Parliament, who hold a majority of seats. Many Sunni and Kurdish legislators did not show up for the session.

A U.S. pullout could not only undermine the fight against the Islamic State but could also enable Iran to increase its influence in Iraq, which like Iran is a majority-Shiite country.

Soleimani's killing has escalated the crisis between Tehran and Washington after months of back-and-forth attacks and threats that have put the wider Middle East on edge. Iran has promised "harsh revenge" for the U.S. attack, while Trump has vowed on Twitter that the U.S. will strike back at 52 targets "VERY FAST AND VERY HARD."

The U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia warned Americans "of the heightened risk of missile and drone attacks." In Lebanon, the leader of the Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah said Soleimani's killing made U.S. military bases, warships and service members across the region fair game for attacks. A former Islamic Revolutionary Guard leader suggested the Israeli cities of Haifa and Tel Aviv could be targeted should the U.S. attack Iran.

Iraqi parliament calls for expulsion of US troops

Move after deadly airstrike could lead to resurgence of IS

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The backlash over the U.S. killing of a top Iranian general mounted Sunday as Iraq's Parliament called for the expulsion of American troops from the country — a move that could allow a resurgence of the Islamic State group.

Lawmakers approved a resolution asking the Iraqi government to end the agreement under which Washington sent forces more than four years ago to help fight IS. The bill is nonbinding and subject to approval by the Iraqi government but has the backing of the outgoing prime minister.

The vote was another sign of the blowback from the U.S. airstrike Friday that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and a number of top Iraqi officials at the Baghdad airport. Soleimani was the architect of Iran's proxy wars across the Mideast and was blamed for the

deaths of hundreds of Americans in roadside bombings and other attacks.

Amid threats of vengeance from Iran, the U.S.-led military coalition in Iraq said Sunday it is putting the battle against IS militants on hold to focus on protecting its own troops and bases.

In a strong speech before lawmakers in Parliament, Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi said that after the killing of Soleimani, the government has two choices: End the presence of foreign troops in Iraq or restrict their mission to training Iraqi forces. He called for "urgent measures" to remove foreign forces — including the estimated 5,200 U.S. troops.

Asked shortly before the parliamentary vote whether the U.S. would comply with an Iraqi government request for American troops to leave, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo would not answer directly, saying the U.S. was watching the situation.

President Donald Trump said the U.S. wouldn't leave without being paid for its military investments in Iraq over the years — then said if the troops do have to withdraw, he would levy punishing economic penalties on Baghdad.

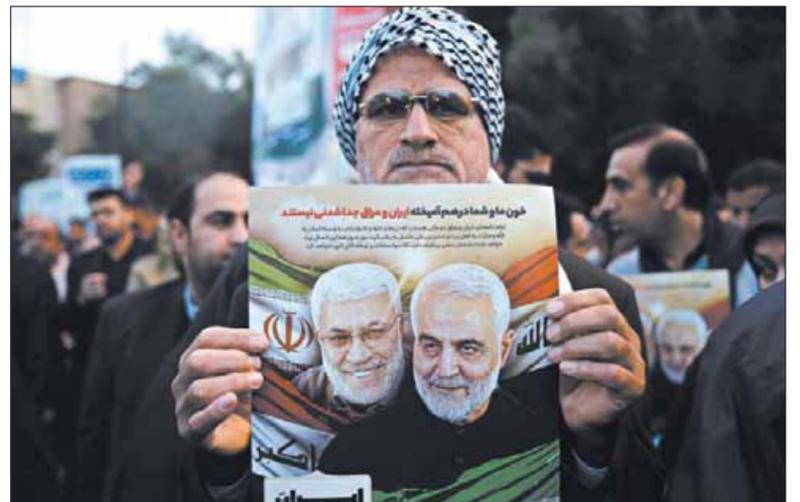
"We will charge them sanctions like they've never seen before ever. It'll make Iranian sanctions look somewhat tame," he said. "If there's any hostility, that they do anything we think is inappropriate, we are going to put sanctions on Iraq, very big sanctions on Iraq."

He added: "We're not leaving until they pay us back for it."

Abdul-Mahdi resigned last year in response to anti-government protests that have engulfed Baghdad and the mostly Shiite southern provinces. Political factions have been unable to agree on a new prime minister, and Abdul-Mahdi continues in a caretaker capacity. Experts said such a government is not legally authorized to sign such a law.

Pentagon officials have said the Iraqi government does not have to give one year's notice to expel American troops, as was required under a previous U.S.-Iraqi agreement.

The death of Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis in the drone attack has especially drawn the ire of Iraqi officials, who considered the airstrike an infringement of Iraqi sovereignty. Al-Muhandis was deputy commander of Iraq's



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A man holds a poster of slain Iraqi paramilitary chief Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, left, and Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani on Sunday in Ahvaz, Iran.

Popular Mobilization Forces, an umbrella group of mostly Shiite paramilitaries folded under the Iraqi military.

American forces withdrew from Iraq in 2011 but returned in 2014 at the invitation of the government to help battle IS after it seized vast areas in the north and west of the country, including Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul. A U.S.-led coalition provided crucial air support as Iraqi forces regrouped and drove IS out in a costly three-year campaign.

A pullout of U.S. troops could cripple the fight against the Islamic State and

allow it to make a comeback. Militants affiliated with IS routinely carry out attacks in northern and western Iraq, hiding out in rugged desert and mountainous areas. Iraqi forces rely on the U.S. for logistics and weapons.

An American withdrawal could also enable Iran to deepen its influence in Iraq, also a majority Shiite country.

The attack that killed Soleimani has dramatically escalated regional tensions. Because of the dangers, the U.S.-led military coalition said it is suspending the training of Iraqi forces and other operations in support of the battle against ISIS.

Also, the leader of Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah group vowed to end the U.S. military's presence in the Middle East, saying U.S. bases, warships and soldiers are now fair targets.

"The suicide attackers who forced the Americans to leave from our region in the past are still here and their numbers have increased," Hassan Nasrallah said. It was not clear which suicide bombings Nasrallah was referring to. But a 1983 attack on a U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut killed 241 U.S. servicemen and led President Ronald Reagan to withdraw all American forces from the country.



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Hundreds gather in a Seattle park on Saturday to protest the U.S. administration's actions in the Middle East.

US protests condemn actions in Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Demonstrators in dozens of cities around the U.S. gathered Saturday to protest the Trump administration's killing of an Iranian general and decision to send thousands of additional soldiers to the Middle East.

More than 70 planned protests were organized by CODEPINK and Act Now to Stop War and End Racism, a U.S.-based anti-war coalition, along with other groups.

From Tampa, Florida, to Philadelphia and San Francisco to New York, protesters carried signs and chanted anti-war slogans.

President Donald Trump ordered Friday's airstrike near Baghdad's international airport that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds Force who has been blamed for attacks on U.S. troops and American allies going back decades. Iran has vowed retribution, but it's unclear how or when a response might come.

Protest organizers said the Trump administration has essentially started a war with Iran.

In Miami, nearly 50 protesters gathered. Drivers heard people shouting, "No more drone murders," "We want peace now" and "What do we want? Peace in Iran."

A few hundred demonstrators gathered in Times Square on Saturday.

"The United States is trying to use Iraq as a proxy war," said Russell Branca, 72, of Queens. "If the United States and Iran are going to

fight it's not going to be in the United States and it's not going to be in Iran, it'll be in other places. And it's just crazy because none of this is necessary."

In Minneapolis, protesters gathered near the University of Minnesota.

"We need to be pulling out of Iraq, not sending thousands more troops. We need to be trying to cool things down with Iran, not pouring gasoline on a fire," said Meredith Aby, 47, a longtime leader of the local Anti-War Committee.



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Firefighters manage a controlled burn to help contain a larger fire on Sunday near Falls Creek, Australia. Deadly wildfires have burned about 12.35 million acres.

Amid respite, Australia PM defends response to fires

BY SHONAL GANGULY AND STEVE MCMORRAN
Associated Press

SYDNEY — Cooling temperatures and calmer winds brought some relief Sunday to Australian communities raked by wildfires, but the heat stayed on Prime Minister Scott Morrison to accept responsibility for the crisis and take action.

“There has been a lot of blame being thrown around,” Morrison said at a news conference. “And now is the time to focus on the response that is being made. Blame doesn’t help anybody at this time and over-analysis of these things is not a productive exercise.”

Morrison announced Saturday that he would dispatch 3,000 army, navy and air force reservists to help battle the fires. He also committed \$14 million to lease firefighting aircraft from overseas.

But the moves did little to tamp down the criticism that he had been slow to act, even as he has downplayed the need for his government to address climate change, which experts say played a key role in supercharging the blazes.

As dawn broke over a blackened landscape Sunday, a picture emerged of disaster of unprecedented scale. The New South Wales Rural Fire Service said 150 fires were active in the state, 64 of them uncontrolled.

The wildfires have so far scorched an area twice the size of Maryland, stretching across Australia’s southeast quadrant, its most densely populated. The fires have killed at least 24 people and nearly 2,000 homes have been destroyed.

Australians know to expect summer wildfires. But the blazes arrived early this year, fed by drought and the country’s hottest and driest year on record.

“The weather activity we’re seeing, the extent and spread of the fires, the speed at which they’re (moving), the way they are attacking communities that have never seen fire is unprecedented,” New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian said.

Morrison, chided for past remarks minimizing the need to address climate change, has deflected criticism while trying to change his tone.

“There is no dispute in

this country about the issue of climate change globally and its effect on global weather patterns, and that includes how it impacts in Australia,” the prime minister said.

“I have to correct the record here. I have seen a number of people suggest that somehow the government does not make this connection. The government has always made this connection and that has never been in dispute,” he said.

Morrison was also forced to defend a video posted on social media Saturday that promoted the deployment of reservists and the government’s response to the wildfires.

On Sunday, cooler temperatures and lighter winds brought some relief to threatened communities, a day after thousands were forced to flee as flames reached the suburban fringes of Sydney.

Despite the administration’s talk of de-escalation, the secretary appeared to amplify the president’s remarks with a warning that could be construed as threatening other sitting Iranian government officials if Iran retaliates for the killing of Soleimani.

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3 Americans killed after US military base attack in Kenya

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NAIROBI, Kenya — Al-Shabab extremists overran a key military base used by U.S. counterterrorism forces in Kenya before dawn Sunday, killing three American Department of Defense personnel and destroying several U.S. aircraft and vehicles before they were repelled, U.S. and Kenyan authorities said.

The attack on the Manda Bay Airfield was the al-Qaida-linked group’s first attack against U.S. forces in the East African country, and the military called the security situation “fluid” several hours after the assault.

Five attackers were killed, Kenyan military spokesman Paul Njuguna said.

Al-Shabab, based in neighboring Somalia, claimed responsibility for the assault.

One serviceman and two Department of Defense contractors were killed in the fighting, according to a statement issued late Sunday by the U.S. Africa Command, or AFRICOM.

The attack on the compound “involved indirect and small-arms fire. After an initial penetration of the perimeter, Kenya Defense Forces and U.S. Africa Command repelled the al-Shabab attack,” said the AFRICOM statement. “Reports indicate that six contractor-operated civilian aircraft were damaged to some degree.”

Al-Shabab claimed 17 U.S. casualties, nine Kenyan soldiers killed and seven aircraft destroyed. The U.S. Africa Command dismissed the claims as exaggerated.

Kenya is a key base for fighting al-Shabab, one of the world’s most resilient extremist organizations. A large plume of black smoke rose above the airfield Sun-



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Two members of the U.S. Air Force perform flag detail in August at Camp Simba in Kenya. The base was the target of an attack by extremists on Sunday, leaving three dead.

day and residents said a car bomb had exploded. Lamu County Commissioner Irungu Macharia told The Associated Press that five suspects were arrested and were being interrogated.

An internal Kenyan police report seen by the AP said two fixed-wing aircraft, a U.S. Cessna and a Kenyan one, were destroyed along with two U.S. helicopters and multiple U.S. vehicles at the Manda Bay military airstrip. The report said explosions were heard at around 5:30 a.m. from the direction of the airstrip. The scene, now secured, indicated that al-Shabab likely entered “to conduct targeted attacks,” the report said.

The U.S. military said only that “initial reports reflect damage to infrastructure and equipment.” The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority said the airstrip was closed for all operations.

The military’s Camp Simba in Lamu County, established more than a decade ago, has fewer than 100 U.S. personnel, according to Pentagon figures. U.S. forces at the adjoining Manda Bay airfield train and give counterterrorism support to East African partners. A U.S. flag-raising at the camp in August signaled its change “from tactical to enduring operations,” the Air Force said at

the time.

Al-Shabab has launched a number of attacks inside Kenya, including against civilian targets such as buses, schools and shopping malls. The group has been the target of a growing number of U.S. airstrikes inside Somalia during President Donald Trump’s administration.

The latest attack comes just over a week after an al-Shabab truck bomb in Somalia’s capital killed at least 79 people and U.S. airstrikes killed seven al-Shabab fighters in response.

Sunday’s attack marks a significant escalation of al-Shabab’s campaign of attacks inside Kenya, said analyst Andrew Franklin, a former U.S. Marine and longtime Kenya resident.

“Launching a deliberate assault of this type against a well-defended permanent base occupied by (Kenya Defence Forces), contractors and U.S. military personnel required a great deal of planning, rehearsals, logistics and operational capability,” he said. Previous attacks against security forces have mainly been ambushes on Kenyan army or police patrols.

The al-Shabab claim of responsibility said Sunday’s attack was part of its “Jerusalem will never be Judaized” campaign.

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of intelligence underlying the decision to kill Soleimani, even as Democrats sharply questioned administration claims that Soleimani, the head of Iran’s powerful Quds Force, had in fact posed an imminent threat to American personnel and interests.

“The intelligence assessment made clear that no action — allowing Soleimani to continue his plotting and his planning, his terror campaign — created more risk than taking the action that we took last week,” Pompeo said on “This Week.”

Citing operational sensitivity, Pompeo refused to provide any details to support the administration’s contention that the strike, which killed Soleimani and several associates Friday, was intended to stave off an urgent threat.

“This was a bad guy. We took him from the battlefield. We saw that he was

plotting further plans to take down Americans, in some cases many Americans,” Pompeo said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

Pompeo also defended President Donald Trump’s overnight threat on Twitter to attack dozens of sites important to Iran and “the Iranian culture” if the Islamic Republic retaliates for Soleimani’s death. But in multiple interviews, he did not address the fact that targeting cultural sites is illegal under the Geneva Convention.

“We’ll act lawfully,” Pompeo said on ABC. “We’ll behave inside the system. We always have, and we always will.”

Speaking with reporters Sunday as he returned to Washington from his holiday stay in Florida, Trump doubled down.

“They’re allowed to kill our people. They’re allowed to torture and maim our people. They’re allowed to use roadside bombs and blow up our people. And we’re not allowed to touch their cultural sites? It doesn’t work that way,”

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SNAP cuts can be costly elsewhere

Recipients of food stamps are healthier, studies found

BY AUSTIN FRAKT
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The New York Times

The Department of Agriculture recently finished work on a new rule that may take food stamps away from nearly 700,000 Americans by tightening work requirements. Several times in the past year, the government has proposed cutting food stamp eligibility. The new rule is intended to save almost \$8 billion over five years.

It's not clear how much money would actually be saved, research suggests, given the costs that might come from a decline in the health and well-being of many of the country's 14.3 million "food-insecure" households.

The Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. It affects low-income, single-parent, and black and Latino households the most, but it cuts across many demographic lines and affects 11% of American households overall.

Citing a strong job market, the Trump administration has said helping able-bodied adults was no longer necessary. Sonny Perdue, the agriculture secretary, said: "We need to encourage people by giving them a helping hand but not allowing it to become an indefinitely giving hand."

Catherine Drennan, director of communications and public affairs at the Greater Boston Food Bank, emphasized that many people receiving assistance are underemployed or "the working poor." (The Greater Boston Food Bank distributes almost 57 million meals each year in partnership with 500 food pantries, colleges and other agencies in eastern Massachusetts.)



Paul Kaplan, of Berkshire Bounty, delivers food to the food pantry at South Congregational Church in Pittsfield, Mass.

"They work one or two jobs but still aren't earning enough to meet all their basic needs," she said.

Food insecurity is linked to worse health outcomes, including poor mental health, high blood pressure and diabetes, with children particularly vulnerable.

Low-income people may be eligible for federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, better known as food stamps. The details vary by state.

"SNAP recipients often work, but their employment can be unsteady," said Dr. Seth Berkowitz, an internist and assistant professor at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Seasonal variation in some labor markets — like agriculture or even retail consumer jobs when sales may spike around the winter holidays — can put people temporarily out of work, making it hard for them to keep food on the table. "The

way these work requirements are imposed could pull support out from under people even when they are working."

One study that Berkowitz led found that receiving SNAP benefits was associated with a reduction in annual health care spending of about \$1,400 per person among low-income adults. Another study found that each additional \$10 of monthly SNAP benefits was linked with a lower risk of hospitalization for Maryland residents enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid. In Massachusetts, an increase in SNAP benefits slowed the increase in Medicaid hospitalization costs.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children WIC is similar to SNAP, but as its name suggests, it provides nutritional support only for low-income mothers and their young children. A recent

report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the prevalence of obesity declined from 2010 to 2016 among toddlers receiving WIC benefits. Experts suggest this may be a result of policy changes in 2009 made to better align WIC food packages with current nutritional and clinical guidelines.

For additional help, people often turn to local food pantries, such as those that partner with the Greater Boston Food Bank. Research suggests food pantries are also effective at providing immediate relief. They have far fewer eligibility requirements than SNAP or WIC — sometimes none — but limit when and how often clients can receive food. Some pantries are even on college campuses, helping the almost 40% of college students who report struggling to afford food.

Food pantries also serve

as a community entry point for a variety of initiatives, including cooking and nutrition classes.

A review of 12 pilot pantry-based programs found these could improve participants' nutritional knowledge and diet. One of the interventions studied a novel approach to food pantry design that allows clients to choose their own food and take part in monthly nutritional goal setting. Three months in, participants were less likely than those using a traditional food pantry to experience severe food insecurity. A year later, they were eating more fruits and vegetables.

Food pantries can also connect people to the health care system, particularly for diabetes diagnosis and management. Feeding America, a national network of 200 food banks, estimates one-third of the households who use their

affiliated food pantries have a member with diabetes.

One study — conducted within Feeding America's network — randomly assigned almost 600 food pantry clients with diabetes into a pantry-based diabetes management pilot program. About 75% of participants struggled with food insecurity. The intervention group received diabetes-tailored food boxes, blood sugar monitoring, a primary care referral if needed and diabetes self-management counseling. After six months, those in the intervention group experienced less food insecurity and were eating more fruits and vegetables. There was no significant clinical improvement related to their diabetes, suggesting that, while food pantries are a good start, further study is needed on how to best marry community intervention and the health care system.

While such interventions can help, they are not long-term solutions nor do they address underlying problems, like food deserts (communities where healthy food is hard to find) and food swamps (those where unhealthy food abounds). We eat what's available and affordable, even if that's bad food.

"The Greater Boston Food Bank is expanding its scope into several other policy efforts that get to the root causes of food insecurity," Drennan said. "For example, we recently supported an increase to the minimum wage and are supporting a healthy housing initiative that would help food-insecure Massachusetts residents experiencing homelessness."

Feeding America estimates at least 30% of those with food insecurity nationwide aren't eligible for SNAP. In some states, it's nearly 50%. Tightening eligibility for the program, as new work requirements would do, would only increase that number.

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Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó is blocked by law enforcement as he tries to reach the National Assembly building on Sunday in Caracas.

Scuffle as Guaidó tries to address Venezuela's congress

BY FABIOLA SANCHEZ
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CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó was violently blocked Sunday from presiding over a special session of congress where rivals tried to install a substitute in what was condemned as a hijacking of the country's last democratic institution.

As a scuffle broke out with security forces in riot gear, the U.S.-backed leader tried unsuccessfully to mount an iron fence surrounding the palace where the opposition-controlled National Assembly was set to elect its leader for the final year of its 2015-2020 period.

Inside, the situation was similarly rowdy, as a rival slate headed by lawmaker Luis Parra tried to swear themselves in as legislative leaders with the support of socialist deputies loyal to President Nicolas Maduro.

Lacking a quorum, there was no vote for Parra, the opposition said. Guaidó's allies, who despite some defections still enjoy a comfortable majority in the 167-seat assembly, immediately denounced the impromptu session as invalid.

"This is nothing more than another blow to our constitution," said Guaidó, whose blue suit was ripped during the chaotic scuffles.

State TV — a mouthpiece for Maduro — celebrated the initiative, raising the possibility of rival claims to the legislature's leadership in the days ahead, just as Guaidó a year ago asserted that he was Venezuela's interim president following Maduro's 2018 reelection following a campaign marred by irregularities.

Guaidó said lawmakers would gather later Sunday at the headquarters of El Nacional, the country's last major opposition newspaper.

Guaidó faced a major test in uniting the opposition and articulating a new vision Sunday in his yearlong campaign to remove Maduro. But his reelection for a second straight year as head of congress — the source of his legitimacy in the eyes of more than 50 countries that recognize him as Venezuela's rightful leader — had been widely expected.

The weeks leading up to Sunday's vote were marked by tension, with the opposition denouncing a covert government campaign to intimidate and bribe law-

makers into voting against Guaidó.

Parra is one of a small handful of lawmakers who recently broke with Guaidó and have since been expelled from their parties for alleged involvement in a corruption scandal involving allies of Maduro.

On Sunday, police officers wearing anti-riot helmets and flanked by metal barricades initially blocked several lawmakers and pro-opposition journalists from reaching the legislature in downtown Caracas.

Amid bouts of shoving and political sloganeering, security forces demanded that each lawmaker present their credentials, arguing they were under orders to deny entry to several lawmakers banned from carrying out their duties by the loyalist supreme court.

"Is your family in Venezuela?" Guaidó asked the young police officers, who stood firmly in nervous silence.

"Today you're complicit with the dictatorship, you're complicit with those who are responsible for the hunger inside Venezuela," he added.

He was eventually allowed though the police line, but blocked from entering the legislature.

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NEWS BRIEFING

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Coast Guard boat capsizes in Oregon; all 4 crew rescued

ASTORIA, Ore. — All four crew members were rescued when a Coast Guard boat capsized after encountering heavy waves in Oregon.

The 25-foot Trailable Aids to Navigation Boat capsized just after 11:30 a.m. Saturday near a pier in Astoria, TV station KOIN reported.

Coast Guard officials at the command center in Seattle received four alerts as well as several witness reports.

An urgent broadcast was issued and directed a Jayhawk crew and a 47-foot motor lifeboat crew to respond. Roughly 20 minutes later, crew members aboard the Columbia Bar Pilot vessel Connor Foss told the Coast Guard they had recovered the entire Coast Guard crew from the water.

Everyone is in healthy condition, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard is investigating the mishap.

Woman accused of using student's hijab to attack her

PORTLAND, Ore. — Authorities issued an arrest warrant Friday for a woman accused of trying to choke a Muslim student with her headscarf and then harassing her by stripping down at a train station in Portland.

Jasmine Renee Campbell, 23, has been indicted on hate crime, attempted strangulation, harassment and criminal mischief charges for the Nov. 12 attack.

The Multnomah County district attorney's office described the attack, saying Campbell grabbed the religious head cover worn by the Portland State University student to try to choke the student with it.

Prosecutors said Campbell then stripped down and rubbed the student's hijab over Campbell's naked breasts and genitals while disparaging Muslims.

Charges: Man killed woman who honked at him to hurry up

ROSEAU, Minn. — Prosecutors in northern Minnesota accused a man of fatally shooting a woman who yelled at him to hurry up and honked her horn while waiting for him outside his home.

Angelo Borreson, 56, was charged Friday with second-degree murder and second-degree assault in the death of 51-year-old Angela Wynne.

Borreson told authorities Wynne drove to his

home near Badger on Wednesday morning to help him get gas for his vehicle. According to the complaint, Wynne arrived before Borreson was ready to leave and started yelling at him to hurry while honking her horn.

Borreson told authorities that he accidentally shot Wynne multiple times. He said he did not mean for his shotgun to fire, the complaint said. He then called 911.



ALVARO BARRIENTOS/AP

Member of The Cabalgata Los Reyes Magos (Cavalcade of the Three Kings) rest in a street of the old city of Pamplona, Spain, on Sunday, the day before Epiphany. The parade symbolizes the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem following the birth of Jesus.

Erdogan says Turkish soldiers are entering Libya

ISTANBUL — Turkey's president said Sunday that the country was deploying military units to Libya, where Ankara is supporting the embattled U.N.-recognized government in Tripoli.

Turkey's parliament authorized the deployment of troops to Libya on Thursday, following a separate deal on sending military experts and weapons signed into law in December.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in a televised interview that Turkish soldiers were "already going gradually" to Libya. He said Turkish soldiers were tasked with "coordination" at a command center.

"The goal of the Turkish armed forces is not to fight, but to ensure a cease-fire in Libya" while supporting the government in Tripoli, Erdogan said, calling it the "legitimate government."

In Australia: A man was killed by a shark Sunday while diving near Esperance off the coast of Western Australia state.

The attack happened as the man was diving from a boat at a nearby island just after 1 p.m. His body has not been found.

The Department of Primary Industries confirmed the attack, saying "a man received fatal injuries after being bitten by a reported white shark."

Police said a woman aboard the boat had been treated for shock.

"Esperance Police and Marine Rescue WA volunteers deployed to the area on board the marine rescue vessels. They are still searching the ocean for the victim," police said.

It was the 16th fatal shark attack off Western Australia since 2000.

McConnell, Pelosi give no signs of budging on impeachment

WASHINGTON — Congress opened the new year with the Senate deadlocked over President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, leaving the proceedings deeply 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 deliv-

ers 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

gave in for brief sessions Friday with the sudden 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.

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.

Drunken driver in Italy plows into tourists, kills 6

ROME — A drunken driver speeding on a mountain road plowed into a group of young German tourists in northern Italy early Sunday, killing six people and injuring 11 others, Italian authorities said.

The deadly crash occurred in a village of Valle Aurina, northeast of Bol-

zano in the Alto Adige region, shortly after 1 a.m. as the Germans gathered near their tour bus. They were between the ages of 20 and 25 years old.

The largely German-speaking autonomous region of northern Italy, with its ski resorts in the Dolomites and quaint vil-

lages around Bolzano, is popular with German tourists.

Italian news reports said the driver's blood alcohol level was nearly four times the legal limit, and that he slammed into the tourists as they were getting off their bus and returning home after an evening out.



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EDITORIALS

As Illinois' population shrinks, so does its clout in Washington

Does it feel like you have more elbow room lately? If you live in Illinois, that's not your imagination playing tricks on you. People are leaving the state faster than people are arriving from other states, and newborns are not emerging frequently enough to make up the difference.

In 2019, the U.S. Census Bureau calculates, our population fell by about 51,250 people. That's the equivalent of everyone in Hoffman Estates packing up and heading out.

While the Land of Lincoln is experiencing a net outflow, other states are people magnets. Texas added some 367,215 residents last year — an average of more than 1,000 people every day. Florida grew by 233,420; Arizona by 120,693. Some of the transplants came from metropolitan Chi-

cago and elsewhere in Illinois.

It's not just the weather that attracts new residents. Minnesota has a climate even more challenging than Illinois' — but it added some 33,383 people last year.

If you like having slightly more breathing room in this state, you can be happy. If you like losing political power nationally, not so much.

Congressional seats are allocated to states based on how many inhabitants they have, as tabulated in the census every 10 years. As recently as the 1940s, Illinois had 27 U.S. House members. Today, it has just 18 — and commensurately less clout in Washington. After the 2020 census, it will have no more than 17, and could drop to 16. Texas, by contrast, could go from 36 to 38. Each state's electoral votes in presidential elections will change accordingly.

That's hardly the only downside for Illinois. Population loss means fewer taxpayers to cover the mountain of public pension obligations that are eating up so much of state and local budgets, and to fund public schools and universities, and to finance social welfare programs.

It means fewer customers to buy goods and services from stores and other providers, and fewer small business owners to hire young people out of high school or college. It means more parents and grandparents missing kids and grandkids who have migrated to Houston or Tampa in search of better opportunities.

You know what Texas and Florida can offer besides lots of warm weather? No personal income tax. You know what Illinois is considering? A graduated income tax, which would collect still more billions of tax dollars, hit the middle class eventu-

ally and invite more people to leave, while deterring big employers from locating here.

But just as the population growth Illinois once enjoyed was not an accident of nature but a product of human decisions, further decline here is not fore-ordained.

Enacting better public policies that curb the growth of pension liabilities, easing tax burdens, facilitating new business formation and stimulating economic growth are four improvements perfectly capable of turning things around. If you can dig a hole, you can fill it in.

The past decade has been a bleak one for Illinois, and the 2020 census will almost certainly confirm that.

But there's another census in 2030. With the right choices, it could tell a happier story about our state.



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The 1968 Ford Mustang driven by Steve McQueen in "Bullitt."

'Bullitt'-tested: Why the Ford Mustang will never die

Over the course of cinematic history, plenty of actors have driven plenty of cars in plenty of chase scenes. Almost every action film features some screeching tires and hair-raising turns.

But to millions of Americans, only one pursuit is unforgettable: Steve McQueen, in the 1968 movie "Bullitt," hurtling through the streets of San Francisco and the nearby hills at the wheel of a Ford Mustang. It's one of those scenes that achieved immortality.

Now, it seems, the car itself may live on. After the film was done, the green fastback eventually wound up with one Bob Kiernan, whose family members drove it till the clutch gave out in 1980.

Since then, the car has mostly sat, rusty and dented, in a barn. But Bob's son Sean has put it up for bids, which

could reach into the millions. That would be a nice return on the \$3,500 it cost Bob Kiernan in 1974.

The likely price is high, but there is nothing like this car, partly because there is nothing like a Mustang. Introduced in April 1964, it surpassed Ford's wildest sales hopes. It quickly became the pace car of the baby boom generation — an affordable, eye-catching symbol of fun and freedom. There were other "pony cars," but none with the Mustang's magic.

The Mustang is not only one of the most successful cars in American history but one of the most enduring. It has survived gasoline shortages, the Japanese auto invasion, the rise of sport utility vehicles and the pickup craze.

Though some changes over the years were better than others — the 1970s brought models regarded as unsightly and underpowered — the Mustang always had its fans.

In fact, so durable is its appeal that when Ford announced last year it would stop selling passenger cars, it made an exception for the Mustang. The F-150 pickup, the bestselling vehicle in America, doesn't exactly handle like a race car. In a high-speed pursuit on a winding road, a hulking truck wouldn't have a chance.

Most car buyers, however, don't get the chance to emulate Steve McQueen. And the modern Mustang has only a small customer base — it sold fewer than 76,000 in the United States in 2018, compared with more than 900,000 F-series trucks. So in a quest to build on

its appeal, Ford had a better idea: an electric SUV with a sleek design, head-snapping acceleration and a Mustang nameplate.

The Mach-E, with prices ranging roughly from \$47,000 to \$70,000, is intended to compete with the Tesla Model Y, among others. In announcing the new model, the company said it won't be available before 2022, but no matter: Buyers quickly put down orders for every one of the units that Ford plans to build.

Like rock 'n' roll music, the Mustang has undergone major changes over the years, but neither is ending anytime soon. Someday, we expect, Americans will be moving about in flying cars, and some of them will be Mustangs.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

To the men who love "Little Women": Hello! You are not alone. There are many of you, and you have all been emailing me to confess, as if it were a shameful secret, your deep affection for a 150-year-old story about four girls growing up in Civil War-era Massachusetts, making currant jam and accidentally burning their dresses in the fireplace ...

Even before the new movie came out, fans and critics were fretting about men and "Little Women." How they didn't get it. How they wouldn't see it. How men would sit through eleventh billion plotlines in which an aging Liam Neeson head-butts terrorists, but not a single plotline exploring whether Aunt March was correct to take Amy to Europe instead of Jo.

Could you be a Little Women Man and not even know it? I wish you would find out. Open yourself to the idea that messages of devotion, kindness and caring are not the purview of women alone. See "Little Women."

Expand society's narrow ideas about what constitutes a fulfilling emotional experience for men, one ticket at a time. ...

Little Women Men, you need to go. You can do it, guys. You can politely glom onto your wives' wine club viewing, or you can go alone, or, better yet, you can casually suggest that you and your crew grab a few beers, and then go watch the March family darn some socks in their sitting room.

Monica Hesse, The Washington Post



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Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck, left, walks with then-Superintendent Eddie Johnson at the 7th District in Englewood on Nov. 9.

Chicago should study LA police reforms for ways to really lower the homicide count

BY ED BACHRACH
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Chicago Tribune

Good news: Chicago homicides are down from the bloody peak of 762 in 2016. With a preliminary count of 492 in 2019, some officials are releasing a deep exhale. Compared with our past, this is a low number.

Bad news: Compared with our peers, it's still stubbornly high. To merely match New York City on a per capita basis, Chicago's homicide tally would be 101. To match Los Angeles, it would be 171.

Chicago cannot solve today's problems with the same level of thinking that created them. As the city tackles its many policing problems, officials must consider the governance reforms that brought the Los Angeles Police Department back from the brink.

In LA, power over the Police Department resides with a professional civilian board of police commissioners. In Chicago, the mayor calls all the shots.

The results speak for themselves. The LAPD was once one of the most discredited and corrupt forces in the nation. In the wake of the police beating of Rodney King in 1991, trust be-

tween LAPD and residents was just as frayed as it is in Chicago today, if not worse. Angelenos saw more than 1,000 homicides in 1992.

LA already had a semi-independent police commission at the time, but it wasn't doing the job. Fortunately, in concert with a federal consent decree, the commission reformed and became highly effective. LA's homicide count is now the envy of Chicagoans, with 252 through Dec. 22. Incredibly, LA achieves these results despite employing half as many patrol officers per capita as Chicago.

Reacting to grassroots community activists, Chicago is now considering a civilian oversight commission. Policymakers should take away three key lessons from LA's experience:

- Remove the mayor from direct oversight of the police.
- Install a small, hardworking commission that is focused full time on measurable improvement in the department, in accordance with the federal consent decree.
- Give that commission the tools and resources to effectively oversee the department.

Chicago has never obeyed these simple principles. So it's no surprise that the city has not had a good experi-

ence with civilian oversight of the police.

When the Independent Police Review Authority didn't work, the city replaced it with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. When Mayor Rahm Emanuel fired one police chief, he stiff-armed the Chicago Police Board, rejected the candidates that the law said he should choose from and hired Eddie Johnson, who hadn't applied for the job. Now, a new commission would likely take the place of some or all of these entities.

There are many questions swirling around exactly what Chicago's new commission would look like. Los Angeles offers helpful guidance. In fact, Chicagoans now have at their disposal a man who witnessed LA's policing transformation from the inside over his four decades in the LAPD: interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck.

Some call for a board of 20 or 21 commissioners in Chicago, either appointed or elected. Is this the right size to get real results? The LA police commission consists of five civilians appointed by the mayor. The mayor can remove a commissioner at any time, but the commissioner can appeal the removal to the City Council. Other than during a change in administrations, an

LA mayor has never dared to remove a commissioner.

Would Chicago's commission hire the police chief, or simply make recommendations to the mayor? What about the police inspector general? And to whom would they both report? In LA, three key officials report directly to the board of commissioners: the police chief, the police inspector general and an executive director of the commission. The board hires all three of them.

Would Chicago's commission and its staff be able to work full time with the Police Department to put in place all the positions and practices needed to comply with the federal consent decree? LA police commissioners work full time, meeting three days a week to oversee the Police Department.

Chicago cannot afford another reshuffling of ineffective agencies. Nor can it afford to create an unwieldy board that the mayor will ignore.

City government, aldermen and the mayor should look west.

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Trump's Iran gamble might pay off, but it demands skill, statecraft

BY HAL BRANDS

The airstrike that killed Qassem Soleimani, head of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Quds Force, and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, a leader of Iranian-backed militias in Iraq, was not simply a sharp departure in the Trump administration's policy toward Tehran. It also marks a larger shift in America's response to Iranian influence and provocations in the Middle East.

President Donald Trump has gambled that an extraordinary escalation will allow it to reassert control of an intensifying U.S.-Iran confrontation. It may actually work. But weathering the diplomatic and military fallout will require far greater skill and competence than Trump's team has displayed so far.

The political scientist Robert Jervis once distinguished between the "spiral model" and the "deterrence model" of conflict. In the spiral model, hitting an opponent simply causes him to hit you back; escalation begets escalation. In the deterrence model, hitting an opponent hard enough leads him to back down; escalation, or simply a show of strength, can beget de-escalation.

For much of the past two decades, the U.S. has mostly followed the logic of the spiral model in dealing with Iran. Iranian forces and Iraqi proxies under Soleimani's command used improvised explosive devices to kill hundreds of American troops following the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. Yet the George W. Bush administration — while periodically confronting Iraqi Shiite radicals under Iranian influence — mostly refrained from targeting top Iranian operatives such as Soleimani, for fear of provoking escalation with Tehran and a political backlash within Iraq.

The Barack Obama administration also found the logic of the spiral model compelling. That administration brought great economic, diplomatic and other pressures to bear in hopes of securing a nuclear accord. Yet Obama showed restraint when it came to potential military or paramilitary confrontations with Iran and its proxies, whether in Iraq, Syria or elsewhere.

Trump's approach was initially harder to categorize. In some ways, he pursued a policy of maximum antagonism, by pulling out of the nuclear deal Tehran negoti-

ated with the West in 2015 and imposing harsh economic sanctions. But after attacks on oil tankers, Saudi oil facilities and a U.S. drone, all of which the U.S. blamed on Iran, Trump repeatedly held back from any overt military response, citing the need to avoid a larger conflict.

This latest escalation represents an implicit admission that Trump's earlier strategy had failed — that economic antagonism plus military restraint had provoked Iran but not adequately deterred it. That failure was confirmed most recently by militia attacks on U.S. facilities and personnel in Iraq, and by the menacing New Year's Eve siege of the U.S. embassy in Baghdad.

Confronted with this failure, and also with evidence that Soleimani was apparently plotting additional attacks, Trump took several steps up the escalatory ladder: U.S. forces did not simply seek to disrupt attacks in preparation, or respond proportionately to them. They killed two of the most important men in Iran's network of influence in the Middle East.

The underlying calculation here seems to represent a shift from the spiral model to the deterrence

model. By raising the stakes sharply, the thinking goes, Washington can shock Tehran and demonstrate how much the Iranian regime has to lose through further provocations.

To call this a gamble is an understatement. Soleimani may have been a loathsome terrorist in American eyes, but he remains a national hero in Iran. Iranian forces and proxies are capable of attacking — either immediately or over the long run — U.S. military assets, diplomatic facilities and citizens in Iraq and throughout the Middle East. Tehran could also respond with cyberattacks, further assaults on Gulf oil infrastructure or proxy attacks against Israel. Tehran could further cast off the remaining restraints on its nuclear program; it could, and probably will, use its influence with Iraqi politicians in a bid to evict U.S. forces from Iraq.

That said, Trump's wager may pay off. The Iranian regime has historically been aggressive but not suicidal. The knowledge that the U.S. can and will target top regime leaders probably terrifies Iranian officials as much as it enrages them. Washington has now shown its ability to escalate in

unexpected and devastating ways. It may have miscalculated in killing Soleimani and al-Muhandis, but right now it is Iranian leaders who surely feel that they have badly misjudged the enemy.

One thing is certain: Navigating the current crisis will require a higher quality of statecraft than has been the Trump administration's norm. Trump has generally sundered, neglected or undermined diplomatic relationships, within the region and beyond, that would be very valuable right now. Tight messaging and skillful execution of policy have not been hallmarks of his presidency. Former secretaries of state such as Dean Acheson and George Shultz would have their hands full in dealing with this crisis, and nobody in Washington right now looks like another Acheson or Shultz.

"The game has changed," Secretary of Defense Mark Esper warned hours before the strike. True enough. We'll see if the Trump administration is ready for what comes next.

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Tourists in Lake Conjola, a popular holiday destination in Australia, take refuge on a beach from wildfires on Dec. 31, 2019.

Catastrophic weather is a new normal. Is that enough to move the needle?

By PAUL KRUGMAN
New York Times

The images from Australia have been nightmarish: walls of flame, blood-red skies, residents huddled on beaches as they try to escape the inferno. The bush fires have been so intense that they have generated “fire tornadoes” powerful enough to flip over heavy trucks.

The thing is, Australia’s summer of fire is only the latest in a string of catastrophic weather events over the past year: unprecedented flooding in the Midwest, a heat wave in India that sent temperatures to 123 degrees, another heat wave that brought unheard-of temperatures to much of Europe.

And all of these catastrophes were related to climate change.

Notice that I said “related to” rather than “caused by” climate change. This is a distinction that has flummoxed many people over the years. Any individual weather event has multiple causes, which was one reason news reports used to avoid mentioning the possible role of climate change in natural disasters.

In recent years, however, climate scientists have tried to cut through this confusion by engaging in “extreme event attribution,” which focuses on probabilities: You can’t necessarily say that climate change caused a particular heat wave, but you can ask how much difference global warming made to the probability of that heat wave happening. And the answer, typically, is a lot: Climate change makes the kinds of extreme weather events we’ve been seeing much more likely.

And while there’s a lot of randomness in weather outcomes, that randomness actually makes climate change much more damaging in its early stages than most people realize. On our current trajectory, Florida as a whole will eventually be swallowed by the sea, but long before that

happens, rising sea levels will make catastrophic storm surges commonplace. Much of India will eventually become uninhabitable, but killing heat waves and droughts will take a deadly toll well before that point is reached.

Put it this way: While it will take generations for the full consequences of climate change to play out, there will be many localized, temporary disasters along the way. Apocalypse will become the new normal — and that’s happening right in front of our eyes.

The big question is whether the proliferation of climate-related disasters will finally be enough to break through the opposition to action.

There are some hopeful signs. One is that the news media has become much more willing to talk about the role of climate change in weather events.

Not long ago it was all too common to read articles about heat waves, floods and droughts that seemed to go to great lengths to avoid mentioning climate change. My sense is that reporters and editors have finally gotten over that block.

The public also seems to be paying attention, with concern about climate change growing substantially over the past few years.

The bad news is that growing climate awareness is mainly taking place among Democrats; the Republican base is largely unmoved.

And the anti-environmental extremism of conservative politicians has, if anything, become even more intense as their position has become intellectually untenable. The right used to pretend that there was a serious scientific dispute about the reality of global warming and its sources. Now Republicans, and the Trump administration in particular, have simply become hostile to science in general. Hey, aren’t scientists effectively part of the deep state? Furthermore, this isn’t just a U.S. prob-

lem. Even as Australia burns, its current government is reaffirming its commitment to coal and threatening to make boycotts of environmentally destructive businesses a crime.

The sick irony of the current situation is that anti-environmentalism is getting more extreme precisely at the moment when the prospects for decisive action should be better than ever.

On one side, the dangers of climate change are no longer predictions about the future: We can see the damage now, although it’s only a small taste of the horrors that lie ahead.

On the other side, drastic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions now look remarkably easy to achieve, at least from an economic point of view. In particular, there has been so much technological progress in alternative energy that the Trump administration is trying desperately to prop up coal against competition from solar and wind.

So will environmental policy play a role in the 2020 campaign? Most Democrats seem disinclined to make it a major issue, and I understand why: Historically, the threat posed by right-wing environmental policy seemed abstract, distant and hard to run on compared with, say, Republican attempts to dismantle Obamacare.

But the wave of climate-related catastrophes may be changing the political calculus. I’m not a campaign expert, but it seems to me that campaigns might get some traction with ads showing recent fires and floods and pointing out that Donald Trump and his friends are doing everything they can to create more such disasters. For the truth is that Trump’s environmental policy is the worst thing he’s doing to America and the world. And voters should know that.

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Socialite did a lot for Chicago

The Flashback feature on Edith Rockefeller McCormick (“A quirky visionary,” Dec. 29) correctly identifies her as a quirky visionary. However, she was so much more. As we celebrate the centennial year of her gift of land for Brookfield Zoo, perhaps we could also focus on other gifts she gave Chicago, such as an institute for infectious diseases and grand opera. While the focus of the Flashback was her eccentricity, what was lost was her fierce dedication to improving the cultural life of Chicago and her intellect. An independent scholar analyzing her library after her death declared her likely to be the nation’s leading female intellectual and a true Kantian scholar. It’s time to stop judging this unique woman by her husband’s scandals and instead appreciate her gifts to our city.

— Andrea Friederici Ross, Elmhurst

Hypocritical standards of Democrats

A recent letter writer said in so many words that President Donald Trump is not above the law. Assuming the writer is a Democrat, I ask: Why do Democrats treat illegal immigrants as if they are above the law? You know, sanctuary cities, etc. If the Democrats didn’t have double standards, they wouldn’t have any standards at all.

— Richard Murdock, North Aurora

Impeachment trial process is flawed

The Founding Fathers were brilliant visionaries in many ways, but were resounding failures when it came to impeachment. A rogue president being judged by a highly partisan U.S. Senate is a recipe for disaster. Instead of resulting in a fair and impartial decision, it may actually protect a criminal and corrupt president.

The best way to judge a president is to remove the impeachment process from the realm of politics and have a panel of distinguished and objective jurists render their decisions based on evidence and facts, not on heavily biased political opinions or heated emotions.

— Kenneth L. Zimmerman, Huntington Beach, California

Facts fall victim to PC culture

Once again, our public officials are hot to ruin the lives of our youths for daring to flout the rules of political correctness. Let’s not allow the facts get in the way of a good scandal.

In West Virginia, 34 correctional officer cadets and their instructor were summarily fired by the governor after the cadets were photographed using a Nazi-like salute to thank their instructor for her dedication. Ignore the fact that the instructor described herself as “a hard-a— like Hitler,” or that the cadets themselves were too young to fully understand the significance of the salute, or that the salute itself was an ancient Roman greeting, or that the state investigation into the matter concluded that the incident was embarrassing but of no other consequence. It was effectively an inside reference gone wrong because it went public.

I grieve for our country now that it is obvious that we are more concerned with the window dressing than with delving into the pith and merits of an issue.

— Michael Boldt, Chicago

Honor people — and the English language

In response to the commentary by Benjamin Dreyer of The Washington Post (“Language serves all of us. Merriam-Webster’s word of the year shows that,” Dec. 19): I am delighted to hear someone speak of the common use of the word “they” rather than “he or she” when referring to the singular.

Although using the latter is awkward, we cannot change a singular pronoun to a plural just because it feels or sounds awkward. A person is not a “they,” so let’s honor people and also the English language.

— Judy H. Thompson, Chicago

Memory of a mom’s recipe book

Donna Vickroy’s article, “Handwritten recipes stir up powerful memories of past,” in the Dec. 29 Tribune stirred up my memory about the recipe legacy my mother gave her six children. My mother hand-wrote a 34-page booklet of the recipes she used through our growing years, titled “Good Eating.” She gave it to each of us on Christmas Day 1983. She was a teacher and had perfect penmanship.

The recipes included meat dishes, vegetables, salads, cakes, pies, desserts, cookies and miscellaneous food. My five brothers and sisters still use the recipes on a regular basis, and we all relish the thought and work Mom put into it.

Thanks for the memories!
— Bob Schaefer, Long Beach, Indiana

‘Hello, Dolly’ composer an early HIV survivor

By CORY FRANKLIN
Chicago Tribune

When composer Jerry Herman died last month at 88, he was universally acclaimed as a legend of the musical theater. He wrote three of the greatest shows of the 20th century: “Hello, Dolly,” “Mame” and “La Cage aux Folles.” Less acknowledged was Herman’s special place in the annals of medicine as living proof of one of the medical miracles of our era.

Herman was diagnosed with HIV in 1985, when it was essentially a death sentence. Living for 34 years after the HIV diagnosis made him one of the longest survivors with the virus, especially among adults (some infants born with HIV at the time also survived). Herman was one of the first people to receive the AIDS medications that transformed the disease from an incurable and fatal condition to a manageable chronic disease.

After having two of the most popular hits of the 1960s in “Dolly” and “Mame,” Herman suffered through several failures and experienced a creative drought for more than a decade. In 1983, he wrote his third hit, “La Cage aux Folles,” one of the first shows with an openly gay couple. At the same time, a major AIDS outbreak had begun worldwide, and more than 2,000 cases were diagnosed in the United States. In the next two years, AIDS was reported in 51 countries and more than 10,000 Americans died of the disease.

Shortly after he received his diagnosis, Herman was “outed” in the newspapers. He had always been upfront about his sexuality and his disease, but the very public disclosure of his HIV status nearly ruined his career. As he told interviewer Charlie Rose, “It was devastating to me because producers stopped calling me. ...



Herman

They didn’t want someone who was going to die to work on their next project. And my career actually stopped.” That was part of the stigma at the time surrounding those with HIV.

The next five years were the low point of the AIDS epidemic in the United States. A million people had become infected with HIV and well over 100,000 people died, including Herman’s longtime partner. With only short-term treatments available, there was a pervasive air of despair and hopelessness, both in the medical community and among HIV patients.

And like so many thousands of others, Herman was dying. As his strength ebbed and he lost weight, his blood counts dropped to levels that indicated the virus was multiplying rapidly in his body, a grim indication that death would soon follow. Manhattan was a world center for AIDS research, and Herman’s physician knew of a trial for a new set of drugs — antiretrovirals — that were supposed to inhibit the virus from replicating in the body. The researchers were looking for FDA approval and needed volunteers. Herman didn’t hesitate.

“I was fortunate to be put on a study of a ‘protease inhibitor.’ ... It had nothing to do with connections or money,” he told Rose. “They were looking for guinea pigs. They were looking for people who weren’t doing well. ... I was told that they didn’t know what the consequences would be, that it was a new drug and a powerful drug and it might cause me harm, and they had no idea what might be in store. I wanted to do it very badly be-

cause I saw myself going downhill and I thought any chance that I can take at life was just fine with me.”

The results were miraculous; within a month his blood counts improved and he started regaining weight. Patients across the country were experiencing similar dramatic results. Thanks to patients like Herman and other volunteers, FDA approval for the first protease inhibitor drugs soon followed. Herman told Poz in 1997, “My medical records were sent to the FDA along with many hundreds of others to help get the drug approved. I think that’s the best thing I’ve done for this world.”

As a result of these drugs, for the first time since the start of the epidemic, AIDS deaths in the United States dropped in 1996 by nearly 25% from the previous year and by nearly 50% the next year. Today, the research that began three decades ago is benefiting millions of AIDS patients all over the world, especially in Africa, the continent hardest hit by HIV.

Herman, once perilously close to death, recovered. While he never had another major Broadway hit, in 2010 he was a Kennedy Center honoree, generally considered the highest award in the entertainment industry.

Herman was honored for telling the stories of some of the musical theater’s most memorable characters — the matchmaker Dolly Levi, the eccentric Auntie Mame and the gay couple Georges and Albin. But there was no more uplifting tale than the real-life story of Jerry Herman during the darkest days of the AIDS crisis.

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Jill on Money

Changes coming for retirement savers

Congress delivered retirement savers a last-minute Christmas gift: the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, which after passing the House in May, was neatly tucked inside a federal government spending bill that President Trump signed just before the holiday break. The changes were the biggest in more than a decade.

While the Secure Act attempts to increase worker participation, it also allows for companies to use more complicated products and makes it easier to access retirement accounts in certain instances. Here are some of the highlights:

- Increases required minimum distribution age. Currently, retirement savers are forced to begin withdrawing money from their tax deferred accounts after they turn age 70.5. The Secure Act increases that age to 72 for those who turn 70.5 after Dec. 31, 2019.

- Ditches the age cap for traditional IRA contributions. Under current law, if you are over 70½ and have wage income, you are prohibited from putting money into a traditional IRA. The Secure Act abolishes the limitation. (There are no age restrictions on Roth IRAs.)

- Changes how retirement account balances are reported. Instead of reflecting the total dollars saved, the Secure Act will require plan providers to show how much a retirement account value would create in annual income during retirement.

- Makes it easier to include annuities inside retirement plans. Lauded by the insurance industry as a vehicle to create retirement income, annuities can be opaque and expensive, critics say. Also, companies had been reluctant to offer annuities in 401(k) plans, due to legal liabilities. The Secure Act reduces the legal issue, but critics worry that the addition of annuities into 401(k)s could make plans more expensive.

- Increases auto enrollment. Companies can automatically enroll employees in retirement plans and then increase the contribution to up to 10% of annual income. The Secure Act increases the threshold to 15%. Employees can continue to opt out.

- Expands eligibility for part-timers. Under current rules, people need to work at least 1,000 hours during a calendar year to access most company plans. Starting in 2021, the Secure Act allows those who worked at least 500 hours per year for at least three consecutive years to enroll in retirement plans.

- Helps small businesses provide retirement plans. The new law increases a current tax credit for establishing a retirement plan from \$500 to \$5,000; introduces a second tax credit of \$500 for plans that include automatic enrollment; and starting in 2012, makes it easier for small companies of different types to band together to offer a pooled retirement plan to their employees.

- Eliminates stretch RMDs. Current IRS rules allow non-spouse beneficiaries of IRA accounts to “stretch” distributions from an inherited account over their own lifetimes. Under the Secure Act, the stretch RMD is gone. Non-spouses who inherit an IRA or 401(k) will (with some exceptions) have to take the money out of the account, and pay the taxes due at your income tax bracket at the time, within 10 years of the retirement account owner's death.

- Expands the use of 529 money. Anyone with 529 education savings accounts can take tax-free withdrawals of as much as \$10,000 for repayments of some student loans.

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Hamdi Ulukaya, the CEO of Chobani, says his new oat products taste “very earthy, very comforting.”

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Chobani looks to greener pastures

Company built on yogurt bets on oat drinks

BY BEN PAYNTER
Fast Company

Chobani CEO Hamdi Ulukaya is standing in his company's industrial-chic test kitchen in lower Manhattan, gleefully doing shots. He's not drinking alcohol, but something that is, at least for him, another kind of controlled substance: milk.

Yes, the Greek yogurt titan — the man who once milked cows for a living and famously bootstrapped what became a \$1.5-billion-in-annual-revenue company by getting America hooked on the creamy, tart and protein-rich yogurt of his Turkish youth — is sensitive to dairy.

Around the time his trademark mop of curly hair began turning salt-and-pepper, Ulukaya realized that he was lactose intolerant and stopped drinking milk. (Yogurt, because of the fermentation process, is easier to digest.) Then, about a year ago, he began stealthily developing his own plant-based alternative.

“Awesome, no?” he says, grabbing an unmarked cardboard carton and pouring himself another small glass of his velvety off-white elixir. He downs the glass and sets it on a large wooden table topped with rows of other top-secret products.

When I finally taste my sample, it's creamy and smooth, coating my mouth and finishing without the sort of chalkiness or cloying sweetness that I've come to expect of plant-based milks. Ulukaya praises it as “very earthy, very comforting.”

This month, after years of expanding its yogurt portfolio with innovations such as crunchy mix-ins and lower sugar levels, Chobani is debuting a new product category, called Chobani Oat. The company is launching four oat drinks — plain, vanilla, chocolate, and plain extra creamy — that approximate milk (although Chobani has strategically chosen not to call them that). There will also be a barista edition for coffee shops, a line of fermented-oat yogurts in flavors such as strawberry-vanilla and blueberry-pomegranate, and mix-in varieties with names like Peach Coconut Crisp.

It's a bold departure for a company that made its name in dairy and is the top seller of yogurt in America. Little more than a decade after it launched, in 2007, Chobani catapulted over Yoplait, Dannon and other established brands

to claim 19% of yogurt sales in this country and a full 43% of the Greek yogurt market.

Chobani's new oat line is designed to boost sales even further by moving the company into an increasingly popular section of the grocery store. After decades of jockeying, first by soy- and then almond-milk pioneers, alternative milks have secured shelf space beside cow's milk in most stores. It turns out you can “milk” almost anything — quinoa, hemp, cashews — although the dairy industry has lobbied hard against producers using that term.

The retail milk market in the U.S. (both cow and nondairy) topped \$15 billion in 2018. Alternative milks, on their own, pulled in \$2.4 billion, a number that's projected to grow exponentially. Total sales of cow's milk in 2018 dropped by roughly \$1.1 billion dollars compared to the previous year.

The alt-milk surge is driven both by Baby Boomers, who are discovering that lactose intolerance increases with age, and younger generations well-versed in the carbon footprints and cruelty of many animal-based products. But there have always been drawbacks to plant-based milks: funky tastes, watery consistencies, an inability to mix well with other products.

Oat milk is an exception. Its main ingredient is a sustainable cover crop that can be sourced organically without

massive amounts of water. Made by a simple enzymatic process and finished with a dash of oil (Chobani uses canola), it's creamy, slightly sweet (even when it's made with no added sucrose) and perfect for coffee and baking.

Ulukaya is now betting that he can leverage his company's resources, which include a million-square-foot manufacturing facility in Twin Falls, Idaho, and a new, 14,000-square-foot research and development lab attached to it, to do for oat-based products what he once did for Greek yogurt: Take them mainstream.

He's moving aggressively. Grocery stores typically reset their shelves twice a year, in January and July. Ulukaya has routinely capitalized on those moments to drop new products — and turn them into moneymakers.

Ulukaya, 47, went from sleeping in a run-down factory to being a billionaire in less than a decade. Born and raised in a Kurdish sheep- and goat-farming family, Ulukaya fled Turkey for the United States in the mid-'90s, fearing that his vocal support for Kurdish rights would be punished by the country's militaristic regime.

He learned English and started a small-scale feta cheese company in upstate New York. When he saw an aging Kraft yogurt plant for sale nearby in 2005, he took another risk, securing a Small Business Administration loan to build a Greek yogurt enterprise.

As Chobani has risen, its competitors have become increasingly nimble. They've cut the sugars in their yogurts to match Chobani and introduced low-fat Greek lines. So Ulukaya, who had long been fascinated with the versatility of oats, directed his team to something new.

Chobani could be the company that popularizes oat-milk products, but it certainly didn't invent them. It's playing catch-up to other players in the alt-milk space, including the sorts of inventive upstarts that Chobani once was. Sweden-based Oatly, most notably, arrived in the United States in late 2016 and began persuading high-end coffee shops to use its oat milks.

How late can Roth contributions be made?

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Q: I meant to convert some money to a Roth IRA last year, but I didn't make the Dec. 31, 2019, deadline. Can I still make a Roth IRA contribution that counts toward the last tax year?

A: Yes, you still have some time to do so, assuming your income qualifies you to make Roth contributions for the previous tax year. You can contribute to a Roth IRA for the previous tax year as late as the April 15 filing deadline. If you were 50 or older in 2019, you can stash up to \$7,000 in a Roth.

That extended deadline for Roth contributions comes in handy if your previous year's income was on the cusp of surpassing the income thresholds. Single filers with modified adjusted gross income below

\$122,000 and joint filers with MAGI below \$193,000 can contribute the maximum amount to a Roth IRA for 2019. Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the full income phase-out ranges for Roth contributions. You might consider making 2020 Roth contributions while you're at it. The income limits have risen slightly in 2020, and the maximum contribution amount remains the same.

Q: I've heard I will need a Real ID driver's license next year to clear airport security. What is that? And what if I don't get one by the time of my trip?

A: Beginning in October, many travelers will need what's known as a Real ID-compliant license to fly domestically. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Congress passed legislation designed to create uni-

versal standards for driver's licenses and other sources of identification.

But with the deadline less than a year away, the U.S. Travel Association estimates that 99 million Americans lack a Real ID-compliant driver's license or other acceptable identification.

State legislatures have passed laws to bring their DMVs up to speed on the new standards, but the process hasn't always gone smoothly. Millions of Californians who thought their licenses were compliant have been told to provide more information to prove residency.

If you don't already have a Real ID, the Transportation Safety Administration recommends going to the DMV early in the year to avoid long lines. If you don't get a Real ID by the deadline, a valid passport will



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get you through security checkpoints.

FedEx and RushMyPassport, a company specializing in expedited passports, recently announced a partnership to streamline the application process. You'll have to pay the government fee of \$145, plus additional costs that vary based on how quickly you need your passport.

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Great places for retirees to settle

These are the 5 most tax-friendly states

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During your working years, you may not have a lot of choice about where you live. Once you retire, the world is your oyster. But as you consider your options, don't ignore the impact of state taxes on your bottom line.

Here are the five most tax-friendly states for retirees. Results are based on the estimated state and local tax burden in each state for a retired couple with a mixture of income from Social Security, an IRA, a private pension, interest and dividends, and capital gains. We also gave them a \$400,000 home (with a small mortgage) and \$10,000 in deductible medical expenses.

Income thresholds are for 2019 and will change in states that index them to inflation. For a complete breakdown of state taxes on retirees, go to Kiplinger.com/links/retireetaxmap.

Wyoming

Thanks to Wyoming's revenues from oil and mineral rights, residents shoulder the lowest overall state and local tax bur-

den in the United States, according to our calculations. There are no income taxes, and sales taxes are low, too. You won't pay high property taxes to own a home on the range, either. For a \$400,000 place in Wyoming, the statewide average annual property tax bill is \$2,540, the ninth-lowest amount in the country.

Nevada

There is no state income tax in Nevada, so you can cash in your retirement plans and collect Social Security checks without worrying about a big state tax bill. The average annual property tax bill on a \$400,000 home is about \$2,771 per year, considerably below the national average. However, sales taxes are on the high side. The average combined state and local sales tax rate is the 14th-highest in the country.

Delaware

This is one of a handful of states with no sales tax, and property taxes are low, too. The average annual property tax bill in Delaware on a \$400,000 home is just \$2,414, the sixth-lowest amount in the nation. Residents age 60 and older can

exclude up to \$12,500 of pension and other retirement income, including dividends and interest, capital gains, and IRA and 401(k) distributions.

Alabama

Social Security benefits and most pensions are exempt from state taxes, and property taxes are modest. Average annual property tax bill on a \$400,000 home here runs about \$1,729 per year, the second-lowest amount in the country. However, Alabama's average combined state and local sales tax rate is the fifth highest in the nation. Alabama is also one of the few states that taxes groceries.

South Carolina

Taxpayers who are 65 or older can exclude up to \$10,000 of retirement income from state taxes. Seniors can also deduct \$15,000 of other taxable income (\$30,000 for joint filers). Plus, in 2020, veterans who are age 65 or older can exclude up to \$30,000 of income from a military retirement plan (up to \$17,500 for veterans younger than 65). The statewide average property tax on a \$400,000 home is only \$2,404, the fourth-lowest amount in the country. Sales taxes are on the high side in South Carolina. There's a 6% statewide levy, and local governments can add as much as 3%.

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The Savage Truth

Ways to pay off that holiday shopping debt

Consumer spending soared this holiday season — reflecting high consumer confidence and record employment numbers. The MasterCard holiday spending figures show an increase of 3.4%, amid a huge spike in online shopping. With the stock market near record highs and worries about China trade diminishing, shoppers expressed their optimism by buying gifts.

And now, come the bills. For many people they will be a shock. According to a new survey by MagnifyMoney.com, 78% won't be able to pay off their holiday credit card debt in January. And 15% of those people are making only minimum monthly payments.

At that rate, it could take up to 30 years to pay off those balances, adding more than 4 times the amount charged in interest payments along the way.

It's a widespread problem. According to the survey, more than 44% of holiday spenders took on debt this holiday season. Gen Xers took on the most debt — \$2,076, on average.

Now it's time to figure out a response that will help you dig out of holiday debt — and keep you from making your situation worse.

Using multiple credit cards does not divide the pain, or the finance charges. This is the time to add it all up. You don't need a computer. Just pile up the bills and make a list on a piece of paper. Write down the balance, the interest rate and the minimum monthly payment. Post that note prominently on your desktop.

Take your credit cards out of your wallet and place them, along with your other list, in an envelope. Leave it alone. And that also means ignoring those sites that have stored your credit card information.

Those larger outstanding balances ding your credit score very quickly. Go to CreditKarma.com or Discover.com or your bank's website to see your score for free. Then check again next month as you pay down your card balances to see your score increase as you use less of your outstanding credit lines.

One step you can take to ease the process of paying off your balance is to do a balance transfer to a card that offers a zero interest rate for a period of time — allowing you to dig into that debt repayment.

But beware of the hidden traps. If you don't repay the balance during the specified period, your interest rate could skyrocket, leaving you trapped in a worse situation. Check the length of the no-interest period; it could be as short as six months or as long as 18 months. And some of those offers come with a fee that is added to your balance. You can compare balance transfer deals at CompareCards.com.

The CompareCards survey also revealed that despite the best intentions of cardholders who transferred a balance in the past year, only 54% said they paid off the entire balance during the no-interest-rate period — down from 59% the year before.

Finally, we all enjoy looking forward to a reward for reaching our goals. So set one for yourself — perhaps dinner out or a concert ticket if you pay down your card to zero. Just don't charge it. That's the Savage Truth.

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Calculating delayed retirement credits

Waiting until age 70 to claim benefit pays off

BY KIPLINGER'S PERSONAL FINANCE

Q: I'm considering delaying Social Security benefits until age 70, so I can earn delayed retirement credits to boost my benefit. What happens if I end up claiming my Social Security benefit sooner, say, at age 68?

A: For every month that you delay your benefit beyond full retirement age, you will earn a delayed retirement credit of 2/3 of 1% of your benefit, which adds up to 8% a year. So if you claim at 68 instead of 70, you will still get credits for the months you delayed beyond your full retirement age.

If your full retirement age is 66 and you claim at 68, you will get a 16% benefit boost. But if you claim before age 70, your credits for the current year won't show up in your check until the following January. When you delay benefits until age 70, all of the delayed credits show up in your benefit starting with the first Social Security check you receive.



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Say you claim your benefit in July 2020 at age 68. Your benefit would include the monthly delayed credits you earned from your full retirement age through December 2019. But the last six months of credits from January to June 2020 would show up in your benefit in January 2021.

Wait the extra two years to claim the benefit at age 70, and the 32% boost for waiting past a full retirement age of 66 shows up in the first benefit check.

Q: I read that age-based language on job web sites could be discriminatory. But are there specific job boards or other resources to help you find a job or a new career if you are older than 55?

A: Yes. Although federal law requires

that older workers be given a fair chance at job openings, it doesn't prevent age bias, of course. There are organizations that help older workers with their careers. One good place to start: AARP Foundation's Back to Work 50+, which offers training, coaching and other tools. Call 855-850-2525 or go to www.aarp.org.

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Context switching: Even just bouncing between your inbox and your current task can eat up 20% of your productivity.



Attention Residue: Our brain can't switch tasks on a dime. Some studies say it can take up to 23 minutes to regain focus after being interrupted.

Productivity shame: We spend 46.9% of our days thinking about something other than what we're currently doing. Splitting our attention like this means tasks take longer and you're always stressed about doing more. If you can learn to dedicate even just two hours of your day to intense focus, you get a compound return on your investment.

SOURCE: Fast Company



To take advantage of this leap in productivity, you need to know two things:

- When is the best time for you to focus?
- How are you going to protect that time?

Then do it.

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SUPERIOR DESIGN

How to create office space that enhances engagement, productivity, happiness

BY JARED HECHT | Inc.

A good business leader wants his or her team to be happy. Decent people want this on a basic human level, of course, but there's also a business case to be made for happiness. It leads to more engagement, greater productivity and higher levels of employee retention as well.

There's a lot that a business can do to influence how happy its employees are. Good benefits, competitive salaries, a positive company culture, nice perks, transparency and careful onboarding are all vital. One area that is sometimes overlooked, however, is the design of an office.

Some companies are obsessed with office design and invest a lot of money to make their workspaces into second homes. And then there are the ones that feature fluorescent lighting, sad cubicles and no natural light.

If you're running a young company, or a company that doesn't have cash to burn on a huge modern kitchen, pool tables and nap pods, don't worry. Here are a few office design tweaks that will have a subtle but important effect on your employees.

Emphasize water cooler culture

Whether you use old-fashioned water coolers or fancier sparkling water machines to keep your team hydrated, place them in various locations and build a culture around drinking water often. Encourage water breaks and offer employees refillable water bottles as company swag.

Moving your water cooler to the edge of your kitchen means your employees can rehydrate

without walking past a room full of sugar and salt. These behavioral design nudges can help you cultivate a healthier, happier workforce that isn't bogged down by sugar crashes, snack overloads and insufficient hydration.

You can go farther by providing healthful snacks for co-workers. Set up a monthly delivery of fruit, protein bars and nuts. Your employees will appreciate the gesture and likely will start eating healthier, which can lead to less sick time.

Make liberal use of plants

When in doubt as to how to decorate your office space, go heavy on the plants. Plants in the office can help reduce stress, cut sickness and absence rates, and boost productivity.

Plants have been shown to improve both levels of concentration and workplace satisfaction. Plus, they just look nice. We once celebrated Earth Day at my company by inviting every employee to pot a succulent that now lives on their desks. It's a great way to give employees a boost and something to call their own.

Create varied workspaces

Different teams at your company will have different objectives and goals, and as a result, different work styles will emerge. Some teams will be more talkative than others; some will come into the office later and stay later. In this era of open floor plans, trying to make each team conform to a singular work style is impos-



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sible and can lead to tension. Don't do it.

Instead, build or designate certain areas of the office as "quiet" or "collaborative" spaces outside of everyone's individual desk space. People who need some quiet to get their work done can use these areas without feeling like they have to work amid lots of noise while wearing headphones.

Also, breaking up the office with cozy communal areas — couches or long tables in the lunchroom — can give people a chance to work in a variety of environments without leaving the office.

Organize space with natural light in mind

Humans aren't meant to spend all day indoors, so the least we can do is increase people's exposure to as much natural light as possible.

Areas with natural light

shouldn't be reserved for private offices, but used to illuminate your collaborative and communal spaces instead. When possible, use glass rather than solid walls to let light filter through to other parts of the office. And keep your windows clear of clutter; don't let supplies or boxes pile up on the sills.

Natural light is an important part of employee happiness: It can fight seasonal affective disorder, help regulate sleep patterns and improve mood. In fact, people who sit closest to the windows are more likely to show up for work than those who sit farther away.

Make the office legible

Finally, in your effort to outfit your office with the latest technology, games and snacks, don't overdo things to the point where there is no clear delineation between certain parts of the office.

Office legibility improves employee focus and gives people a sense of being valued, so make sure it's easy for people to find others, that social spaces are separated from work spaces and that each space is used as intended.

If the comfortable chairs in the quiet zone are being used for social time, for instance, designate a separate area for coffee breaks and chitchat.

You don't have to spend a fortune to improve the design and spirit of your office space. Start with these tips and see how easy it can be to boost employee happiness with little tweaks.

You might even ask your employees what changes they would like to see, and then incorporate the ones that are the most feasible.

Jared Hecht is the CEO and co-founder of Fundera, an online marketplace that connects small-business owners with funding providers.



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Rockabilly mainstay helped fuel resurgence of the genre

By **NEIL GENZLINGER**
New York Times

Sleepy LaBeef, an early and enduring rockabilly artist who helped fuel a resurgence of that genre in the 1970s and '80s, especially with his propulsive live shows, died last month at his home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He was 84.

His daughter Jessie Mae Lynn LaBeff confirmed his death. A cause was not given.

In 1991, at which point LaBeef was 35 years into his musical career, The New York Times called him "a living, breathing, guitar-picking history of American music." He claimed to know 6,000 songs and played, as he put it at the time, "root music: old-time rock 'n' roll, Southern gospel and hand-clapping music, black blues, Hank Williams-style country."

Elvis Presley was a contemporary (six months older), and, like Presley, LaBeef made his first records in the 1950s. He was living in Texas at the time, recording on small labels there, but in the mid-1960s he moved to Nashville. Eventually he signed with Presley's original label, Sun Records.

In the 1970s and '80s LaBeef maintained a particularly exhausting touring schedule — 200 to 300 shows a year — playing clubs all over the United States and also finding surprising success in Europe, which embraced rockabilly.

"He has played bullrings in Portugal in Spain," The Boston Globe wrote in 1983, "music halls in Germany, Italy and England, and a festival in Finland within earshot of the Soviet Union."

He continued to record and perform until recently, working a rich basso profundo voice and an onstage versatility that made each show unique. He made a point of adjusting his sets to the mood of his audience, throwing in more blues, or more upbeat rock, or whatever, as needed.

"I don't plan anything," he told the music writer Peter Guralnick, who devoted a chapter to him in his book "Lost Highway: Journeys and Arrivals of American Musicians" (1979). "It's all trial and error, I guess. If the first two or three things don't work, then we just move around and try something else."

Bobby Rich, one of many drummers who backed him, once said, "Every night he'll play songs I've never heard, and I follow the best I can."

Thomas Paulsley LaBeff was born July 20, 1935, in Smackover, Arkansas. "Sleepy" was bestowed upon him by schoolmates because of his droopy eyelids; "LaBeef" was the later suggestion of one of his early



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record companies.

He was the youngest of 10 children. His father, Charles, was a farmer who later worked the oil fields, and his mother, Jessie (Coke) LaBeff, was a homemaker.

He said his upbringing in the United Pentecostal Church was his strongest musical influence. He left school in eighth grade. At 14, according to "Lost Highway," he traded a rifle to his brother-in-law for a guitar, and soon he was playing in church.

He moved to Houston at 18 for a land surveyor job and in 1954 married Louise Barstow. The two of them sang in gospel groups around town. Hearing Presley's first Sun records, recorded in 1954, was a revelation.

"I said: 'Hey, this is crazy. This is what I'm singing,'" he told The Boston Globe in 1983. "Except he was singing blues lyrics and country lyrics with the same gospel beat I was using."

LaBeef switched to secular music and began playing and recording in Texas, work that caught the interest of Columbia Records in Nashville, which signed him in 1964. By the end of the decade he had switched to the Plantation label. He had also managed an unusual career detour: He acted in a low-budget 1968 movie called "The Exotic Ones," also marketed under the title "The Monster and the Stripper." The plot: Hunters capture a swamp monster and exhibit it at a strip club. LaBeef, who was an imposing 6-foot-6, played the monster.

LaBeef never had what would be considered a hit record, though "Every Day," a 1968 Columbia single, and "Blackland Farmer," released by Plantation in 1971, briefly made the country charts. His albums for Sun included "Western Gold" (1976) and "Downhome Rockabilly" (1979). He also released albums on Rounder and other labels.

But he was always defined more by his performances than by his recordings. The vast repertoire, he said, came naturally.

"I don't know why," he said, "I used to just listen to a song twice on the jukebox, and I'd have it."

In addition to living in Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee, LaBeef spent a stretch of years in Massachusetts — the result, as he told the story, of a disastrous road trip. Heading out of Maine, bound for a show at Alan's Fifth Wheel Lounge in Amesbury, Massachusetts, on New Year's Day 1977, his tour bus caught fire.

His clothes and many other possessions were destroyed, though the bus was somehow still operable enough that he made it to Amesbury and played the show. The club's owners offered him a room and an open-ended booking. He stayed in Amesbury for years before returning to Arkansas.

It was at the Fifth Wheel that Guralnick, who lived nearby, first went with a friend to see LaBeef.

"I had traveled thousands of miles to hear music like this, played in just this kind of setting," he wrote, "and as Sleepy ran through what must have been a typical set (featuring everything from Muddy Waters to Webb Pierce to Elvis Presley and Little Richard), I turned to my friend, whose expression mirrored my own, and we both silently asked the question: Could this be for real?"

LaBeef's first marriage ended in divorce, as did his second marriage, to Oquita Richards. In 1978 he married Linda Sharon Cerny, who survives him, as do his daughter Jessie and three other daughters, Melody Burns, Melinda LaBeff and Tomie LaBeff; a son, Robert Jordan Spencer; 12 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

at Cobo Arena in Detroit. (Four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, later were sentenced to prison for the incident.)

In 1995, over the protests of refugee advocates, the U.S. military began sending Haitians housed at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba home against their will.

In 2001, with the vanquished Vice President Al Gore presiding, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the close and bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

In 2006 Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church, the historic Bronzeville edifice designed by Louis Sullivan and considered the birthplace of gospel music, was nearly destroyed by fire.

In 2013 the NHL and players union reached a tentative deal on a bargaining agreement to end the 113-day lockout. (It became official five days later.)

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Arnold, Sylvia

Sylvia Arnold, nee Green. Beloved wife of the late Samuel J. "Jerry" Arnold for 61 years. Loving mother of Paul (Celia) Arnold and Warren (Wendy Kabaker) Arnold. Proud Grandma of Helen (Matthew Alvis) Arnold and Joshua Arnold. Cherished aunt and friend. Services Tuesday 10:30 AM at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Temple Beth Israel. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Bennett, Dr. Barry P.

Dr. Barry P. Bennett, 76. Beloved husband of Evie; dear brother of Warren Bennett; will also be deeply missed by nieces and nephews. Graveside service Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Jewish Oakridge Cemetery, 4301 Roosevelt Rd, Hillside IL. Please call funeral home for service time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael Reese Health Trust, 150 N. Wacker Dr, Suite 2300, Chicago IL 60606 to support oral health grants. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Cordell, Helen S.

Helen S. Cordell, 76, Yorkville, IL passed Sat., Jan. 4, 2020. Born Apr. 7, 1943, Sheboygan, WI daughter of Gerald and Corona (Rammer) Sanders. Helen was united in marriage Apr. 27, 1974 to Mr. Arthur "Nick" Cordell. Mrs. Cordell was a Patent Attorney with the Dept. of Energy and later Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL. Helen founded both the Greater Chicago Cavalier Rescue and Small Dog Rescue of Illinois. She enjoyed car racing and often drove her own race car. Survived by her husband, Nick Cordell; step-daughter, Maureen (Mark) Claffey. Berwyn, IL; brother-in-law, Larry Pearce, Sheboygan, WI; several nieces and nephews. Preceded by her parents and sister, Marge Pearce. Funeral Mass 10:00 AM, Wed., Jan. 8, 2020, St. Patrick Catholic Church, 406 Walnut St., Yorkville, IL. Interment private. Visitation 4:00 til 8:00 PM, Tues., Jan. 7, 2020, Nelson Funeral Home, 1617 N. Bridge St., Yorkville, IL. Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory, www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com or (630) 553-7611.
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Fisher, Neal S

Neal S. Fisher, 71, beloved husband of Diane for 48 years; loving father of Marc (Eva) and Scott; cherished Papa of Brendan; caring brother of Mike (Fran) and the late Stan (late Lois); dear uncle and great uncle; close friend of many. Graveside service today (Monday) at 2 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Research Foundation (cancerresearchfdn.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Galuppo, Margaret Jean

Margaret Jean Galuppo (Wise), 89, passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Thomas P. Galuppo; loving mother of Patricia (Dale) Anderson, Thomas P., Jr. (Gail), Peter (Dorothy) and David; cherished grandmother of Christopher, Matthew and Grace Anderson; Daniel, Hailey and Tomas; and Maria, Anna, Joseph and Mitchell Galuppo; dear sister of Marian (the late Robert) Yurk. A memorial mass will be held Saturday, January 11, 2020 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Brookdale Hospice, 3701 Algonquin Rd, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Gates, Christine S.

Christine S. Gates passed away peacefully on December 13th, 2019 in Lake Forest, IL. She was 91 years old. She was predeceased by her loving husband, John S. Gates and is survived by her children John S. Gates Jr. (Weezie), Susan Gates Cooper (Bill), Sarah Gates Colley (Bryan) and 7 grandchildren. She was born in Philadelphia, PA., and graduated from The University of Pennsylvania. She was actively involved with many civic interests in Philadelphia, Lake Forest and in Chicago. She will always be remembered for her love for her family and friends, a truly devoted mother. and for her kindness to all. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Forest Hospital payable to Northwestern Memorial Foundation, 1000 N. Westmoreland rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045 or online at giving.nm.org/lf. In memory of Christine S. Gates
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Hurst, Stephen Drake

Stephen Drake Hurst, 65, of Lake Forest, Illinois died December 31, 2019. Beloved wife of Carol (nee Galdoni); loving father of Stephen Hamilton Hurst and Katherine Halliday Hurst; cherished son of Jane Mott Hurst and the late Eugene Hamilton Hurst Jr.; fond brother of Charles Hamilton Hurst (Leslie Larson) and Patricia Halliday Hurst. No visitation. Memorial Service 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2020 at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster, Lake Forest. Interment will be private. For additional information and a full obituary contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest www.RTFunerals.com or (847) 234-9649.



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Lidzinski, Genevieve

Genevieve B. Lidzinski (nee Dorsz) 99 years, Beloved wife of the late Eugene Lidzinski. Loving mother of Dennis (Melody) of Bristol, TN. Cherished sister of the late Raymond (Alice), the late Chester (late Eleanor) and the late Marie Dorsz. Dearest aunt of Reverend Marcel Pasciak (Pastor of St. Patricia Church). Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Resting at St. Patricia Church, 9050 S. 86th Avenue, Hickory Hills, IL 60457. January 8, 2020 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. A former longtime parishioner of Divine Infant Church in Westchester, IL. Donations to Alvernia Manor Retirement Home, 13950 Main St. Lemont, IL 60439 appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Feeley Balto Funeral Service 773/239-9095.
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Macrowski, Frederick Joseph

Frederick J. Macrowski, 74, formerly of North Chicago, IL, and Kenosha, WI, passed away Dec. 5th, 2019, in Ocala, FL. He was born April 23, 1945, in Waukegan, IL, to the late Edwin and Rose (Bishop) Macrowski. After graduation from North Chicago Community HS Fred joined the Marine Corps. He was a Vietnam veteran. Upon completion of his military service he earned a BS Degree from Southern Illinois University. Fred loved animals and had made a home for many throughout his life. He was a life-long Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. He enjoyed photography, camping and astronomy. Fred was a loving and devoted father to his daughter Jamie Marie Lindsay. He is also survived by his sister Christine (Joseph) Semasko, 3 nieces Ann Marie (Michael) Grubich, Jacqueline (David) Jahnke, Renee Moyer, 1 nephew Stephen Semasko, 2 great nieces, and 4 great nephews. The family of Fred would like to thank his friends and neighbors in Ocala, especially Giovanni C. Barilla VI and Stu Shaub, for their help and care. Services are private. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, IL.
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Mansfield, Bernardine P.

Bernardine P. Mansfield (nee Jaros), age 88, of Burr Ridge; beloved wife of the late James C. Mansfield for a loving 58 years; dear mother of Jamie Claire (Jay) Refeuna, James Clarence Mansfield, Jr. and the late William Jaros Mansfield; devoted grandmother of Jeffrey and Jason Refeuna, Danielle Mansfield and the late James C. Mansfield III; fond sister-in-law of Gloria (the late Robert) Thomas and the late Anita (the late Dave) White; cherished aunt to many nieces & nephews. Bernie enjoyed spending time at her homes in Lake Geneva, WI and Highland Beach, FL and loved traveling. She enjoyed the nice things in life, including fine dining and libations. Bernie will always be remembered for her humor, laughter, generosity, and her love of family, friends and animals. Visitation Tuesday, January 7th from 3:00 until 8:00pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Service 11:00am Wednesday, January 8th at the funeral home. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Ave., #1200, Chicago, IL 60601 or the Gift of Carl Foundation, PO Box 1161, Westmont, IL 60559 are appreciated. Service info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com



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Martin, Jacqueline M.

Jacqueline M. Martin (nee Hughes), age 82, beloved wife of Lee E. Martin Sr.; loving mother of Lee (Martha), Ronald and Brian (Melanie) Martin; devoted grandmother of Rachel, Rebecca "Becky" and Olivia. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Union League Boys and Girls Clubs, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 or www.ulbgc.org/donate. Interment Private. Funeral info: (708) 532-3100



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Rosenthal, Howard A.

Howard A. Rosenthal, age 89; beloved husband of Beverly, nee Isaacson, for over 64 years; loving father of Steven (Beth) Rosenthal, Mina Rose, and Yaffa Rosenthal; proud grandfather of Gabi (Alexandria) Lamont, Daniel (Tamar) Shugert, Rachel (Michael) Robbin, Harmony (Jerom Gilbert) Oltman, Aviva Rosenthal, and the late Max Rosenthal; devoted great grandfather of 14; dear brother of Jerold (Jeanette) and the late Arnold Rosenthal. Howard, a proud Marine, served in Korea. His passions included spending time with his beloved family and fishing. Service Tuesday 2pm in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. Contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621



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Saccomanno, Garrett 'Gary'

Garrett "Gary" Saccomanno, 50, of Naperville, formerly of Carol Stream. Husband of Chablis Tipton; loving father of Ava, Kate and Emma; dear son of Gary and Jacqueline; brother of Denise (Denny) Richter. Visitation at St. Michael Church, 310 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton from 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Private Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Wozniak, Janet A.

Janet A. Wozniak, nee Capasso, 74, former long-time resident of Inverness. Born June 17, 1945 in Chicago, passed away January 3, 2020. Preceded in death by her parents Sam and Jeanette (nee Dore) Capasso. Devoted wife for 54 years of Ralph Wozniak. Loving mother of Michelle (John) Titterton and Michael (Karrie) Wozniak. Cherished grandmother of Jack, Nick, Mary and Annie Titterton and Ella and Sam Wozniak. Dear sister of Diane (Ronald) Robinson, Sandra (Don) Ursini, Samuel (Sandy) Capasso, Peter (Joy) Capasso and Linda Capasso. Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Dear companion of her dog Siena. Affectionate friend to many. Lived internationally with her husband and children in Japan, Italy, Brazil, Switzerland and England for fourteen years making many friends. Janet worked for Palatine Township and then The Bridge Youth and Family Services for 15 years in Community Out Reach, Fund Raising and Event Management. She touched many peoples lives with her efforts especially her Apple Tree Program which distributed school supplies to needy children. Her passion was gourmet cooking, entertaining and home decorating. For the past 15 years she enjoyed beach life and golfing in Sanibel Island and crafting with the grandchildren when they visited. Visitation Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 3-9 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Funeral Friday, January 10th, 9:30 AM from the funeral home to St. Theresa Church for Mass at 10 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com



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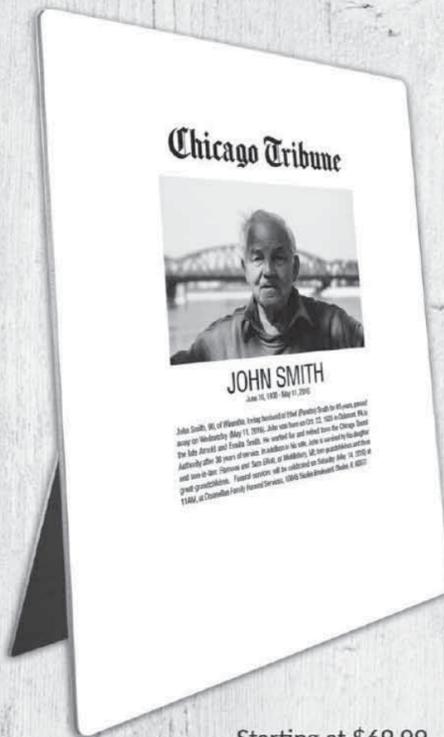
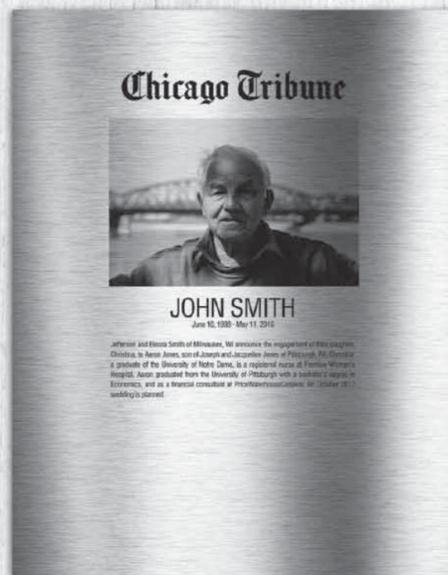
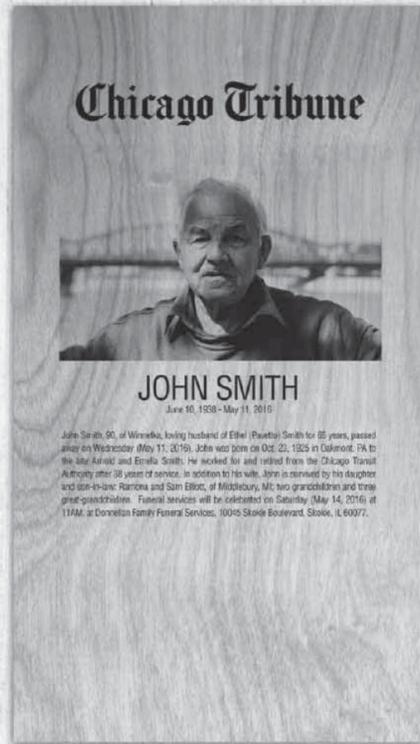


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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Adrian Dlogopolski**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Danuta Kordus
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01310

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Danuta Kordus (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 07, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 01/27/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 9, 2019 6562196

**COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR
THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR GAS
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
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CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF
CJ Schultz**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dawn Espinosa
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00428

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dawn Espinosa (Mother) And Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 17, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 01/27/2020, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 17, 2019 6562200

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Dakota Mcghee**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Candance
Mckelvin**

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00195

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Danny Mcghee (Father), AKA Danny Mcghee**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 04, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 01/27/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 11, 2019 6562184

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Eloisa Torres**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kimberly Torres
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01379

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 22, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 01/27/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 4, 2019 6561999

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Julissa Torres**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ana Aponte
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01380

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ivan Torres (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 22, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 01/27/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 4, 2019 6561980

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Kayla Baldwin**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lawanda
Baldwin (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01210

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jonathan Edwards (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 24, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 01/23/2020, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 24, 2019 6563825

**CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE SETTING INTEREST RATE
ON RENTAL AGREEMENT SECURITY
DEPOSITS**

Chapter 5-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago hereby gives notice pursuant to Sections 5-12-001 and 5-12-002 of the Municipal Code of Chicago that the rate of interest on security deposits under rental agreements governed for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 shall be:

0.010 percent

This rate is based upon the average of the rates of interest, as of December 31, 2019, of the following types of accounts at Chase Bank which is the commercial bank having the most branches located in the City of Chicago: Savings Account 0.01 percent and Six-month Certificate of Deposit (based on a deposit of \$1,000) 0.01 percent.

Reshma Soni
City Comptroller
December 31, 2019
01/01-01/07/2020 6559641

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Bids will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Invitation For Bid (IFB) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604:

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Time: 2:00 PM
Bids Due Date: February 12, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell
Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725
E-mail Address: do'donnell@thehacc.org

The IFB Package may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC:
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Richard Monocchio,
Executive Director
01/06, 01/10/20 6556343

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN

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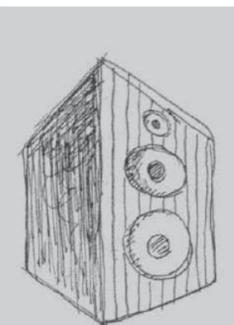
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If only...

From Trubisky missing throws to the FG debacle vs. the Chargers, 2019 had some big what-if moments

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky threw out the word in his season-ending interview at U.S. Bank Stadium following the win over the Vikings. So did wide receiver Allen Robinson. Close.

"For us to go 8-8, I don't think we're far at all from winning 12 games, winning 13 games," Robinson said. "I think we're pretty close. Looking at some of the games we lost this year, we definitely had an opportunity to come away with those victories."

On one hand, the notion seemed silly. The Bears offense was abysmal, ranking 29th in the NFL in both yards per game (296.8) and points per game (17.5). A season after leading the NFL in takeaways, the Bears defense finished tied for 22nd in the

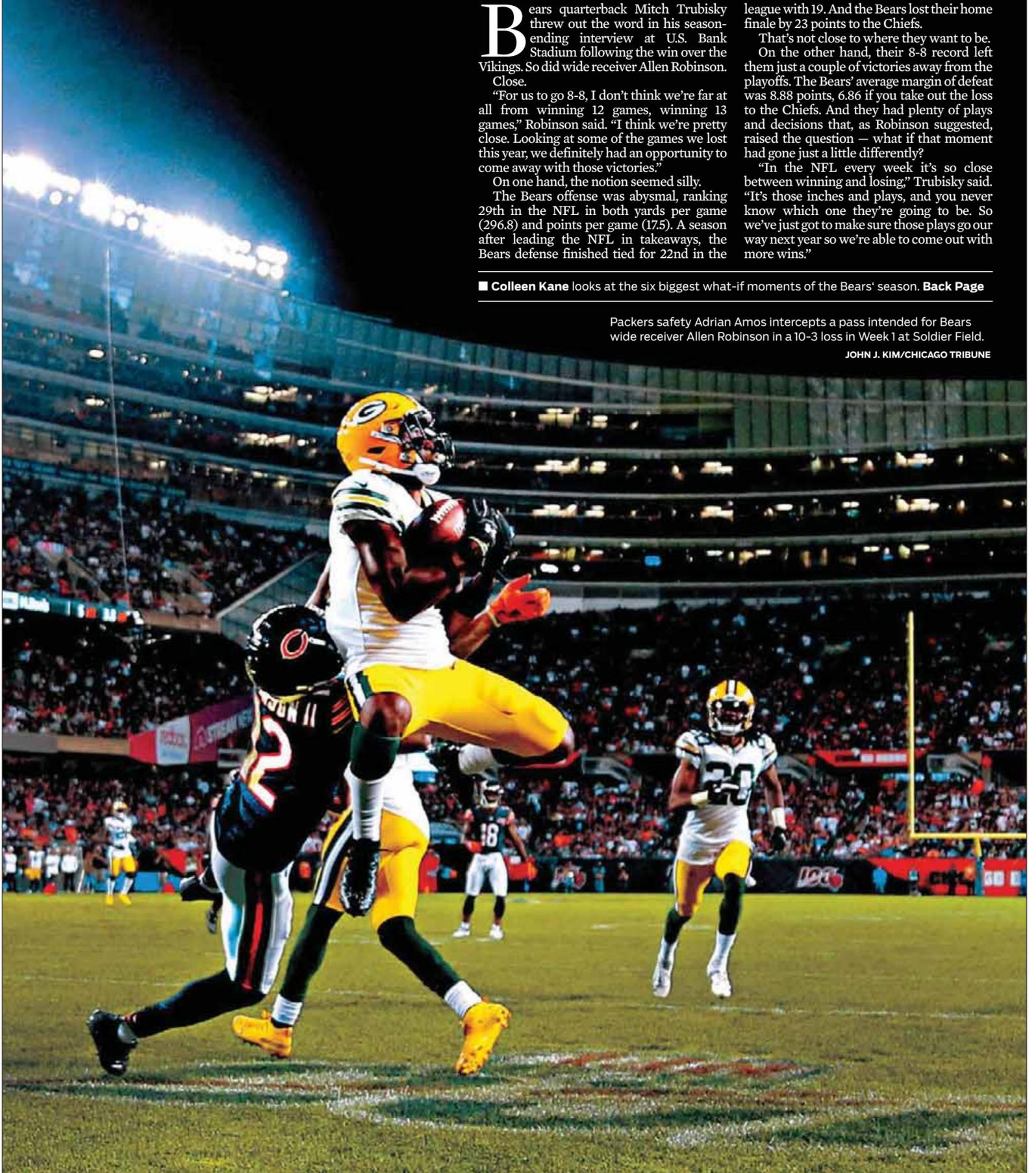
league with 19. And the Bears lost their home finale by 23 points to the Chiefs.

That's not close to where they want to be. On the other hand, their 8-8 record left them just a couple of victories away from the playoffs. The Bears' average margin of defeat was 8.88 points, 6.86 if you take out the loss to the Chiefs. And they had plenty of plays and decisions that, as Robinson suggested, raised the question — what if that moment had gone just a little differently?

"In the NFL every week it's so close between winning and losing," Trubisky said. "It's those inches and plays, and you never know which one they're going to be. So we've just got to make sure those plays go our way next year so we're able to come out with more wins."

■ Colleen Kane looks at the six biggest what-if moments of the Bears' season. [Back Page](#)

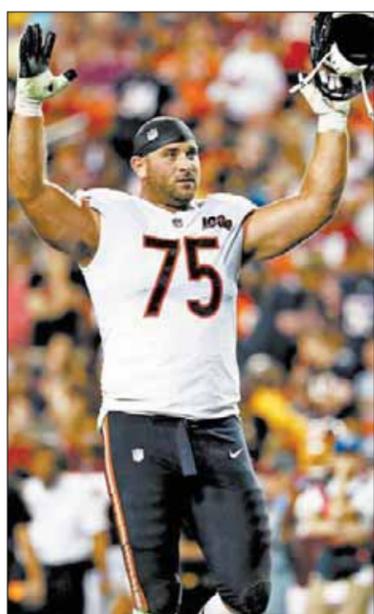
Packers safety Adrian Amos intercepts a pass intended for Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson in a 10-3 loss in Week 1 at Soldier Field.
 JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



BEARS

So Long, farewell: O-lineman retires

3-time Pro Bowler says his goodbyes to Chicago via Twitter



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears guard Kyle Long celebrates a touchdown against the Redskins on Sept. 23.

BY BRAD BIGGS

More than two months after placing Kyle Long on injured reserve, Bears general manager Ryan Pace said the team would have to mull a decision on the 2020 option in Long's contract.

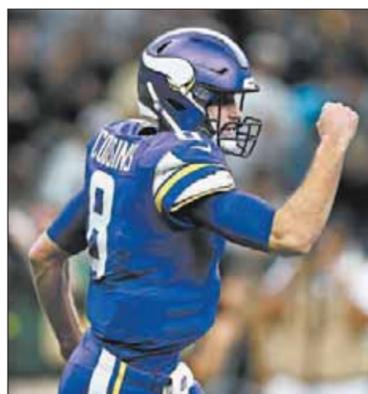
The Bears won't have to consider that after all as Long, 31, announced Sunday on Twitter that he has retired.

"Some Chicagoans are probably happy to hear I'm finally stepping away and getting my body right," Long wrote. "Some Chicagoans may be sad to hear this. Either way ufeel about it, I want u to know how lucky I am to have spent time in your city. I became a man while playing in Chicago. Thank you."

In a reply to a Bears fan, he wrote: "I was drafted a bear and I decided to retire a bear. Not many can say that"

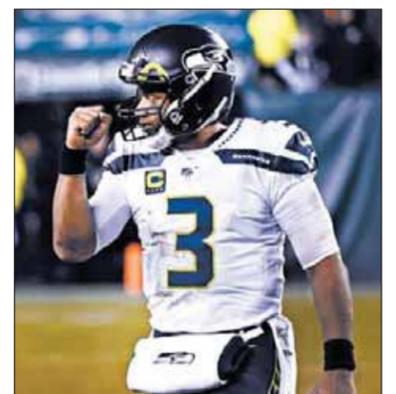
The three-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman visited Halas Hall on Thursday for the first time since the team placed him on IR after the Week 5 loss to the Raiders in London. Long shared via social media that the team's equipment manager, Tony Medlin, allowed Long to take his helmet and shoulder pads.

Turn to Long, Page 4



JONATHAN BACHMAN/GETTY IMAGES

The Vikings' Kirk Cousins reacts to a play against the Saints on Sunday.



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

The Seahawks' Russell Wilson pumps his fist in Sunday's game against the Eagles.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Vikings, Seahawks move on

The road teams came up big Sunday in the wild-card round of the NFL playoffs.

In New Orleans, Kirk Cousins threw for 242 yards and the game-winning touchdown to Kyle Rudolph in overtime, as the Vikings knocked off Drew Brees and the Saints.

Later Sunday, Russell Wilson helped the Seahawks grind out a win over the Eagles, 17-9 in Philadelphia, after Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz was knocked out of the game on a hit by Jadeveon Clowney.

WILD-CARD WEEKEND

Saturday

Texans 22, Bills 19 (OT)
 Titans 20, Patriots 13

Sunday

Vikings 26, Saints 13 (OT)
 Seahawks 17, Eagles 9

DIVISIONAL ROUND

Saturday

Vikings at 49ers, 3:35 p.m., NBC-5
 Titans at Ravens, 7:15 p.m., CBS-2

Sunday

Texans at Chiefs, 2:05 p.m., CBS-2
 Seahawks at Packers, 5:40 p.m., FOX-32

■ Playoff coverage, Page 3

TOP OF THE SECOND

Titans a real threat to beat Ravens

By **PETER SCHMUCK**
Baltimore Sun

The Titans had to sneak into the playoffs through the back door, but they didn't play like the lowest seed in the AFC on the way to a 20-13 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots on Saturday night at Gillette Stadium.

The wild-card Titans earned the right to play in the divisional round next Saturday night at M&T Bank Stadium — and they did it the hard way. No one should assume the game will be a formality for the Ravens, even if they will be well-rested and riding a club-record 12-game winning streak.

There is a case to be made that the Ravens would be much better off hosting the Texans, who overcame a 16-point third-quarter deficit to eliminate the Bills in the early game Saturday.

The Texans already have been to town and they took a 34-point beating in Week 11. The Ravens also beat the Bills during the regular season, but the Titans were not on their schedule.

That could be viewed as an advantage, because the Titans haven't seen Lamar Jackson and the Ravens' revolutionary offense up close. It could also be viewed from the opposite perspective, since the Ravens have not seen the new and improved Ryan Tannehill, who replaced struggling quarterback Marcus Mariota in Week 6 and came into the playoffs on quite a roll.

Tannehill completed more than 70% of his passes for 2,742 yards during his 11 regular-season games. He had 22 touchdown passes and four rushing TDs while throwing only six interceptions. In six of his last seven regular-season games, he had a passer rating of 130.8 or better.

Those numbers are important because the Ravens won't have a whole lot to look at when they scout his performance from Saturday night, because he shifted into game-manager mode and let his team ride a dominant performance by running back Derrick Henry to that grind-it-out victory over the Pats.

Henry was simply terrific and a good New England defense did not have an answer for him. He carried the ball 34 times for 182 yards and broke Eddie George's Titans single-game playoff record.

"We were locked in," Henry said in a postgame television interview. "We wanted it. It's a great win against a great team in a



Titans running back Derrick Henry runs from Patriots safety Duron Harmon on Saturday in Foxborough, Mass.

hostile environment."

Stopping Henry will be Job 1 for the Ravens defense next week, but the combination of the NFL's leading rusher (1,540 yards during the regular season) and a hot veteran quarterback will be a serious challenge for the Ravens defense.

Presumably, Henry will have more trouble running downhill against the big Ravens run stoppers. But consider this: During the Titans' go-ahead scoring drive at the end of the first half, Henry accounted for all 75 yards — 53 of them on the ground and 22 on one big catch and run.

The Ravens have not played the Titans since Week 6 of last season, when Joe Flacco led them to a 21-0 victory in what would be his last win as the team's franchise quarterback. Henry carried the ball just seven times for the Titans in that game.

It looked for a while on Saturday like the Ravens would draw a rematch with the Texans, which would have led to some lively debate during the film study of Sat-

urday's suspenseful victory over the Bills.

Would they get the team that looked helpless for the first 40 minutes of the wild-card game, or the one that suddenly woke up on both sides of the ball to stage a furious comeback before winning on a 28-yard field goal by Ka'imi Fairbairn in overtime?

For that matter, would they get the De-shaun Watson who brought his team back from a 16-point deficit with a marvelous 20-yard touchdown run and a short touchdown pass to running back Carlos Hyde, or the quarterback who wasn't much of a factor in that ugly 34-point loss to the Ravens in Week 11?

We'll never know, but the Ravens probably will be happy to miss the rejuvenated defensive superstar J.J. Watt, who came back early from surgery to repair a torn pectoral and delivered a huge sack that helped shift the momentum in the game. That is, unless the Ravens and Texans end up meeting in the AFC championship.

LET'S PLAY 2

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	Monday @Mavericks 7:30 p.m. NBCSCH	Wednesday @Pelicans 7 p.m. NBCSCH

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NBA
6 p.m. Thunder at 76ers NBA TV
7:30 p.m. Bulls at Mavericks NBCSCH
WSCR-AM 670
9 p.m. Warriors at Kings NBA TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6 p.m. Colgate at Army CBSN
8 p.m. W. Virginia at Oklahoma St. ESPN2
8 p.m. Southern at Pr. View A&M ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6 p.m. Illinois at Indiana BTN
6 p.m. Ohio State at Maryland ESPN2
8 p.m. Texas at Iowa State FSI

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
6:30 p.m. Louisiana vs. Miami (Ohio) ESPN

NHL
6 p.m. Oilers at Maple Leafs NBCSN

TENNIS
2 a.m. (Tue.) ATP Cup Tennis

WRESTLING
6 p.m. Arizona State at Ohio State FSI

Sox pitcher gets hitched to 'Riverdale' actress

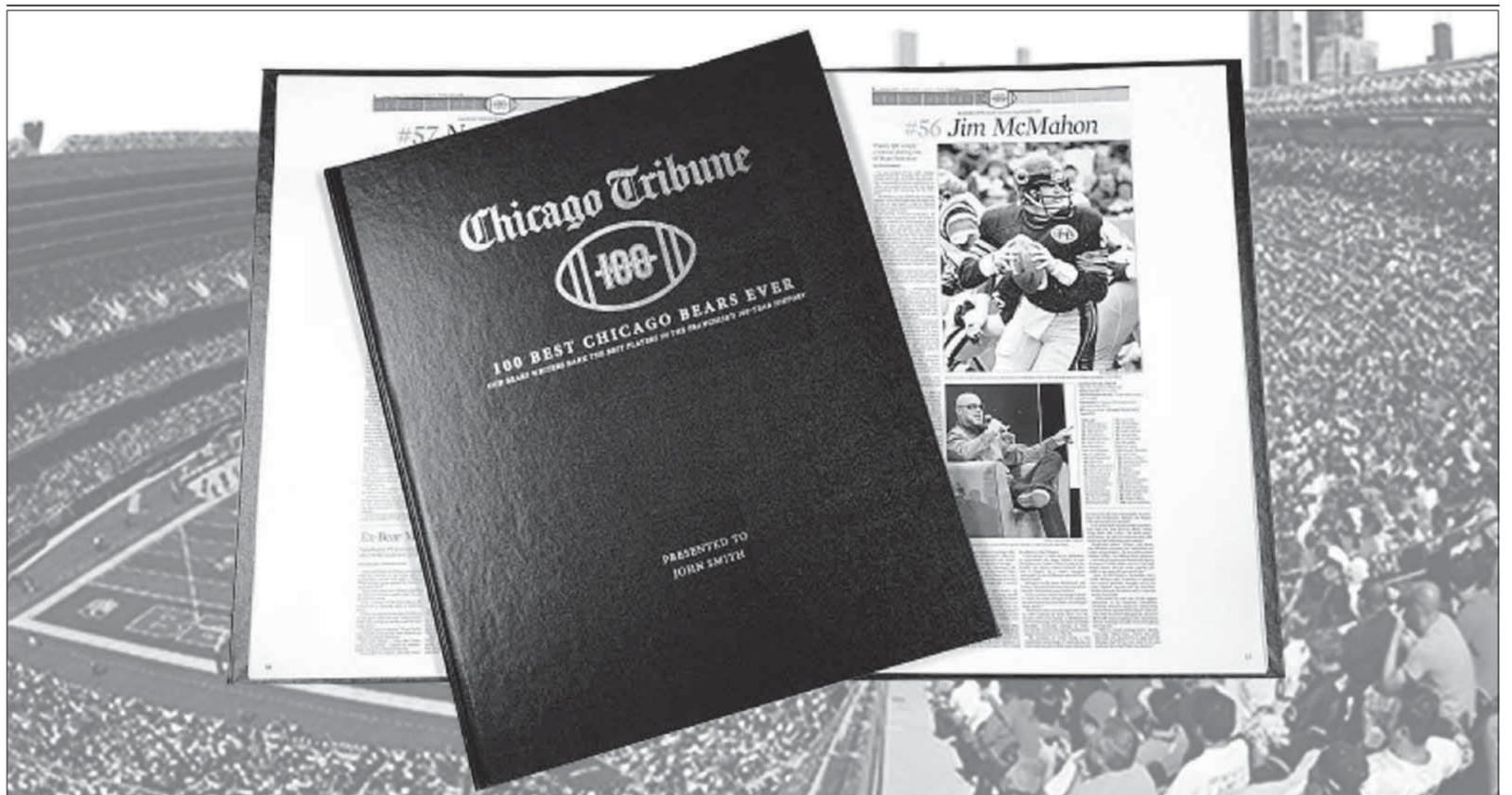
Michael Kopech ushered in 2020 with a wedding. The White Sox pitcher married "Riverdale" actress Vanessa Morgan on Saturday in Homestead, Fla., according to E! News.

"We both knew the first day we met that 'this is it' and I'm so excited that today officially starts our forever," Morgan told E! News. "Today, I vowed to love my best friend for a lifetime and it was a day spent with those we love in a room filled with endless love. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with him."

The two first connected via Twitter. They got engaged last July.

Kopech went 1-1 with a 5.02 ERA in four starts in 2018 before undergoing elbow reconstruction surgery.

— LaMond Pope



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WILD-CARD ROUND

#4 Texans 22, #5 Bills 19 (OT)
#6 Titans 20, #3 Patriots 13

DIVISIONAL ROUND

#6 Titans at #1 Ravens Jan. 11 | 7:15 p.m., CBS
#4 Texans at #2 Chiefs Jan. 12 | 2:05 p.m., CBS

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

#6 Vikings at #1 49ers Jan. 11 | 3:35 p.m., NBC
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WILD-CARD ROUND

#6 Vikings 26, #3 Saints 20 (OT)
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QB Kirk Cousins celebrates with backup Sean Mannion after the Vikings' victory. Cousins threw for 242 yards and the game-winning TD in OT.

VIKINGS 26, SAINTS 20 (OT)

Cousins comes up big

Maligned QB delivers in OT, sending Vikings into divisional round

BY BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — After tight end Kyle Rudolph emerged from a purple swarm of celebrating Vikings near the corner of the end zone, he took an opportunity to mock those who doubted quarterback Kirk Cousins' ability to come through in the clutch.

"I'm just glad Kirk can't win big games, apparently," Rudolph said. "We proved that one wrong today."

Cousins hit Rudolph with a 4-yard fade on third-and-goal in OT, and the Vikings pulled out a 26-20 victory over the favored Saints in the wild-card round of the NFC playoffs Sunday.

Cousins lost his only previous playoff start in 2015 with the Redskins, came up short of a playoff berth on the final regular-season game a year ago and

struggled in a handful of other high-profile games.

Yet Cousins eschewed an opportunity to gloat after his pass to Adam Thielen at the Saints 2-yard line three plays earlier — helped the Vikings (11-6) advance to play the top-seeded 49ers in the divisional round of the playoffs Saturday. It was the Vikings' first road playoff win since Jan. 9, 2005, when they beat the rival Packers at Lambeau Field in the wild-card round.

"I'm just happy we won," Cousins said. "It was a great, great game, two good football teams." Saints fans begged to differ after seeing their team's season end in overtime in the Superdome for a second straight year.

The latest disappointing end for the Saints (13-4) came nearly a year after they lost in the NFC title game to the Rams in a game marred by missed Rams penalties. This time, replays on video boards showed a possible push-off by Rudolph against defensive back P.J. Williams moments before

he jumped to snag the winning catch.

NFL president of officiating Al Riveron said the league reviewed numerous replay angles, and while they saw contact by both players, "none of that contact rises to the level of a foul."

Saints coach Sean Payton said the Vikings "deserved to win."

Dalvin Cook gained 130 yards from scrimmage and scored two TDs after missing the last two regular-season games with an injury. Cousins finished with 242 yards and one TD passing.

"Being a fourth-round pick and kind of working your way up in the league — now you win a playoff game. Guess what? You realize there's more mountains to climb," Cousins said. "You just keep chasing the next mountain and there will always be people who are going to criticize you — that's OK."

The Saints trailed by 10 at the start of the fourth quarter but forced overtime with Drew Brees' 20-yard touchdown pass to Taysom Hill and Wil Lutz's 49-

yard field goal with 2 seconds left.

"They made more plays than we did," Payton said. "They ran the ball better than we did."

Hill was the Saints' leading rusher with 50 yards and Alvin Kamara was held to 21 yards rushing on seven carries.

"Both defenses played well," Payton added. "Shoot, here you are in overtime and they made a few plays right there at the end that obviously were significant."

The Vikings defense forced Brees into two turnovers — one game after the Saints had finished the regular season with an NFL record-low eight. Brees also was sacked three times and finished 26 of 33 for 208 yards with one TD and an interception.

Brees' first turnover came on a deep throw downfield late in the first half. That led to Cook's first TD that gave the Vikings a 13-10 lead.

The Saints were threatening with less than five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter when Danielle Hunter sacked Brees, who lost the ball.

SEAHAWKS 17, EAGLES 9

Seahawks land knockout blow

After hit ends Wentz's playoff debut, Wilson, Metcalf power victory

BY ROB MAADI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — After Jadeveon Clowney knocked out Carson Wentz, Russell Wilson and the Seahawks knocked off the Eagles.

Wilson threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to DK Metcalf, Marshawn Lynch had a rushing score and the Seahawks beat the Eagles 17-9 in the wild-card round of the NFC playoffs Sunday night.

Making his first career playoff start, Wentz lasted two series before exiting with a head injury following a helmet-to-helmet hit from Clowney.

Nick Foles wasn't around to rescue the Eagles this time.

Forty-year-old Josh McCown stepped in, becoming the oldest quarterback to make his playoff debut. But he couldn't lead the Eagles (9-8) into the end zone.

The Seahawks (12-5) lost three of their final four games, including a 26-21 defeat at home against the 49ers in Week 17 that cost them the NFC West title.

But they traveled to Philadelphia for the second time in six weeks and became the third team

to win on the road this weekend, improving to 8-1 away from home this season.

Wilson threw for 325 yards and led the team with 45 yards rushing. Metcalf had seven catches for 160 yards.

The Seahawks had a season-high seven sacks from six players. "You've got to step it up in the playoffs," Clowney said. "We knew it was going to be an upfront game, the whole game. They've got a great offensive line, great veteran players."

Wilson drove the Seahawks 82 yards late in the second quarter and Lynch powered in from the 5 for a 10-0 lead.

Wilson connected with Metcalf for 26 yards and David Moore for 38 on third-down, catch-and-run passes to keep that drive going.

McCown finally got the offense going on the opening drive of the third quarter. He connected with Zach Ertz for 32 yards and Boston Scott ran 15 yards to the 5. But a false start, fumbled snap and sack followed. Jake Elliott's 26-yard field goal cut the deficit to 10-6.

The Seahawks answered quickly. Metcalf stretched to catch Wilson's deep pass, got up and tumbled into the end zone for a 17-6 lead.

"I caught the ball, I didn't feel anybody touch me," Metcalf said.



MATT ROURKE/AP

DK Metcalf catches a TD pass as the Eagles' Avonte Maddox trails the play in the Seahawks' win. Metcalf had seven catches for 160 yards.

"I got back up and I wanted a touchdown. I wanted a touchdown, real bad."

Down 17-9, Eagles coach Doug Pederson passed up a 42-yard field goal attempt with 6:24 left and went for fourth-and-4 from the Seahawks 24. Miles Sanders couldn't catch McCown's pass.

The Eagles had another chance after Shelton Gibson, just signed earlier in the week, drew a 39-yard pass interference penalty to the Seahawks 13.

On fourth-and-7 from the 10 with two minutes left, Clowney sacked McCown.

Wentz was forced to watch from the sideline following knee surgery when Foles led the Eagles to the franchise's first Super Bowl title two years ago. He was out with a back injury last year when Foles led the Eagles to a wild-card win over the Bears in Chicago.

The Eagles were decimated by injuries this season and had to rely on five offensive players off the practice squad during a four-game winning streak that sealed the NFC East title.

Wentz started all 16 games for the second time in his four seasons.

NOTES

Patriots head into offseason of unknowns

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For the first time in three years, the Patriots won't enter the off-season following a Super Bowl appearance.

Now the franchise that has hoisted six Lombardi trophies faces questions it has rarely had to address during its run of success over the last two decades.

Tom Brady's future with the Patriots is the biggest unknown. The 42-year-old quarterback says it's unlikely he will retire, but also acknowledged following Saturday's 20-13 wild-card loss to the Titans that nothing is certain regarding where he could suit up next season.

"I love the Patriots. I mean, they obviously — this is the greatest organization. Playing for Mr. (Robert) Kraft all these years and for coach (Bill) Belichick, there's nobody that's had a better career, I would say, than me," Brady said. "I don't know what the future looks like and I'm not going to predict it."

Belichick said there was no timeline on making a decision on Brady, but conceded the six-time Super Bowl champions' situation is unique.

"Everybody's situation is different," Belichick said. "Certainly, Tom is an iconic figure in this organization. And nobody respects Tom more than I do."

Meanwhile, the futures of several players that made up the core of the Patriots' most recent run of Super Bowl also are up in the air.

The list includes safety Devin McCourty special teams captain Matt Slater, linebacker Kyle Van Noy and offensive lineman Joe Thuney. Multiple teams are also expected to take another run at luring away offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels.

Van Noy said Sunday that where he plays football 2020 has crossed his mind.

"Of course. If I told you I didn't, I'd be lying," he said. "But right now, this is sit back and wait, get better in the offseason — which I've done each and every year. This time is gonna be nothing different."

Following an 8-0 start, the Patriots lost four of their final five games to end the season. It's an uncharacteristic finish for a team that had reached at least the AFC championship in each of the previous eight seasons.

"Certainly, when the season doesn't end the way that you want it to, it is like a crash landing. It is very emotional," Slater said. "But the reality is that it is going to end like this for all but one team and, unfortunately, this year we aren't that team."

Cowboys part with Garrett: The Cowboys made official Sunday night what they had already signaled: Jason Garrett is out as coach.

Garrett was informed he wouldn't be back for a 10th full season on the same day the Cowboys finished an interview with former Packers coach and Super Bowl winner Mike McCarthy.

Garrett, 53, had the club's second-longest tenure behind Hall of Famer Tom Landry, who coached the Cowboys for the franchise's first 29 years.

Garrett's record was 87-70, playoffs included. He won only two postseason games.

With Garrett's status unresolved publicly, the Cowboys interviewed McCarthy, 56, and former longtime Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, 61, over the weekend.

Niners' Alexander due back: Former Pro Bowl linebacker Kwon Alexander has made enough progress in his recovery from a pectoral tear that he suffered Oct. 31 that the 49ers feel that he has a good chance of returning for Saturday's NFC divisional round playoff game, ESPN reported Sunday.

Alexander participated in the top-seeded 49ers' bye week practice Thursday.

He has 22 solo tackles, a half-sack and forced fumble in eight games this season.

BEARS

Long

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The odd thing about his move to IR in October is that Long was on the field for every snap of the Raiders game. As one teammate said at the time of the transaction, "I didn't know Kyle was injured."

It quickly became clear that Long's time with the Bears was coming to an end.

The right guard agreed to a salary reduction last offseason, and part of the renegotiated contract turned 2020 into a club option year in which he would earn \$8.1 million.

"We think the world of him," Pace said on Tuesday. "It's unfortunate he's had a handful of injuries and he's tried to battle through all of them. Kyle does have an option in his contract that we've got to look at. That'll be one of the many decisions we have to make on him. But I feel bad for all the injuries he's tried to overcome. That was a decision we made at the time, and we'll have to make another decision this offseason with his option."

Long, the 20th pick in the 2013 draft, thanked the Bears regime from that time and also thanked Pace and owner Virginia McCaskey.

"Special thanks to Phil Emery, Marc Trestman and the rest of that staff for bringing me in," Long wrote on Twitter. "Thanks to and happy birthday to the young lady named Virginia as well. Ryan pace, thank you for keeping me around as well."

Long, the 20th pick in the 2013 draft, has dealt with a series of injuries since his last Pro Bowl appearance, the most serious a right ankle injury at Tampa Bay in November 2016.

Long appeared in 77 games (76 starts) in seven seasons. But 47 of those starts came in his first three seasons and he missed 34 games over the last four seasons, including 12 this season.

Teammates appreciated Long's determination and commitment, and in 2018 he was named the team's recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MINNESOTA 77,
NORTHWESTERN 68

Painful losses keep piling up

Northwestern down to just 7 healthy scholarship players

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

This was never going to be a Northwestern season that ended with a bracket. It was going to end with a young team taking its lumps.

But recently there were glimmers — a thumping of Boston College, a 45-point second half against Michigan State, a stirring battle at DePaul, a two-game stretch in which freshman guard Boo Buie resembled Steph Curry.

Cue the sad music. Northwestern took the floor Sunday night for warmups at Minnesota's Williams Arena with just seven healthy scholarship players.

The undermanned Wildcats put up a solid fight, though, in losing 77-68. They trailed by 23 points midway through the second half before Miller Kopp hit three 3-pointers in the span of 69 seconds. He finished with 14 points.

Pat Spencer scored a game-high 22 with eight assists for Northwestern, which fell to 5-8 and 0-3 in Big Ten play.

Daniel Oturu had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota (7-7, 2-2), which went 19-for-19 from the foul line.

Kopp played 40 minutes and Spencer logged 39. They were needed to go deep after this carnage:

— Buie has a stress fracture in his left foot. Although officially he is out indefinitely, the team does not consider the injury to be season-ending. That said, the Wildcats can't take a chance with a talent like Buie, who scored 26



STACY BENGIS/AP

Northwestern's Pat Spencer tries to hold off the defense of Minnesota's Marcus Carr on Sunday.

points in 26 minutes against Michigan State and had 25 three days later against the Blue Demons.

Buie shot a combined 62% from the field, hitting 9 of 16 3-point attempts.

Michigan State's Tom Izzo called Buie's performance "unbelievable" and DePaul's Dave Leitao said: "There was no moment he wasn't ready for."

— Anthony Gaines will undergo season-ending shoulder surgery. It's not surprising considering he was held out of NU's last two games, with coach Chris Collins saying Dec. 21: "It has bothered him all year. ... We need to figure out: Is this something he can play through?"

A junior guard, Gaines will seek a medical redshirt. It's no coincidence he appeared in 10 games this season, 30% of NU's total. That's the maximum allowed by the NCAA before a player loses his medical redshirt.

A strong defender, Gaines averaged 5.9 points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.7 assists while averaging 26.5 minutes this season.

— Forward A.J. Turner missed the Minnesota game with a bruised thigh suffered Dec. 29 in

NU's hideous 67-66 loss to Hartford.

He is considered day to day, but Northwestern is in a stretch of three games in six days — Minnesota, at Indiana (Wednesday), Nebraska (Saturday).

That visit from the Huskers is viewed as NU's best chance to win a Big Ten game. It is the only game in which KenPom.com projects the Wildcats to have a better than 50% chance to win. Next highest — at Nebraska, March 1 (48%).

Northwestern started the season with just 10 scholarship players after the graduate transfers of Barret Benson (Southern Illinois), Aaron Falzon (Quinnipiac) and Jordan Ash (Wright State). None of the three was a big loss, but their collective departure meant that the 2019-20 Wildcats would have to avoid injuries to have any chance to make a dent in Big Ten play.

Now Northwestern has just seven healthy scholarship players, and six are in their first or second season. Spencer is a graduate student, and he spent his undergraduate days playing lacrosse at Loyola Maryland.

ILLINOIS 63,
PURDUE 37

Illini stifle Purdue in important home win

Griffin's double-double helps Illinois cruise

BY TERRY TOWER
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Alan Griffin scored 16 points and grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds and Illinois shut down Purdue 63-37 on Sunday night.

Griffin, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, continues to impress despite limited playing time off the bench for Illinois (10-5, 2-2 Big Ten). It was his first career double-double.

Trent Frazier and Kofi Cockburn added 12 points each for the Illini.

Sasha Stefanovic led Purdue (9-6, 2-2) with eight points. Eric Hunter Jr. added seven for the Boilermakers, who never led.

Illinois was 26 of 57 (46%) from the field, while Purdue shot 25% (15 of 60).

Purdue's 37 points were the fewest allowed by Illinois this season. The Boilermakers' shooting percentage was the lowest allowed by Illinois in program history.

Illinois needed a bounce-back win after a loss at No. 14 Michigan State, and got it Sunday. The Illini hit on all cylinders from the opening tip.

The Illini scored the first 11 points and took a 32-19 lead at halftime. Cockburn scored 10 points in the first half, none bigger than a thunderous two-handed dunk at 11:09 that brought the crowd to its feet. Frazier also fired up the crowd with a spectacular underhand layup late in the first half after forcing a turnover at midcourt.

The Boilermakers didn't score until Matt Haarms hit a free throw at 13:09.

Up next for the Illini is a trip to Wisconsin to face the Badgers on Wednesday.

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BLACKHAWKS



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BLACKHAWKS 4, RED WINGS 2

Humiliation avoided

The Red Wings were as bad as advertised Sunday, but that didn't stop the Blackhawks from nearly finding a way to get embarrassed again at the United Center.

It took a pair of goals 45 seconds apart late in the second period, including the first of Dylan Sikura's career, and Adam Boqvist's goal with 11 minutes, 13 seconds remaining in the third period to lift the Hawks to a 4-2 win and help save them from a humiliating home loss to the NHL's worst team.

Losing to the Red Wings, who dropped to 10-30-3, would have been a huge blow to the Hawks as they try to stay in the playoff race with a stretch of six straight games against non-playoff teams.

Instead, the Hawks won for the sixth time in their last eight games and improved to 19-18-6.

The Red Wings built a 2-0 lead after one period on a power-play goal by Filip Zadina and a deflection by Luke Glendening. Corey Crawford, filling in for the injured Robin Lehner (knee) and making his first start since Dec. 23, when the Hawks were trounced 7-1 by the Devils at the United Center, was perfect the rest of the way and finished with 19 saves. The Hawks outshot the Red Wings 27-21.

Dominik Kubalik added an empty-net goal for his 12th of the season.

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SIKURA'S STAND

Winger knows he can be sent down at any time, so he continues fighting

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Dylan Sikura's love for playing hockey is so strong, for the briefest moment he wondered if he was better off being in the lineup with the Rockford IceHogs or sitting out with the Blackhawks.

But as Sikura worked his way through his thought process, he soon came to the realization the NHL is the better to place to be — even if you're not playing every game.

"That's a tough one," Sikura said. "You always want to be playing hockey. That's why you do it and it's how you love it. It's tough not to lose confidence, but at the same time you always want to be up here. And being up here you're obviously closer to being in the lineup and making a difference and getting that chance."

"Down there you never know what happens, injury-wise or even getting outplayed or whatever it is. So I think it's always good to be up here in the NHL and knocking on the door and having a chance whenever you get called on to make an impression and stick again."

Sikura, 24, had reason to wonder if he would be given an opportunity to stick with the Hawks again after failing last season to prove he was a keeper. He had unspectacular

numbers — no goals and eight assists in 33 games — and rarely was noticeable on the ice.

The Hawks added several forwards in the offseason, including rookies Kirby Dach, Alex Nylander and Dominik Kubalik and veterans Andrew Shaw, Ryan Carpenter and Zack Smith. When training camp began, it was evident Sikura wasn't likely to make the roster and, sure enough, he was shipped to the IceHogs before the Hawks left for their season-opening trip.

He stayed in Rockford for more than two months and probably would still be there if Shaw and Drake Caggiula hadn't suffered concussions that developed into long-term injuries. But even after getting called up from the IceHogs in early December, Sikura played in only three games in 3½ weeks.

It was another difficult reminder for Sikura that he transitioned from a top prospect immediately given a chance to make it in the NHL to a struggling tweener who might be a career minor-leaguer.

"When you're down there sometimes it kind of feels like maybe you'll be down there forever," he said.

So when the opportunity came last month to join the Hawks, he didn't take it for granted despite limited playing time. Each practice was a chance to improve and show the coaching staff he was ready.

When Nylander made one too many mistakes and played himself out of the lineup, Sikura was given a shot on New Year's Eve against the Flames. And he was ready.

Sikura had two assists while playing on a line with Carpenter and Patrick Kane in what was his best game as a pro. It earned him another shot, which he turned into another opportunity. He was in the lineup for the third straight game Sunday against the Red Wings and scored his first NHL goal, while Nylander is now the one waiting for his next turn.

"(Sikura) has had two pretty good performances," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Calgary especially, but even last game I think he was good. Of course, want more, but competition is good. Nothing's going to be given to anyone."

Entering Sunday's game, Sikura's goal drought didn't seem to be weighing on him like it did last season when he failed to score in 33 games. What matters to him is that he keeps showing he belongs because he knows time could be running out.

Caggiula appears to be getting closer to returning from his concussion, and Nylander won't stay out of the lineup forever. One slip-up by Sikura and he could find himself back watching the game from the press box. Or even worse, back playing games in Rockford.

"I think most people, including myself, thought at this time two years ago I would be an everyday guy in this league," Sikura said. "Maybe it's taking a little longer than expected, but better late than never. It can still happen and it can still come. I'm confident in myself and hopefully with this chance I can run with it a little bit."

Quenneville is more than a name

Cousin of former coach trying to show Chicago he belongs

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

COLUMBUS, Ohio — John Quenneville has been knocking around the edges of the NHL long enough that by now many Blackhawks fans know he's related to the legendary coach with the same last name.

But for those unaware, John and former Hawks coach Joel Quenneville are cousins who chat from time to time, including a few months back after the Hawks acquired John from the Devils for John Hayden.

"I was talking to Joel in the summer about it and he was just giving me a heads-up on the whole Chicago scene," John Quenneville said. "It's definitely interesting. Can't believe this is the team I got traded to. I get called in the summer I was like, holy moly, hard to believe. That's the way it goes."

But the Hawks didn't trade for Quenneville, a forward, because of his famous last name and they didn't care if calling him up from Rockford would be a reminder that Jeremy Colliton's Hawks are struggling while Joel Quenneville's Panthers are competing for a playoff berth.

He has a hockey resume all his own to

stand on, albeit a much thinner one. The 23-year-old forward was a first-round pick of the Devils in 2014 and made his NHL debut Dec. 1, 2016, at the United Center against the Hawks.

Over the last three seasons, he spent most of his time in the minors putting up good offensive numbers and trying to prove he deserved to be in the NHL.

The Hawks appear ready to give him that chance. Colliton put him on the top line with Jonathan Toews and Dominik Kubalik on Dec. 27 against the Islanders and on Thursday he remained in the lineup for the fifth straight game when against the Canucks.

He has averaged 10 minutes, 23 seconds of ice time and hasn't scored, but he has had three shots on goal in each of the last two games.

"All I can do is judge him on his performance since he's been here and he's been skating, he's winning battles, he's being pretty clean with the puck, providing energy," Colliton said. "That's going to give him more time."

When the Hawks have called up forwards from the IceHogs this season they've typically jumped into a role with far fewer minutes than they were getting in the AHL. Quenneville was not only on the top line against the Islanders and played nearly 14 minutes, but he had 2:23 of power-play

time.

The Hawks would love to tap into the offensive skills that helped him score 132 points in 157 American Hockey League games over the last four seasons, including 13 points (eight goals, five assists) in 19 games with the IceHogs this season. He has two goals and three assists in 36 NHL games following Sunday's game.

Even if he's playing fewer minutes than he did in the AHL, the relentlessly upbeat Quenneville found the upside to it.

"It's maybe easier a little bit," he said. "You're playing less minutes, so you've got a little more juice for the games you do play. Just got to be your best for every shift in the NHL and I've tried to think that way since I played my first game here in Chicago vs. the (Hawks). That's the goal for everyone. Try to make the most of all the time you get on the ice and try to make a good impression and just try to help the team."

Quenneville isn't a kid anymore. He turns 24 in April and is on his second contract with his second NHL organization. But he still feels more like a prospect than a journeyman.

"Kind of seems like I'm an older prospect right now, but there's guys that are coming out of college at pretty much (the same age) as me," he said. "I'm just trying to stick in the NHL. I've got the skill set. I think I've got the ability to do it."

BULLS

Kornet excited for trip home to Texas

Bulls reserve ready to play against team he grew up on

BY PHIL THOMPSON

If Bulls reserve Luke Kornet takes the floor at the American Airlines Center in Dallas on Monday night, it will be the first time the Lantana, Texas, native will play against the Mavericks, the team he grew up watching.

"If I'm called in I'll be ready for it, but it's exciting to go back to Dallas," Kornet said Saturday. "A lot of my best friends I grew up with will be at the game, so it's cool to go back."

The operative word is "if."

Kornet has averaged 8.9 minutes in 17 games, not what he or the Bulls envisioned when the former Knick signed in July to add depth at center and provide 3-point shooting. He has averaged 2.7 points and is shooting 24.1%, though it's a small sample size with just 29 attempts.

Two things have worked against Kornet: the unexpected rise of rookie Daniel Gafford and Kornet's sinus surgery in mid-November, which caused him sleeplessness, cost him eight straight games and has made for a slow and intermittent recovery.

"It's good. I breathe now," Kornet said. "Sleep is vastly improved and there's still room to keep getting better, which is great. But where it was, it was pretty miserable."

Coach Jim Boylen said Saturday that Gafford's playing time, coming partially at the expense of Kornet, is due to "a combination of things."

"It's the sinus surgery, and the way (Kornet) felt early physically, and the emergence of Daniel Gafford with his single-mindedness, his athleticism and his energy," he said. "Our intentions were good (with Kornet)."

"Sometimes you don't know exactly what you have with a draft pick," Boylen said.

Gafford, a second-round pick drafted 38th overall this summer, has averaged about four points and two rebounds, but he brings a defensive element that's not Kornet's game.

Gafford has had at least two blocks in five of his last six games. He had a six-block performance against the Hornets on Dec. 13.

"You hope they can learn and grow, and he's done a heck of a job," Boylen said. "So, I think that you have to credit him more than critique Luke."

Kornet said coaches have encouraged him to keep working and stay ready.

He admitted his recovery from surgery — especially one that affects breathing — sapped his endurance.

"It took some time to really reestablish it, (but) I'm in shape and able to play and run and move and stuff," Kornet said.

He hopes he gets a chance to see some minutes in front of a hometown crowd.

He has a lot of fond memories about playing basketball in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Pacers' Myles Turner played on his Texas Select AAU team. The Knicks' Julius Randle played at Prestonwood Christian Academy, which was in the same private school association as Kornet's Liberty Christian.

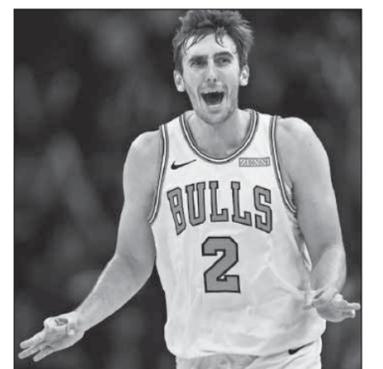
"High school basketball was a ton of fun, district games and stuff," Kornet said. "Prestonwood, where Julius went, was always like a really big thing. They were kind of the powerhouse in Dallas. Even just going to Mavs games when I was growing up was fun."

Which of course brings up the lanky elephant in the room. The 7-foot-2, 3-point shooting center grew up in the shadow of a certain Mavericks legend and future Hall of Famer who helped pioneer the concept of the stretch big.

"Just being a taller kid who shot the ball from 3 a lot, it was kind of thing where people always wondered if I tried to (model myself) after Dirk (Nowitzki)," Kornet said. "And it wasn't intentional. But I do admire him a ton as a player and what he meant to the (Mavericks) organization."

Kornet said he first heard the Nowitzki talk when he was in seventh grade. However, Kornet spent part of his childhood living in Phoenix, so he didn't gain an appreciation of Nowitzki until he was older.

"I was a huge Steve Nash guy," he said.



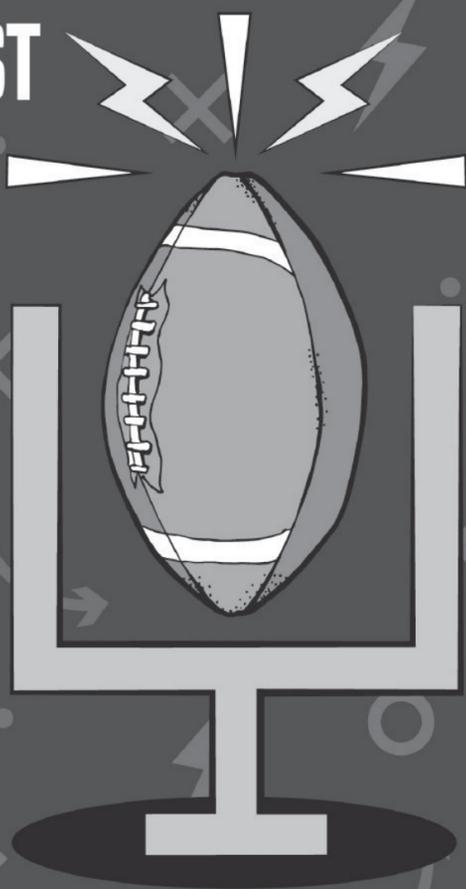
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New York	10	26	.278	16½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	26	10	.722	-
Orlando	16	20	.444	10
Charlotte	15	23	.395	12
Washington	11	24	.314	14½
Atlanta	8	28	.222	18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	32	5	.865	-
Indiana	22	14	.611	9½
Chicago	13	23	.361	18½
Detroit	13	24	.351	19
Cleveland	10	26	.278	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	24	11	.686	-
Dallas	22	13	.629	2
San Antonio	14	20	.412	9½
Memphis	15	22	.405	10
New Orleans	12	24	.333	12½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	24	11	.686	-
Utah	23	12	.657	1
Oklahoma City	20	15	.571	4
Portland	15	22	.405	10
Minnesota	14	21	.400	10

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	29	7	.806	-
L.A. Clippers	26	12	.684	4
Phoenix	14	22	.389	15
Sacramento	13	23	.361	16
Golden State	9	28	.243	20½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Clippers 135, New York 132
Miami 122, Portland 111
Minnesota 118, Cleveland 103
Memphis 121, Phoenix 114
L.A. Lakers 106, Detroit 99

MONDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY:
LAKERS 106, PISTONS 99
DETROIT: Doumbouya 4-12 2-2 11, Wood 2-6 6-11, Drummond 2-13 8-9 12, Frazier 0-2 0-0 0, Snell 0-3 0-0 0, Brown 2-7 2-2 6, Mykhailiuk 4-7 2-2 14, Maker 2-2 0-2 4, Galloway 5-7 0-1 13, Rose 19-10-10 28. Totals 29-78 30-35 99.
L.A. LAKERS: Davis 7-16 9-10 24, James 10-21 1-2 21, McGee 4-6 0-9, Bradley 2-5 0-0 5, Green 3-5 0-0 7, Kuzma 2-8 0-1 4, Howard 4-8 3-5 11, Caldwell-Pope 4-10 0-0 10, Caruso 5-9 3-5 13, Rondo 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 42-92 16-23 106.

DETROIT 22 25 32 20 - 99
L.A. Lakers 23 33 19 31 - 106

3-Point Goals—Detroit 11-26 (Mykhailiuk 4-6, Galloway 3-5, Rose 2-3, Wood 1-3, Doumbouya 1-4, Frazier 0-2), L.A. Lakers 6-20 (Caldwell-Pope 2-3, Green 1-2, Bradley 1-3, Davis 1-4, James 0-3, Kuzma 0-3). **Fouled Out**—Detroit 1 (Doumbouya), L.A. Lakers None. **Rebounds**—Detroit 43 (Drummond 18), L.A. Lakers 50 (James 14). **Assists**—Detroit 21 (Brown, Rose 5), L.A. Lakers 23 (James 11). **Total Fouls**—Detroit 22, L.A. Lakers 22. **A**—18-97 (18,97)

FAST BREAK POINTS/GAME

PLAYER	TM	GP	PPG
Giannis Antetokounmpo	Mil	25	6.4
LeBron James	LAL	35	4.6
Pascal Siakam	Tor	25	4.6
Devin Booker	Phx	23	4.5
Russell Westbrook	Hou	31	4.5
Kyle Lowry	Tor	33	4.3
Jaylen Brown	Bos	23	4.3
James Harden	Hou	30	4.0
Norman Powell	Tor	26	3.9

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	24	8	11	59	140	111
Toronto	24	14	5	53	155	135
Tampa Bay	24	13	4	52	147	125
Florida	22	15	5	49	151	141
Buffalo	19	17	7	45	127	135
Montreal	18	17	7	43	134	136
Ottawa	16	21	3	37	117	143
Detroit	10	30	3	23	92	165

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	29	9	5	63	155	129
Pittsburgh	25	12	5	55	142	113
N.Y. Islanders	25	12	3	53	115	105
Carolina	24	12	5	50	140	119
Philadelphia	22	15	5	49	133	129
Columbus	19	15	8	46	109	116
N.Y. Rangers	19	18	4	42	133	138
New Jersey	15	20	6	36	106	144

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	26	10	7	59	135	119
Colorado	25	13	4	54	156	124
Dallas	24	14	4	52	115	104
Winnipeg	22	16	4	48	130	129
Minnesota	20	17	6	46	133	144
Nashville	19	15	7	45	142	137
Chicago	19	18	6	44	127	141

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	24	15	6	54	144	133
Arizona	24	16	4	52	128	112
Vancouver	23	15	4	50	141	125
Edmonton	22	17	4	49	131	138
Calgary	22	17	4	49	123	134
San Jose	19	21	4	42	119	148
Anaheim	17	20	5	39	110	132
Los Angeles	17	22	4	38	110	136

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

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 5, San Jose 4, OT
Tampa Bay at Carolina, late
Florida 4, Pittsburgh 1
Calgary 5, Minnesota 4 (SO)
Chicago 4, Detroit 2
Anaheim 5, Nashville 4 (SO)

MONDAY'S GAMES

Winnipeg at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 4, RED WINGS 2

DETROIT	2	0	0	2
CHICAGO	0	2	0	2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Detroit, Zadina 4 (Hronek, Larkin), 3:21 (pp), 2, Detroit, Glenndening 6 (Helin, Nemeth), 16:53.
Penalties: Larkin, Det (Tripping), 0:20; Kubalik, Chi (Slashing), 2:42; Murphy, Chi (High Sticking), 14:36; Green, Det (Tripping), 17:36.

SECOND PERIOD: 3, Chicago, Strome 10 (DeBrincat), 15:07, 4, Chicago, Sikura 1 (Gustafsson, Kane), 15:52.
Penalties: Toews, Chi (Tripping), 1:32; Lashoff, Det (Hooking), 8:54.

THIRD PERIOD: 5, Chicago, Boqvist 2 (Keith, Toews), 8:47, 6, Chicago, Kubalik 12 (Murphy, Smith), 19:40 (en).
SHOTS ON GOAL: Detroit 8-5—21. Chicago 12-6-9—27.

POWER PLAYS: Detroit 1 of 3; Chicago 0 of 3.
GOALIES: Detroit, Howard 2-14-1 (26 shots-23 saves), Chicago, Crawford 7-11-2 (21-19).
Re: 21,493 (Jan 7), T: 2:16.
Referees: Jean Hebert, TJ Luxmore.
Linesmen: Darren Gibbs, Pierre Racicot.

TOTAL FACEOFFS WON

PLAYER	TM	FO	W	L	PCT
Ryan O'Reilly	STL	948	541	407	57.1
Bo Horvat	Van	929	526	403	56.6
Jonathan Toews	Chi	869	492	375	56.9
Phillip Danault	Mon	831	456	375	54.9
Claude Giroux	Phi	743	455	288	61.2
Anze Kopitar	LA	810	453	357	55.9
Pat Bergeron	Bos	766	437	329	57.1
Jordan Staal	Car	807	435	372	53.9
Dylan Larkin	Det	794	412	382	51.9
Jack Eichel	Buf	859	403	456	46.9

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WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota 26, New Orleans 20 (OT)
Seattle 17, Philadelphia 9

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota (11-6) at San Francisco (13-3), 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee (10-7) at Baltimore (14-2), 7:15 p.m. (CBS)

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Houston (11-6) at Kansas City (12-4), 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle (12-5) at Green Bay (13-3), 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

VIKINGS 26, SAINTS 20 (OT)

Minnesota 3 10 7 0 6-26
New Orleans 3 7 0 10 0-20

First quarter
NO: FG Lutz 29, 9:52.
Min: FG Bailey 43, 4:05.
Second quarter
NO: Kamara 4 run (Lutz kick), 9:18.
Min: FG Bailey 21, 2:54.
Min: D.Cook 5 run (Bailey kick), :23.

Third quarter
Min: D.Cook 1 run (Bailey kick), 3:23.
Fourth quarter
NO: T.Hill 20 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 10:31.
NO: FG Lutz 49, :02.

First Overtime
Min: Rudolph 4 pass from Cousins, 10:40.
TEAM STATS

MIN	NO
First downs	22 19
Total net yards	362 324
Rushes-yards	40-136 17-97
Passing	226 227
Punt returns	2-17 4-44
Kickoff returns	1-3 5-148
Int. returns	1-30 0-0
Comp-att-int	19-31-0 27-34-1
Sacked-yds lost	3-16 3-31
Fumbles	6-49-7 5-45-8
Fumbles-lost	1-1 1-1
Penalties-yards	4-26 6-52
Possession time	36:56 27:24

Rushing: Min, Cook 28-94, Mattison 5-20, Abdullah 1-9, Diggs 2-8, Ham 1-3, Thielen 1-3, Cousins 2-(-1). **NO**, T.Hill 4-50, Murray 5-21, Kamara 7-21, Brees 1-5.
Passing: Min, Cousins 19-31-0-242. **NO**, Brees 26-33-1-208, T.Hill 1-1-0-50.

Receiving: Min, Thielen 7-129, Rudolph 4-31, Cook 3-36, Diggs 2-19, O.Johnson 2-17, Mattison 1-10. **NO**, Kamara 8-34, Thomas 7-70, Cook 5-54, T.Hill 2-25, J.Hill 2-3, Harris 1-50, Ginn 1-18, Murray 1-4.
Missed field goals: NO, Lutz 43

SEAHAWKS 17, EAGLES 9

Seattle 3 7 6 0-17
Philadelphia 0 3 7 0-9

First quarter
Sea: FG Myers 49, 1:29.
Second quarter
Phi: FG Elliott 46, 2:53.
Sea: Lynch 5 run (Myers kick), 1:06.

Third quarter
Phi: FG Elliott 26, 10:36.
Sea: Metcalf 53 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 8:46.
Phi: FG Elliott 38, 2:49.

TEAM STATS

SEA	PHI
First downs	16 20
Third down eff	8-15 3-11
Fourth down eff	0-0 0-2
Total net yards	382 282
Rushes-yards	26-64 26-120
Passing	318 162
Punt returns	1-5 0-0
Kickoff returns	3-60 1-24
Int. returns	0-0 0-0
Comp-att-int	18-30-0 19-28-0
Sacked-yds lost	1-7 7-15
Fumbles	4-41-0 3-45-3
Fumbles-lost	2-0 3-0
Penalties-yards	11-114 7-45
Possession time	26:45 33:15

Rushing: Sea, Wilson 9-45, Homer 11-12, Lynch 6-7, Phi, Sanders 14-69, Scott 6-25, McCown 5-23, Ward 1-3.
Passing: Sea, Wilson 18-30-0-325. **Phi**, McCown 18-24-0-174, Wentz 1-4-0-3.

Receiving: Sea, Metcalf 7-160, Lockett 4-62, Moore 2-57, Lynch 2-25, Hollister 2-16, Homer 1-5. **Phi**, Goedert 7-73, Ward 3-24, Scott 3-23, Sanders 3-8, Ertz 2-44, Burnett 1-5.

Tackles-assists-sacks:
Sea, McDougald 8-3-1, Clowney 5-0-1Bar-ton 4-1-1, Wright 4-1-1Jefferson 2-0-2.
Phi, Jenkins 7-2-1, Gerry 4-2-0.
Missed field goals: Sea, Myers 35

SATURDAY:

TITANS 20, PATRIOTS 13

Tennessee 7 7 0 6-20
New England 3 10 0 0-13

First quarter
NE: FG Folk 36, 12:37.
Ten: Firkser 12 pass from Tannehill (Joseph kick), 5:39.

Second quarter
NE: Edelman 5 run (Folk kick), 14:57.
NE: FG Folk 21, 2:16.
Ten: Henry 1 run (Joseph kick), :35.

Fourth quarter
Ten: Ryan 9 interception return (run failed), :09.
TEAM STATS

TEN	NE
First downs	19 18
Total net yards	272 307
Rushes-yards	40-201 22-98
Passing	71 209
Punt returns	0-0 1-23
Kickoff returns	2-40 1-10
Int. returns	1-9 1-0
Comp-att-int	9-16-1 20-37-1
Sacked-yds lost	1-5 0-0
Fumbles	6-45-8 5-46-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0 2-1
Penalties-yards	5-25 3-28
Possession time	31:09 28:51

Rushing: Ten, Henry 34-182, Tannehill 4-11, Lewis 2-8, NE, Michel 14-61, White 1-14, Edelman 2-12, Harry 1-7, Burkhead 3-4, Roberts 1-0.

Passing: Ten, Tannehill 8-15-1-72, Mariota 1-1-0-4. **NE**, Brady 20-37-1-209.
Receiving: Ten, Firkser 2-23, Pruitt 2-4, Henry 1-22, L.Smith 1-9, Lewis 1-8, Sharpe 1-6, A.Brown 1-4. **NE**, White 5-62, Watson 3-38, Burkhead 3-32, Edelman 3-30, Harry 2-21, Michel 2-9, Saur 1-11, Dorsett 1-6.

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6 what-if moments of 2019

BY COLLEEN KANE

1. What if Matt Nagy got Eddy Pineiro closer than 41 yards on his field-goal attempt against the Chargers?

When coach Matt Nagy was asked what his biggest what-if moment was of the season, he first pointed to the 17-16 loss to the Chargers that dropped the Bears to 3-4 on Oct. 27.

The win was there for the taking, but so many things went wrong. The Bears didn't get in the end zone on 12 snaps from inside the 10-yard line in the first half. Mitch Trubisky had two fourth-quarter turnovers. And Eddy Pineiro missed a 41-yard field-goal attempt wide left as time expired.

Nagy was pointing to all of those turning points. But the biggest question from that game still is about whether the coach should have tried to set up a shorter field goal for Pineiro — and one from his preferred spot on the field.

Instead, Nagy had Trubisky take a knee at the 22-yard line on first down with 43 seconds remaining, a play that set up Pineiro on the left hash mark. Pineiro missed his second field goal of the day, and later revealed the left hash wasn't his preferred spot, setting off a week of inquiries about the Bears' sideline communication and decision-making process.

The game started a rough stretch for Pineiro, in which he missed four field goals and two extra-point attempts over five games and Nagy seemed skittish about giving him chances. And it was the Bears' third loss in a four-game losing streak.

Everyone involved acknowledged Pineiro needs to make a 41-yard attempt, but might his confidence — and the season — have taken a different turn if he had been just a few yards closer?



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears kicker Eddy Pineiro (15) reacts after missing a field goal in the first quarter of a game against the Los Angeles Chargers at Soldier Field.

2. What if Kevin Pierre-Louis didn't run into the Raiders punter?

Inside linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis did a nice job stepping in for an injured Roquan Smith. But he has not been shy about addressing a costly mistake he made in the 24-21 loss to the Raiders in London.

The Bears were leading 21-17 when they forced the Raiders to punt on fourth-and-6 at their 22-yard line. Pierre-Louis rushed around the edge and dived to block the punt, but he took down punter A.J. Cole in the process and was called for a 5-yard penalty. The Raiders then ran a fake punt, converted the fourth-and-1 and went on to score the winning touchdown.

Pierre-Louis brought up the play — and another running-into-the-kicker penalty against the Chiefs — last week when asked about his season.

"The two things that are obvious for me, though, that I definitely want to look at are my two things I did on special teams that were pretty critical," Pierre-Louis said. "I have to focus on that and really see how I can correct those mistakes."

Chase Daniel threw an interception on the Bears' next drive, and the Bears lost their first game of an eventual four-game losing streak. Oof.

3. What if Mitch Trubisky hit that deep throw to Taylor Gabriel? Or that one to Anthony Miller? Or that one to Allen Robinson?

It happened too many times in 2019. A Bears wide receiver beat his defender and saw an open field in front of him. But when they went to haul in Mitch Trubisky's pass, it was out of reach.

Taylor Gabriel experienced it in the Chargers game, when he beat linebacker Thomas Davis on a fourth-quarter route but saw Trubisky's throw fall 3 yards in front of him. If the pass had been on target, Gabriel seemingly would have had a 58-yard touchdown and the Bears would have had a 23-10 lead.

Anthony Miller went up the seam in the first quarter of the 17-7 loss to the Rams and had a couple of steps on two defenders. But Trubisky's pass fell short and was broken up. The game remained scoreless, instead of the Bears taking a 7-0 lead on Miller's 83-yard touchdown.

And then there was Robinson, who broke free from Chiefs safety Tyrann Mathieu for what might have been a 46-yard touchdown to bring the Bears within 10-7. But Trubisky overthrew him.

"The lesson is that you want to hit them," Nagy said of the miss to Robinson.

Any of these three plays could have shifted momentum to the Bears, though they were already out of playoff contention when



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears tackle Akiem Hicks goes down with an injury against the Raiders at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky is tackled by Vikings defensive end Danielle Hunter, causing a fumble.

they played the Chiefs. As the misses piled up, the question began to change from what if Trubisky had made those throws to what if the Bears had a quarterback who could make those throws?

4. What if Akiem Hicks didn't take Khalil Mack's helmet to his elbow against the Raiders?

This question can be played with any NFL team in any season. Football players, sometimes very important ones, get injured every Sunday.

But Akiem Hicks' absence in 11 games this season was felt acutely. The downturn in takeaways. Khalil Mack's lowered production. The fact that the Bears

allowed more than 145 rushing yards in three of the first four games after Hicks was injured.

The defensive linemen filling in for Hicks did a commendable job, but all of those issues were in part linked to Hicks being out.

"Not only his play on the field, but his leadership, his enthusiasm, his love for the game," defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano said. "The guy is a big, big man, and he can wreak havoc in there and he commands double teams. The one game we got him back after his injury, he went in and showed up all over the stat sheet. It was a big loss, and I'm proud of the guys who stepped in for him."

No injury had a bigger impact on the Bears this season.

5. What if Mitch Trubisky didn't land awkwardly on his left shoulder during a sack by the Vikings?

Mitch Trubisky reportedly dislocated his non-throwing shoulder and slightly tore the labrum, causing him to miss most of two games. The defense carried the Bears to the victory against the Vikings after Chase Daniel took over, but Trubisky missed the loss to the Raiders.

Trubisky had moments in the win over the Redskins before his injury, but four weeks off — including the open date — killed any momentum he might have built.

An ugly stretch of football followed in four of the next five



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Bears linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis (57) walks off the field.

weeks after he returned with a brace on his shoulder. That included the Bears' second-worst loss of the season, to the Saints, when Trubisky failed to come through while passing 54 times, paired with just seven rushing plays.

Neither Trubisky nor Matt Nagy used the excuse that the QB's shoulder bothered him. But it's fair to wonder how much it affected his play and confidence — or if it had anything to do with his decreased rushing numbers in 2019.

6. What if the Bears came through on one of those late-game plays?

Contributing to the feeling that the Bears were close was that they had fourth-quarter chances to tie the game or take the lead in six of eight losses. And yet they failed to make the key play.

That started when Mitch Trubisky launched a third-down pass into double coverage to Allen Robinson in the end zone with two minutes to play in the season opener against the Packers. Adrian Amos picked it off and the Packers won 10-3, igniting a season full of stress surrounding the Bears quarterback situation.

Against the Eagles, the Bears rebounded from a horrid first half and were still within eight points. But when the Eagles kicked off with 25 seconds to play, Adam Shaheen muffed the kick and the Eagles recovered it. The Bears lost 22-14.

Hanging on by a thread to their playoff hopes, the Bears ran one last wild play in the second game against the Packers. After a forward pass and two laterals, Jesper Horsted was running with the ball toward the end zone and didn't see Allen Robinson trailing him with Anthony Miller ready to block for the touchdown. Horsted fumbled, and the Packers recovered for a 21-13 win.

On the last two close plays, the Bears needed a touchdown and a two-point conversion to tie it. But they had a shot.

And that's where the entire exercise becomes a glass-half-full, glass-half-empty scenario. Look how close the Bears were to pulling out wins. But look how inept the Bears were at making the little plays needed to finish wins.

The Bears and their fans now have eight months to decide how to view it.

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STACY REVERE/TNS

Head coach Andy Reid of the Chiefs and quarterback Patrick Mahomes talk during a timeout in the second quarter of the game against the Bears at Soldier Field on December 22.

KC's dynamic duo: Reid, Mahomes create magic

BY VAHE GREGORIAN
The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A mind-meld between Chiefs coach Andy Reid and quarterback Patrick Mahomes was engaged from their first meeting, before the NFL draft in 2017. And what the offensive mastermind and his revolutionary disciple have conjured together since could leave you wondering where one imagination ends and the other begins.

Or even if they're now, say, completing each other's sentences.

"It's funny you say that," Reid said with a chuckle Dec. 30 in a conversation with The Star. "He knows me better; I know him better. He can about call the play before I call it."

More specifically, as they emerged from a quarterback meeting the previous Friday, Reid began to say something to Mahomes that he recalled wasn't even related to football.

Just then, Mahomes uttered the very words for which Reid was reaching.

"Exactly the same," said Reid, re-enacting the moment with a playful recoil and turn of the head. "I go, 'Wait a minute.'"

Which happens to be the right term to provide anyone shallow enough to think the reduction in Mahomes' statistical output this season is an indication of some sort of regression.

Wait a minute: Mahomes is a better quarterback in virtually every way, and no one understands the substance and nuances and alignment of that better than Reid.

Yes, he went from throwing for 5,097 yards and 50 touchdowns in 2018 to throwing for 4,031 and 26 in 2019.

But let's step back and put that in context, starting with the text Reid sent Mahomes after the Chiefs beat the Chargers, 31-21, in the regular-season finale last Sunday.

"I just go, 'For you to be able to have back, I mean, that's a sign of being a tremendous football player,'" Reid remembered writing to Mahomes. "Because these great defensive minds have had a whole offseason to study you."

"It's one thing when you're fast



REED HOFFMANN/AP

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes stands with head coach Andy Reid before an NFL football game against the Vikings in Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday, Nov. 3.

onto the picture, and guys are scrambling to put a game-plan together. (But) this is now. You've been tested here with time and effort by these great minds (trying) to stop you. And you've answered that, right?"

In fact, there are ample other answers to any questions the diminished numbers and even stylistic tweaks might evoke.

First, the statistical baseline was fundamentally altered when Mahomes missed two and a half games with a mangled knee (OK, "dislocated kneecap") that could have had season-ending implications. He also was impaired much for the first half of the season with ankle issues, at times affecting the range and scope of plays Reid called.

Beyond that, his injury-riddled offensive line was in flux much of the season. And the broader capacity of the offense at times was hampered by injuries to star receiver Tyreek Hill (out four games) and starting running back Damien Williams (five games), among others.

Plenty more goes into this

blender, of course, including the notion of playing complementary football given the vast improvement of a defense that has given up a total of 69 points in the Chiefs' current six-game winning streak.

As the team has gone from allowing 26.3 points a game last season (24th in the NFL) to 19.3 this season (seventh), the scoring has gone from an NFL-best 35.3 to 28.2 (fifth).

At least in a certain sense, that's by design.

"Absolutely," Reid said. "As we've gone on, that's taken place."

A more complete team makes for a better team, of course, but perhaps isn't as conducive to the gaudy stats Mahomes amassed in his first full season as a starter. In three of the last five games, for instance, the Chiefs basically were just draining clock in the second half.

Not surprisingly, Reid and Mahomes seem in sync on that.

"I realized this year that it's just better to try to find ways to win than putting up all these numbers and (trying to) win that way,"

Mahomes said Dec. 29 before being asked to elaborate the next day. "I think it's just a different variety of ways of winning is the biggest thing this year. We've won games obviously putting up points and doing those different things this year. But we've also won games when the defense has stepped up and controlled the games for us."

"For us, it's about when you get to the playoffs not every game is the same. And we've found ways to win in different ways."

But most distinctly, in all the ways that matter most to Reid, Mahomes has done nothing but grow.

"Well, he is better," the ever-understated Reid said, smiling.

Here's how:

"His decision-making is a lot better," said Reid, who credited Chiefs quarterbacks coach Mike Kafka with helping Mahomes. "Knowing the offense, getting in and out of the huddle, there's no delays. There's nothing. I mean, he just gets up and goes. Complete control of it."

"Understands the (pass) pro-

tections 100 times better and knows how to move in the pocket better. You see him stepping up now and doing all that. That's full trust in knowing what your guys are doing up front."

"His arm's the same, but teams are playing us different. They're playing us to (defend) the spot plays."

With that, Mahomes' inherently uncanny ability to "know where everybody is" and keep everybody involved in the game has been sharpened all the more, Reid said.

"And you're still looking at a guy who doesn't turn the ball over; that's not his deal," said Reid, whose protege threw five interceptions (in 484 attempts) this season after throwing 12 (in 580 attempts) a year ago. "He's utilizing his checkdowns better."

Accordingly, Mahomes has become more patient and less inclined to force plays even while retaining his dynamism and on scan to pounce.

Case in point: To offset the deep threat of Hill, the Chargers last week aligned almost every play with a single safety in the middle, Reid said, "and playing so deep."

With one exception, Reid said, that resulted in a 47-yard pass to Hill that set up the game-clinching touchdown.

"If you look at that, they tried one snap of Cover 2," Reid said, smiling. "And (Mahomes) destroyed it."

The play, incidentally, was one Mahomes had been nagging him to run: "I probably should have (gone) to that sooner," Reid said after the game. "He was feeling that one."

All of which helps explain why Reid feels the same way about Mahomes as he did from the start.

Only more so from seeing what he imagined turn into a reality, from their relationship to Mahomes' general grasp to the sort of leadership that affects everyone around.

"He came in as a great leader, right from the get-go, but that's time-tested, too," said Reid, noting Mahomes had been unchanged by earning NFL MVP honors in 2018. "So it's now a show. This is what he is and who he is."

And an affirmation of who they are together — completing each other, in some ways.

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Staying put?

The Journey

2015 — Drafted 2nd overall by Los Angeles Lakers

2017 — Traded to Brooklyn Nets

2019 — Sign-and-trade deal to Golden State Warriors



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Warriors guard D'Angelo Russell looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Kings in San Francisco, Sunday, Dec. 15.

NBA All-Star journeyman Russell hopes to stick with Warriors

BY WES GOLDBERG
The San Jose Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO — After D'Angelo Russell signed a \$117 million contract last summer, he decided to stop putting it off. He would finally buy his first couch.

He might be comfortable buying furniture, but not yet enough to invest in property. Even though his deal with the Warriors runs through 2023, he rented a mansion in San Francisco's Diamond Heights neighborhood, where he lives as a minimalist by NBA standards.

Moving for the third time in four years has taken a toll on someone who yearns for stability. Though he has heard the relentless speculation that Golden State would be better off trading him, the league's only journeyman All-Star hopes he's found a long-term home.

Since high school, Russell, 23, hasn't been in one place for more than two years. His three years at Montverde Academy were followed by a single year at Ohio State. He was drafted by the Lakers in 2015, traded to Brooklyn in 2017, and then spurned by the Nets in 2019.

Time after time required to restart, his Twitter biography reads, "Loading."

In less than three months with the Warriors, Russell has found an environment that encourages his strengths. He is continuing to put up prolific stats, but has also become a mentor to several young players while trying to expand his game to complement Golden State's championship core.

"I would love for this to be home," Russell said from his chair in the Warriors' San Francisco practice facility. "I have a four-year contract. I would love to be here even three years. That would set my record."

A room in Diamond Heights is dedicated to Russell's hero, Muhammad Ali — as if the tattoo outside his right calf of the legendary boxer wasn't enough.

"From Louisville, man. Muhammad Ali, dawg," Russell said. "We don't make it out, so we got to go through the fire to get a little daylight."

D'Angelo and his older brother, Antonio Jr., grew up with their mother and father in Louisville's rough West End, a neighborhood filled with corners promising casual violence and gangs capable of ensnaring the most innocent. Getting a job at the local Ford factory is considered making it.

"It's a city filled with settling," Antonio Jr. said.

When D'Angelo was 12, his father, Antonio, moved the family to Valley Station, a suburb in Jefferson County. Russell left Central High after his freshman year to attend Montverde Academy in Florida, which is where he last felt settled.

He blossomed into a five-star recruit and committed to Ohio State. When he signed his letter of intent, he planned to stay more than one year. And who knows? Maybe even get inducted into the Buckeyes' Hall of Fame.

After averaging 19.3 points and five assists per game, earning consensus first-team All-America honors and leading the Buckeyes to an NCAA Tournament berth, the NBA beckoned. Russell loved college, but he began to surface as a lottery pick on draft boards.

"If you look at his year at Ohio State, it's one of the best ever," said Jeff Boals, his assistant coach with the Buckeyes. "When he goes back, he's as remembered as anybody."

Russell asked his older brother to come with him to wherever he was drafted. Nearly five years later, he hasn't lived apart from him during his career, from Los Angeles to Brooklyn to San Francisco.

Through his travels he's bought three dogs, the newest of which is Nino Brown, a 1-year-old Boston Terrier named after Wesley Snipes' drug-dealing character in "New Jack City" that is small enough to travel.

Russell's inner circle also includes his closest friends. Suns guard Devin Booker, whom he met as a high school freshman at the Nike Elite 100 camp in St. Louis, Mo., talks to Russell nearly every day. They've both signed maximum NBA contracts, but their hangouts are still reminiscent of when they'd sneak out of the hotel after curfew to buy snacks at a nearby gas station and daydream about their NBA futures.

"We always talk about how our paths have been different," said Booker, who has been with the same team his entire career. "If you have a conversation with him now, he's in a whole different headspace than he was four years ago."



CURTIS COMPTON/TNS

D'Angelo Russell, with the Los Angeles Lakers, drives to the basket past the Atlanta Hawks' Dennis Schroder during the fourth period at Philips Arena on Nov. 2, 2016, in Atlanta.



HOWARD SIMMONS/AP

With the Brooklyn Nets, D'Angelo Russell drives past Cleveland Cavaliers guard Collin Sexton in the second half of a game on Dec. 3, 2018, in New York.

Intensely loyal to those close to him, Russell can sometimes seem aloof to outsiders. That's because of a pivotal moment in Russell's rookie season when a video was leaked from his cellphone of teammate Nick Young, at the time engaged to rapper Iggy Azalea, discussing other women he'd been with.

Though who leaked the video is still a mystery, the fact that it came from Russell's phone triggered a media firestorm that portrayed him as immature. In the 2017 news conference announcing a trade that sent Russell to the Nets, Lakers president Magic Johnson said, "What I needed was a leader."

"I think that move is the one that affected him the most," Boals said. "Just because they leave you out to dry, and they get rid of you."

Said Russell: "I feel like I'm more aware of what I say. More aware of my perception."

These days, Russell strides into arenas cozily fitted with his favorite designer coat and one of the three new watches he bought last summer. His clear, thick-rimmed glasses

believe his deliberate style of play.

He can sometimes seem isolated on the hardwood, getting the occasional assist from the parade of screening big men who have come in and out of his work life. Ball in hand, coming off a screen, he prods meticulously as he gauges the next course of action. He contorts his body, using his hip to angle off his defender before choosing a spot from which to shoot.

His style, along with his polarizing persona, are his baggage — what he brings with him to every new city and has given him the reputation of a high-usage, low-efficiency teammate.

The Lakers jettisoned Russell in favor of Lonzo Ball, who left UCLA a pass-first point guard widely compared to Magic. Even after Russell led the Nets to the playoffs, some wondered if he could thrive next to a second All-Star.

"Man, I can't imagine if I was in a consistent system to where I know the coaches and they know me, they know my family," Russell said sarcastically. "Camaraderie is beneficial for both. I can't imagine that."

Last summer, Russell knew he'd be on the move again. It was June 30 on a warmer-than-usual day in Los Angeles when he watched from his agent's plush Beverly Hills office as name after name flittered across the ticker scroll at the bottom of a TV. "Then KD finally made his decision," Russell said.

Kevin Durant signed with Brooklyn and set in motion a complex sign-and-trade that landed Russell in San Francisco.

Russell had been close to inking with the Timberwolves, but, when his agent told him the Warriors were an option, his decision was easy. After chaotic stints with the Lakers and Nets, he was excited to join a championship organization and learn from several future Hall of Famers.

Though many wondered if they had acquired Russell only to flip him in a trade, the Warriors knew this was their only way to add a player of his caliber. They had given up two first-round picks, Andre Iguodala and the ability to sign a few key free agents, so they figured they might as well see if Russell could be a long-term fit.

When Curry broke his left hand in the fourth game of the season, the experiment was shelved, and Russell's stay in San Francisco was possibly extended. After all, shot-makers like Russell are hard to come by, and the Warriors want a larger sample size before deciding whether he and Curry can co-exist.

In Curry's absence, Russell is again putting up all-star-type numbers. But until he produces alongside a healthy Curry and Klay Thompson, the speculation about his future will persist. Russell isn't comfortable talking about the Feb. 6 trade deadline.

"Money doesn't buy peace of mind, it doesn't buy a sense of belonging, a sense of 'This is my team,'" Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "If there's speculation that you're going to be traded all the time, I don't care how much money you make, I don't care who you are, that's tough."

That hasn't stopped Russell from bonding with his teammates, including Marquese Chriss, a 22-year-old former lottery pick who has played for three teams in four years. He goes to Russell's home almost every day to watch basketball and play "Call of Duty."

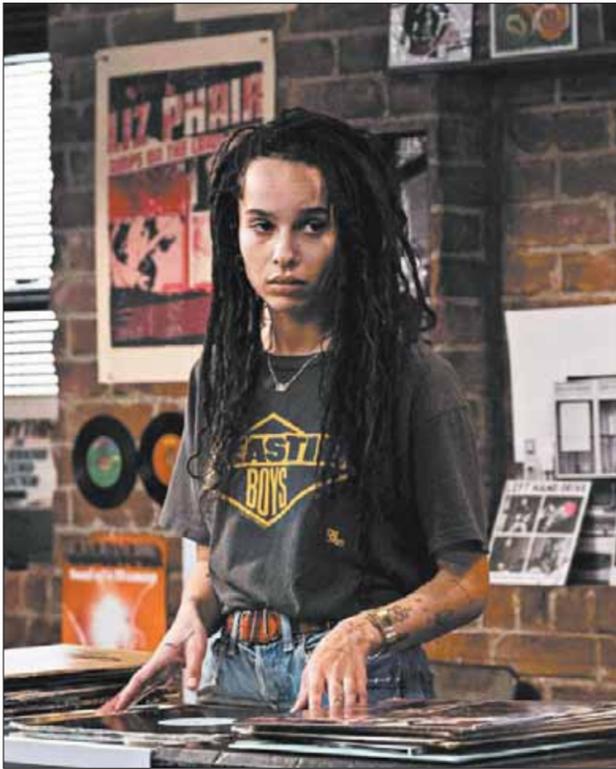
On a recent off day, Russell made the winding, 90-minute drive down Highway 17 to Santa Cruz, where he sat courtside for a G League game to support teammates Jordan Poole and Alen Smailagic.

During the second quarter, Poole, a first-round pick struggling in his rookie season, made a falling-away 3-pointer from the corner. Russell, in the middle of a sideline interview for the local broadcast, raised three fingers, letting Poole know he was there.

Russell could be traded this summer, when the Warriors have an opportunity to select a younger guard at the top of the draft. Even if he sticks until next season, they could package him in a deal for Giannis Antetokounmpo or another franchise difference-maker.

But if Russell could have it his way, he'd stay long enough to take car rides with Nino Brown without needing Google Maps. He'd finally unpack the last few boxes in Diamond Heights and settle down in San Francisco.

"I was already built to be chewed up and spit out," Russell said. "So, I'm chilling with my feet up. This is home for me right now."



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Zoe Kravitz assumes the lead role in Hulu's reboot of "High Fidelity."



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"Party of Five" centers on five siblings who are forced to raise themselves after their parents are deported.

Our 20 most anticipated TV shows of 2020

By the Los Angeles Times staff

Television ... now more than ever: To paraphrase the satirical film studio slogan of Robert Altman's "The Player," TV's dominant mode these days is the avalanche, the deluge, the endless binge. But even amid the clutter of 500-some scripted and countless unscripted series, there's plenty to be excited about, including originals from nascent (or still-to-be-launched) platforms like Apple TV+, HBO Max and Quibi.

Let us help you plan your viewing schedule with this list of our 20 most anticipated new and returning shows of 2020.

"Party of Five"
Freeform, Jan. 8

More than 25 years after the original "Party of Five" reminded viewers that everybody wants to live like they wanna live, Freeform's updated version of the TV drama is politically timely: The new series, set in Echo Park, California, revolves around the five Acosta siblings, who are forced to raise themselves and navigate the struggles of daily life after their parents are suddenly deported back to Mexico. It will be among the first to weave today's immigration crisis into its premise. — *Yvonne Villarreal*

"The Outsider"
HBO, Jan. 12

After last year's invasion of projects from the mind of Stephen King ("It: Chapter 2," "Doctor Sleep," Season 2 of "Castle Rock"), do we really need more King? HBO thinks so, unveiling this limited series based on King's novel. The logline is intriguing: "The Outsider" begins by following a seemingly straightforward investigation into the gruesome murder of a young boy. But when an insidious supernatural force edges its way into the case, it leads a seasoned cop and an unorthodox investigator to

question everything they believe in." The trailer is dark and creepy, and the impressive cast includes Jason Bateman ("Ozark") and Cynthia Erivo ("Harriet"). — *Greg Braxton*

"Everything's Gonna Be Okay"
Freeform, Jan. 16

Josh Thomas, an Australian comedian and actor who previously created the wonderful coming-out-and-of-age series "Please Like Me" back in 2013 (it was available here but easy to miss), returns with a new series, set in California, in which he



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Shaun Toub, left, and Shila Vosough Ommi star in "Little America."

becomes the willing if not quite ready guardian to his teenage half-sisters (Maeve Press and Kayla Cromer, who, like her character, is autistic). As in his previous series, there is a delighted interest in natural human weirdness, now with middle-school tropes mixed in. — *Robert Lloyd*

"Little America"
Apple TV+, Jan. 17

They came from Africa, Asia, Central America, the Middle East. Now they're all living in America. Clearly there's more than one version of "the immigrant experience," and "Little America" seeks to tell a handful of those stories in an eight-part anthology series from Kumail Nanjiani ("The Big Sick") and Alan Yang ("Master of None"). Humor, depth and empathy are key elements in this collection of tales, making it an antidote of sorts to the past few years of travel bans and border walls. — *Lorraine Ali*

"Awkwafina Is Nora From Queens"
Comedy Central, Jan. 22

If your New Year's resolution is to have more Awkwafina in your life — and, make no mistake, it should be — Comedy Central is here to help. The rapper-comedian-actress, who has had a string of stand-out performances, including in this year's "The Farewell," stars in this semi-autobiographical comedy series focused on her early 20s, when she lived in Queens with her father and grandmother while dreaming of making it big. BD Wong ("Mr. Robot") plays her father, Lori Tan Chinn ("Orange Is the New Black") is her grandmother, and Bowen Yang ("The Outs") stars as Awkwafina's more successful cousin. It also marks the first scripted series fronted by an Asian American on the linear network. — *Yvonne Villarreal*

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"Remember, they're just jokes," Ricky Gervais told the audience as he opened the Golden Globes. "We're all going to die soon. And there's no sequel." He returned this year as host for the first time since 2016.

A GOLDEN NIGHT

The 77th Golden Globes handed out its movie and television awards Sunday, officially kicking off Hollywood's televised awards season. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association did the voting, and for a record fifth time, Ricky Gervais returned to host what is branded as a boozy shindig.

For fashion and show coverage, see Page 3. For full coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/entertainment.

'Jeopardy' James aims to be all-time greatest player

BY ERIN HEGARTY

The first chance to watch James Holzhauer compete in 2020 is coming up Tuesday night as the Naperville native faces off against Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter on "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time."

In the prime time-competition that airs at 7 p.m. on ABC/Channel 7, the game show's highest money makers will battle nightly until one of them

wins three games to take home the \$1 million prize and title of best of the best.

"In some ways it's more nerve wracking," said Holzhauer's brother, Ian. "There's so much excitement around this the way it's set up. It kind of feels like NBA finals or the World Series. I would say that it's nerve wracking but also exciting."

Ian Holzhauer and Lisa Mur-

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ERIC MCCANDLESS

Naperville native James Holzhauer, left, will battle Brad Rutter, center, and Ken Jennings on "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time."

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Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles, Prince William and Prince George mark the new decade with a photo.

Queen celebrates 2020 with her heirs

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has marked the start of the decade with a new formal photograph of her and the first three heirs to the throne: son Prince Charles, grandson Prince William and great-grandson Prince George.

The portrait of the four was taken in Buckingham Palace's throne room a week before Christmas. The palace released it Saturday night.

For the photo, Elizabeth, wearing a white dress with a blue brooch and with a signature handbag hanging from her forearm, stood in the front. Charles posed with an arm around George's shoulder as the two stood next to the queen on a red-carpeted step. William was behind the monarch on her other side.

It's only the second time Buckingham Palace has issued a portrait of the queen and her three heirs together. The first, taken by the same photographer, was released in 2016 to mark Elizabeth's 90th birthday and used on commemorative stamps.

— Associated Press

Jan. 6 birthdays: Accordionist Joey, the CowPolka King, is 71. Singer Kim Wilson is 69. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 65. Chef Nigella Lawson is 60. Actor Norman Reedus is 51. TV personality Julie Chen is 50. Actor Danny Pintauro is 44. Actor Eddie Redmayne is 38. Comedian Kate McKinnon is 36.

Box office

1. "Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker," \$33.7 million
2. "Jumanji: The Next Level," \$26.5 million
3. "Little Women," \$13.6 million
4. "The Grudge," \$11.3 million
5. "Frozen 2," \$11.3 million
6. "Spies in Disguise," \$10.1 million
7. "Knives Out," \$9 million
8. "Uncut Gems," \$7.8 million
9. "Bombshell," \$4.1 million
10. "Cats," \$2.6 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



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INVISION 2017

Pink donates to fire-ravaged Australia:

American pop singer Pink says she is donating \$500,000 to help fight the deadly wildfires that have devastated parts of Australia. "I am totally devastated watching what is happening in Australia right now with the horrific bushfires," Pink tweeted Saturday to her 32.2 million Twitter followers. "I am pledging a donation of \$500,000 directly to the local fire services that are battling so hard on the frontlines. My heart goes out to our friends and family in Oz." The wildfires, which have been raging since September, have already burned about 12.4 million acres of land and destroyed more than 1,500 homes.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Daughter brings child, chaos home

Dear Amy: I have a 21-year-old daughter. She has a little boy (my grandson), who is 2 1/2.

My husband and I have given her so many chances to be a mom to her boy and have encouraged her to get a job, and I was taking care of him. While she was living with us, she refused to get a job, and I was taking care of my grandson.

We gave her an ultimatum that she must get a job or move out and grow up. Well, she chose to move out. Then she lied about where she was living.

She left her son behind, and my husband and I have been taking care of him.

I just found out on Facebook that she is living with a guy. Not once has she asked about her son.

Suddenly, last month she asked my husband on Facebook if she could come back. But recent pictures on her boyfriend's Facebook page show that she is having a good time.

I don't know what to do.

My grandson is thriving without his mother and is very happy with us. He doesn't even seem to know that she is gone. He doesn't mention her at all.

She has lied so much that at this point I don't trust her.

Should I let her come home, or should we let her live out in the real world?

— *Unsure Grandmother*

Dear Unsure: I have news for all of you. Your daughter living with her boyfriend while you raise her child is not the real world. Your challenging daughter living at home with you while the three of you clash over raising this child is as real as it gets. Your daughter seems to

have abandoned her child to your care. However, she is his mother. She may bounce in and out of his life while he lives with you, and then, very suddenly she might decide to take the child to live with her.

Millions of heroic grandparents (and other family members) are currently raising children, and yet the legal assumption is that (unless the situation is extreme) children should be with their biological parents.

My opinion is that you and your husband should continue to raise this boy without his mother, until she shows a consistent intent (beyond a Facebook message), that she wants to come back. Ultimately, however, her being with you would probably be best for both her and the child. However, understand that if she moves home and you clash again and kick her out, she may take the boy with her.

You must research your legal rights. See an adoption attorney — or meet with a social worker at your local Family and Child Services office.

Your daughter might be willing to sign over temporary guardianship to you, so that you can legally make decisions on the boy's behalf.

Dear Amy: I met a woman online. We have been texting back and forth.

She is very cautious, which I understand, but it's almost stressful to pursue her. She doesn't seem excited about a new relationship.

I am wondering if I should put my efforts elsewhere?

— *Eager*

Dear Eager: It is challenging, but vital, to read another person's cues — certainly at the outset of a potential relationship. You two have never met in person, and the reasons she is cautious could range from: She is cautious because she is smart and realizes she is communicating with a stranger to whom she is cautious because she is in another relationship (or any variation along a wide spectrum).

You should not pursue or press her. You should text her: "Look, I can tell you are being super-cautious, and I want you to know that I respect that. I don't want to make you uncomfortable, so I'll wait for you to get in touch."

Harkening back to my own foray into internet matching, I urge you to try to meet any potential match in person as soon as possible. Texting and messaging can create a smoke screen. In my experience, I knew — usually within moments after meeting — whether I was interested.

Dear Amy: I appreciated the sincerity of the man signing his name "Little Circle Seeks Bigger Circle." He wanted to find ways to connect in a meaningful way with other men.

I also appreciated your response. I wish you had suggested that this man develop some group-centered hobbies, however.

— *Been There*

Dear Been There: Yes, great advice.

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77TH GOLDEN GLOBES

'1917,' Tarantino are night's big winners

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

The 77th Golden Globes were meant to be a coronation for Netflix. Instead, a pair of big-screen epics took top honors Sunday, as Sam Mendes' technically dazzling World War I tale "1917" won best picture, drama, and Quentin Tarantino's radiant Los Angeles fable "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" won best film, comedy or musical.

The win for "1917" was a surprise, besting such favorites as Noah Baumbach's "Marriage Story" (the leading nominee with six nods) and Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman." Both are acclaimed Netflix releases, but they collectively took home just one award, for Laura Dern's supporting performance as a divorce attorney in "Marriage Story." "The Irishman" was entirely shut out.

"1917" also won best director for Mendes. The film was made in long takes, giving the impression of it unfolding in one lengthy shot.

"There is not one director in the world that is not in the shadow of Martin Scorsese," a plainly surprised Mendes said.

"Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" had an easier path than the more competitive drama category. Brad Pitt won for best supporting actor, his first acting Globe since winning in 1996 for "12 Monkeys," padding his front-runner status for the Oscars.

"I wanted to bring my mom, but I couldn't because any woman I stand next to they say I am dating, so it'd just be awkward," Pitt said.

Ricky Gervais, hosting the NBC-telecast ceremony for the fifth time, began the evening with an expletive-laden plea against hypocrisy, telling winners to stick to thanking their agent and



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"If anything, if I fall upon hard times, I can sell this," Awkwafina said of the best actress Golden Globe she won Sunday for "The Farewell."

their god. But throughout the night, those who took the stage seized the moment to speak about matters including the devastating wildfires in Australia, the soaring tensions with Iran, women's rights, the importance of LGBT trailblazers, and even the importance of being on time.

Gervais also argued that Netflix had taken over Hollywood, something arguably borne out by the streaming service's commanding 34 nominations, in film and TV, coming into the Globes. But the awards were widely spread around among traditional Hollywood studios, indie labels

like A24, cable heavyweights like HBO and relative newcomers like Hulu.

Awkwafina, the star of the hit indie family drama "The Farewell," became the first woman of Asian descent to win best actress in a comedy or musical. "If anything, if I fall upon hard times, I can sell this," said Awkwafina, holding the award.

No other category has been more competitive this year than best actor. On Sunday, Joaquin Phoenix won for his loose-limbed performance in the divisive but hugely popular "Joker."

Gervais opened the Golden Globes by declaring

movies irrelevant, pretending to confuse Joe Pesci for Baby Yoda, calling the Hollywood Foreign Press Association racist and declaring Netflix's takeover of Hollywood complete.

He told executives in the room that journalist Ronan Farrow, who has exposed cases of sexual misconduct, was coming for them. He said something vulgar that got bleeped about Judi Dench's part in "Cats." And most of all, he mocked Hollywood hypocrisy, skewering stars for working for companies like Apple, Amazon and the Walt Disney Co. while giving speeches urging social

change.

"If ISIS started a streaming service, you'd call your agent," Gervais told the starry crowd Sunday at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California.

The first award of the night went, fittingly, to a streaming service series. Ramy Youssef won best actor in a TV series comedy or musical for his Hulu show "Ramy."

Phoebe Waller-Bridge followed up her Emmy haul by winning best comedy series and best actress in a comedy series. She thanked former President Barack Obama for putting "Fleabag" on his best-

of-2019 list. With a grin, she added: "As some of you may know, he's always been on mine."

HBO was triumphant in best TV drama, where the second season of "Succession" bested Netflix's "The Crown" and Apple TV Plus' first Globe nominee, "The Morning Show." Brian Cox, the Rupert Murdoch-like patriarch of "Succession," also won best actor in a drama series. "The Crown" took some hardware home, too, with Olivia Colman winning best actress in a drama series.

Kristin M. Hall contributed to this report.

Individuality stands out on red carpet

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

Red carpet season is finally here, and first up, the Golden Globe awards, honoring the best in film and television. The style Sunday at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California, was one for the ages — fearless, edgy looks, high fashion and high drama.

One of the first stars to hit the red carpet was Cynthia Erivo in a stunning, custom Thom Browne off-the-shoulder dress that took 800 hours of beading and embroidering to complete.

"The Act" star Joey King arrived in a show-stopping, sculptural, optical-print chiffon gown by Iris van Herpen, and Kaitlyn Dever brought a blast of spring in a spectacular Valentino Couture gown bursting with flowers.

The most anticipated arrival of the night was Jennifer Lopez, and, not surprisingly, she made a dramatic entrance, gift-wrapped in massive gold and green bows on a strapless gown by Valentino Couture.

The Globes' red carpet sets the tone for the rest of awards season, and this one will be tough to beat. Here are a few of the best looks.



Gugu Mbatha-Raw in Gucci



Charlize Theron in Dior Haute Couture



Cynthia Erivo in Thom Browne



Jennifer Lopez in Valentino Couture



Michelle Williams in Louis Vuitton



Kaitlyn Dever in Valentino Couture



Joey King in Iris van Herpen

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taugh Gangi, of ELLE Services, are holding downtown Naperville watch parties on the first two nights of the show airs. The first is at Two Brothers Barrel House, 2nd floor, 16 W. Jefferson St., and the second at Quigley's Irish Pub, 43 E. Jefferson St.

Both are fundraisers for local nonprofits Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research and DuPage PADS, which provides

housing and support services for the homeless.

James Holzhauer, in an email Friday, said he appreciates the support his hometown has shown him.

"I'm excited to see Naperville coming out to cheer on their native son, and happy that the Naperville Holzhausers are showing their support in a philanthropic way," Holzhauer said. "The Lustgarten Foundation has a special connection with Jeopardy' as Alex Trebek continues his fight with pancreatic cancer and DuPage PADS is a local

analogue to our favorite Las Vegas charity, Project 150."

Holzhauer grew up in Naperville and now lives in Las Vegas, where he is a professional sports gambler. His total winnings, including what he made being the winner of the 2019 Tournament of Champions, is \$2,712,216.

The contestant who has made the most money is Rutter, whose total winnings add up to \$4.68 million, followed by Jennings with \$3.37 million.

Second- and third-place winners in the "greatest

tournament will add another \$250,000 to their numbers.

Ann Zediker, who organizes the annual Naperville Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk, said she is thankful for the Holzhausers family, which has provided so much publicity and financial support for her group. James Holzhauer donated \$1,109.14 to the walk last year.

"James led the charge by donating to our 2019 Naperville Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk in honor of Alex Trebek, who is of course fighting pancreatic

cancer," Zediker said in an email. And both James and Ian Holzhauer supported the "Are You Smarter Than a Jeopardy! Champ" fundraiser, she said.

"Their dedication to honoring Alex Trebek and all those who are fighting this dreaded disease is a true inspiration to so many," Zediker said.

It is hard to tell how many people will show up to the watch events, Ian Holzhauer said, but about 100 people have said they are "interested" on Facebook.

Holzhauer said he wants

his brother to do well and is confident he could go all the way.

"If you believe that everybody has a calling in life, I feel like my brother has been fortunate to find his calling. He's been able to excel at doing something he loves. He inspires a lot of people," Holzhauer said.

"I think it's also important for us to make this whole run an even more positive experience than it already has been" by ensuring it benefits others, he said.

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'Bachelor' star's mom was a Chicago pageant queen

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Hannah Brown wasn't the only pageant queen on "The Bachelorette" last season. Contestant and pilot Peter Weber revealed his mom, Barbara Figarola Weber, was also a pageant winner.

"You know my mom was Miss Illinois," Weber told Brown, who was Miss Alabama USA 2018. "Yeah, she was a pageant queen."

Viewers got to meet Figarola Weber when Brown visited Weber's hometown to help her decide the Season 15 winner. Now Weber is the new "Bachelor," and his mother likely will be prominently featured on his season, which is scheduled to premiere at 7 p.m. Monday on WLS-Ch. 7. Here are five things to know about Figarola Weber, who declined a Tribune interview request via ABC network representatives.

1. Figarola Weber, 62, was born in Havana, Cuba, and immigrated to the United States in February 1961 at the age of 3. An address on Sunnyside Avenue in Chicago's Uptown neighbor-

hood was the U.S. residence listed on her immigration paperwork.

2. She graduated from St. Mary of the Lake grammar school in the Buena Park neighborhood in 1970 and Immaculata High School in Buena Park in 1974.

Immaculata, an all-female Catholic school, closed in 1981. Figarola Weber became a U.S. citizen on July 4, 1976, at the age of 18, records show. She was living in a condo on Sheridan Road in Lakeview at the time.

3. The following month, Figarola Weber was named queen of Chicago's Lakefront Festival. She was awarded the title at a Chicago Yacht Club event, according to Tribune reporting at the time. Contestants were judged on beauty, intelligence, personality and enthusiasm.

As part of her royal duties, Figarola Weber and Mayor Richard J. Daley greeted King Neptune on Aug. 14, 1976, before the start of the grand Neptune Parade, which kicked off the 10-day lakefront festival. Daley died four months later, on Dec. 20, 1976.

4. Figarola Weber was a member of the Chicago Honey Bears squad that cheered on Bears players, but she left before the end of the 1978 season because she was named Miss Illinois World-America. As Miss Illinois, she was one of 51 contestants who vied for the Miss World-America crown and a \$10,000 prize from Merle Norman Cosmetics in Huntsville, Alabama.

Debra Jean Freeze of North Carolina ended up winning that title.

5. Figarola Weber joined United Airlines in 1985 and worked there until 1996 before taking a leave of absence.

The way the younger Peter Weber tells it: "My dad was a pilot as well. My mom was a flight attendant, and she was on his flight one time. He was walking back to the cockpit, and he walked past her, and she just saw his butt. And she goes to her friend, she's like, 'That's the guy I'm gonna marry.'" The couple had two sons, Peter and Jack.

Their mom eventually became a real estate agent, and their family now calls Westlake Village, in the Los Angeles area, home.

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Figarola Weber



Barbara Figarola Weber, the mother of "Bachelor" Peter Weber, was named queen of Chicago's Lakefront Festival in 1976. She later was named Miss Illinois World-America.

TV shows

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"Star Trek: Picard"
CBS All Access, Jan. 23

There have been more than a few captains in the "Star Trek" universe, a durable franchise that made its way back to streaming-age television with "Star Trek: Discovery" after years of cruising the big screen. But striding above them all are William Shatner's original James T. Kirk and Patrick Stewart's "Next Generation" Jean-Luc Picard, and only one of those can be imagined in a serious return to the role — Patrick Stewart, creeping up on 80 but still built like a hero, ready to "make it so." Expect at least cameo appearances by old crewmates, and a dog.
— Robert Lloyd

"Homeland"
Showtime, Feb. 9

The espionage drama starring Claire Danes and Mandy Patinkin returns to Showtime after nearly two years for its eighth and final season. The return of the series, which finds agent Carrie Mathison (Danes) recuperating from months of brutal confinement in a Russian gulag, was delayed due to "an ambitious production schedule," according to network execs. While there have been some rocky seasons along the way, the drama has recovered nicely in its last few outings, and early word indicates that the show is going out on a high note.
— Greg Braxton

"High Fidelity"
Hulu, Feb. 14

Nick Hornby's 1995 London-set novel of music, love, nerds, hot nerds and list-making — and the Americanized film Stephen Frears made of it in 2000 — gets an appealing update and some further changes. The record-store-owning character played by John Cusack in the film, though still named Rob, is now played by Zoe Kravitz, narrating her semi-disas-

trous romantic autobiography. (That vinyl is back is convenient.) Questlove as executive music director is a happy hiring. With Da'Vine Joy Randolph, brilliantly in (more or less) for Jack Black as Rob's opinionated employee. Premiering on Valentine's Day, appropriately.
— Robert Lloyd

"Better Call Saul"
AMC, Feb. 23

Jimmy McGill's ongoing transformation into Saul Goodman (Bob Odenkirk) continues as this "Breaking Bad" spinoff moves into its fifth season. Last we saw him, McGill had been reinstated and changed his professional name to Saul. This time around, expect the ethically challenged Albuquerque attorney to manipulate criminal law with the cunning of a true criminal. It's been nearly 18 months since the Season 4 finale, so there's been plenty of time to cook up new, tangled narratives involving Kim (Rhea Seehorn), Mike (Jonathan Banks) and Gus (Giancarlo Esposito) ... and perhaps to bring Walter White back into the fold.
— Lorraine Ali

"Search Party"
HBO Max, May TBA

This half-hour dark comedy mixed the amateur sleuthing of Nancy Drew with the self-centered millennial experience of "Girls" when it premiered in 2016 on TBS. Season 3 debuts on the new streaming platform HBO Max, with fresh challenges. Switching its genre of reference to the legal thriller, the series will follow its dysfunctional gang of investigators (played by Alia Shawkat, Meredith Hagner, Brandon Michael Hall, John Early and John Reynolds) as they become embroiled in a murder trial, and grace under pressure isn't exactly their thing. Watch what happens when general apathy meets utter desperation.
— Lorraine Ali

"Mrs. America"
FX on Hulu, spring TBA

Though it's set in the 1970s, "Mrs. America" promises to be one of the timeliest shows to debut in 2020, an election year in which female voters will be pivotal. The limited series, which was developed by FX and will premiere on Hulu, follows the movement to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment — and the backlash to it. Think of it as a feminist version of "Avengers: Endgame": A lineup of A-list actresses will play second-wave leaders, including Gloria Steinem (Rose Byrne), Shirley Chisholm (Uzo Aduba) and Bella Abzug (Margo Martindale). Cate Blanchett stars as their nemesis, conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly, who helped to defeat the measure — which, almost four decades later, remains tantalizingly close to ratification.
— Meredith Blake

"Murder House Flip"
Quibi, spring TBA

It sounds more like a "Saturday Night Live" skit than real life: a new series that combines two of our deepest obsessions, true crime and home renovations, on a new streaming platform with a kooky name. But it's all too real. As its title suggests, "Murder House Flip" is a home-makeover show that aims to transform homes where murders have happened — in roughly 10-minute episodes. Name another show that will give you a cast of forensic specialists, spiritual healers and high-end renovation experts. We'll wait.
— Yvonne Villarreal

"Billions"
Showtime, TBA

The searing drama about the high-stakes battle between federal government watchdog Charles Rhoades (Paul Giamatti) and cocky billionaire Bobby "Axe" Axelrod (Damian Lewis) incorporated a clever twist in its fourth season when Axe became consumed with destroying his former protegee, Taylor Mason (Asia Kate Dillon), who left him to form their own

hedge fund firm. In a complicated scheme, Axe blackmailed Taylor and wiped them out, forcing them to return to Axe's firm. Though Taylor is chastened, they vow to work from within to take down Axe and Rhoades, setting up another lethal war. Upping the ante are Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife") and Corey Stoll ("House of Cards"), who join the cast.
— Greg Braxton

"Fargo"
FX, TBA

Noah Hawley's anthology series, based on the structural bones, black-comic tone, naturalistic caricature and Midwest setting of the Coen brothers' 1996 film, is less a question of what than who. The Season 4 cast includes Chris Rock, Timothy Olyphant, Uzo Aduba, Jason Schwartzman, Ben Whishaw, Jessie Buckley and fiddling singer-songwriter Andrew Bird, in a story set among black and Italian gangsters in 1950 Kansas City, Missouri. If the series stays true to form, one or more ordinary characters will stumble down a dark path, where they will cross one or more peace officers true to their oath(s). The rest is up for grabs.
— Robert Lloyd

"Hunters"
Amazon Prime Video, TBA

Al Pacino on TV playing a Nazi hunter in 1970s New York: What more could you ask for? The Emmy and Oscar winner, who always gives a compelling performance, is coming off his acclaimed turn as Jimmy Hoffa in "The Irishman," and his name alone is guaranteed to attract legions of viewers. Sharing the spotlight on the Amazon Prime series is Logan Lerman ("The Perks of Being a Wallflower"). If that's not enough to bring you in, Jordan Peele ("Get Out") is an executive producer.
— Greg Braxton

"Lizzie McGuire"
Disney+, 2020 TBA

Adults of a certain age may claim they're subscribing to Disney+ to have content for their children to watch. And then there are those of us who have no kids (or do, but have used that excuse) and are just subscribing for the "Lizzie McGuire" reboot. The original ran from 2001 to 2004 (plus a 2003 movie) and followed the life of 13-year-old Lizzie (Hillary Duff) and her best friends Miranda (Lalaine) and Gordo (Adam Lamberg) as they managed teenage life. Duff will reprise her role as the Disney Channel icon in the new series, which picks up with Lizzie on the brink of turning 30, living in NYC as an interior designer.
— Yvonne Villarreal

"Quiz"
AMC, 2020 TBA

In "Quiz," Sian Clifford ("Fleabag") and Matthew Macfadyen ("Succession") — actors behind two of the most memorable supporting performances of 2019 — star as Diana and Charles Ingram, an English couple accused of cheating their way to a million-pound prize on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in 2001. The limited series comes from British playwright and screenwriter James Graham, who specializes in illuminating dramatizations of recent history, including the recent HBO movie "Brexist: The Uncivil War" and "Ink," a Tony-nominated play about Rupert Murdoch's purchase of the Sun.
— Meredith Blake

"Ratched"
Netflix, TBA

Sadistic nurses aren't born, they're made. This series follows the origin story of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" villainess Nurse Ratched (Sarah Paulson) and her murderous ascent through the mental health care system. "Ratched" is part of Ryan Murphy's move to Netflix after striking a massive deal with the platform, and he's more than versed on the art of terrifying television audiences over the span of

a season (see: "American Horror Story"). Louise Fletcher's daunting, Oscar-winning performance as Ratched in the 1975 film is hard to beat, but if anyone can breathe new life into a renowned character, it's Paulson.
— Lorraine Ali

"The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City"

Bravo, TBA
Since "The Real Housewives of Orange County" debuted in 2006, the Bravo reality franchise has expanded to 10 locales around the country, from Beverly Hills to Potomac, Maryland. While the wine-soaked catfights and Botox parties seem to transcend regional differences, each new edition provides a window into the distinct local culture. This year, a new edition of the unscripted soap, set in Salt Lake City, will follow a group of well-heeled, drama-prone ladies in a region known for its mountains, film festivals, mommy bloggers and — oh yeah — Mormons. The series will "take viewers into an undiscovered world that is about so much more than religion," says Bravo, "although the Mormon church is undeniably ingrained in the culture." Expect it to be fascinating — and controversial.
— Meredith Blake

"Run"
HBO, 2020 TBA

Vicky Jones is best known for directing the stage version of "Fleabag" and for cofounding the theater company DryWrite with her best friend, Phoebe Waller-Bridge. That is likely to change next year, when her series "Run" debuts on HBO. In the comedic thriller, written by Jones, Merritt Weaver and Domhnall Gleeson play a former couple fulfilling a teenage pact to drop everything and reunite as adults. Waller-Bridge has a supporting role in the series, which she also executive produced, so if you've got a "Fleabag"-shaped hole in your heart, this may do the trick.
— Meredith Blake

WATCH THIS: MONDAY



J.R. Ramirez

"Manifest" (9:01 p.m., NBC): NBC's head-spinning sci-fi series about a planeload of passengers and crew who somehow experienced an uncanny time jump five years into the future during a flight from Jamaica to New York returns with a premiere called "Fasten Your Seatbelts," which picks up the action more or less immediately after the events of the Season 1 cliffhanger finale. Viewers will learn who, if anyone, was shot during a gunfight between Jared (J.R. Ramirez) and Zeke (Matt Long) and who is the father of Grace's (Athena Karkanis) baby.

"The Neighborhood" (7 p.m., CBS): Deborah Miller Jr., who plays enthusiastic but dense Denise Miller in the IFC cult comedy "Stan Against Evil," guest stars in the new episode "Welcome to the Freeloader," playing Gemma's (Beth Behrs) sister, Brittany, who shows up without warning and clearly plans to stay with the Johnsons indefinitely. Her reluctance to share in household duties or expenses quickly wears thin with Dave (Max Greenfield), however.

"America's Got Talent" (7 p.m., NBC): Singer-songwriter and author Alesha Dixon from "Britain's Got Talent" becomes the newest addition to the judges panel, joining Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel and Simon Cowell, as this hit reality competition series launches a second edition of "The Champions." Terry Crews hosts.

"The Bachelor" (7 p.m., ABC): Airline pilot Peter Weber got his heart broken when Hannah Brown ended their relationship in Season 15 of "The Bachelorette," but he's hoping for better fortune in Season 24 of this companion series, which puts the Westlake Village, Calif., native in the position of power. Weber brings the temperament of a true romantic to his role as this season's Bachelor: His parents have been together since meeting while working the same flight more than 30 years ago, and Weber is hoping for a similar love match. Chris Harrison hosts.

"Kids Baking Championship" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): To kick off another season on a truly groovy note, returning hosts and judges Valerie Bertinelli and Duff Goldman go back to the 1970s for a premiere called "Beyond the Fringe." After welcoming their new group of 12 young bakers, Bertinelli and Goldman challenge them to make shag cakes.

"Bull" (9 p.m., CBS): During his screening process, Bull (Michael Weatherly) looks to select jurors who are inclined to empathize with an individual's need and right to personal privacy in a new episode called "Look Back in Anger." It's part of a case involving Marissa's (Geneva Carr) friend, Stephen (guest star Aaron Dean Eisenberg), who is suing a philanthropic businessman for abusing him as a child.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Deon Cole ("Black-ish").*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former professional basketball player Shaquille O'Neal; comic Jacqueline Novak; Lil Baby performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Jane Fonda; TV personality Tan France; Miranda Lambert performs.*

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

* Subject to change

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MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 6

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: "What the Constitution Greens to Me." (N) ©		Bull: "Look Back in Anger." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	America's Got Talent: "The Champions One." (N) ©				(9-01) Manifest: "Fasten Your Seatbelts." (Season Premiere) (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Bachelor (Season Premiere) (N) ©						News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	Court 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♦				
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (Season Premiere) (N) © (Part 1 of 3)		American Experience: "McCarthy." (N) © ♦		
	CW 26.1	Supergirl ©		Crisis Aftermath ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	Are We There Yet? (PG,05)	** Ice Cube. ©			Rat Race (PG-13,01) ** © ♦			
FOX 32	9-1-1: "Malfunction." ©		(8:01) Prodigal Son: "Family Friend." ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
TeleM 44	Decisiones: unos (N)		La Doña (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Esta historia me suena		
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: "Live Rescue -- 01.06.20." (N) ©				Rescue ♦
	AMC	Titanic (PG-13,97) ****	Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. ♦					
	ANIM	Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge (N)		Alaskan Bush People (N)		Alaskan (N)		
	BBCA	The Transporter (PG-13,02) **	Jason Statham. ©			Transporter 3 (PG-13,08) ** © ♦		
	BET	♦ (5) Out of Time ('03) **		Alex Cross (PG-13,12) *	Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox. © ♦			
	BIGTEN	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		Campus	BTN Football in 60 ©		Big Ten Elite ©	
	BRAVO	Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck (N) ©		Watch What (N)		Below ♦
	CLTV	Sign-off						Sign-off
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)
	DISC	Diesel Brothers: "Wet Reveal & Dirty Races." (N) ©						Twin Turbos
	DISN	Bunk'd ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	Botched ©		Botched (N) ©		Nightly Pop (N) ©		Botched ♦
	ESPN	♦ (6:30) College Football: LendingTree Bowl -- Louisiana vs Miami (Ohio). (N) ©						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		College Basketball (N)				Basketball
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Kids Baking		Kids Baking (Season Premiere) (N)		Food Challenge (N)		Chopped ♦
	FREE	♦ (5) The Notebook ('04) **		Pretty in Pink (PG-13,86) ****	Molly Ringwald. ©			700 Club ♦
	FX	American Made (R,17) ***	Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson. ©			American Made (R) **** ♦		
	HALL	Winter Love Story (NR,19)	Jen Lilley. ©			Love in Paradise (NR,16) Luke Perry. ©		
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Love It or List It (N) ©		(9:02) Love It or List It		Love-List ♦
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pick. (N)		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers ♦
	HLN	Vengeance: Killer		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,05) **	©			(9:03) Hopelessly in Love © ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	Bulls (N)		NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Dallas Mavericks. (N) (Live)				Postgame
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Most Musical Family		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6) As Good as It Gets (PG-13,97) ***	Helen Hunt			The Karate Kid (PG,84) **** ♦		
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN		Dateline ♦	
OXY	NCIS: "Crescent City."		NCIS © (Part 2 of 2)		NCIS: "Page Not Found."		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		Cops (N) ©		Cops ©	
SYFY	♦ (6) Hancock ('08) ** ©		G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13,13) **	Dwayne Johnson.			Futurama ♦	
TBS	♦ Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Big Bang	Conan ©	
TCM	Scandal		(8:15) Red Dust (NR,32) ***	Clark Gable. ©			Maltese ♦	
TLC	90 Day Fiance: Watch Party (N)				90 Day Fiancé		90 Day ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♦	
TNT	Ant-Man (PG-13,15) ***	Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. ©			Riddick (R,13) ** ♦			
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Paranormal Ca.		Beyond the Unknown (N)				Paranorm. ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mod Fam ♦	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		(7:57) Criminal Minds		(8:54) Criminal Minds		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Isn't It Romantic (PG-13,19) **			(8:45) True Lies (R,94) *** © ♦			
	HBO2	Her Smell (R,18) Elisabeth Moss, Agyness Deyn. ©			(9:20) Green Lantern ♦			
	MAX	BlackKlansman (R,18) ***	John David Washington.			(9:15) The Operative (NR,19) ♦		
	SHO	Shameless ©		God	Making-1917	The L Word		Donovan ♦
	STARZ	Power: "Still Dre." ©		(8:01) Brightburn (R,19) ** ©			(9:34) Power © ♦	
STZNC	♦ The Addams Family **		Jack and Jill (PG,11) *	Adam Sandler.		(9:33) Adventureland ♦		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 6): Imagine and envision an inspiring future this year. You can have anything you go for with discipline and consistency. Personal epiphanies this winter help you resolve a challenge with a partner. Shifting summer plans lead you to fall in love again. Foster creativity and collaboration.

- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Discuss what you want to see realized. Don't reveal all your secrets. Advance your cause by rallying the troops. Friends help you make an important connection.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Your work behind the scenes attracts attention. Compute expenses and find unexpected ways to make extra cash. Shop carefully for best quality.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Plan your moves for later action. A personal dream is worth going for. Don't try to force things; wait for better conditions with a barrier.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 6. Get quiet, listen and observe. Notice your dreams. Consider the best options and make thorough plans. Guard against impulsive behavior.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Wait for developments with a team effort. Avoid stepping on toes. You can see the finish line. Love makes anything possible. Connect and share.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Consider professional opportunities before deciding. Avoid risky business. Anticipate changes. Find creative ways to increase productivity.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A dream trip beckons. Plan your itinerary in detail before setting off. Confirm reservations and check schedules and traffic. Proceed with caution when you're ready.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Review shared finances and set priorities. A goal lies within reach. If the road's blocked, wait for better timing. Strategize and get your team involved.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Compromise gets results. Otherwise, arguments or disagreements could stop the action. Restraint serves you well. Anticipate resistance or complications. Patience and humor pay off.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Keep your movements gentle. Passions could seem intense. The pace or workload might pick up; avoid pitfalls or mistakes. Slow down to finish faster.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Relax and have fun. Stay patient with someone you love. Make romantic plans and plot the steps to make it happen. Organization and coordination matters.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Domestic comforts draw you in. Plan your renovation ideas in detail before committing funds. Imagine the possibilities and consider options.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

- Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A74 ♥ AJ7 ♦ J76 ♣ KQ107
Partner opens INT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?
A.1—You are not likely to have 12 tricks and looking for slam may get you overboard. Bid 3NT.
- Q.2**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K3 ♥ KJ5 ♦ AQ82 ♣ K964
Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent passes. What is your plan?
A.2—Balanced hands like this one can be very hard to describe as responder. We like bidding 2C. Should partner rebid 2D or 2S, you can look for slam. Otherwise, settle for 3NT.
- Q.3**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 3 ♥ KQ3 ♦ K865 ♣ AK763
As dealer, what call would you make?
A.3—Plan your rebid! INT as a rebid is out as that would deny 15 points. Choose between opening 1C and rebidding 2C or opening 1D and rebidding 2C. Neither is wrong.
- Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A5 ♥ A985 ♦ KQ109 ♣ A84

East	South	West	North
1♠	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		

What call would you make?
A.4—Partner should not respond 1NT to your takeout double without at least 7 or 8 points. Bidding 2NT is not enough. Bid 3NT.

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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



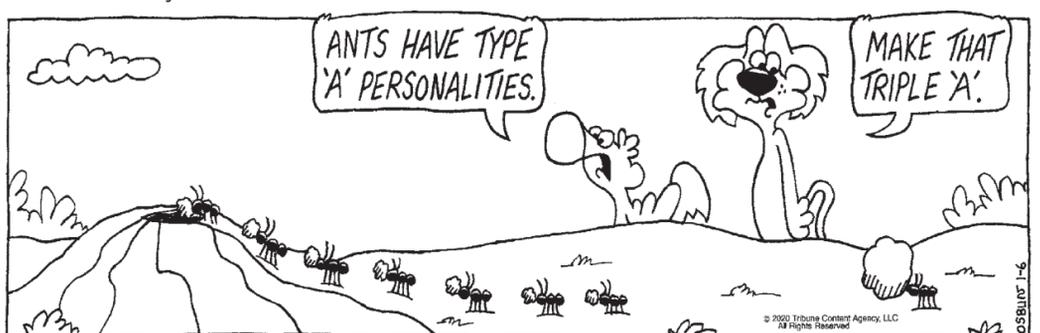
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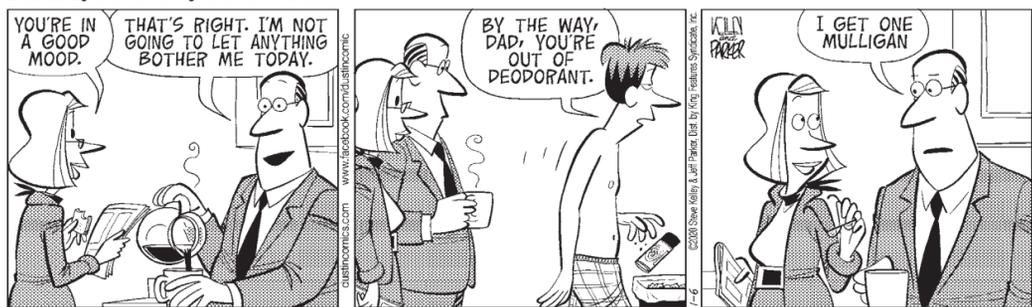


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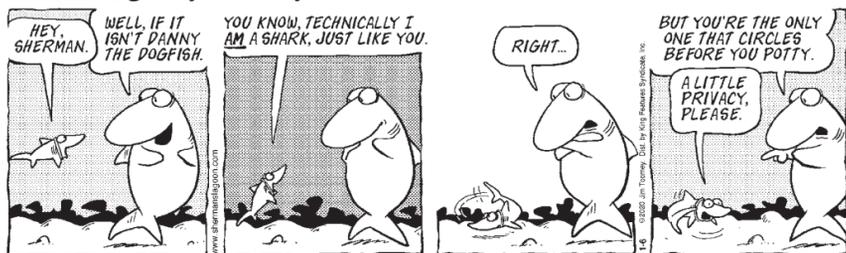
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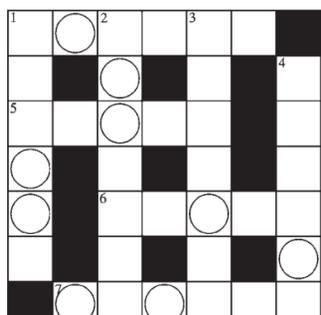
Benjamin Franklin held which of the following federal offices?

A) Postmaster general
B) Secretary of state
C) Secretary of the treasury
D) Surgeon general

Saturday's answer: Hans Christian Andersen wrote the tale of "Thumbelina."

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: In 1736, Jonathan Hulls was granted a patent in England for a Newcomen engine-powered ____.

BONUS

ACROSS

1. Take a risk
5. ____ Rouge
6. Nephew's sister
7. Resolve

DOWN

1. Small ape
2. ____ movie
3. Indulgent
4. Plot, maneuver

ANSWER

BLGAEM
NOBTA
ECNIE
LESTET

ANSWER

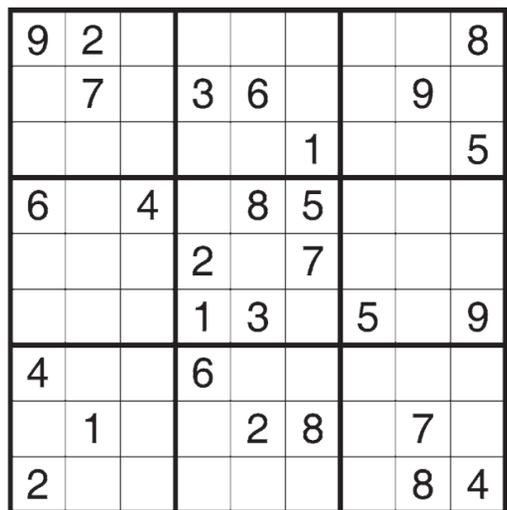
OIBNGB
ANNEITE
ENIELTN
MCHSZZE

How to play - Uncover 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.

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Markham 2-Mathews 3P-Lentini 4P-Gilman 5P-Stramboat
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/6



3	2	4	6	9	1	7	8	5
7	1	8	2	4	5	9	6	3
6	9	5	7	8	3	2	4	1
4	6	1	9	5	7	8	3	2
2	8	9	1	3	4	6	5	7
5	7	3	8	2	6	1	9	4
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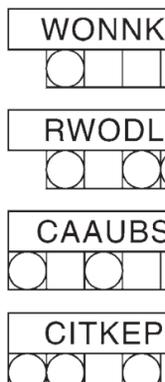
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday'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.



Answer here



Saturday's answers

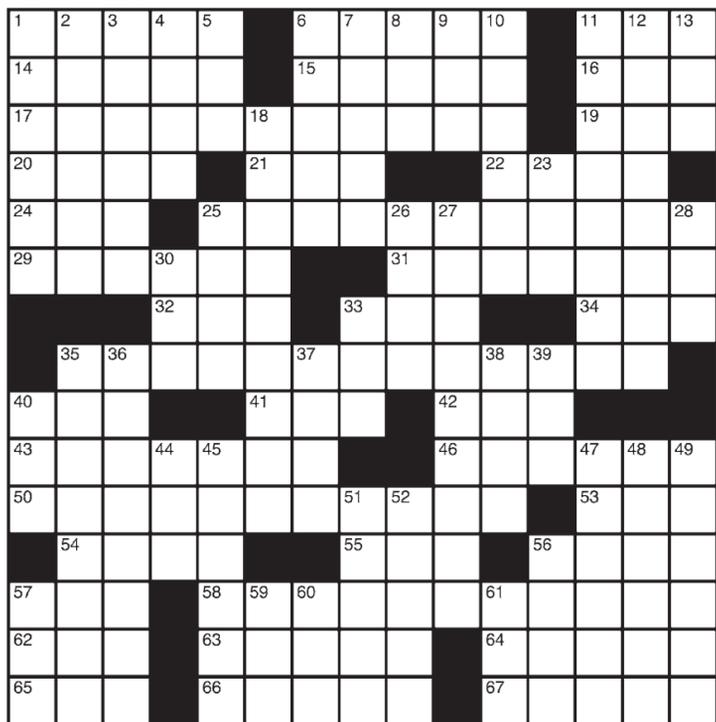
Jumbles: SWOON VENUE ASTRAY AROUND
Answer: The billboards were so profitable, they decided to — "AD" A NEW ONE

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Hired help
- 6 Swiss currency
- 11 Show with a Miami spin-off
- 14 With 31-Across, Spanish artist with a Blue Period
- 15 "Chicago" showgirl
- 16 "2001" computer
- 17 *American independence symbol with a storied crack
- 19 Civil War prez
- 20 Fencing sword
- 21 "Haw"
- 22 About, on a memo
- 24 Some MIT grads
- 25 *1990 Gibson/Hawn film
- 29 Xterra automaker
- 31 See 14-Across
- 32 Type
- 33 Four qts.
- 34 Guy

- 35 *Pure chance, in poker and lotteries
- 40 Gym exercise unit
- 41 Peace symbol
- 42 Sticky stuff
- 43 One kicked out
- 46 Maker of candy "Pieces"
- 50 *Group of narrow bodies of water in upstate New York
- 53 European mount
- 54 Waggable dog part
- 55 Deux halved
- 56 Shpeak thish way
- 57 Cookie container
- 58 Female box office star, and what the starts of the answers to starred clues can have
- 62 All-hrs. cash source
- 63 Break up with a partner
- 64 Mountain song
- 65 "I'll do it!"
- 66 Plant anchors
- 67 Like Oscar Madison's room

- 9 Nothing
- 10 Pertaining to the abdominal cavity
- 11 Compelling charm
- 12 Handheld reciprocating cutting tool
- 13 Land in la mer
- 18 Consider
- 23 "Straight Outta Compton" rappers
- 25 Pitcher's wrong move
- 26 Colorful fish
- 27 Color named for an African river
- 28 Ages and ages
- 30 [Not my mistake]
- 33 Onetime telecom giant
- 35 Rise in the air, as in a magic act
- 36 Indignant
- 37 Have a hunch
- 38 Bucks' mates
- 39 Canapé topper
- 40 Football official
- 44 Cinematic FX
- 45 Bank employee
- 47 Beet and bean
- 48 Manages to evade
- 49 In an acrobatic fashion
- 51 Accountant's investigation
- 52 Furrows, as one's brows
- 56 Gin flavoring
- 57 Leno on TV
- 59 Rock producer Brian
- 60 Excitement
- 61 Workout facility

Saturday's solution



Down

- 1 Organ near the stomach
- 2 Taiwan's capital
- 3 Monastic sister's superior
- 4 Run away from
- 5 Jump-joy link
- 6 Line cook's cooker
- 7 Dressed like a boxer entering the ring
- 8 Firefighter's tool

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