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Michael Montagano selects noodles to buy with his Illinois Link card at SZ Food Mart in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood on Friday.

Retailers bracing for food stamp confusion

February benefits coming early, but officials warn they'll have to last

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

The 1.8 million people in Illinois who receive federal food assistance will get their February benefits early despite the government shutdown. But the distribution of benefits ahead of schedule has prompted concern that people might not budget properly if they are unaware of the change.

The workaround that allows for the continued funding of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, for another month requires that February benefits be distributed to recipients by Jan. 20. Normally, Illinois SNAP recipients would get those ben-

"When SNAP recipients get their benefits, they tend to spend them right away. We have to be prepared for there to be a bit of a rush."

— Tanya Triche, vice president and general counsel of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association

efits during the first 10 days of February.

State officials scrambling to get the word out held a news conference Friday emphasizing that the benefits that land in people's SNAP accounts on or before Jan. 20 will have to last through February.

"It will be really important that people understand that

this is early, not extra," said James Dimas, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, which administers SNAP in the state.

Retailers that accept SNAP are also bracing for the rush on groceries that could occur when every SNAP recipient receives benefits at the same time, rather than on a rolling

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schedule as usual. More than 260,000 retailers across the country participate in SNAP, including more than 9,200 stores in Illinois that last year redeemed \$2.9 billion in SNAP benefits, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

"When SNAP recipients get their benefits, they tend to spend them right away," said Tanya Triche, vice president and general counsel of the Illinois Retail Merchants Asso-

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Pritzker personally to bump aides' pay

Gov.-elect will use own money for raises

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

Billionaire Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, who pumped more than \$171 million of his own wealth into his campaign to defeat Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in November, now will use his own money to bolster his top government aides' salaries, his transition team reported Friday.

Pritzker's incoming chief of staff Anne Caprara will be paid a salary of \$298,000 — \$148,000 in state money and \$150,000 more from East Jackson Street LLC, an organization Pritzker set up to "enable the governor-elect to personally compensate some staff in addition to their government salary," a spokeswoman said in a statement.

Rauner's chief, by comparison, made \$180,000 in 2018, according to state records.

The Pritzker camp announced the unusual arrangement days before he is inaugurated on Monday. On top of the new LLC, lawmakers this week approved legislation that would allow the incoming governor to pay new agency heads 15 percent more.

Supporters contend Illinois trails other big states in the salaries it offers for big jobs. The heads of the state Department of Corrections and Department of Transportation, for example, make about \$150,000 per year.

Pritzker's transition team pointed to former New York City mayor and fellow billionaire Michael Bloomberg supplementing his staff's pay with his own money. The transition team says Pritzker's move means some aides will have lower taxpayer-funded salaries than Rauner's, and they'll have to report the supplemental income on ethics forms.

"This process will take place in a transparent manner with requirements that information be reported publicly," Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in a statement.

According to a transition document, deputy governors such as former state Comptroller Dan Hynes will make a salary of \$278,000 — \$139,000 from the

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Judge allows inspection of R. Kelly recording studio

No 'hostages' found in his Trump Tower condo

BY JASON MEISNER
AND MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Embattled Chicago R&B superstar R. Kelly was ordered Friday to allow building inspectors to check out his Near West Side recording studio amid reports that people were living in the industrial warehouse space in violation of city codes.

Meanwhile, a few blocks away from the Daley Center, Chicago police paid a visit to Kelly's Trump Tower condo Friday on a tip that women were being held hostage there but left after finding no evidence of wrongdoing, a police spokesman confirmed.

The developments were the latest in the intensifying fallout over the hit documentary series "Surviving R. Kelly," which alleged decades of sexual abuse by the singer.

The city asked in an emergency motion in Cook County

Circuit Court for access to the building at 219 N. Justine St. — which was depicted in the documentary as Kelly's home base — to see if Kelly had illegally converted it into a recording studio and added a kitchen and other living quarters without obtaining permits for the work.

During a brief hearing Friday morning, R. Kelly's lawyer, Melvin Sims, said he did not object to the inspection but disputed the city's characterization of the situation as an emergency, saying there was no indication the building was in disrepair or a danger to the community.

Buildings Department inspector David Trejo testified, however, that when he and his team went to the property Wednesday they saw windows that had been "sealed up" and evidence that the building "was not being used as a warehouse" as intended.

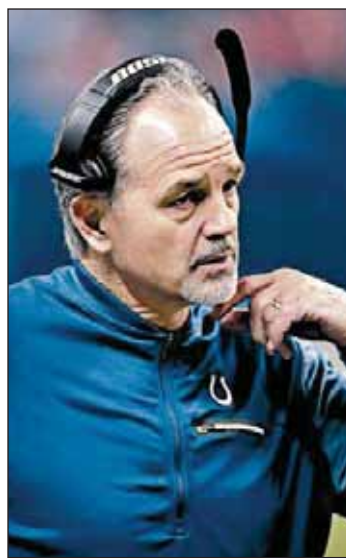
Judge Patrice Ball-Reed said she didn't think it was an emergency but granted the

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Kelly

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'D' void filled: Bears tap Pagano to be coordinator

The Bears needed just two days to find their replacement after defensive coordinator Vic Fangio left to coach the Broncos. Coach Matt Nagy announced Friday night he hired former Colts head coach Chuck Pagano, above, to step into the team's top defensive role. Pagano, 58, has 16 years of NFL coaching experience, most recent as the Colts coach from 2012 to '17.

Jobless man accused in killings, abduction

Wisconsin girl's plea to woman walking dog: 'Please help me!'

BY JEFF BAENEN AND
GRETCHEN EHLKE
Associated Press

BARRON, Wis. — A 21-year-old man shot a Wisconsin couple to death at their home in a scheme to kidnap their teenage daughter, then held the girl captive for three months before she managed to escape in an isolated north woods town, authorities said Friday.

Jayne Closs, 13, was skinny, disheveled and wearing shoes too big for her when she approached a stranger and pleaded for help Thursday in the small town of Gordon, where Jake Thomas Patterson lives.

Patterson was apparently looking for her when he was arrested and jailed on kidnapping and homicide charges, Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said.

The news that Jayme was safe set off joy and relief 60 miles away in her hometown of Barron, population 3,300, ending a search that gripped the



Closs

Patterson

state, with many people fearing the worst the longer she was missing.

"My legs started to shake. It was awesome. The stress, the relief — it was awesome," Fitzgerald said, describing the moment he learned Jayme had been found.

Jayne told one of the neighbors in Gordon who took her in that she had walked away from a cabin where she had been held captive.

"She said that this person's name was Jake Patterson (and) 'he killed my parents and took me,'" said another one of the neighbors, Kristin Kasinskas. "She did not talk about why or how. She said she did not know him."

Fitzgerald said investigators are trying to figure out what

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Tow operator pleads guilty, to cooperate against Ind. mayor

By CRAIG LYONS
Post-Tribune

A Portage, Ind., tow operator in undercover recordings said he was "not gonna go sing."

On Friday, the tow operator changed his tune.

John Cortina, 79, of Kustom Auto Body in Portage, pleaded guilty to charges that he allegedly paid bribes to Portage Mayor James Snyder to secure a city towing contract for himself and a confidential source cooperating with the FBI. The charges say Cortina allegedly gave Snyder checks for \$10,000 and \$2,000 to get the spot on the city's towing list.

"Are you pleading guilty on your own free will?" Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen said.

"On my own free will," Cortina said.

Van Bokkelen asked whether Cortina committed the crimes described in the indictment.

"Yes, sir," Cortina said.

Cortina's guilty plea came days before Snyder's public corruption trial begins in Hammond's federal court.

"Mr. Snyder never solicited or accepted any bribes from anyone at any time," said the mayor's defense team, in a statement Friday morning.

"Mr. Cortina's plea is of no consequence to the defense of Mr. Snyder. The

plea is unremarkable given Mr. Cortina's age," the statement said. "Mr. Snyder and his defense team look forward to exonerating Mr. Snyder during the trial that begins next Monday."

In the plea agreement filed Thursday night, Cortina said, "At all times, I knew this \$12,000 payment to Snyder was a bribe given specifically in exchange for Snyder giving me and 'Individual A' a part of the Portage towing."

Snyder has denied the charges and has said that the money was a campaign loan. "At no time did Snyder and I discuss this \$12,000 being a loan," Cortina said, in the agreement. "The word 'loan' with the initials 'JS' written on the \$10,000 check were not written by me."

Defense attorney Kevin Milner went through the elements of the crime with Cortina, and asked if the perceived Snyder's comments about money as requesting a bribe.

"Yes," Cortina said.

Milner asked if Cortina considered the \$12,000 payment to be a bribe.

"Yes," Cortina said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip Benson said Cortina got to know Snyder when the mayor was making his first mayoral run. Benson said Cortina gave legitimate campaign donates, organ-

ized fundraisers, put up signs, distributed literature and even drove Snyder to events.

Benson said Cortina would go to dinner with Snyder and members of his administration after City Council meetings.

When Cortina first started asking Snyder about getting on the tow list with a new partner, Benson said, he thought the mayor kept putting him off.

In 2016, a confidential source recorded conversations with Cortina where he was told to pay Snyder to get on the city's towing list, according to court documents.

Cortina, in court documents, said that as he talked with Snyder to get on the list, the mayor would say, "it takes time, we'll see, let me work on it."

"It appeared to me that Snyder kept delaying his decision whether or not to let me back on the tow list," Cortina said, in the agreement.

By January 2016, Cortina said the situation had changed. The tow operator said as he continued to talk with Snyder, the mayor allegedly started talking about needing money for his campaign fund. Cortina and "Individual A" kicked in the \$6,000 each to allegedly give Snyder \$2,000 for his roundtable group and \$10,000 to the mayor's cam-



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John Cortina pleaded guilty Friday in federal court.

paign committee.

After getting the money, Cortina told Snyder, in a recorded conversation, "Christmas is here."

"Within a few days, I spoke with Snyder regarding getting on the tow list," Cortina said in the agreement. "Snyder no longer put off the answers to my towing question."

"Snyder now indicated that we were all good, and that we would soon be towing for Portage," Cortina added.

Shortly after Cortina reportedly gave Snyder the \$12,000, Benson said the mayor no longer put him off. "It was you get the towing, you're on the list - after the payment of \$12,000," Benson said.

Van Bokkelen asked if Cortina agreed with Benson's description.

"Yes, sir," Cortina said.

Cortina's sentencing is tentatively set for April 22, according to court documents.

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Wis. girl's plea to woman: 'Please help me!'

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happened to Jayme during her captivity and why she was seized, and gave no details on how she escaped except to say Patterson was not home at the time. He said there is no evidence Patterson knew Jayme or her family or had been contact with her on social media.

"I know all of you are searching for the answer why any of this happened," Fitzgerald said. "Believe me, so are we."

The sheriff said Jayme was hospitalized overnight for observation and released after an exam. Investigators were still interviewing her, and she was "doing as well as circumstances allow," he said.

Kasinskas called 911 to report the girl had been found after another neighbor out walking her dog encountered Jayme and brought her to Kasinskas' house. Minutes later, Patterson was pulled over by a sheriff's deputy, authorities said.

He was scheduled for an initial court appearance Monday. It was not known whether Patterson, who is



KEREM YUCEL/GETTY-AFP

Jeanne Nutter details Friday how she was walking her dog when Jayme Closs called out to her Thursday in Gordon.

unemployed, had an attorney.

Jayme's grandfather, Robert Naiberg, said he had been praying for months for the call he received about his granddaughter. "I thought, 'Good for her she escaped,'" he said.

Jayme disappeared from her home near Barron after someone broke in and shot her parents, James and Denise Closs, on Oct. 15. The sheriff said investigators believe Patterson killed them in order to abduct the girl.

Patterson tried to avoid leaving evidence at the

group of friends," said District Superintendent Jean Serum.

Kasinskas said she taught Patterson science in middle school, but added: "I don't really remember a ton about him."

The woman who first spotted Jayme on Thursday, Jeanne Nutter, said she was walking her dog when a disheveled girl called out to her, grabbed her and revealed her name.

"I was terrified, but I didn't want to show her that," said Nutter, a social worker. "She just yelled, 'Please help me! I don't know where I am! I'm lost!'"

Nutter took her to the home of Peter and Kristin Kasinskas.

Fitzgerald said in November that he kept similar cases in the back of his mind as he worked to find Jayme, including the abduction of Elizabeth Smart, who was 14 when she was taken from her Salt Lake City home in 2002. Smart was rescued nine months later.

Smart said in a telephone interview that Jayme's story is "why we can never give up hope on any missing child."

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Ex-Reed-Custer teacher seeks bail reduction

Woman accused of sexually abusing boy, 14

BY ALICIA FABBRE
Chicago Tribune

A former teacher at Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood who is charged with sexual abuse of a 14-year-old boy remains in the Will County jail while a judge considers a request to lower her \$1 million bail.

Dayna Chidester, 50, of Manhattan, is charged with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one count each of indecent solicitation of a child and grooming. Prosecutors said the teen she allegedly abused was not a student at the same school where Chidester until recently worked as a family/consumer science

teacher.

Chidester's attorney, Steven Haney, argued Thursday that the \$1 million bail was excessive. He said Chidester has intestinal, liver and mental health issues and questioned whether the jail could provide proper care.

"A \$1 million bond is extremely high," Haney said.

Will County Assistant State's Attorney Jeff Brown argued that the bail was appropriate given the circumstances of the case. He said Chidester began texting the teen in September and the contact escalated quickly within a month to include various sex acts between the two. At her bond hearing last week, Brown also alleged that the two exchanged nude photos via text messaging. He said child pornography charges may be added pending

further investigation.

Haney said Chidester's family has made arrangements for her to receive mental health treatment if she is released from jail.

Will County Judge David Carlson took the request under advisement. Chidester is scheduled to appear before Carlson again Jan. 29.

According to a statement from Reed-Custer Community Unit School District Superintendent Mark Mitchell, Chidester resigned her position from the high school last week, about two weeks after Braidwood police launched an investigation based on a tip from a parent. The parent told a school resource officer that Chidester had been texting a student about



Chidester

illegal drugs, Mitchell said. No charges have been filed in connection with the Braidwood investigation.

Chidester also taught at Thornwood High School in South Holland before joining Reed-Custer, according to prosecutors.

Also Thursday, a former Reed-Custer Community Unit School District music teacher and Joliet band director who is charged with possession of child pornography asked Carlson for permission to use the internet to apply for jobs.

Kevin Macha, 28, was arrested last month and charged with three counts of possession of child pornography. Macha was a music teacher at the Reed-Custer district and began directing the American

Legion Band in Joliet in 2017.

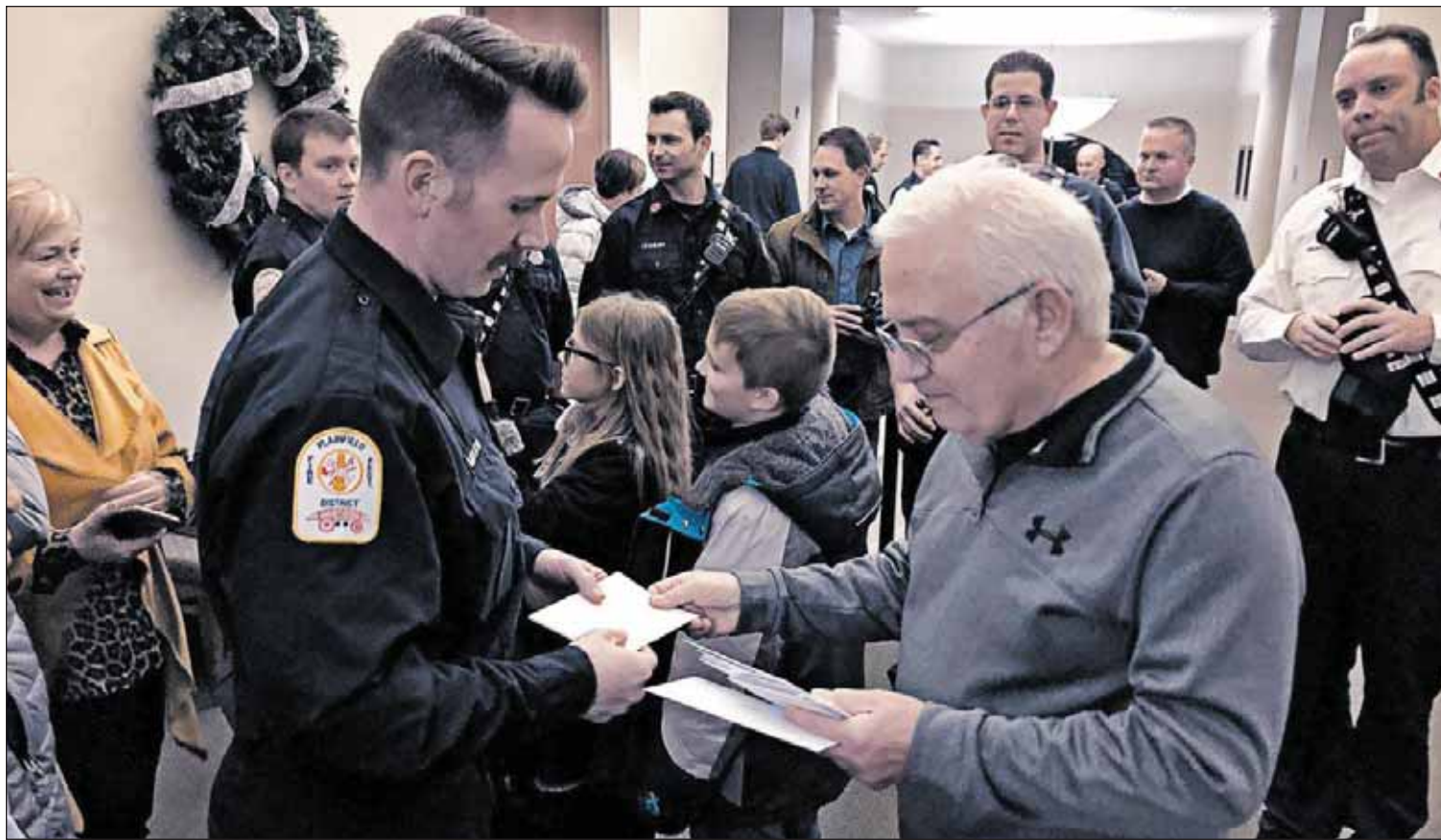
School board members accepted Macha's resignation Dec. 12 following a letter from the district advising him that school officials would recommend he be dismissed because of his arrest, according to district documents. He taught grades 5 through 12.

Macha's request to use the internet in his job search was made by his attorney, Donald DeWilkins. As a condition of his bond, Macha is prohibited from going online.

Carlson reassigned the case to Judge Amy Bertani-Tomczak, who will consider the request. Macha is scheduled to appear in court again Tuesday.

Macha originally is from New Lenox but now lives in Joliet.

Alicia Fabbre is a freelance reporter.



Bill Kokaska, right, hands out thank-you cards to Plainfield first responders who took lifesaving action after he had a heart attack in October.

Aurora man gets 7 years in fatal crash

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

An Aurora man was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for driving drunk when his SUV struck a tree in Naperville, killing the passenger he described as his best friend.

At a hearing in DuPage County court, Michael W. Vera, 36, pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence resulting in death for the 2016 crash in which David Dokken, 37, of Aurora, died.



Vera

The crash happened about 2:35 a.m. Nov. 23, 2016, on Naper Boulevard, police said. Vera lost control of the SUV he was driving. The vehicle left the road, rolled over and struck a tree. He and Dokken were taken to a hospital, where Dokken died from multiple injuries, Assistant State's Attorney Mike Fisher told Judge Jeffrey MacKay.

Vera told police that Dokken was the driver, but witnesses reported seeing Dokken trapped in the passenger seat in the minutes after the crash, Fisher said. DNA evidence and video taken at a nearby gas station also indicated Vera was driving, the prosecutor said.

While hospitalized, Vera made statements implicating himself. He told a relative, "I killed my best friend," Fisher said.

A blood draw taken at the hospital indicated that Vera's blood alcohol level was 0.183, more than double the legal limit of 0.08, Fisher said. Vera also had marijuana in his system, the prosecutor said. Vera will be required to serve 85 percent of his sentence with credit for about 20 months he's spent in the DuPage County jail awaiting trial.

Clifford Ward is a freelancer.

Heart attack survivor thanks responders

Cop, fast-food worker lauded for saving life

BY ALICIA FABBRE
Chicago Tribune

Surrounded by the people who saved his life, Bill Kokaska offered a humble note of gratitude.

"I just want to say thank you," the Plainfield man said as the police officer and paramedics who worked on him stood by. "Your training, knowledge and persistence saved my life."

Kokaska was on hand this week when Plainfield police Chief John Konopek presented a lifesaving award to Officer Matt Lehmann, the first to arrive on the scene. The department also recognized the McDonald's employee who first started CPR on Kokaska and the 10 paramedics who responded from the Plain-

field Fire Protection District.

"Without their training, I probably wouldn't be around," Kokaska said.

Kokaska was at a local McDonald's restaurant on Oct. 12 when he suffered a major heart attack. He had no pulse for eight minutes, he said.

"I had just got a cup of coffee, stood up and passed out," he recalled.

At that point, Alexis House, an employee for another McDonald's who happened to be helping out at the Plainfield location that day, rushed over to assist.

House, a 19-year-old Joliet West High School graduate, had taken a CPR course to prepare to enter a nursing program at Joliet Junior College. She began administering CPR and continued until Lehmann arrived. The officer then took over until paramedics were on hand to take over, using a

defibrillator and medication. Eventually, they were able to get a faint pulse.

"You just got directly to what you've been trained to do," said Lehmann of his lifesaving actions.

The heart attack resulted in a seven-day hospital stay for Kokaska. He is still waiting to drive again but has made a full recovery and now has a pacemaker installed.

"The Lord said it just wasn't his time," Kokaska's mother, Norma, said.

She was on hand, along with Kokaska's wife, son, daughter and grandchildren, in Plainfield Monday to join him in saying thank you to Lehmann and the paramedics. Though Lehmann has visited with Kokaska since the incident, for many of the paramedics Monday was the first time seeing Kokaska up and about.

"It's a great thing to see," said Plainfield Fire Protection District Lt. Pat Murphy. "That's reward enough."

The firefighter/paramedics who were recognized are Mike Williams, Doug Mullen, Matt Deliberto, Brett Piekarski, Joe Broadus and Ed Eddy; lieutenants Pat Murphy, Jared Zubaty and Chuck Kraft; and Battalion Chief Scott Moore. They will be recognized again at the fire district's annual recognition dinner in April.

House was not able to attend the recognition ceremony, but Kokaska and his wife visited her at the Shorewood McDonald's, where she typically works, to give her flowers.

"It opened my eyes," House said later. "One little thing can make a big difference."

Alicia Fabbre is a freelancer.

2 Cook County judges to return to criminal court bench

1 cleared of gun charge, other reassigned for anger management

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge cleared of a gun charge and another judge reassigned for anger management will both return to the bench at the county's main criminal courthouse this month.

The Circuit Court's executive committee ordered that Judges Joseph Claps and William Hooks, both veterans of the Leighton Criminal Court Building, again take on court assignments on Jan. 22 for a conditional six-month period.

Claps was charged with a misdemeanor weapons violation in July after courthouse security cameras caught what appeared to be a gun tumbling out of his jacket in the lobby. He was reassigned to administrative duties shortly afterward.

Claps was acquitted at a bench trial in October when Judge Edward Burmila — brought in from Will County — found prosecutors

failed to prove the object on the video was, in fact, a gun.

An order from the executive committee said Claps will not hear any cases involving unlawful use of a weapon charges.

Claps has been a judge for more than two decades, including the last 15 years in the criminal division. He previously worked as the top assistant to the Illinois attorney general and as a Cook County prosecutor.

Hooks was reassigned in October for reasons never fully explained by Chief Judge Timothy Evans' office. He was referred for anger management after allegedly acting "in such a manner that created a hostile work environment for another judge," Evans' office said in a statement at the time.

The executive committee's order said Hooks' return will be subject to unspecified conditions to be determined by Evans and LeRoy Martin Jr., presiding judge of the criminal judge.

Both judges had their cases referred to the Judicial Inquiry Board, which investigates allegations of wrongdoing against judges.

Claps went before the board last month and answered questions for more than an hour and a half, said his attorney Thomas Breen, who also represented Claps on the weapons charge.

Citing confidentiality requirements, Breen declined to go into detail about the proceedings but said that "after a full grilling and questioning," the board notified him it had closed the case.

Claps is eager to return to the courthouse, Breen said. Even without hearing weapons cases, the judge will keep busy, he said.

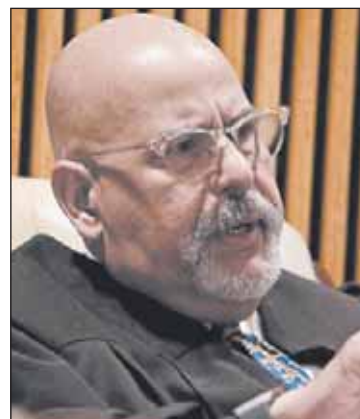
"There's enough cases to go around," Breen said.

Hooks' attorney, Edward Washington II, also declined to go into detail about the confidential proceedings before the Judicial Inquiry Board.

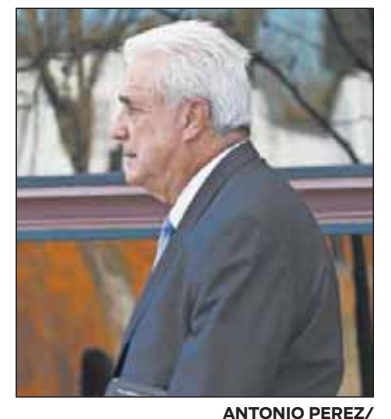
"You can infer that they obviously went well for Judge Hooks," he told the Tribune. "He gave a full and candid explanation."

Washington also declined to say if Hooks had, in fact, received counseling for anger management.

"I just think the whole situation has been resolved," he said. "The judge, once again, is a good judge,



Cook County judges William Hooks, left, and Joseph Claps will be returned to the bench on Jan. 22.



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has served the community ... and is fair-minded and hardworking, and is just ready to put this behind him and go forward."

Hooks, a Marine Corps veteran who had a long career as a civil rights lawyer, took the bench in 2008.

Before his abrupt reassignment, he had presided over several high-profile cases, including that of four people charged in a racially tinged beating of a teenager livestreamed on Facebook and

Jackie Wilson, whose conviction for killing two Chicago cops he tossed out last summer after finding that notorious ex-Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge and his crew had tortured Wilson into confessing.

The court's executive committee is composed of Evans and the presiding judges of the court's other various divisions.

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Judge grants motion for city inspection of R. Kelly's studio

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city's request anyway, ordering the inspection to take place at noon Wednesday.

After court, Kimberly Roberts, an attorney for the city's Law Department, said a building being used for residential purposes requires smoke detectors and other safety measures that need to be inspected. In addition, she said, "there were some allegations that there were some illegal parties" being held at the property.

"If it was converted, there weren't any permits submitted to the city or any plans to reflect whether things were done correctly," Roberts told reporters. "And that's really our bigger concern. We don't know what's been going on because we haven't been inside."

A short time later, Sims held a bizarre news conference at the Chicago Temple Building across the street from the Daley Center. After inviting reporters into a tiny third-floor conference room, Sims read a vague statement saying his clients — whom he never named — were cooperating fully with the city and that the "specious" allegations about the property were untrue.

When reporters tried to ask questions, Sims said to submit them by email. "But you're sitting right here!" one television reporter shouted. "Why aren't you an-

swering questions when you're sitting right here?"

As other reporters chimed in with questions, Sims stood and smiled. "Have a great weekend everybody!" he said with a wave as he ducked out of the room.

Also Friday, the Cook County state's attorney's office passed along to police a tip from an out-of-state caller saying two women were being held against their will at Kelly's Trump Tower residence, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi told the Tribune.

Patrol officers following up on the tip went to Trump Tower and made contact with the singer and a pair of women at the apartment. The women said they were not being held against their will, so police determined the allegations were unfounded and left, Guglielmi said.

Kelly's local attorney, Steve Greenberg, said the check by police supports his vehement denials of the mounting accusations against the singer.

"The police found nothing because there's nothing wrong," he said. "Those who are all appalled and up in arms should respect the fact that police have been there and they've verified that there's absolutely nothing wrong."

After State's Attorney Kim Foxx on Tuesday put out a public plea for victims to come forward, her office has received dozens of calls about Kelly, a spokeswoman told

the Tribune this week.

Kelly has been the subject of increasing scrutiny since the Lifetime documentary series aired this month highlighting stories from women who accuse him of sexual abuse.

The singer has long been accused of having sexual contact with underage girls. Cook County prosecutors indicted Kelly on child pornography charges for allegedly filming himself having sex with a girl estimated to be as young as 13, but a jury acquitted him of all charges in 2008.

More recently, veteran Chicago music critic and journalist Jim DeRogatis chronicled allegations that Kelly continued to run a hidden "sex cult" of women manipulated and abused to stay away from the outside world and under his control.

The city's five-page emergency motion to inspect Kelly's Near West Side recording studio was sparked by an anonymous call to the city's 311 line on Wednesday claiming that people were living in the two-story brick building zoned for commercial use. A building inspector went to the property but was unable to gain entry, prompting the city to go to court.

The owner could be fined up to \$1,000 per day per violation — costs that could be passed on to Kelly if he was in violation of the terms of his lease.



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The emergency motion to inspect Kelly's recording studio was sparked by a 311 call. A judge ordered the inspection to take place Wednesday.

Records show the 8,000-square-foot building is currently on the market at an asking price of just under \$4 million. The real estate listing states the property is "fully rented" with a "high profile tenant" paying nearly \$23,000 a month.

The first floor has a "fully built out recording studio, lounge and full kitchen," the listing stated.

The lease, made public in court records, shows that Kelly was granted permission to "modify the existing recording studio" to meet his "specific needs." He also was allowed under the terms of the lease to create an "apartment type area on the second floor," according to the records.

However, the lease specifically stated that Kelly was responsible for complying with "all applicable laws and building codes" when

making the alterations.

In a separate suit, the building's owner, Midwest Commercial Funding LLC, accused Kelly of failing to pay rent. Court records show the Cook County judge overseeing that case ordered Kelly this week to pay Midwest almost \$167,000 in back rent. The judge also allowed the owner to take possession of the property but appeared to put a hold on that order, the records show.

Sims said Friday that the lawsuit had been resolved by "an agreed order," but he declined to provide details. A lawyer representing Midwest did not return a call seeking comment.

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Pritzker says he'll double top aides' state salaries using own money

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state and \$139,000 more from Pritzker's LLC. The same numbers go for the senior adviser role.

Only their state salaries will count toward calculating their eventual pension benefits, the transition team said.

The LLC's creation is the latest development showing how the Hyatt hotels heir will manage the intersection of his substantial personal wealth and his job running state government. On Thursday, Pritzker promised to shift some of his immense wealth into a blind trust to avoid conflicts of interest, but it's unclear whether he will be able to fully wall off his fortune

from his official duties.

Pritzker said he has appointed Chicago-based Northern Trust Co. to act as an independent trustee and make all investment decisions about his personal assets. Those same rules won't apply to the extended Pritzker family fortune that's held in secretive onshore and offshore trusts. Pritzker said the terms governing the family trusts do not allow for the assets to be moved into the blind trust.

In addition, Pritzker is divesting "his personally held direct interests in companies that have contracts" with the state, his campaign said.

Pritzker, who on Monday will

become the nation's richest governor, declined to identify those companies or the dollar amount of those state contracts. Nor would he disclose the dollar amount of his personal assets going into the blind trust or reveal how much he benefits from various family trusts.

The complex and vast nature of Pritzker's wealth and a lack of transparency illustrate how difficult it can be to learn when a wealthy politician's financial interests might butt up against what's in taxpayers' best interests.

Pritzker said his efforts to avoid



Pritzker

conflicts go further than what was done by Rauner, a wealthy private equity investor who stopped short of setting up a blind trust.

When he took office in 2015, Rauner set up a power of attorney to handle much of his wealth to try to avoid conflicts between his personal investments and his public duties. Rauner gave that power to Roundtable Investment Partners, a New York firm he's intertwined with both financially and politically. Rauner is an investor in the private equity firm and several of its funds. And Roundtable employees donated to

his campaign fund.

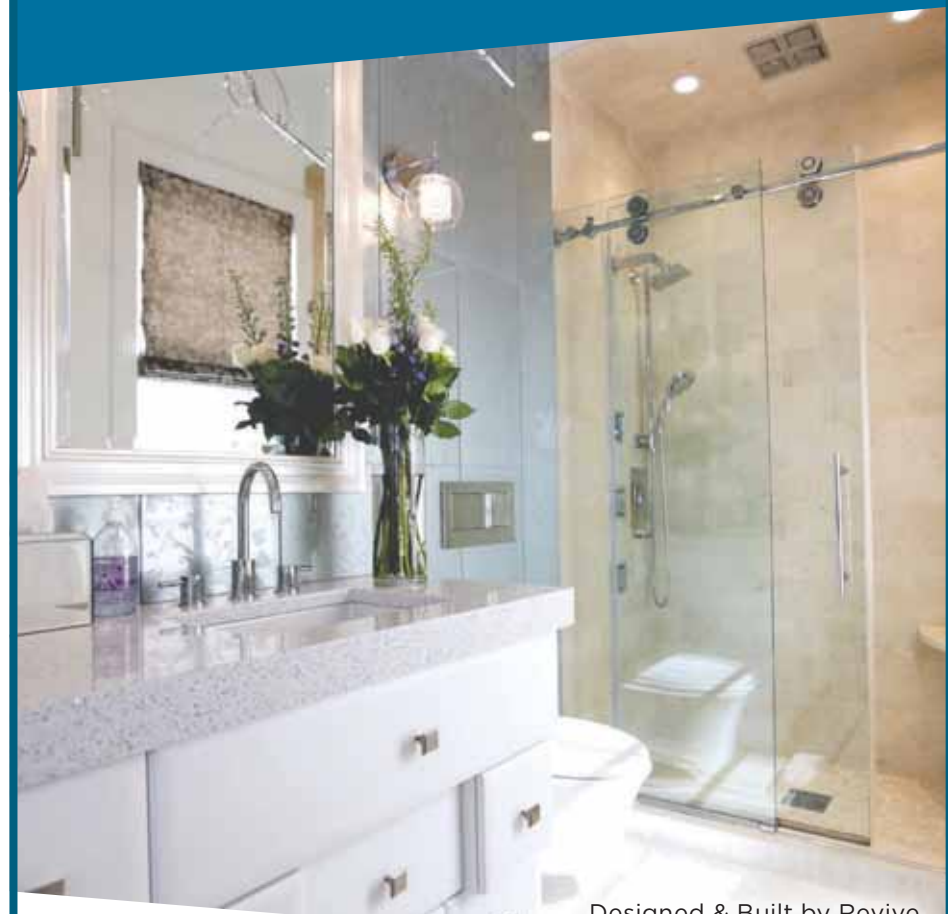
What Pritzker promises to set up is not a true blind trust, however, since he will not be totally "blind." He will need to know the names of the companies and funds he's invested in to do his taxes and to comply with the state's ethics laws.

As was the case with Rauner, Pritzker will be required to annually file a statement of economic interest — required by law and released publicly — that list entities he has a financial interest in but not the dollar amount invested.

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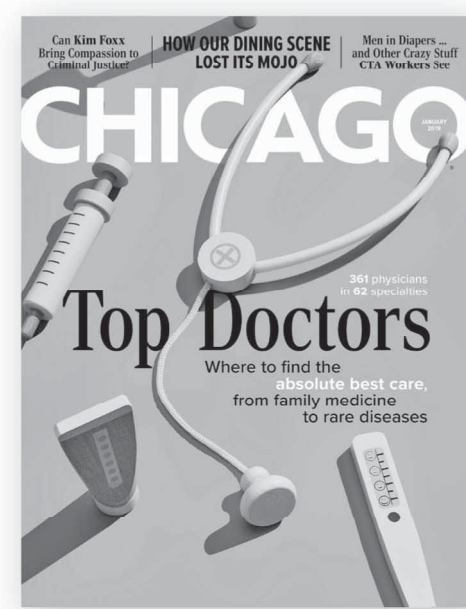
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Retailers that accept SNAP brace for groceries rush

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ciation. "We have to be prepared for there to be a bit of a rush."

In anticipation of a sales uptick, the Food Marketing Institute, a trade association representing grocers and food retailers, is urging its members to staff up and stock up for the long weekend that Jan. 20 falls on, especially on perishables like produce that are common purchases through SNAP, said Hannah Walker, director of government relations of the group.

The organization also is urging retailers to educate customers about the early disbursement of SNAP benefits. "We're all taking very seriously the customer education side," Walker said.

SNAP, funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, helps 38 million low-income Americans purchase food, and the budget stalemate has raised grave concerns about food security should the program's funding be disrupted.

Though Congress had approved funding for the program only through January, the USDA on Tuesday said benefits would continue through February, thanks to a provision that allows federal agencies to make certain payments up to 30 days after the Dec. 21 expiration of the budget bill.

It's unclear what will happen to the program if the stalemate continues into March.

"People are working on that question," Dimas told reporters Friday. "Hopefully, the impasse is cleared up before then."

Some 800,000 federal government workers have been furloughed during a partial government shutdown that has dragged on for 21 days and counting as President Donald Trump insists on funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and Democrats refuse.

Federal employees furloughed include about 95 percent of USDA staff, according to the agency's web site, and the shuttered offices affect food programs in numerous ways.

For example, retailers that wish to obtain new SNAP licenses, either because they are brand new stores or are transferring ownership of a store, are out of luck because no one is around to process their applications.

"Business deals for new store



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SZ Food Mart store manager George Cruthird waits for customers at the Englewood store Friday. A sign indicates the store accepts food stamps.

openings may be delayed or even canceled, impacting local jobs, sales taxes, and local producers who supply these stores." Peter Larkin, president and CEO of the National Grocers Association, wrote in a letter to Congress members urging them to resolve the shutdown. "Simply put, this shutdown is hurting Main Street grocers who are focused on growing their businesses and creating new jobs."

In addition, over 2,500 retailers whose licenses to accept SNAP lapsed just before the shutdown started have been unable to get them reauthorized because the team that handles reauthorizations hasn't been working.

USDA declined to provide the locations of the affected stores but noted that 99 percent of SNAP retailers are able to accept benefits as usual. No additional retailers will be added or removed during the lapse in appropriations, the agency said.

"There is a small percentage of stores that failed to complete a required reauthorization process

that was due on December 21," a spokesperson for the agency's Food and Nutrition Services said in an emailed statement. "Due to non-response, those stores were removed from the program, per standard procedure. These stores can take steps to update their status once FNS funding is restored and the necessary staff are in place to process the applications."

Triche, of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said she is reaching out to her group's membership to find out whether the shutdown has affected any retailers' licenses locally, though no one has contacted her about it yet.

As furloughed workers missed their first paychecks Friday, Dimas expressed concern that their families may soon join the ranks facing food insecurity. He urged people in that situation to seek help through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, part of a network of food banks.

Food banks have been preparing for increased demand, said Robert Campbell, policy director

for Feeding America.

"We are very worried," Campbell said.

But food banks can't absorb the demand. For every one meal the Greater Chicago Food Depository provides, SNAP provides eight, according to spokesman Greg Trotter.

A major challenge is getting the shifting information about the status of SNAP to trickle to consumers and retailers on short notice.

"The shutdown has created a remarkably fluid situation for SNAP retailers and families," said Anna Ready, director of government relations at the National Association of Convenience Stores.

"NACS is relaying any information we receive from USDA to our retailers promptly, and recognize that the staff at USDA are doing their best to keep us apprised of developments."

But not all retailers that accept SNAP are members of trade associations that can disseminate information, including many mom-

and-pop corner stores.

George Cooper, manager at a corner store in the Englewood neighborhood where he estimates 85 percent of customers buy food using SNAP, wasn't aware Friday that SNAP recipients would have benefits through February. He was glad to hear it, as customers have expressed concern about losing food aid — a threat that he says would cause chaos in the community.

"The thought hurts more than actually doing it," Cooper said.

Sami Deffala, owner of Morgan Mini Mart in Englewood, said he has noticed customers shopping less because they are nervous their aid will have to stretch further.

"They are being prudent and cautious about what they're buying," Deffala said. "It has made business slower because they don't know if their benefits will come on next month or the month after that."

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Trump dials down emergency call

As shutdown drags, he waffles on move even allies wary of

BY JOHN WAGNER,
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday threw cold water on the idea of immediately declaring a national emergency to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, reversing days of signals that he might soon declare the emergency amid a protracted standoff with Democrats over a partial shutdown of the federal government.

“What we’re not looking to do right now is national emergency,” he said Friday afternoon, surrounded by law enforcement officials at a White House roundtable. “I’m not going to do it so fast.”

The president has said for days he might declare a national emergency to expedite construction of the wall — and his administration has asked agencies to begin preparations.

But he has gotten sharp pushback, even from Republicans, at the notion of declaring such an emergency. His lawyers have privately warned that he could be on shaky footing with such a move, according to people familiar with the discussions.

The House broke for the weekend Friday, ensuring that the partial government shutdown would become the longest in U.S. history.

The Democratic-led House held its final votes of the week Friday, including on a measure to ensure that furloughed federal workers



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

President Donald Trump, center left, leads a roundtable discussion Friday on border security with local leaders.

receive back pay when the government reopens.

The bill, which was approved 411-7 and passed the Senate on Thursday, now goes to Trump for his signature. All those who opposed it were Republicans.

The House also passed another bill that would reopen more shuttered government departments — but it was already declared dead on arrival in the GOP-controlled Senate because of a veto threat from Trump.

The bill passed 240-179, with 10 Republicans joining all Democrats in the chamber supporting it.

About 800,000 workers missed a paycheck Friday as the impasse between Trump and Democrats stretched into its 21st day.

On Friday, there were no signs of serious negotiations, and leaders of both chambers announced no plans to meet before Monday.

With polls showing Trump getting most of the blame for the shutdown, the administration accelerated planning to try to get around Congress and fund the wall from existing sources of federal revenue.

The White House explored diverting money for wall construction from a range of other accounts. One idea considered was diverting some of the \$13.9 billion allocated to the Army Corps of Engineers after last year’s deadly hurricanes and floods.

That option triggered an

uproar in Puerto Rico, which is still rebuilding, and appeared to lose steam Friday.

Other possibilities included tapping asset forfeiture funds, including money seized by the Department of Justice from drug kingpins, according to a congressional Republican not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

The White House also was eyeing military construction funds, another politically difficult choice because the money would be diverted from a backlog of hundreds of projects at bases around the U.S.

Despite Trump’s go-slow message, momentum grew in some corners for some

sort of emergency declaration. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who met with the president on Friday, took to Twitter afterward to urge: “Mr. President, Declare a national emergency NOW. Build a wall NOW!”

But the notion of declaring a national emergency to bypass Congress has divided Republicans, some of whom see it as an encroachment on congressional authority.

“I think the president should not do it,” Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, told reporters Friday. “I think as a member of Congress I ought to be very selfish about the constitutional powers that we have to appropriate money. I

think it might be a bad precedent.”

Trump has told advisers he believes the fight for the wall — even if it never yields the requested funding — is a political win for him.

But some of his outside advisers have urged him to declare a national emergency, believing it would have two benefits: First, it would allow him to claim that he was the one to act to reopen the government.

Second, inevitable legal challenges would send the matter to court, allowing Trump to continue the fight for the wall — and excite his supporters — while not closing the government or requiring him to start construction.

Many Democrats say they have little reason to give into Trump’s demand for border wall funding since winning the House in the midterm elections.

“The American people gave us the majority based on our comprehensive approach to this problem and they rejected President Trump’s,” said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla.

While the emergency declaration has been floated as way to end the standoff between Trump and congressional Democrats, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., who speaks frequently with the president, said such a move would not necessarily end the partial shutdown.

“They’re two separate things, and I can tell you that everybody who thinks the national emergency declaration would actually end the shutdown, those two don’t necessarily go hand in hand,” he said.

Associated Press contributed.



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Hundreds of Macedonian opposition supporters protest the change peacefully in front of parliament for a third day, demanding early elections and the dissolution of parliament.

Macedonia OKs deal to call self North Macedonia

Vote paves way to NATO and better ties with Greece

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SKOPJE, Macedonia — Macedonia late Friday fulfilled its part of a historic deal that will pave its way to NATO membership and normalize relations with neighboring Greece, after lawmakers approved constitutional changes to rename the country North Macedonia.

The move was hailed by NATO and the European Union, which had lobbied heavily for Macedonia to back the agreement despite strong criticism from the country’s main opposition party, and by Greece’s prime minister who has invested heavily in the deal.

All 81 Macedonian lawmakers present for the parliamentary vote backed the constitutional amendments. The remaining 39 opposition lawmakers in the 120-seat house stayed away in protest.

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev told lawmakers the

deal was a “tough” but necessary decision for his country. The vote followed intense negotiations between Zaev’s center-left coalition and some opposition lawmakers, who had initially agreed to back the agreement but raised last-minute objections.

“A better deal could not be reached, and without an agreement with Greece there will be no NATO and European Union (membership),” Zaev said.

The agreement on changing the name comes after a 27-year dispute with Greece, which complained that this small, landlocked country calling itself Macedonia implied claims on Greece’s own territory and cultural heritage. Macedonian leaders denied that.

The deal encountered strong opposition on both sides of the border, with critics on each side saying it offered too many concessions to the other side.

NATO leader Jens Stoltenberg said the alliance strongly supports the full implementation of the agreement, under which Greece will lift its objections to Macedonia joining NATO and the EU.

Stoltenberg said in a

tweet Friday that the agreement is “an important contribution to a stable and prosperous region.”

The West sees Macedonia’s NATO accession as a key step toward limiting Russian influence in the region. For the agreement to come into effect, Greece’s parliament must now convene in coming weeks to ratify it — a tricky task for Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras who faces strong opposition to the agreement from his junior coalition partner.

Tsipras spoke with Zaev on Friday to congratulate him after the vote, the Greek prime minister’s office said.

Hundreds of Macedonian opposition supporters protested peacefully in front of parliament for a third day, demanding early elections and the dissolution of parliament. They greeted the vote result with cries of “traitors.”

Conservative opposition leader Hristijan Mickoski accused Zaev’s government of “blackmailing” lawmakers. Mickoski told reporters the constitutional changes were approved against the desires of the Macedonian people.

Withdrawal from Syria is underway: U.S. official

Military cargo has been removed, but troops remain

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BAGHDAD — After days of conflicting statements about a timeline for President Donald Trump’s decision to withdraw American forces from Syria, a U.S. defense official said Friday the process has begun with the removal of some military cargo.

The official said the movement of equipment is part of what the military calls a “deliberate withdrawal” from Syria, where some 2,000 troops have been working with a coalition of Syrian Kurdish and Arab fighters to defeat the remnants of the Islamic State group.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details that have not yet been publicly announced, provided no numbers, but said the equipment withdrawal is underway and that an unspecified number of additional U.S. troops have been brought into Syria to assist with the process, including by providing additional security.

Hours earlier, Col. Sean Ryan, spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group, said “the process of our deliberate withdrawal from Syria” has started. He said the U.S. would not discuss a specific timeline, locations or troop movements out of concern for operational security.

There has been confusion over plans to implement Trump’s pullout order and threats from Turkey to attack the Kurdish fighters, who Ankara views as terrorists because of their ties to insurgents within Turkey.

Earlier this week, the



TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTRY/AP

Hulusi Akar, defense minister of Turkey, arrives for a meeting on Friday in southeastern Turkey.

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton said American troops will not leave northeastern Syria until IS is defeated and American-allied Kurdish fighters are protected, signaling a slowdown in Trump’s initial order for a rapid withdrawal.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the conflict in Syria through a network of activists on the ground, said the withdrawal began Thursday night. It said a convoy of about 10 armored vehicles, in addition to some trucks, pulled out from Syria’s northeastern town of Rmeilan into Iraq.

Ilham Ahmed, a senior Kurdish politician, said the Kurds are aware of the U.S. beginning the withdrawal, describing it as “America’s decision.”

She added that the peace and stability of areas U.S. forces withdraw from “must be guaranteed,” including by putting an end to the Turkish threats and fully eradicating the Islamic State group and its sleeper cells.

There are 2,000 American troops in Syria. Trump’s abrupt decision in December to pull them out, declaring in a tweet the defeat of ISIS, sent shock-

waves across the region and prompted a flurry of criticism from some of his generals and national security advisers. It led to the resignation of U.S. Defense Minister James Mattis and the top U.S. envoy to the anti-IS coalition. It also led to major criticism that the U.S. was abandoning its local Kurdish allies amid Turkish threats of an imminent attack.

Bolton, on a visit to the region this week, said the U.S. pullout was conditional on defeating ISIS and guarantees Kurds would be protected. His statements appeared to contradict those earlier ones by Trump. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who is on a tour of the region, has also sought to reassure the Kurds they will be safe after U.S. troops withdraw.

“These have been folks that have fought with us and it’s important that we do everything we can to ensure that those folks that fought with us are protected,” Pompeo said.

After initially tweeting about the decision to bring back U.S. troops “now,” Trump this week said “we will be leaving at a proper pace while at the same time continuing to fight ISIS and doing all else that is prudent and necessary!”

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Mexico deploys 4,000 troops, copters against pipeline theft

MEXICO CITY — Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Friday he has ordered helicopters and 4,000 troops to guard the nation's pipelines and fuel depots in an offensive against massive fuel theft.

The helicopters are watching for organized gangs that drill illegal taps into underground ducts carrying gasoline and diesel. Lopez Obrador ordered key pipelines shut down after thefts soared

recently.

Long lines continued at gas stations in Mexico City and outlying states Friday as tanker trucks struggled to supply fuel normally delivered through pipelines.

Most Mexicans understood the need to crack down on \$3 billion per year in fuel thefts, but patience was wearing thin.

"We are asking for people's understanding," Lopez Obrador said.

Rookie California cop is shot, killed in ambush at crash scene

DAVIS, Calif. — A 22-year-old police officer on the job only a few weeks was shot and killed by a suspect who opened fire as she was investigating a three-car crash, authorities in Northern California said.

The suspect, who has not been identified, was later found dead inside a home with a self-inflicted gunshot wound following a short standoff with officers, the Davis Police Department said Friday.

Police said Officer Natalie Corona was ambushed by a gunman on a bicycle shot after responding alone to a traffic accident Thursday evening in the city west of Sacramento.

One of the drivers in the crash, Christian Pascual, 25, told the Sacramento Bee that the shooter appeared to have been a bystander who fired from behind him.

Woman sought in death of Nev. manicurist found in Ariz.

LAS VEGAS — A 21-year-old woman sought for almost two weeks by authorities in Las Vegas after allegedly skipping out on a \$35 manicure and using a stolen car to run over and kill a manicurist has been arrested in Arizona, police said Friday.

Krystal Whipple was taken into custody in the Phoenix suburb of Glendale, authorities said.

Las Vegas police said prosecutors will seek her

extradition to Las Vegas where Whipple was sought in a warrant on murder and robbery charges in the killing of Ngoc Nguyen, 51.

Police said Whipple tried to pay for her manicure with a fraudulent credit card Dec. 29 before telling Nguyen that she was going to her car to get cash, then drove away, killing Nguyen as she stood in front of the vehicle as it accelerated.



MOHAMED ABDIWAHAB/GETTY-APP

Desperate search: People attempt to salvage items from the smoldering debris Friday after a fire broke out overnight and swept through Bakara, the largest open-air market in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. There was no word from officials regarding the death toll.

Report: FBI probed if Trump secretly worked for Russia

WASHINGTON — Law enforcement officials became so concerned by President Donald Trump's behavior in the days after he fired FBI Director James Comey that they began investigating whether he had been working for Russia against U.S. interests, The New York Times reported Friday.

The report cites unnamed former law enforcement officials and others familiar with the investigation.

The inquiry forced counterintelligence investigators to evaluate whether Trump was a po-

tential threat to national security, and they also sought to determine whether Trump was deliberately working for Russia or had unintentionally been influenced by Moscow.

The Times reports that FBI agents and some top officials became suspicious of Trump's ties to Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign but didn't launch an investigation at that time because they weren't sure how to approach such a sensitive and important probe, according to the sources. But Trump's behavior in the days around

Comey's May 2017 firing, specifically two instances in which he seemed to tie Comey's ousting to the Russia investigation, helped trigger the counterintelligence part of the investigation.

Robert Mueller took over the investigation when he was appointed special counsel soon after Comey's firing. The overall investigation is looking into Russian election interference and whether Trump's campaign coordinated with Russians. The Times says it's unclear whether Mueller is still pursuing the counterintelligence angle.

In Europe, 21 deaths deemed weather-related

BELGRADE, Serbia — Heavy snow paralyzed much of Europe for yet another day, cutting off mountain villages, sparking avalanches like one that crashed into a Swiss hotel and killing at least four more people Friday.

Workers at the Hotel Saentis in eastern Switzer-

land spent Friday shoveling out hip-deep snow after a 330-yard-wide avalanche smashed through the hotel's windows Thursday.

In all, at least 21 weather-related deaths have been reported in Europe in the last 10 days.

The Bulgarian Red Cross said two snowboarders

were killed in an avalanche in southwest Bulgaria's Pirin Mountains.

A snowplow driver died Friday in Germany after his vehicle toppled into an icy river, while an electrical worker in Albania suffered a fatal heart attack while repairing damaged power lines.

Court says Ginsburg has no cancer remaining

WASHINGTON — Tests revealed that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has no additional cancer following her surgery in December, and no further treatment is needed, the Supreme Court announced Friday.

"Justice Ginsburg will continue to work from home next week and will participate in the consideration and decision of the cases on the basis of the briefs and the transcripts of oral arguments," court spokeswoman Kathleen Arberg said in a statement.

Ginsburg had surgery Dec. 21 for two malignant nodules in her left lung, the 85-year-old justice's third bout with cancer.

This week, for the first time since she joined the court in 1993, she missed a round of oral arguments. Ginsburg is the oldest member of the court, and the longest-serving member of the court's four-member liberal wing.

Saudi woman: Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun, 18, who said she was abused by her family and feared for her life if deported back home to Saudi Arabia, left Thailand on Friday night for Canada, which has granted her asylum, officials said.

She had fled her family while visiting Kuwait and flew to Bangkok.

Hat in the ring: Democratic Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii has announced that she is running for president in 2020.

Gabbard, a 37-year-old Iraq War veteran and the first Hindu elected to Congress, said in a CNN interview slated to air Saturday night that she will formally announce her candidacy next week.

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Florida pardons 4 accused in 1949 rape of woman

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and the independently elected three-member Cabinet granted a pardon to four African-American men accused of raping a white woman nearly 70 years ago.

The posthumous pardons were granted Friday for the men — Charles Greenlee, Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd and Ernest Thomas — known as the Groveland Four.

The Lake County men were accused of the 1949 rape under dubious circumstances. Three of the men were arrested and severely beaten; Thomas, fled. He was hunted down by a posse of about 1,000 men and shot more than 400 times.

The others were convicted.



TORI SCHNEIDER/TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT
Carol Greenlee, daughter of Charles Greenlee, hugs Rep. Bobby Dubose after her father was pardoned Friday.

After the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a new trial in 1951, a sheriff shot Irvin and Shepherd, claiming the handcuffed men were trying to escape.

Shepherd died.

Irvin was paroled in 1968 and found dead in his car while returning to Lake County for a funeral a year

later. Greenlee was paroled in 1960 and died in 2012.

In 2017, the House and Senate voted unanimously to formally apologize to the men's families and asked then-Gov. Rick Scott to pardon them.

He took no action. DeSantis replaced Scott as governor Tuesday.



JAY JANNER/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN
Texas State Rep. Eric Johnson of Dallas says he's unsure if the removal of a Confederate plaque near his office at the state Capitol will lead to others being removed.

Confederate plaque in Texas set to be removed

Capitol marker said slavery not Civil War cause

BY PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott agreed Friday to remove a plaque in the state Capitol that rejects slavery as the underlying cause of the Civil War, bending after years of resistance by state Republican leaders in the face of Confederate monuments falling nationwide.

A unanimous vote by the State Preservation Board, which Abbott chairs, ordered the removal of the 60-year-old plaque that pledges to teach “the truths of history,” adding that “one of the most important of which is that the war between the states was not a rebellion, nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery.”

The plaque is among nearly a dozen Confederate markers in and around the Texas Capitol. It's the first slated to come down since the deadly 2017 white na-

tionalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., that led to the removal of a string of such monuments nationwide.

But Abbott and state leaders resisted acting on similar calls in Texas, and the governor made no comment after Friday's vote. Texas Republicans had been resolute after the Charlottesville rally that tearing down Confederate markers wouldn't change history, but pressure intensified after a black lawmaker from Dallas began condemning the plaque that hangs near his Capitol office as historically indefensible.

Dallas state Rep. Eric Johnson appeared unsure after Friday's vote whether efforts to remove other Confederate symbols at the Texas Capitol would become easier.

“Why shouldn't we be able to talk about the monuments on the Capitol grounds or anything else,” Johnson said. “I don't think it's a conversation we should be afraid to have, not in 2019 in America, in Texas.”

The State Preservation

Board is governed by Texas' three most powerful Republicans — Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and newly chosen House Speaker Dennis Bonnen. They voted to remove the plaque with no discussion and left without speaking to about a dozen reporters in the room.

None of their offices immediately returned messages for comment.

The only other lawmaker on the board was Republican state Rep. Jeff Leach, who tweeted after the meeting: “The plaque should never have been installed — and it has been there for far too long. We celebrate because today is the day that ends.”

The plaque was first hung in 1959. It remained mounted to a wall next to a staircase in the Capitol after the vote, and it was unclear when it would be removed.

In 2000, then-Gov. George W. Bush's administration removed two Confederate memorial plaques in the state Supreme Court building following pressure from the Texas NAACP.




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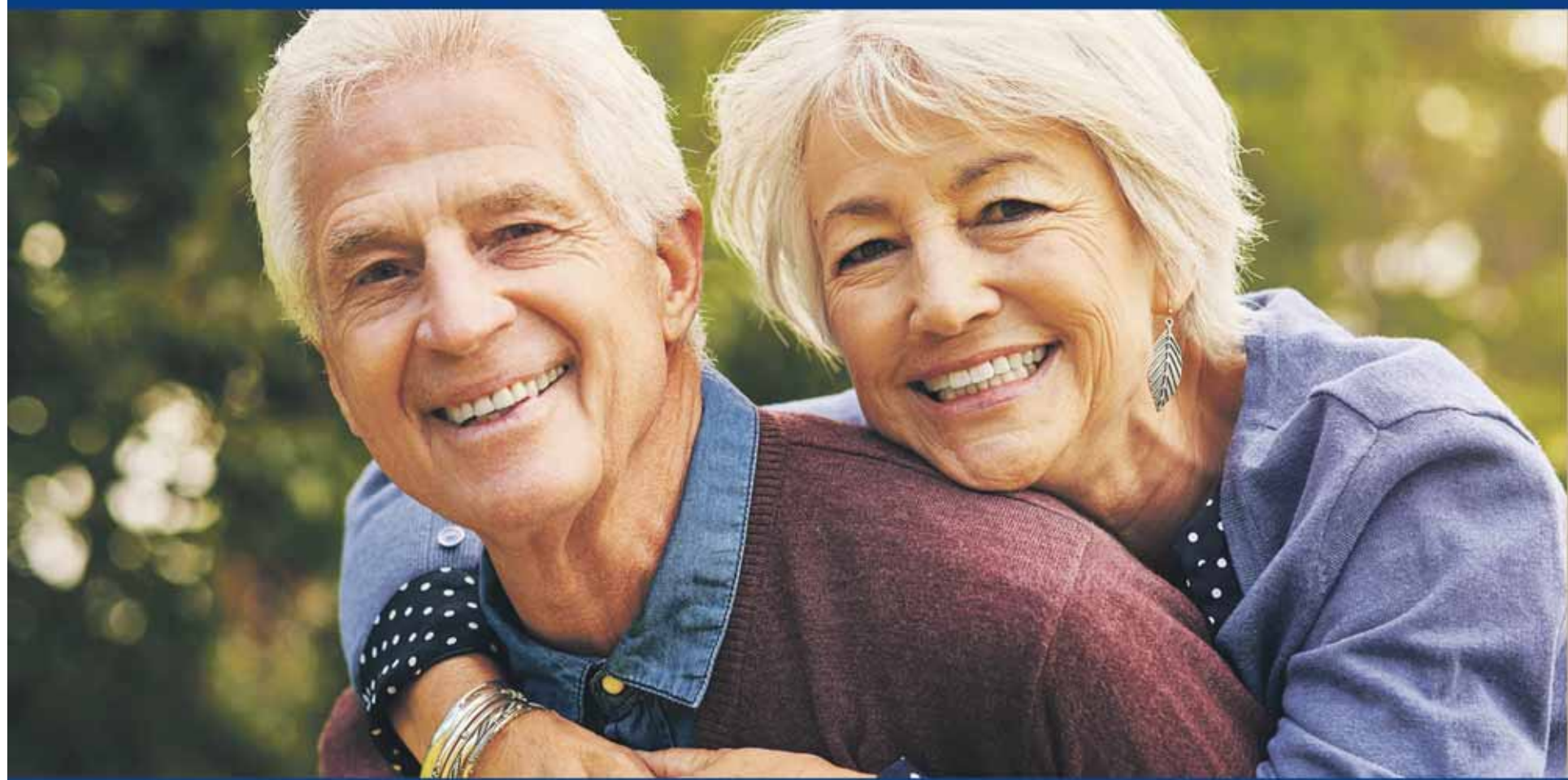
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Chicago-based Logistics Property Co. announced plans to create a transportation and distribution center dubbed LogiPark 57-80.

Country Club Hills outlet mall site to become shipping logistics hub

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

For more than a decade, south suburban Country Club Hills waited for an outlet mall to spring up on vacant farmland near Interstate 57 and Interstate 80. That never happened.

But in what may be a sign of the times, a new developer has stepped in to build something more reflective of the retail economy in the digital age: a logistics hub.

Chicago-based Logistics Property Co. acquired the 102-acre site and announced plans this week to create a transportation and distribution center dubbed LogiPark 57-80.

"It's the evolution of retail," Aaron Martell, executive vice president at Logistics Property said Thursday. "Something that was viewed as a strategic location for shopping is now a strategic location for distribution of those goods direct to the consumer."

The \$75 million to \$100 million two-phase development is set to break ground in the spring. Plans include four distribution warehouses totaling 1.4 million square feet.

No tenants have yet signed up, but Martell said he is confident demand for space will be strong.

Martell said finding a large parcel by two

busy interstates within 25 miles of Chicago made the Country Club Hills location ideal.

The project was also bolstered by \$29 million in tax increment financing from Cook County, which the developer will share with Country Club Hills.

"It's going to be great for the city, great for residents, because it's going to create jobs," Country Club Hills Mayor James Ford said.

For years, an electronic billboard on the site promised the arrival of Chicagoland Outlets, which Country Club Hills hoped would be a regional magnet for shoppers and adjacent development.

The mall project, led by Chicago-based Capri Capital Partners, was announced in 2007. Then came the Great Recession, and then came the age of Amazon.

A leasing brochure posted online in 2016 by Craig Realty Group, a California-based mall development partner, touted tenants such as Columbia Sportswear, H&M and Wetzel's Pretzels. But Chicagoland Outlets never broke ground, and Capri sold the land to Logistics Property on Dec. 20 for \$71 million, according to Cook County property records.

A Capri spokeswoman declined to comment beyond confirming the sale.

Logistics Property is planning to own the Country Club Hills site for the next seven to

10 years, Martell said. It is one of 10 logistics centers in varying stages of development across the U.S. in the company's inaugural year.

Martell said similar sites bring 250 to 300 jobs to the business parks and the communities where they are located.

For Country Club Hills, attracting new business has been a challenge, in part because of higher taxes in Cook County, Ford said.

"We're pretty close to Will County just south of us, and we're pretty close to Indiana, so most businesses want to go where they can get a better tax break," he said.

Ford, who began his first term as mayor in 2015, said an outlet mall may have brought more revenue, visitors and adjacent development, but given the recent exits of Carson's and Sears at the nearby Orland Square Mall in Orland Park, logistics may portend a brighter future for Country Club Hills.

"I think (the outlet mall) would have been better for the town, but given the retail markets nowadays — everybody is ordering online — retail is not doing as well as it did in the past," Ford said.

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Boeing's deal with Embraer gets Brazil's OK

BY VINICIUS ANDRADE
Bloomberg News

Embraer shares rose as much as 10 percent on Friday, the most intraday in more than a year, after the Brazilian government announced it won't veto the deal with Boeing Co., giving its approval for two joint ventures.

President Jair Bolsonaro said yesterday on Twitter that it became clear that the country's interests and sovereignty were safeguarded. Also, the union doesn't oppose the process moving forward, Bolsonaro wrote after a meeting with representatives for the ministries of Defense, Science, Foreign Affairs and Economy.

Chicago-based Boeing is seeking to buy a majority stake in Embraer's commercial aircraft and services operations for \$4.2 billion.

The joint venture would give Boeing 80 percent ownership of those operations, with Embraer owning the remaining stake.

Boeing would have operational and management control of the company. Embraer would keep consent rights for some decisions, such as the transfer of operations from Brazil.

A second joint venture between the companies would promote and develop new markets for the multimission medium airlift KC-390.

In a joint statement, both companies said their deal's conclusion now will be subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals. The completion of the transaction is expected by the end of 2019, they said.

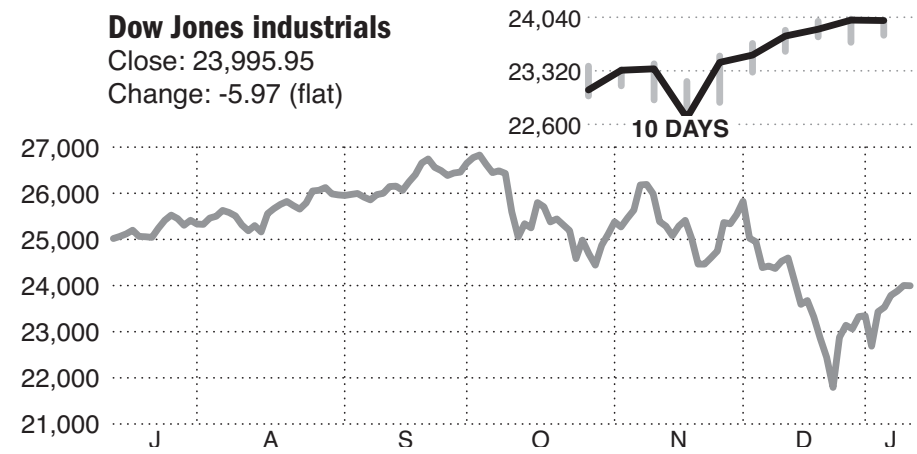
BTG Pactual reiterated its buy rating for Embraer's American depository receipts after the Brazilian government's decision. The bank said the firm's ADR is worth at least \$30 — assuming the deal is concluded.

"Although odds of approval were already considered high, this is still positive news as it is a major milestone," BTG Pactual analysts Renato Mimica and Samuel Alves wrote in a note.

The Associated Press contributed.

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Dow High: 23,996.32 Low: 23,798.16 Previous: 24,001.92



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-14.59 (-.21%)
Close: 6,971.48
High: 6,975.65
Low: 6,933.60
Previous: 6,986.07

S&P 500
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High: 2,596.27
Low: 2,577.40
Previous: 2,596.64

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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+2.40	+3.45	+2.54	-43	+88	-14	-7.00	-3.99	-6.82

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	513.75	523.75	512.75	519.50	+5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	377	379.25	376.75	378.25	+2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	897.25	901.25	897.25	899.25	+3.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 19	28.10	28.17	28.10	28.17	+23
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 19	311.70	311.70	310.40	310.40	-2.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 19	52.28	53.31	51.18	51.59	-1.00
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 19	2.995	3.166	2.991	3.099	+1.30
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 19	1.4215	1.4468	1.3947	1.4007	-0.0300

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	69.33	+25	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	99.19	+20
AbbVie Inc	N	88.31	+11	Equity Residential	N	67.55	+14
Allstate Corp	N	83.45	-09	Exelon Corp	N	45.79	...

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

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Gen Electric	8.94	+30
Bank of America	26.03	+30
EnCana Corp	6.74	+12

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	151.32	-37
Alphabet Inc C	1057.19	-13.14
Alphabet Inc A	1064.47	-14.36

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	29.07	...	-1.8
American Funds AMRCNBAlA m	25.38	...	-2.5
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	44.26	-02	-9.9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	20.27	+53
MagneGas Applied Tch	.19	-04
Caesars Entertain	8.71	+72

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.37	2.38
6-month disc	2.39	2.40
2-year	2.55	2.56
10-year	2.69	2.73
30-year	3.03	3.05

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
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Silver	\$15.577	\$15.561
Platinum	\$813.00	\$821.30

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Euro	.8722
India (Rupee)	70.383
Israel (Shekel)	3.6730
Japan (Yen)	108.50
Mexico (Peso)	19.1432
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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Stressed cops need resources

In "Spike in cops seeking mental health help" (Jan. 8), the Tribune highlighted the woefully inadequate treatment resources available to serve this highly stressed population through the Chicago Police Department's employee assistance program. While your article portrays the increase in professional staff to 10 as a remedy, the Psychotherapy Action Network (PsiAN), which weighed in on the proposed consent decree in August, described this increase as "minimal at best."

If CPD is truly dedicated to culture change, as the decree prescribes, then there will be more officers seeking more in-depth treatment, and more attention paid to the needs of professionals to receive adequate support themselves to avoid secondary trauma, which requires adjustment in their time allocation. Further, as PsiAN has noted in its petition to the American Psychological Association, post-traumatic stress disorder often requires extensive treatment beyond short-term offerings.

The tendency to minimize the effects of both catastrophic events and ongoing trauma is endemic, both in police departments and in our culture, and leads to repetitive cycles of violence, intergenerational transmission of trauma and an incapacity on the part of well-meaning officers to serve the public in difficult situations in which de-escalation skills can save lives.

If real culture change is not created at CPD, we can predict the ongoing mutual terrorization of police personnel and those they have sworn to serve.

— Nancy Burke, Evanston

Confront roots of gun violence

Nobody sensible condones the gun violence plaguing Chicago's streets, yet few Voice of the People contributors urging crackdowns show any grasp of the causes fostering such disregard for human life. It's time we all stopped pretending cause-and-effect can be ignored. Areas with the most gunplay have been most subjected to systematic disinvestment and benign neglect born of, yes, latent and overt racism as detailed in 1968 in the Kerner Report.

The authors of that report connected the dots that many letter writers feign ignorance of. It is visible in Chicago's history of housing segregation, inadequate schools and curricula in black areas, low expectations and job discrimination, which produce the desperation that foments gang activity supporting itself by illegal pursuits, which eventually include mayhem.

America prevented lawless chaos in a conquered Germany in the rubble of World War II by funding the Marshall Plan with \$12 billion to enable rebuilding.

Unfortunately, the blinders of latent and active racism have so far prevented a domestic Marshall Plan to replace desperation with hope in parts of our cities redlined and forgotten until the next shooting that terrorizes the locals even more than people in quiet neighborhoods. Our West Side has been blighted since 1968. So the vicious cycle continues, to everyone's disadvantage as seen in the hidden costs to taxpayers of unpaid lifesaving medical intervention, policing, courts, incarceration, welfare, etc., not to mention the attendant widespread societal anxieties and bad publicity.

The consequences are inseparable from the causes. Lament the one? Then lobby for coming to terms with the other.

— Ted Z. Manuel, Chicago

New year predictions for city, state

Making predictions for Chicago and Illinois is easy. The people voted for the same Democratic politicians who will do the same things, producing the same results. There will be more corruption, more taxes, higher debt, more shootings and more people moving out.

— Robert C. Lemke, Joliet

Same ol', same ol'

Watching Mike Madigan's re-election as the speaker of the Illinois House, a post he has held for an astonishing 30-plus years, brings to mind an old quote: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Good luck and Godspeed, Illinois.

— Mike Rice, Chicago

Trump should pay for wall

To end the bickering in Washington, I suggest President Donald Trump fund the wall himself. For a man of his means, it would be a drop in the bucket.

Our great nation has other business to conduct. Let's get on with it.

— Judith Jacobson, Glen Ellyn

Transgender people in military

I am a Republican who supports transgender rights, but I disagree with allowing transgender people to enter the military during transition. Between hormone imbalance and psychological struggles, the military is not the right setting for a person in transition. A soldier needs to be battle-ready and in the rightest state of mind. I have worked with transgender people, and there are many years of heartbreaking struggle as they journey toward their own destiny and identity. The military is not the place to do this.

I highly respect Jennifer Pritzker ("I'm a transgender Republican, but my party is marginalizing me out of existence," Jan. 10), but if she were to be honest, her own journey was not easy and she did not transition during service to our country. I applaud her bravery but dispute her course of thinking. We cannot afford to spend countless hours of counseling and hundreds of thousands of federal dollars on the surgery. It simply makes no sense. The entire purpose of the military is to serve and protect. A person in transition is simply not physically or psychologically capable of doing this.

— Victoria Juster, Long Grove

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Why Trump's pullout from Syria puts America at risk

The pullout of U.S. troops from Syria has begun. How long will it take? What measures will be taken to ensure Islamic State doesn't make a comeback? Will U.S.-allied Syrian Kurdish fighters be safeguarded? No one knows. Clarity isn't defining this process — confusion is.

The Pentagon's announcement of the withdrawal's start comes days after President Donald Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, reassured the West that U.S. troops would not leave Syria until the job is done of finishing off remaining pockets of Islamic State fighters. And not until the U.S. got an assurance from Turkey that it would not unleash an offensive against Syrian Kurdish fighters, the West's best weapon against Islamic State, or ISIS, in Syria.

Bolton's remarks were aimed at tempering Trump's eye-popping declaration Trn December that his administration had finished off Islamic State, and that he was ordering the withdrawal of all 2,000 U.S. soldiers from Syria within 30 days. That announcement stunned American allies and many in Washington who know the peril of leaving Syria prematurely.

Exiting Syria rashly, without long-term plans for the region, leaves a Middle East hot spot to two countries long established as hostile to American interests — Russia and Iran. Both Moscow and Tehran are strongly allied with Syria's despotic leader, Bashar Assad. The Kremlin, which for years coveted a foothold in the region to counter U.S. influence there, now has it. For Iran, Syria provides ample space to train and grow Tehran's Shiite foreign fighter network, which it uses in proxy conflicts throughout the Middle East.

Trump's decision also allows America's most nettlesome NATO ally, Turkey, to attack the Syrian



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American forces were sent to Syria to do a job. But the job isn't finished.

Kurdish fighting contingent. Turkey regards Syrian Kurdish forces as terrorists because it sees them as allied with the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which for years has been waging an insurgency against Turkey. But more than any other entity, Syrian Kurdish fighters helped rout Islamic State from its de facto Syrian capital, Raqqa, and shrink the ISIS footprint in Syria. That makes them a force to protect, not abandon.

Trump decided to pull American troops out of Syria after talking on the phone with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. One outcome of that call was an intent to outsource America's fight against the Islamic State to Turkey, the same country bent on annihilating the one fighting force in Syria that did the most damage to Islamic State. As many as 30,000 ISIS fighters may still be at large in Syria and neighboring Iraq. According to the New York Times, Pentagon officials are deeply skeptical that Turkey

has the ability or desire to launch counterterrorism missions against Islamic State fighters.

No one would argue with Trump's underlying goal to get American troops out of Syria. American forces were sent there to do a job. And when that job is finished, they should come home. That's true for any theater of conflict in any era.

But in Syria, the job isn't finished. Pulling troops out with unjustified haste won't just mean an assignment unfinished. It will embolden hostile countries like Russia, Iran and Assad-controlled Syria, and create space for a potential Islamic State rebirth. It will make the region more dangerous and problematic for an than it is now. An Islamic terrorist force in ascendance presents a direct threat to Americans and American soil.

Trump wants the troops to come home. Fine, when the conditions are right. That includes making certain Islamic State is dead and buried.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

There's a narrow path for Trump to eke out a re-election with a base-first strategy, and Senate Republicans are favored to hold their majority under the current political trajectory. But unless suburban voters dramatically change their views of Trump in the next two years — a fanciful scenario, given how hardened public opinion is — the Democrats' House majority looks awfully sturdy for the next election.

At first glance, a Republican comeback doesn't look all that difficult. In the next Congress, there will be 31 Democrats in the House representing districts that Trump carried in 2016. Republicans will need to net 18 seats to win the majority — a smaller hurdle than Democrats faced at the beginning of last cycle. Only three Republicans are left in districts Hillary Clinton carried. All told, Republicans will be playing a whole lot of offense.

But look deeper into the demography of the Trump-friendly seats, and they're not as favorable to Republicans as they look. Of the 31 Trump-district Democrats, 20 of them represent predominantly suburban districts where Trump's toxicity was a major reason that the districts flipped. Republicans may be able to win back a few of the most conservative seats and benefit from the inevitable freshman flubs, but will have a tough time changing the national dynamic that propelled so many suburban Democrats to victory.

Josh Kraushaar, National Journal

While the NATO alliance is built not only on a common threat but also on common values, most alliances throughout history have been based on mutual needs, not mutual love.

The pre-World War I Triple Entente included democratic Britain and France alongside a repressive, authoritarian Russian Empire. Their shared fear of a rising Germany sufficed to bring them together.

China and Russia are different in many respects, but so were Britain and Russia in the early 1900s.

Despite past animosities and cultural differences, today's China and Russia share authoritarian rule (though China's is notably stricter) and resentment of what they see as U.S. efforts at military containment, if not encirclement, and overt and covert political attacks on their systems of government. ... Of course, neither Moscow or Beijing is currently discussing formal mutual security obligations. But there is more and more talk of a political, economic and military partnership between the two nations. ...

Ignoring possible Sino-Russian cooperation against the U.S., and the factors that can exacerbate it, could be very costly. ... There is no path to responsible policy-making that does not begin with understanding and accounting for the unintended consequences of confronting two great powers simultaneously.

Dimitri K. Simes, The National Interest

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ANALYSIS

Latest Lincoln Yards twist only raises anxiety

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's music community, skeptical from the start about a \$5 billion Lincoln Yards makeover that would include an entertainment district run by Live Nation, has not been assuaged by Ald. Brian Hopkins' recent announcement that he would oppose certain aspects of the project.

Hopkins said he had informed developer Sterling Bay that he would not support plans to build a 20,000-seat soccer stadium as well as an entertainment district co-owned by Live Nation with multiple venues ranging between 3,000 and 6,000 capacity in Lincoln Yards.

Yet independent club owners throughout Chicago, whose businesses would be threatened by such a development, weren't celebrating.

"People are saying they killed the entertainment district, but all that it (Hopkins' statement) means is the venues won't be in one mega-mall building and owned by Live Nation," said Robert Gomez, a club owner (Subterranean, Beat Kitchen) who is co-chair of the Chicago Independent Venue League (CIVL). "Nothing really changes."

"There has still been no disclosure about what kind of venues are being proposed," he added. "We were told privately that it would be multiple venues with up to 10,000 capacity collectively. Even if Live Nation can't own the venues, they can still lease them or control them. Or what about AEG or any other large player (national concert promoter) coming in and taking control? You still have all these power brokers for music that we would all have to dance around that could come



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Music club owners remain skeptical about the new Lincoln Yards development despite Ald. Brian Hopkins' objections to parts of the project.

in there and take over."

CIVL, a consortium of independent music clubs, came together in part to give the city's music community a voice in the Lincoln Yards project, which most directly threatens the future of the nearby Hideout, but is also seen as a potential disruption of the local music scene. "If all these new venues come in, some other venues will have to go," said Double Door owner Sean Mulroney.

Club owners were taken aback that the city was prepared to help bankroll corporate-owned com-

petitors through tax increment financing (TIF). In interviews with a dozen club owners and members of the music community across Chicago, all felt blindsided by the project, which came into view less than a year ago.

"The communication (between developer Sterling Bay and the community) in general has been minimal," Gomez said. "The feeling is that the intent all along was to fly this under the radar until it was a done deal."

Adding to the sense of anxiety is that the Chicago Plan Commis-

sion is scheduled to consider a revised Lincoln Yards plan, presumably tailored to address Hopkins' objections, at its Jan. 24 meeting.

"It's been close to a year now, and we still haven't seen a detailed plan for how they (Sterling Bay) are going to do this," said club owner Bruce Finkelman, who owns multiple venues including the Empty Bottle and Thalia Hall. "Why would you consider pushing something like this through when the people who are going to be affected by it haven't even seen a plan of exactly what this involves?"

CIVL members says they remain focused on their original goal: putting the brakes on the project until a new city administration takes office in May, following the Feb. 26 election to determine Mayor Rahm Emanuel's successor.

"There will be a new administration coming in, and something this large should involve the new administration as part of the decision-making process because they'll have to live with it," Finkelman said. "Instead of trying to push through a TIF when most people who will be affected by it don't even understand what the plan is, let's slow down until we have the facts and figures in front of us."

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Soloist Thomas Hampson performs with guest conductor Bramwell Tovey and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Center on Thursday.

IN PERFORMANCE

Illuminating the classics

Thomas Hampson brings new meaning to American tunes

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

For its last subscription concerts before launching an Asian tour, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra gave hometown listeners an evening of music quite unlike what audiences in Taiwan, China and Japan are about to hear.

On the other side of the world, CSO music director Riccardo Muti will lead the CSO in major repertoire works by Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov and, of course, the conductor's beloved Verdi from Jan. 19 through Feb. 4.

But on Thursday night in Orchestra Hall, guest conductor Bramwell Tovey devoted the first half of the evening to American music, much of it rarely heard in concert, some of it still less frequently dispatched by an ensemble of the CSO's caliber. Though the second half of the program featured more standard fare — Elgar's "Enigma" Variations — the performance proved so beautifully wrought as to constitute a special occasion unto itself.

The eminent baritone Thomas

Hampson was the featured soloist in the evening's all-American opening, a superb choice considering that few singers have done more to champion art songs of this country. Better still, Hampson famously delivers this material with the polished tones one expects of European lieder but also with a distinctly American rhythmic lilt and cadence.

He proved the point in a suite of three of Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs," traditional tunes set to Copland's original accompaniment. "Simple Gifts" stands as the most famous of these, thanks to its prominent appearance in Copland's "Appalachian Spring" ballet score, but Hampson shed light on this familiar music. The sheer tenderness of his long-held notes, the crisp articulation of his every syllable and his subtly changing tonal shades brought new meanings to a universally known song.

Hampson's declamatory gestures and vernacular accent in "The Boatmen's Dance" reflected the singer's intimate knowledge of this material. But not even Hampson's mighty instrument could be heard in many passages of "The Golden Willow Tree," with conductor Tovey providing way too much orchestral sound.

There was considerable poignancy in composer Michael Daugherty's "Letter to Mrs. Bixby," a plaintive set-

ting of President Abraham Lincoln's famous message to a grieving mother. It was enhanced by the gravity of Hampson's reading and hauntingly lyric playing from CSO violinist Stephanie Jeong, serving as concertmaster on this occasion. And John Corigliano's "One Sweet Morning" represented a high point of Hampson's tone painting, though, once again, Tovey failed to balance a single vocal line against an orchestral storm of sound.

Not all the American music was vocal, Tovey opening the concert with William Schuman's orchestration of Charles Ives' Variations on "America." Here was a lusty account with considerable rhythmic swagger, quite a contrast to the serene lyricism Tovey conjured in William Grant Still's "In Memoriam: The Colored Soldiers Who Died for Democracy." Like "Letter to Mrs. Bixby" and "One Sweet Morning," this was a first-time performance by the CSO, and a most welcome one.

Elgar's "Enigma" Variations does not lack for concert performances, but Tovey's stood out. From the statement of the main theme, which the conductor delivered with unusual care and deliberation, it was clear that this was going to be a singular interpretation. Sure enough, Tovey turned these vignettes — each depicting someone in Elgar's circle of friends — into vividly imagined portraits. The blooming

string phrases of the first variation (a portrait of Elgar's wife), the balletic grace and diaphanous textures of the 10th ("Dorabella") and the solemn profundities of the 9th ("Nimrod") made this something quite close to an ideal account.

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

Yo-Yo Ma

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association will present cellist Yo-Yo Ma performing the complete Bach Cello Suites at 6:30 p.m. June 20 at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. Ma's third recording of this music, "Six Evolutions: Bach Cello Suites" (Sony Classical), was one of the best classical releases of 2018.

Admission will be free, but reserved seats will be available to CSOA supporters starting Jan. 21; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

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NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"Verses for the Dead: An Agent Pendergast Novel"** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central, \$28)
2. **"Where the Crawdads Sing"** by Delia Owens (Putnam, \$27)
3. **"The Reckoning: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$29.95)
4. **"Fire & Blood: 300 Years Before A Game of Thrones, Dragons Ruled Westeros (A Song of Ice and Fire: A Targaryen History)"** by George R. R. Martin (Bantam, \$35) *Last week: 2*
5. **"Every Breath"** by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central, \$28)
6. **"A Delicate Touch: A Stone Barrington Novel"** by Stuart Woods (Putnam, \$28)
7. **"Target: Alex Cross"** by James Patterson (Little, Brown, \$29)
8. **"Long Road to Mercy: An Atlee Pine Thriller"** by David Baldacci (Grand Central, \$29)
9. **"Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99)
10. **"The Boy: A Novel"** by Tami Hoag (Dutton, \$28)

NONFICTION

1. **"Becoming"** by Michelle Obama (Crown, \$32.50)
2. **"Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are So You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be"** by Rachel Hollis (Nelson, \$22.99)
3. **"Educated: A Memoir"** by Tara Westover (Random House, \$28)
4. **"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered"** by Lysa TerKeurst (Nelson, \$24.99)
5. **"Homebody: A Guide to Creating Spaces You Never Want to Leave"** by Joanna Gaines (Harper Design, \$40)
6. **"12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos"** by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, \$25.95)
7. **"The Point of It All: A Lifetime of Great Loves and Endeavors"** by Charles Krauthammer (Crown Forum, \$28)
8. **"Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering"** by Joanna Gaines (William Morrow, \$29.99)
9. **"The Whole30 Slow Cooker: 150 Totally Compliant Prep-and-Go Recipes for Your Whole30 with Instant Pot Recipes"** by Melissa Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$30)
10. **"Medical Medium Liver Rescue: Answers to Eczema, Psoriasis, Diabetes, Strep, Acne, Gout, Bloating, Gallstones, Adrenal Stress, Fatigue, Fatty Liver, Weight Issues, SIBO & Autoimmune Disease"** by Anthony William (Hay House, \$34.99)

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— Publishers Weekly

IN PERFORMANCE RE | Dance Group ★★ 1/2

New work gets a political approach

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
Chicago Tribune

When going to a RE | Dance Group show, there are a couple things you can usually count on: 1) unapologetically long passages of pretty dancing; 2) poetry woven into the fabric of the dance written by artistic director and chief choreographer Michael Estanich, who often frames personal reflections within a dream-like, nature-filled world; 3) an affinity for diagonal lines, usually from upstage left to downstage right; 4) an opportunity to laugh and 5) a numbered list.

That's not to say that RE | Dance's 10th anniversary concert, running through Jan. 18 at the Hamlin Park Fieldhouse Theater, is predictable. On the contrary, two new companion pieces from Estanich titled "The Biggest Wail from the Bottom of my Heart" and "What Love Looks Like" enter uncharted territory for this decade-old company. Estanich — who splits his time between Chicago and Stevens Point, Wis., where he is a professor of dance at the University of Wisconsin — approached this new work with a political bent, which, to my knowledge, he and this company have not done before. So, some of those oft-seen tendencies listed above anchor the evening, bringing some familiarity to the forefront and softening overt references to racial tension in America and, yes, even Donald Trump's wall.

But maybe I'm getting ahead of myself. In the opening of "The Biggest Wail from the Bottom of my Heart," there are puffy white clouds suspended from the rafters of the



RE | DANCE PHOTO

RE | Dance presents its 10th anniversary concert.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Jan. 18

Where: Hamlin Park Fieldhouse Theater, 3035 N. Hoyne Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$20 at www.redancegroup.org

Hamlin Park Theater. At the back of the stage is a projection of a grassy knoll and a singular tree, with a bright blue sky and more cumulus clouds passing by. The clouds take various shapes as the dancers play a game of "I spy." Charmingly blithe and juvenile, this section comes on the heels of some light and fun-loving dancing to Cat Stevens' "If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out."

The scene evokes the naivete of childhood, which quickly evolves when dancer Lucy Riner finds, in her turn at "I spy," the shape of "a big, tall wall that helps no one at all." What unfolds then is an interwoven abstraction of overlapping narratives, blending images of political protest and civil unrest with Estanich's coming out story. By melding these two themes together, with a patchwork of musical selections that intentionally muddles any reference to a particular time or place, "The Biggest Wail" evokes a sense of currency without purporting that the gravity of this particular moment hasn't been felt before.

Watching "The Biggest Wail," I remembered what

it felt like to be a kid, reflecting on a world that was mostly defined by the perimeter of my home town. My parents, no doubt, felt the same sense of urgency then that I feel now about the end of the Cold War, or the 1992 riots in Los Angeles or the first U.S. invasion of Iraq, while I was mostly oblivious to these events.

"The Biggest Wail," I think, aims to make the case that the answer to conflict — be that personal or political — is love. "What Love Looks Like" shifts the setting to the sky, in which all eight dancers move among clouds and rainbows. That's not to say there's no heartache or sorrow in this love-filled cloud land; rather, the sadness of conflict is tempered by soft, lilting canons danced across Hamlin's deep stage space.

While editing can be a challenge for Estanich, these new pieces don't linger on any one idea too long. Like flipping through the pages of his journal, as soon as we get to a sense of the point, he moves onto the next thing. This feels like a satisfying shift in approach, but also makes it difficult to arrive at a sense of the big picture. I'm not sure I'd blame that on Estanich, though, and wonder if a space with beefier technical capacity could have better supported the transitions in and between the two worlds he's created.

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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Gay partner left out of annual letter

Dear Amy: I'm a gay male who has been in a relationship with the same man for 25 years. Both of our families have been supportive of our relationship.

During the Christmas holidays, we usually receive cards from my partner's side of the family with annual letters inside. These letters usually tell stories about the happenings of the current year.

What troubles me is that some of the Christmas cards are addressed only to my partner's name when the family member knows me very well and knows of our long relationship. As for the letters, many of them mention my partner but say nothing about me!

I imagine some members of my partner's family may feel awkward writing about me and having to explain who I am to anyone else receiving the cards with letters inside.

I've expressed my disappointment to my partner. He usually just says he doesn't understand it either and that we should not give this importance. While I agree with his view, I'm still left wondering what the right thing to do is. What do you think?

— *Disappointed at Christmas*

Dear Disappointed: I agree that it is disrespectful for these family members to basically deny your presence in your partner's life by not addressing cards to you and by not including or even acknowledging you in their annual narratives.

Your partner should address this with his parents (and perhaps with more distant family members), not only by saying that this is annoying and

rude, but to ask them to adopt a different course of action: "Mom and Dad, we love your Christmas letter, but could you please remember that I have a life partner? He's a member of the family, and it's embarrassing when you leave him out. This exclusion hurts both of our feelings."

That having been said, most people who write Christmas letters write most passionately and comprehensively about their direct relatives (children, grandchildren). In-laws and partners should be mentioned by name, however.

You also should help turn the page by publishing your own letter. Model the behavior and tone you'd like to see — you and your guy side by side, communicating as equals and family members.

Dear Amy: I've been with my boyfriend for over seven years. We are both 35. We are both committed, love each other and have similar goals. We just bought a house together.

I don't need marriage as an expression of love, but for practical reasons and for the annoying social reasons (I'd like to not get hit on so often/or embarrassed to still use "boyfriend"). I've never wanted a wedding, but now ... I really want to get married.

He thinks marriage is not necessary. I've found myself getting resentful, and now I don't know what to do. Can you help?

— *Leaning Toward Matrimony*

Dear Leaning: Please don't tell yourself that "getting hit on" is such an annoyance that it is forcing

you toward marriage. Getting married will not change that (if you think it would, then wear a band on your left hand and wave it at the next guy who hits on you). Mainly, the reasons you cite for wanting to get married are silly red herrings. (Furthermore, you know it.) Marriage is bigger, and more important, than that.

It's OK to want to get married, and after being with your guy for over seven years, marriage would seem like a natural next step, unless you have been going along with his "marriage isn't necessary" concept and not speaking from your own heart.

What you should do now is tell him, "Honey, I have news. It turns out I do want to get married. This feeling seems to have sneaked up on me, but now that I know I feel this way, I need to talk about it."

Dear Amy: Why were you so harsh on those poor grandparents ("Unmerry Christmas") who simply wanted to see their first grandchild on his first Christmas? I felt so sorry for these people, whose in-laws were so rude to them on Christmas Day.

— *Upset With YOU*

Dear Upset: Many people responded similarly. I was concerned that this couple admitted they "crashed" the other grandparents' home on Christmas Day.

Honestly, all parties should have behaved differently.

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'A DOG'S WAY HOME' ★★

Adorable factor isn't a stand-in for a good story

By KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

With the proliferation of dog movies in the past couple of years, it's no surprise that the astonishing animal journey film would soon resurface. "The Adventures of Milo and Otis" and the "Homebound" movies were wildly popular family films in the 1980s and '90s, and now joining the canon is "A Dog's Way Home." It's based on a book by W. Bruce Cameron, who also wrote the source material for last year's "A Dog's Purpose." The film, directed by Charles Martin Smith and co-written by Cathryn Michon and Cameron, uses simple, formulaic storytelling to spin the tale of Bella, a rescued pit bull who makes her way home after a two-year walkabout.

"A Dog's Purpose" was about a beloved dog's spirit reincarnated into various dogs over a lifetime, loving new owners along the way. Bella's adventure is reminiscent of that tale. During her journey, she connects with animals and people who care for Bella as she cares for them, from a homeless vet to a magnificent cougar known as Big Kitten.

The story is sweet enough, though totally outlandish. Bella is rescued as a puppy by a kind young man named Lucas (Jonah Hauer-King), who hopes the pup will help his mother (Ashley Judd), a veteran with PTSD. But a cruel neighbor sics animal control on Bella — pit bulls are illegal within the city limits of Denver. Bella's sent to friends in New Mexico, but in a desperate attempt to play "go home" and reunite with her person, she makes a run for it and ends up on a wild romp through the Rockies



JAMES DITTIGER/SONY PICTURES

Jonah Hauer-King and his canine bond in "A Dog's Way Home," directed by Charles Martin Smith.

MPAA rating: PG (for thematic elements, some peril and language)

Running time: 1:36

on her way back.

There's just one element of "A Dog's Way Home" that yanks the audience right out of the film, and it's unfortunate because it's also crucial to the way the story unfolds. Bryce Dallas Howard voices Bella's inner monologue — a dogologue, if you will.

It's written in such a childish tone, aping the perspective of a dog who understands just some aspects of the human world, that it lowers the discursive level of the whole movie to something quite childlike.

It's a confusing perspective given the scary and dire situations Bella has to navigate. Howard does her best with the material, but it's written in such a broad and silly tone that it seems like it's from a children's program. Even Sally Field

and Michael J. Fox were given senses of humor and nuance for the animal characters they voiced in "Homeward Bound."

As told from Bella's perspective, everything is emotionally oversimplified, gesturing toward Big Issues painted in big, broad strokes. Veterans are "sad," a negligent dog owner "should be alone," Big Kitten needs a "mother." It makes for an odd matchup of storytelling style and content that doesn't quite jell.

Dog lovers will likely warm to the tale of Bella's quest to reunite with her person despite the odds and circumstances. One would have to be made of stone to not well up during the harrowing climax. But the resolutions are as outlandish as the journey itself. Did no one think to petition the City Council to simply change the pit bull law? When the story lags, these are the flaws that pester, and even the cute factor of "A Dog's Way Home" can't obscure its narrative weaknesses.

WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Sandra Bullock (left) and Rihanna

"Ocean's 8" (7 p.m., 9:55 p.m., HBO): This 2018 heist comedy from Gary Ross stars Sandra Bullock as Debbie Ocean, sister of George Clooney's character from the earlier films, who hatches a scheme to hit the annual Met Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Her crew is played by Sarah Paulson, Anne Hathaway, Cate Blanchett, Mindy Kaling, Helena Bonham Carter and Rihanna.

"NFL Football" (3:30 p.m., NBC): Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs (12-4) are the top seed in the AFC and welcome Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts (11-6) to start the AFC divisional round of the playoffs. Mahomes lit it up this year, finishing second in the league in passing yards while throwing a league best 50 touchdowns. But the Colts have been hot as of late. Later on Fox, the Los Angeles Rams (12-4) host the Dallas Cowboys (11-6) in an NFC divisional game.

"My Mother's Split Personalities" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): After her father suffers a fatal heart attack, Julie Price returns home to her mother, Gail, after two years of estrangement. Gail's behavior is unpredictable and often bizarre, and she appears to have fallen irretrievably under the influence of Warren, a Svengali-like criminal who is playing the role of concerned boyfriend, while scheming to get his hands on Gail's considerable fortune.

"I Feel Pretty" (8 p.m., 3:30 a.m., Showtime): Amy Schumer is no stranger to self-deprecating comedy, and in this 2018 comedy written and directed by Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein, the actress stars as Renee Bennett, a young woman struggling with low-self-esteem and poor body image. During an exercise class, however, Renee falls off an exercise bike and knocks herself out. She regains consciousness brimming with self-confidence and believing she's a raving beauty.

"The Padre" (8:58 p.m., Starz): Tim Roth stars in the title role of Jonathan Sobol's 2018 Canadian drama about a rehabilitated convict forced to go on the run from a determined U.S. Marshal (Nick Nolte) — who also happens to be the Padre's father-in-law — and his hired gun, a cop named Gaspar (Luiz Guzman). His flight is complicated considerably when he encounters Lena (Valeria Henriquez), a precocious teenager who blackmails the Padre into letting her tag along.

"Love & Marriage: Huntsville" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., OWN): Three successful black couples in the north Alabama city of Huntsville team up on a joint real estate venture — The Comeback Group — that they hope will further revitalize their community. Melody and Martell Holt, Marsau and LaTisha Scott and engaged couple Maurice Scott and Kimmi Grant are longtime friends, but that relationship may be strained by new business demands.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 12): Set this year to come up with your long-term vision and purpose. Self-discipline pays off exponentially. Allow for romantic interruptions. A financial challenge this winter motivates strengthening your collaboration. Summer personal awakenings lead to new power and confidence. What do you really want?

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Focus on what you love. A personal dream is within reach. You can get what you're willing to go for. Assert your will and intention.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Reflect on long-range plans. How would you love things to go? Open the door to the future by imagining it. Articulate your vision.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Your team is especially hot. Actions taken now have long-term impact. The line blurs between friends and family. Push ahead for victory.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Take a lucrative opportunity to grow your status and influence. Arrange connections ahead of time. Use your persuasive arts and charms. Angels guide your actions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Adventure calls. Discover spectacular beauty. Make a fascinating discovery. Get outside and ramble around with someone special. Get your heart beating.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Beneficial financial opportunities demand quick action. Call on your partner for support. Pick up the pace, and share responsibilities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Take action for love. Extend an enticing invitation. Let your partner know how you feel. Passion inspires your moves. Share your love and appreciation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Go for excellence. Your physical performance seems energized. Push to expand your boundaries. Put your heart into your actions. Synchronicity results from powerful practice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Allow yourself to sink into enchantment. Someone charming has stolen your heart. Take action to prove your love. Moves made now can lead to victory.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. A family adventure can get especially lovely and fun. Provide delicious treats and creature comforts. A matter of heart inspires you to take action.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Write, craft and paint your masterpiece. Your creative actions flower. Put your thoughts into words. Set the music, and edit video. Issue media releases and promotions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. A profitable opportunity is ripe for the taking. Quick action gets rewarded. Make your move, and reap the bounty. Put your back into a lucrative endeavor.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn (Argyle Sweater is off this week. Please enjoy this panel from 2013.)



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, East deals

North				East			
♠	10 7 5	♥	K 8 7 6 3	♠	K J 6 2	♥	J 5
♦	A 10 4 2	♦	A 10 4 2	♦	K	♦	A K Q 9 6 2
♣	4	♣	4	♣	A K Q 9 6 2	♣	J
West				South			
♠	Q 4 3	♥	Void	♠	A 9 8	♥	A Q 10 9 4 2
♦	J 9 7 6 3	♦	J 9 7 6 3	♦	Q 8 5	♦	J
♣	10 8 7 5 3	♣	10 8 7 5 3	♣	J	♣	J

The auction was routine, except for East's final pass. He might well have competed to five clubs. West must have at least five clubs for a pre-emptive raise of a vulnerable one-club opening. There was no assurance of cashing even one club trick on defense, and how expensive could the sacrifice be? Making five on this lie of the cards!

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1♥	3♣*	4♥

All pass
*Pre-emptive
Opening lead: Eight of ♣

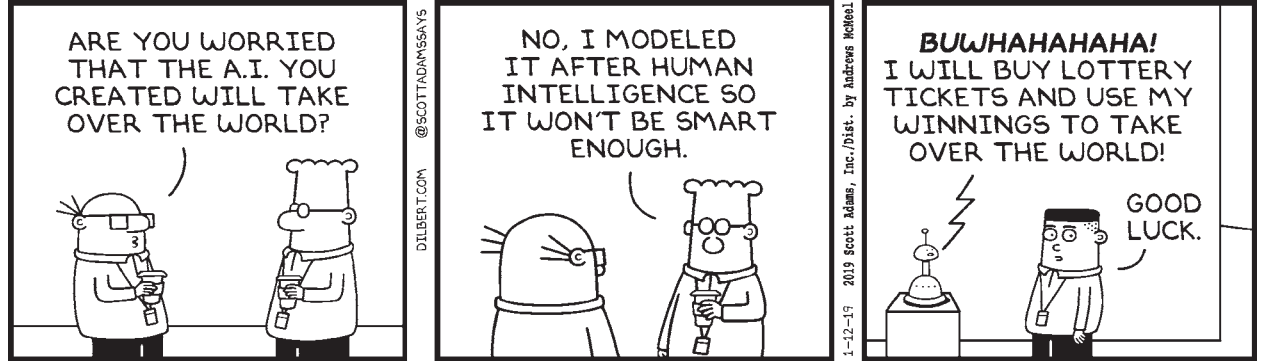
The North-South contract, however, appeared to be hopeless. East switched to a low spade at trick two, ducked to West's queen. South won the second spade with the ace and drew

trumps in two rounds. South was about to exit with his last spade, forcing the opponents to lead diamonds for him and let him out for down one, when he realized that there was a glimmer of hope. He could make his contract if either opponent held the singleton king of diamonds.

South crossed his fingers and led the ace of diamonds. Despair turned to glee when East obligingly produced the king. Declarer now exited with his last spade and was assured of his contract regardless of which opponent won the trick. East would have to give him a ruff-sluff or, should West win the spade, he could lead away from his jack of diamonds or yield a ruff-sluff. Never give up!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



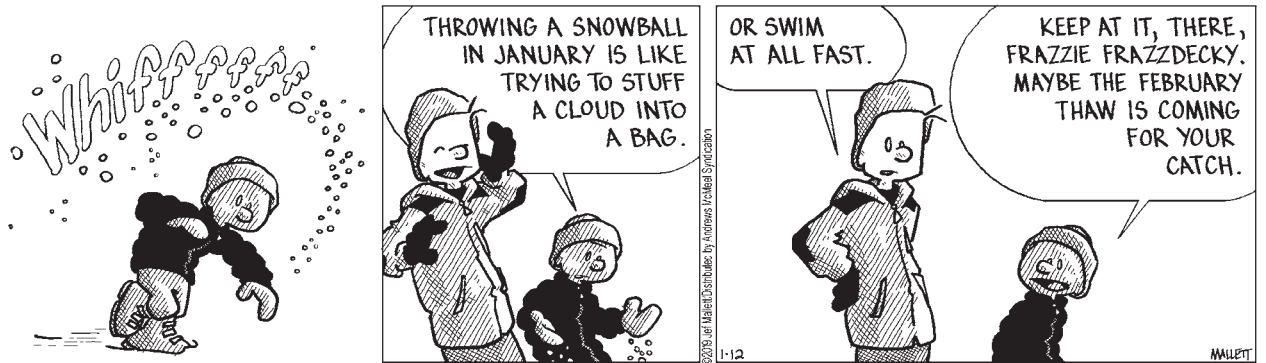
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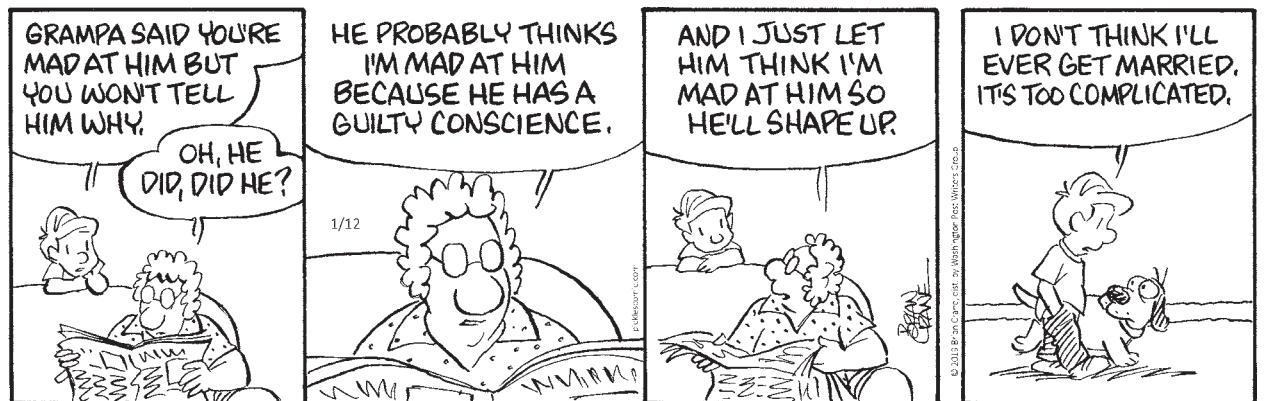
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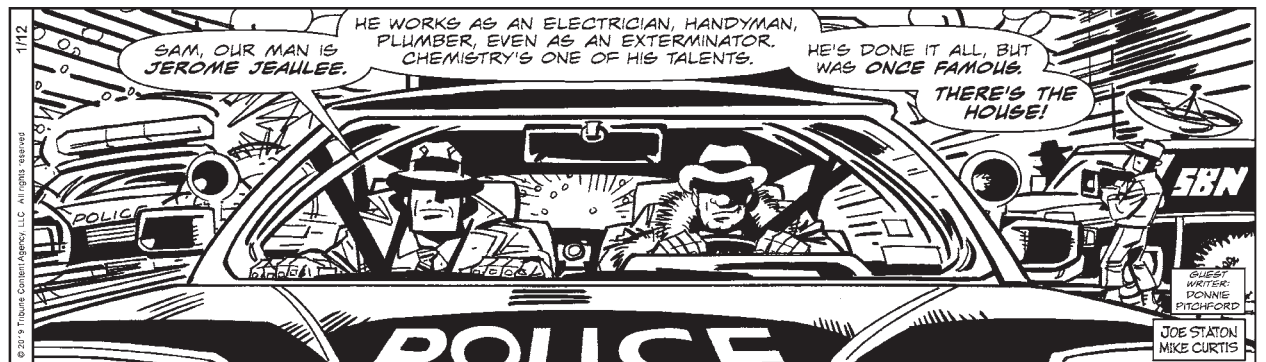
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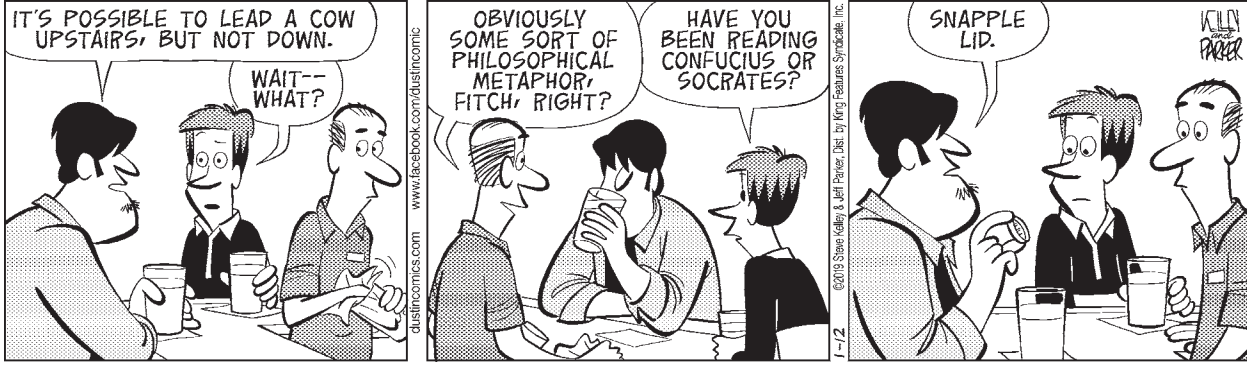
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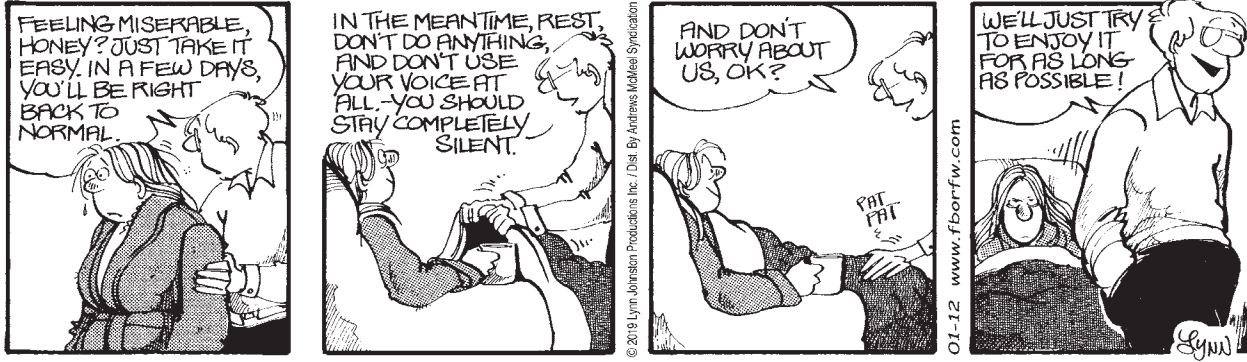
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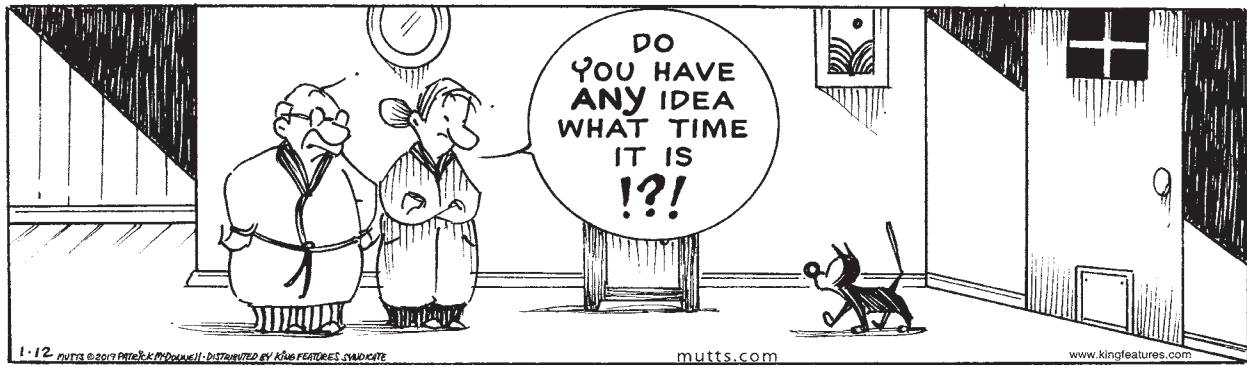
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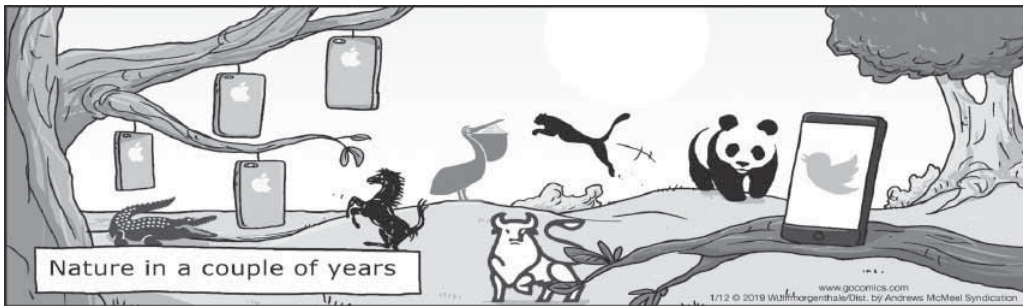
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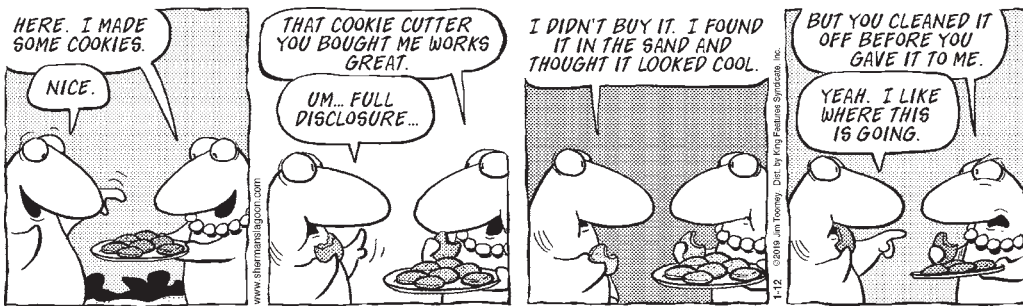
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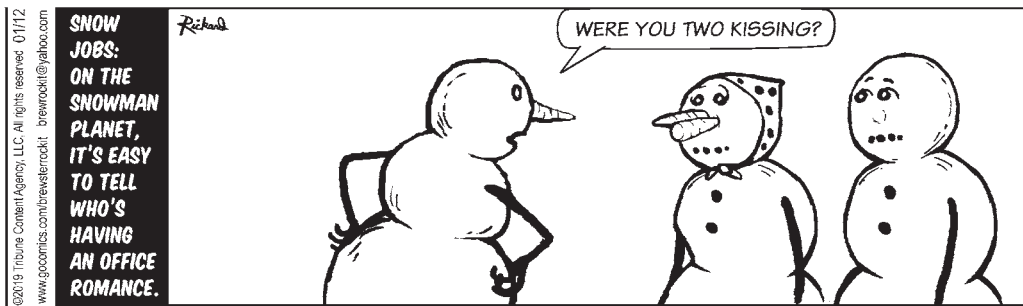
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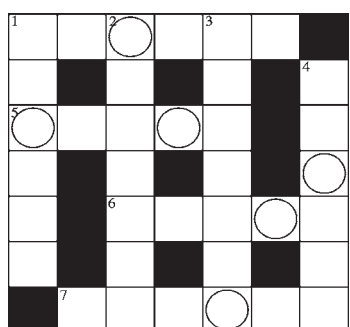
Trivia Bits

Monosodium glutamate, or MSG, is added to food primarily as a
A) Dye
B) Flavor enhancer
C) Preservative
D) Sugar substitute

Friday's answer: Lucille Ball starred in the Broadway musical "Wildcat," which ran for 171 performances in 1960 and 1961.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
1. Bar
5. Lariat
6. Say
7. Fuel

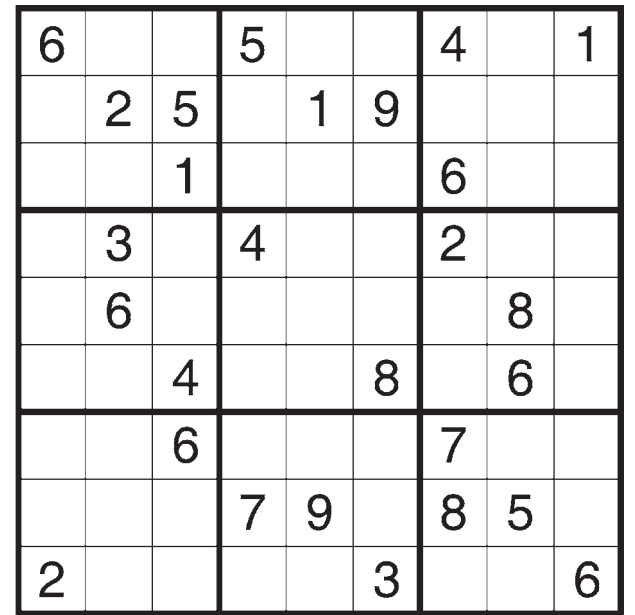
CLUE DOWN
1. Leaning, pitched
2. Clothing, dress
3. ___ tail
4. ___ staircase

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

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/12



1	9	7	5	4	6	3	2	8
6	3	2	9	8	7	4	5	1
8	5	4	1	2	3	9	7	6
3	8	6	7	9	1	2	4	5
4	7	9	2	5	8	1	6	3
5	2	1	6	3	4	7	8	9
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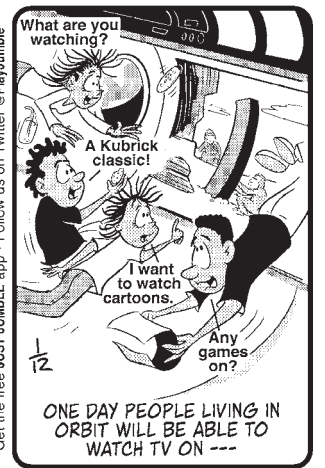
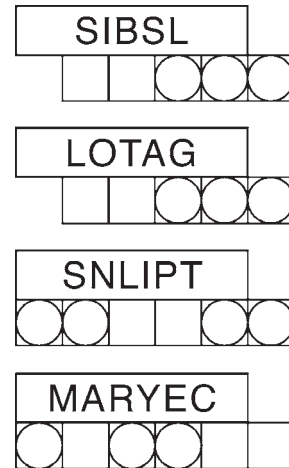
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Friday's solutions

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Jumble

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



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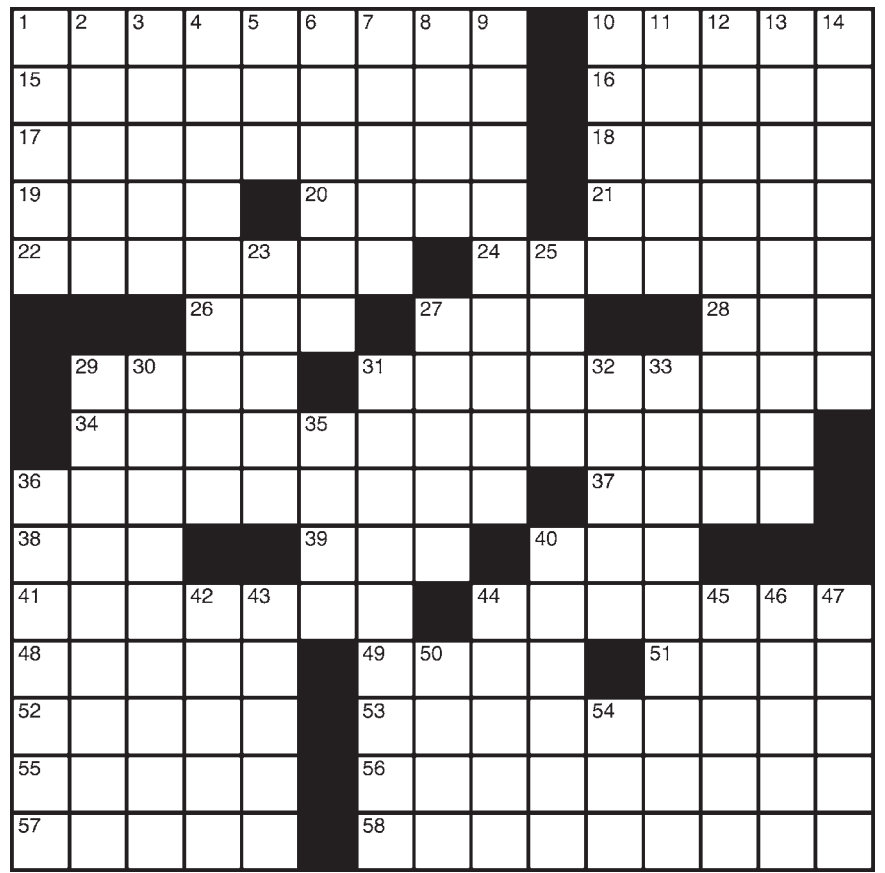
Friday's answers

Jumbles: TWICE METAL GARLIC CRISIS
Answer: The couple who had their sofa re-covered with a very expensive fabric were — MATERIALISTIC

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Likelihood of success
- 10 ___ change
- 15 Ritz offering
- 16 Award, say
- 17 Confides in
- 18 Invest, as with a quality
- 19 Word reportedly coined in Seuss' "If I Ran the Zoo"
- 20 Glimpse
- 21 Ideal places
- 22 Puts on the right track
- 24 Trade talk subjects
- 26 Qtr. components
- 27 1991 political thriller with eight Oscar nominations
- 28 It may be flat
- 29 Latin 101 word
- 31 Sensitive subjects

- 34 It doesn't require a long answer
- 36 One may include three kings
- 37 Official records
- 38 Chinese zodiac critter
- 39 Hit in a box
- 40 Cartoonist Browne
- 41 Flies
- 44 Party store stock
- 48 British bishop's topper
- 49 Hustles
- 51 Essence
- 52 Conservatory exercise
- 53 Strength, in a "1984" slogan
- 55 Gas that glows when condensed
- 56 Connected on LinkedIn, say
- 57 Clairvoyants
- 58 Family guys

- 10 Pet store sound
- 11 1953 John Wayne film
- 12 In the way
- 13 The Italians call it Mongibello
- 14 Pushes (for)
- 23 Top---
- 25 Classic sports cars
- 27 Tilter's milieu
- 29 Eau de vie counterpart
- 30 Legion
- 31 Suppressing
- 32 Soil
- 33 Magician's directive
- 35 Asian beef source
- 36 Constitution bigwigs
- 40 Repudiate
- 42 Passion
- 43 Some Gen Z-ers
- 44 Prefix with gram
- 45 Maker of the Mighty Dump
- 46 Curving
- 47 Cluster of sunflowers
- 50 Disney CEO since 2005
- 54 Angling need

Friday's solution

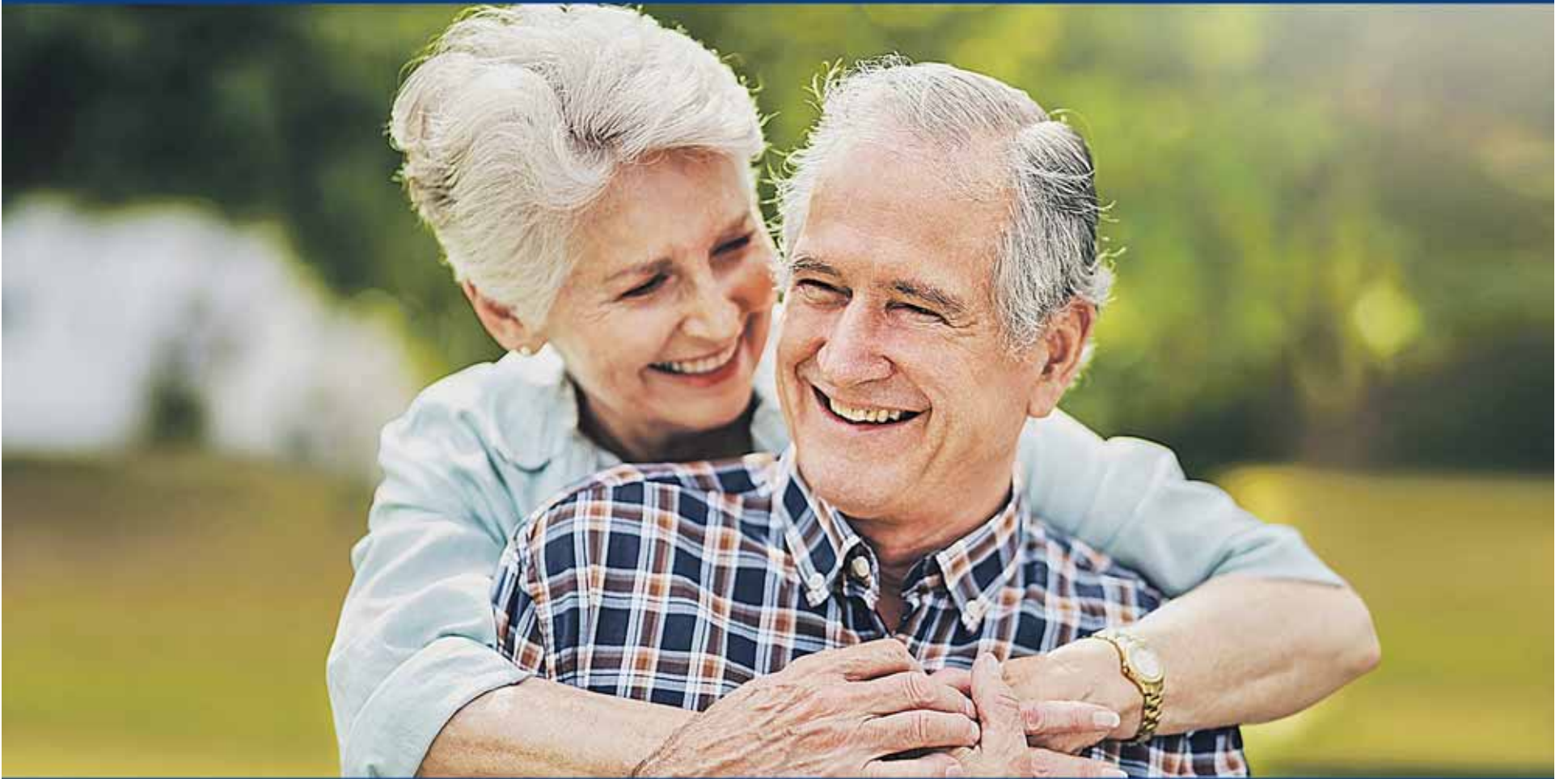


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Getting Away with Murder

A Snapshot of Violence and Unsolved Crime In Chicago

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Tribune reporters examine the violence during the first weekend of August, hoping to better understand the challenges authorities face in solving crime, as well as the impact unsolved shootings may have on the city's ongoing cycle of violence.

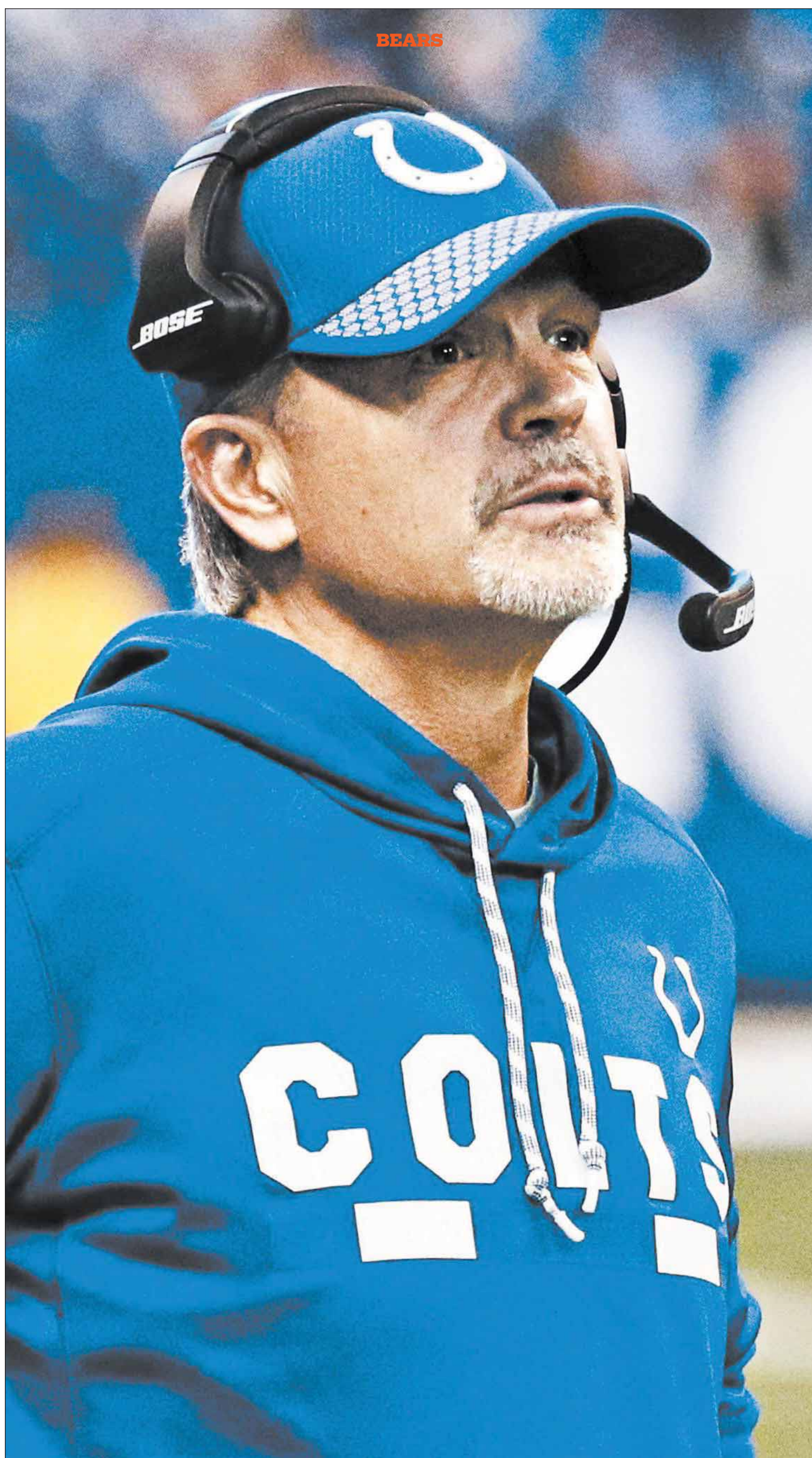
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Chuck Pagano coached the Colts for six seasons but spent last year out of the NFL. He is replacing Vic Fangio as Bears defensive coordinator.

Taking the reins

Bears betting on Pagano to continue Fangio's work with top-ranked defense

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

The Bears needed just two days to find their replacement for defensive coordinator Vic Fangio after he left to coach the Broncos. Coach Matt Nagy announced Friday night that he hired former Colts head coach Chuck Pagano

to step into the team's top defensive role. Pagano has 16 years of NFL coaching experience, most recently as the Colts coach from 2012-17.

Pagano, 58, was the Ravens defensive coordinator in 2011, when they went 12-4 and ranked third in total defense, third in points allowed, second against

the run, fourth against the pass and third in sacks. Before that he served as defensive backs coach for the Ravens, Raiders and Browns.

The Bears also interviewed secondary coach Ed Donatell for the position.

"We are excited to add Chuck to our staff as defensive coordinator," Nagy said in a team statement. "He has successful experience at many different levels in this league and he is a

great teacher with an aggressive mentality that fits our style of football. He is a man of high character and has a passion for the game that will no doubt add to the culture we have already started building at Halas Hall."

The Bears put an emphasis on finding a replacement with a background in a 3-4 scheme to take over the NFL's No. 1 scoring defense. Pagano worked with

Turn to Bears, Page 3



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Bulls

Warriors will make splash in new arena

Curry & Co. set to move to state-of-the-art Chase Center in '19-'20

OAKLAND, Calif. — The show began more than 90 minutes before opening tip. Fans filled the seats in the first several rows of Oracle Arena, their phones pointed to the court.

With hip-hop playing over the sound system, Stephen Curry took the court wearing a gray hoodie.

His pregame shooting routine started with long lefty layups. Later it extended to off-balance elbow jumpers, 3-pointers, one-legged free throws and jumpers from way downtown, nearly half-court.

Those observing before Friday night's Bulls-Warriors game knew they were in the presence of greatness — a two-time NBA MVP and five-time All-Star.

Those witnesses also realize that they have only a few months left to enjoy the scene.

Starting next fall, Curry will be taking his talents across the Bay to San Francisco.

Oracle Arena will give way to the Chase Center, a privately financed \$500 million arena surrounded by retail, office space and 3.2 acres of public plaza. Its waterfront location is a little more than a mile south of AT&T Park,

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BASEBALL

Arbitration hearings avoided by Cubs, Sox

Between them, teams reach agreement with 11 eligible players

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

Kris Bryant and Javier Baez were among seven arbitration-eligible players who agreed to one-year deals with the Cubs on Friday. Jose Abreu was one of four White Sox who did the same as both teams avoided arbitration hearings.

Bryant received \$12.9 million, a \$2 million raise from his 2018 salary — which was the largest for a player in his first year of eligibility. Baez settled for \$5.2 million in his first year of eligibility, a \$4.6 million raise from 2018, when he finished second in National League Most Valuable Player voting.

Suspended shortstop Addison Russell received a slight raise, signing a one-year, \$3.4 million deal to avoid arbitration. That's only \$200,000 more than he made in 2018, when Russell had a poor offensive year and was placed on administrative leave and then suspended in September for violating Major League Baseball's domestic-violence policy.

But Russell can make up to \$600,000 in bonuses if he remains on the roster for 150 days. Because he won't be paid while he serves the remainder of his 40-game suspension, the bonus means he can make up to \$3.4 million if he's on the roster for the rest of the

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BLACKHAWKS

Avoiding sickness an impossible task

Like so many others, Hawks unable to stay fully healthy in winter

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

It was during the morning skate last month in Winnipeg that Erik Gustafsson first started to feel sick.

At first he thought he could fight through it, but in the evening, a little before the game, the chills became more pronounced. The headache that had been growing started to feel as if it were pounding against his skull.

That's when Gustafsson shut it down for the night and headed back to the hotel. He ended up missing not only that game against the Jets but the following night's game against the Penguins back in Chicago.

"I had to stay over in Winnipeg," Gustafsson said. "I couldn't fly home with the guys. I was that bad. I couldn't even call down to the lobby and ask for Advil. I couldn't even move, so it was bad."

Getting sick in the middle of a long winter is tough for anybody who needs to be at work. But for an NHL player with 5-6 practices and 3-4 games per week, just thinking about getting back on the ice can be nauseating.

The Hawks have had their share of player absences because of illness this season. Patrick Kane missed a game in early November; Gustafsson and Henri Jokiharju each have missed a pair. Just this week, Brent Seabrook sat out Wednesday's game against the Predators.

Duncan Keith missed Friday's practice at MB Ice Arena, and it's not clear whether he'll be able to play against the Golden Knights on Saturday at the United Center.

UP NEXT
Golden Knights at Blackhawks
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If he is ready, he likely won't be 100 percent.

"That's the rough one," Gustafsson said. "First (time) putting the skates on and (going) back on the ice is tough. It feels like the first practice of the season when you're coming back. It feels like you've been off for six months."

"But you have to go through it. You know you're going to get tired and play a more simple game. Maybe a shift doesn't have to be that long."

Jokiharju was sick enough to sit out two games at the end of November, but he said some players just can't bring themselves to sit out when they're ill.

"There are players (who) are sick that are still playing," Jokiharju said. "They love the game that much. ... Certain players play. They don't care if they're sick. It's just the way in hockey."

In some ways, the Hawks are like any other company when it comes to being smart about how to handle sick employees. Then again, most employees don't undress and shower next to each other for seven consecutive months.

"You don't want it to spread through the team," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "You put yourself in a bad situation that way. But it's natural."

"Every team deals with it during the year, and we proceed accordingly. But if we can let a guy stay home, first so he can recover quicker but also so he's not around making other guys sick, that's the benefit."

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Patrick Kane, Erik Gustafsson and Brent Seabrook, from left, all have missed games for the Blackhawks this season because of illness.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Rookie Delia gaining momentum in net

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

The Collin Delia era might be upon us.

Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton said Delia will be in net Saturday night against the Golden Knights, the third straight start and fourth in five games for the rookie goaltender.

The significance of the start: It comes on the heels of Delia's worst game of the season. That's all relative, however, because he was still pretty good while stopping 33 of 37 shots Wednesday in a 4-3 overtime loss to the Predators.

"We're trying to help him prepare as best he can to give us a chance to win every night," Colliton said Friday. "That's separate from how the team's playing. The team needs to defend hard. We want to give up less shots. We want to decrease the quality of the chance against, and that's an ongoing process."

"We're not thinking, 'Oh, he plays well when he gets a lot of work.' That's not what we're looking for. But there's no reason why he can't keep playing the way he is."

Delia has a .939 save percentage in six starts while facing an average of 41 shots per game. He has yet to look overmatched or worn down.

Delia's response throughout has been to improve during each game. He gave up a couple of first-period goals against the Predators and admitted it was a game in which he wasn't at his

best.

"My process is first I need to identify when I'm not feeling my best and know that, hey, my B game is still pretty good," Delia said. "I can elevate my B game and make it almost like an A game."

Being truthful with yourself, not try to mask anything and lie to yourself. ... Be honest, like 'Hey, it's not my best game but I still have some foundationally good things that I can do. I have good habits and the habits will protect you.'

Rutta traded to Lightning: The Hawks sent defenseman Jan Rutta and a 2019 seventh-round pick to the Lightning for defenseman Slater Koekoek and a 2019 fifth-round pick. Rutta, 27, will be an unrestricted free agent after the season and was not expected to re-sign.

Koekoek, who will turn 25 next month, was taken 10th in the 2012 draft but has only five goals and nine assists in 85 NHL games. He played nine games with the Lightning this season but has spent most of his time with the AHL's Syracuse Crunch. He has a cap hit of \$865,000 and will be a restricted free agent this summer.

The Hawks had a roster spot open with defenseman Gustav Forsling (upper torso) on injured reserve. Koekoek was on a conditioning stint with Syracuse, and it's unclear whether he'll report to the Blackhawks or IceHogs.

Rutta, 28, had two goals and four assists in 23 games this season before being sent to the IceHogs last month.

BULLS



JOSH EDELSON/AP

The Warriors have had plenty of moments at Oracle Arena, including a championship celebration in 2018.

Ready for move

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where the Giants play. "The venue will be state of the art," Curry said. "Our fans from the East Bay will travel, will show up at the Chase Center. I'm not sure how (the vibe) will be, to be honest. That first month or two will be weird."

How does Curry describe the Oracle vibe?

"Special," he replied. "We have the best fans, the most loyal fans. It's an electric atmosphere for sure. We want to give them something to cheer about every night."

It's the oldest building in the NBA, having opened in 1966 as the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena with a capacity of just 13,502. Now it's 19,596. Chase Center will seat about 18,000.

The Warriors missed the playoffs only once from 1972-77, but no matter the quality of team, the fans showed up.

Steve Kerr succeeded Mark Jackson before the 2014-15 season. His Warriors have reached the Finals in all four seasons, winning three titles.

"There has always been a palpable energy in the building," Kerr said, "going back to when I was playing there 20 years ago. Even if the Warriors weren't that good, you would feel it when you go on the floor for warmups. You feel the anticipation, the excitement

from the fans and their joy for the game.

"There's only a handful of places I feel that. One is Toronto. I felt it there forever, even as a player, even when they stunk. You could tell. This is an event. People are excited we're here. Another is Seattle."

Toronto and Seattle. Didn't see those coming.

How about Madison Square Garden?

"That one too," Kerr said. "That's the mecca. That's a basketball crowd. They appreciate the game."

Curry is easy to appreciate, of course. He helped deliver those championships in 2015, '17 and '18.

Kerr said support from Warriors fans has "always been here, but now that we're having success it's like the fans have been rewarded for their decades of support."

The move to the Chase Center reminds Kerr of what transpired in 1994, when the Bulls moved from Chicago Stadium to the United Center.

"There's an anticipation for the new building and the new life we'll be living and sadness for the old one. We've had a lot of fun."

— Warriors coach Steve Kerr

For the record, Kerr shot way better in the newer venue. His 3-point shooting percentage surged from 41.9 percent in the final season of the Stadium to a league-best 52.4 percent in 1994-95.

But of course the vibe was not the same in the cavernous building.

"It was a strange vibe," Kerr recalled. "It's hard, architecturally. You're trying to put a huge venue in a big footprint to get all the clubs and suites in. It will probably be the same next year."

"But I'm really proud of our ownership group. We're doing it with all private money, just like the United Center. Not asking the fans for any tax money."

We're moving 11 miles. The East Bay fans can still come watch us play.

"There's an anticipation for the new building and the new life we'll be living and sadness for the old one. We've had a lot of fun."

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BULLS NOTES

Dunn doesn't shy from Curry challenge

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

OAKLAND, Calif. — Getting assigned to cover Stephen Curry means you might get embarrassed — and you'll definitely get a workout.

Bulls guard Kris Dunn knows this.

"He's one of the best-conditioned players in the league," Dunn said of the two-time NBA MVP before Friday night's Bulls-Warriors game. "He's constantly moving, so I have to move with him. I have to test my conditioning and still play my game."

"I get it — he's an MVP in our league. I compete the same way no matter who it is, but people are going to measure me against the best. I like that because I want to see what I've got."

Bulls coach Jim Boylen spoke of Curry's "constant motion. ...

After he hits the paint, he's getting back out to the 3-point line. He reshapes and respaces maybe the best of anyone in the league. He is doing a lot of screening now too. He sets a screen and his man is reluctant to help, right? He's getting people open."

Curry scored just 23 points the last time these teams met, but don't be fooled. He played only 25 minutes in the Warriors' 149-124 United Center romp, hitting 7 of 9 from the field and 2 of 4 from deep.

Klay Thompson hit an NBA-record 14 3-pointers in that Oct. 29 game.

Asked Friday for his top memory from the night, coach Steve Kerr replied: "The team dinner afterward in Chicago. I remember (Chicago native) Alfonzo (McKinnie) brought a lot of his family. Klay walked in with the game ball. It was a good night."

They come in 3s: Curry entered Friday needing just three 3-pointers to overtake Jason Terry (2,282) for third place on the NBA's all-time list. But that ranking could change given that former Bull Kyle Korver, who is fifth, entered Friday with 2,278.

Curry said of Korver, now with the Jazz: "His name always pops up in the conversation for best shooters in the league. Knowing his skill set when he's on the floor, it's still hard to take it away."

Stretch the legs: Bobby Portis entered Friday with a restriction of 28 minutes. He logged 20 and 19 in his first two games back from a right ankle injury.

"We would have gotten him to 24 the other day," Boylen said, "but the (Trail Blazers) game got away from us, so there was no reason to play him the last two to three minutes."

NFL

Prescott rewriting storyline

Young QB can take Cowboys to another level of success

By SCHUYLER DIXON | Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — So many questions asked of Dak Prescott revolve around two years ago, when the rookie quarterback led the Cowboys to an NFC-best 13 wins before losing his playoff debut.

There's a new angle to that old storyline now that the 2016 offensive rookie of the year has his first postseason victory. Prescott and the Cowboys are headed to Los Angeles for a divisional matchup with the Rams on Saturday night.

That was the site of Prescott's NFL debut in a preseason game that marked the league's return to LA after a 22-year absence. His dazzling day wasn't a huge deal then because the Cowboys had no reason to believe Tony Romo wouldn't be their quarterback.

Two years later, it's a signature moment in the sudden transformation at quarterback for America's Team, triggered when Romo was injured in another preseason game. And now it could be the setting for Prescott to reach something Romo never could: an NFC championship game.

"I guess I couldn't imagine it being back in the Coliseum against the team I started off my career, but I've always talked about the confidence I've had in myself and this team," Prescott said. "Nothing has changed."

This is Prescott's second shot at a divisional win after Aaron Rodgers and the Packers stole the first with some last-second magic. Just as Romo had nine years earlier, Prescott lost at home as the NFC's top seed in his team's postseason opener.

The Cowboys missed the playoffs last season, in large part because of a six-game suspension for Prescott's fellow 2016 rookie star, running back Ezekiel Elliott. A 3-5 start this year with a sputtering quarterback and offense had the Cowboys looking like also-rans again.

They've run off eight wins in nine games since, with a much more efficient Prescott throwing to a new No. 1 receiver. The Cowboys acquired Amari Cooper in a midseason trade with the Raiders before surging to a second NFC East title in three seasons with Prescott and Elliott.

Armed with a 24-22 wild-card win over



RON JENKINS/AP

Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott now has a playoff win under his belt and the opportunity to accomplish even more.

COWBOYS AT RAMS

7:15 p.m. Saturday, FOX-32

The Cowboys are playing well, particularly on defense. The Rams are vulnerable against the run, but they're rested, they learned from last year's playoffs, and Sean McVay will have them ready.

Sam Farmer's pick: Rams 28, Cowboys 23.

the Seahawks — and a clutch run on a quarterback draw that helped seal it — Prescott will try to match the Rams duo of Jared Goff and Todd Gurley while facing NFL sacks leader Aaron Donald.

"Whatever the situation is," coach Jason Garrett said, "rookie minicamp, first opportunity playing in a previous game against the Rams with all those players you mentioned, or on into the regular season that year or any year, he just handles the success and the adversity of this game really, really well, as well as anybody I've been around."

In some ways, Prescott is as polarizing with fans as Romo was. While his predecessor was criticized for not winning enough big games, Prescott is perceived as a game manager with accuracy issues.

Prescott said he was with a friend when he happened to hear his name in a talk radio conversation recently.

"He wasn't talking very highly," Prescott said. "I just kind of laughed. Obviously the comment I made, he knew to turn it down. They don't necessarily bring it around me. They know it serves no regard to how I do or how I feel about my game."

Prescott says his only measure is wins, and the Patriots' Tom Brady is the only quarterback with more in the regular season (35-32) since the Cowboys drafted the former Mississippi State star in the fourth round in 2016 — 131 picks after taking Elliott fourth.

"I'm glad to be his teammate," said Elliott, who has won two rushing titles in three years. "He's a hell of a leader, a hell of a player and I can't wait to go win some more games with this guy."

Avalanche of offense is possible

Even in snow, Colts, Chiefs have dangerous weapons

By DAVE SKRETTA | Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Ebron has seen the forecast for Saturday's divisional playoff game between the Colts and Chiefs, for which even the most optimistic of meteorologists are pegging the chances of rain or snow at about 50 percent.

It doesn't bother him. The Colts tight end played in plenty of cold games in the NFC North.

"You get past it once you get out there," said Ebron, who started his career with the Lions and remembers frigid games in Green Bay and Chicago. "The worst is the TV timeouts. Once that's over you will warm back up, but other than that it should be fun. ... I love snow games."

Even if the cold, wet weather puts a damper on two star-studded offenses.

Most of the attention this week has been on the quarterback showdown between the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes and the Colts' Andrew Luck, and rightfully so. Mahomes shattered records by the dozen this year, throwing for more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns, and Luck tossed 39 touchdown passes while taking the Colts from a 1-5 start to the second weekend of the playoffs.

But neither quarterback would have posted such gaudy numbers had he not had a plethora of weapons at his disposal.

Chiefs speedster Tyreek Hill set a franchise record with 1,479 receiving yards, pulled in 12 touchdown passes and had a league-leading 22 catches of at least 25 yards. He had five plays of at least 50 yards, including a 91-yard punt-return touchdown against the Chargers in Week 1.

Hill should have his top running mate back. Sammy Watkins practiced this week after missing a handful of games with a foot injury.

Then there's Travis Kelce, the All-Pro tight end whose value comes as both a blocker and a dangerous downfield target. Kelce had 103 catches for 1,336 yards and has caught at least one pass in 79 consecutive games.

"I have a big advantage here that I have a lot of great teammates that can make a lot of plays. I don't have to try to do too much," Mahomes said. "Just get the ball out of my



TIM WARNER/GETTY

Tight end Eric Ebron and the Colts are ready for whatever the Chiefs and the weather bring in their playoff matchup.

COLTS AT CHIEFS

3:35 p.m. Saturday, NBC-5

This is not a good draw for the Chiefs, because the Colts can score with them, and they have the type of stingy defense that can give Kansas City problems.

Andrew Luck keeps it rolling on the road.

Sam Farmer's pick: Colts 31, Chiefs 28.

hands. Get it to Tyreek, get it to Kelce, get it to all these guys who can make plays and let them do what they have been doing all season long. That's the biggest thing, not trying to do too much."

Especially considering what they've done all season has been good enough.

"I mean, just their weapons — they've got several All-Pro players. They have a lot of good players that didn't get that recognition," Colts defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus said. "There's a lot of skill on that side of the ball. ... It's going to be a big challenge."

It's not unlike the challenge the Colts offense presents to the Chiefs, who have been ferocious at rushing the passer but have struggled in just about every other defensive aspect.

TY. Hilton shredded the Chiefs with 13 catches for 224 yards and two touchdowns during their 2014 playoff game, in which the Colts rallied from a 38-10 second-half deficit. He had 76 catches for 1,270 yards and six touchdowns in another Pro Bowl-caliber season. His running mate, Dontrelle Inman, has scored in three consecutive games.

And like the Chiefs, the Colts have one of the league's most versatile and dangerous tight ends in Ebron. He had 13 touchdown catches during the regular season, trailing only the Steelers' Antonio Brown for the league lead, and added another in the playoff win in Houston.

"Based on the numbers, it's going to be very challenging," Chiefs defensive coordinator Bob Sutton said. "It's like anything, we will have our chances. We have to take advantage of it."



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Colts fans showed their support for then-ailing coach Chuck Pagano in 2012.

Pagano replaces Fangio

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Fangio with the Ravens in 2008-09.

Pagano went 53-43 in the regular season and 3-3 in the playoffs during his six seasons in Indianapolis. The Colts won AFC South titles in 2013 and 2014 and made three straight playoff appearances from 2012-14.

In Pagano's first season with the Colts in 2012, he took a 12-game leave of absence while battling leukemia but returned to coach in the regular-season finale and the AFC wild-card game. He later formed the CHUCKSTRONG Foundation, which raised millions of dollars for cancer research.

The Colts' peak under Pagano came in 2014, when they reached the AFC championship game but lost to the Patriots. That group perhaps was driven more by a top-10 offense led by Andrew Luck than a defense that ranked 11th in total yards allowed and 19th in points allowed.

After two straight .500 seasons and then a 4-12 record in 2017, the Colts fired Pagano and turned to Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich.

Pagano sat out from coaching this season.

On the "Rapsheet and Friends" podcast in late December, Pagano told NFL Network's Ian Rapoport he has been working on "the three Rs — reset, recharge and reflect." He said he worked as a consultant with NFL officials over the last year but was "champing at the bit" to get back in the game. But he said he had "no idea" how he would fit into the NFL picture at that point.

He also interviewed with the Packers in December and the Broncos and Panthers this month. The Browns and Cardinals also were reported to have interest in him

as a defensive coordinator.

"I just love coaching," Pagano said in the interview. "I love competing, I love the players, the coaches, the camaraderie, game day. That's what you really miss."

"Whatever capacity I get into — if I go as an assistant somewhere — I'll be able to share some of our experiences that we've had, and obviously the stuff that I've learned this season."

The Colorado native was a safety at the University of Wyoming and spent the first 17 seasons of his coaching career in the college ranks. That included a stint as the Miami secondary coach and special teams coordinator from 1995-2000.

Fangio left for the Broncos to be a first-time head coach after 32 years in the NFL and 19 as a defensive coordinator. After four seasons in Chicago, he left behind a defense that ranked first in the NFL this season with 177 points allowed per game, 80 rushing yards allowed per game, 27 interceptions and 36 takeaways.

Pagano inherits three returning first-team All-Pro players — outside linebacker Khalil Mack, safety Eddie Jackson and cornerback Kyle Fuller — as well as Pro Bowler Akiem Hicks. The Bears have 10 of their 11 starters under contract for next season.

Pagano said on the podcast last month he is "better, not bitter" over his time with the Colts and still roots for his former players.

"I'm better for my six years in Indy," Pagano said on the podcast. "I have no regrets. I've got great perspective on life and know that every day we're not promised, so we take advantage of every one, try to kick it in the rear and get the most out of it."

Chicago Tribune's Brad Biggs contributed.

BEARS

Missed kick not end-all for Parkey

By COLLEEN KANE

Chicago Tribune

Bears kicker Cody Parkey went on NBC's "Today" show Friday morning to talk about his botched 43-yard field-goal attempt that cost his team a first-round playoff victory Sunday.

Parkey's attempt bounced off the left upright, hit the crossbar and bounced out — dubbed a "double doink" by NBC analyst Cris Collinsworth — to give the Bears a 16-15 loss against the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles.

Here are five things Parkey said in an interview with hosts Savannah Guthrie, Hoda Kotb and Craig Melvin.

1. Parkey said he had "a lot of confidence" as he headed out to attempt the field goal with 10 seconds to play. He didn't know the kick was tipped by Eagles defensive lineman Treyvon Hester. The NFL changed the missed field goal to a blocked kick in the stats book Monday.

"As a kicker, you live for those moments, and I was 3-for-3 before that," Parkey said. "I had a lot of confidence going into that kick. So I went out there, and my long snapper and holder did a great job. I saw the wind moving a little bit, and I said, 'All right, this is how I'm going to play it.' I didn't know it was tipped or anything. I thought I hit a pretty good kick. It felt good off my foot."

Parkey thought from the bounces the football took that it would go in.

"Looking up, I saw it hit the upright and it hit the crossbar, and I'm like, 'Surely it will go in,'" Parkey said. "Unfortunately it bounced toward me. I'm disappointed I let the fans, my teammates and the entire organization down, but I'll continue to keep my head held high because football is what I do. It's not who I am."

2. Parkey said he hasn't been on social media to read any of the angry — or supportive — messages from Bears fans. "A lot of good can come of (social media), and a lot of bad can come of it," Parkey said. "I've gotten a lot of positive messages. Like I said earlier, I feel worse than anybody about missing that kick. But I'm going to hold my head high, and when things aren't going my way I'm going to think positive and keep swinging."

3. Parkey thanked defensive end Akiem Hicks and his teammates for standing up for him after the game



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears kicker Cody Parkey looks down Sunday after missing a late field goal.

and on Monday when the Bears were cleaning out their lockers. Guthrie read a quote from Hicks that said, "That's our guy. I'm going to ride with my guy. If you have that 'C' on your helmet, I'm going to ride with you to the end. I don't care what happens on the field. We are together. That's it."

Parkey responded by calling Hicks "a stand-up guy."

"A lot of teammates stood up for me, from what I've heard," Parkey said. "That just shows you what kind of team we have. It's a family. These guys see me working hard every day, and they know all the effort we put into it year round. So it's really awesome to see that Akiem and everyone else stood up for me. I really appreciate it."

4. Photos and video captured Parkey pointing to the sky after the miss and kneeling in a postgame prayer circle after the game. He said the group prayer session is something he looks forward to after games.

"Something I've always tried to do through good or bad is to give praise to the higher power, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," Parkey said. "After the game, one of the coolest things in my opinion is the prayer we do. You get done battling the other team for 60 minutes, and we all join in prayer. We're just praying for safety and health and that the team gets home safely on the plane and stuff like that. It's really encouraging stuff."

5. Parkey drove back to his Florida home with his wife, Colleen, after packing up his stuff at Halas Hall. "It gave us time to reflect on the season," Parkey said. "We realized how many people are in our corner and love us. It gives us time to reflect and realize how blessed we are with the life we live."

Colleen also made a brief appearance on the show.

"The kick didn't go in, and we're getting through that," she said. "But just watching his character and everything shine through, which obviously stands above football in my eyes, I'm super proud of him."

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COLLEGES

Silenced Northwestern 'Shrieker' even more popular

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**
Chicago Tribune

Not everyone wants to silence The Shrieker.

Since Thursday's Tribune story went viral, Northwestern student Emily Harriott has heard from USA Today Sports and received an invitation to appear Monday on "Good Day Chicago," FOX-32's morning show.

Harriott said she's inclined to say yes: "If they are nice people, sure, why not?"

But she turned down a request from a Champaign radio station to shriek on air.

"I don't think you'd want that," she told a producer.

She also received an offer for free legal counsel in case she wants to sue Northwestern for First Amendment rights infringement. She *definitely* does not want that.

She loves Northwestern as much as football coach Pat Fitzgerald does, if possible, and will comply with the marketing department's wishes that she stop

shrieking at games. She remains president of Northwestern Wildside, the official NU student section.

Harriott, a senior double majoring in neuroscience and communication sciences and disorders, said the reaction to the story has been "insane."

"I was afraid people would read it and think Northwestern sucks (for silencing her), but I don't think that," she said. "I've seen some Twitter haters, but most people think: This is cute; you seem funny."

"I posted the article on my Facebook page, and 220 people reacted. When I posted that I got into Northwestern, 50 people reacted!"

The national reaction included a segment on ESPN's "Around the Horn," during which Ramona Shelburne joked that the shrieker was actually NU alumna and ESPN personality Rachel Nichols.

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MATT ROURKE/AP

Rod Carey left Northern Illinois to become Temple's new coach. He was 52-30 at NIU.

Temple plucks Carey from NIU for coach

By **JEFF NEIBERG** | Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Temple athletic director Patrick Kraft let out a little laugh Friday when he introduced Northern Illinois' Rod Carey as the Owls' new football coach.

"I feel like Bill Murray in 'Groundhog Day,'" Kraft said.

Just 29 days earlier, Kraft and the university had welcomed Miami defensive coordinator Manny Diaz as the replacement for Geoff Collins, who left for Georgia Tech after two years. But that changed quickly after Hurricanes coach Mark Richt unexpectedly retired Dec. 30. About 12 hours later, Diaz had a five-year deal with Miami and the Temple job was vacant again.

"We got punched a little," Kraft said. "You were like, 'Whoa.' And then you get back at it."

Temple's new search officially ended Friday with the hiring of Carey, who compiled a 52-30 record in six full seasons at NIU and coached the Huskies in six bowl games. They won the Mid-American Conference twice, including this past season, and four MAC West titles during his tenure, which began after Dave Doeren left for North Carolina State between the 2012 regular season and the 2013 Orange Bowl. Carey was the 2013 MAC coach of the year.

"This is exactly where I want to be,"

Carey said. "I told Dr. Kraft as we were going through this whole thing, I said, 'Put whatever buyout you want on it. I don't care.' That's not important to me. What's important is I want to be here. I've said no other times. This is the right time and the right place. They always made me feel like I was the guy they wanted."

Added Kraft: "We took our time to find our coach. We wanted someone who truly understood who we were, someone who wanted to be here. ... We were looking for a proven winner, someone who has a track record of winning and winning the right way."

NIU athletic director Sean Frazier said the search for Carey's replacement is underway and he would have no updates until it is over. ESPN's Adam Rittenberg reported Thursday night that Ravens running backs coach Thomas Hammock, a former NIU star, is expected to be a candidate.

A big challenge: NIU and Michigan announced they will meet Sept. 18, 2021, at Michigan Stadium. In the only previous meeting, the Wolverines won 33-17 in the 2005 opener in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Huskies are 4-2 against Big Ten teams — all on the road — over the last six seasons, toppling Iowa, Purdue, Northwestern and Nebraska. They play at Nebraska in 2019 and at Maryland in 2020. NIU is 8-37-1 all time against Big Ten teams.

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Dallas (11-6) at LA Rams (13-3), 7:15 (FOX-32)	Dallas 24, Seattle 22
Sunday, Jan. 6	Sunday, Jan. 6
Indianapolis (11-6) at Kansas City (13-3), 3:35 (NBC-5)	Philadelphia 16, Bears 15
Dallas (11-6) at LA Rams (13-3), 7:15 (FOX-32)	Indianapolis 21, Baltimore 17
Sunday, Jan. 7	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17
LA Chargers (13-4) at New England (11-5), 12:05 (CBS-2)	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17
Philadelphia (10-7) at New Orleans (13-3), 3:40 (FOX-32)	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17
Sunday, Jan. 20	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17
NFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32)	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17
AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)	LA Chargers 21, Baltimore 17

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	
ALL STAR BOWLS		
J19 Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla. East vs. West 2	
J19 Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif. American vs. National 3	
J26 Senior	Mobile, Ala. North vs. South 1:30	
DATE BOWL	SITE	RESULT
D15 Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 24
D15 Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La-Lafayette 22
D15 New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas13
D15 Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20
D15 Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15 New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13
D18 Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13
D19 Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio 27, San Diego State 0
D20 Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20
D21 Bahamas	Nassau	Florida International 35, Toledo 32
D21 Famous Idaho	Tucson, Ariz.	BYU 49, Western 23
D22 Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
D22 Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Army 70, Houston 14
D22 Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Troy 42, Buffalo 32
D22 Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech 31, Hawaii 14
D25 SERVPRO	Dallas	Dallas Cowboys 35, Boise State, ccd.
D26 Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10
D26 Cheez-It	Phoenix	TCU 10, California 7 (OT)
D27 Independence	Shreveport, La.	Duke 56, Temple 27
D27 Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Wisconsin 35, Miami 3
D27 Texas	Houston	Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38
D28 Music City	Nashville	Auburn 49, Purdue 14
D28 Camping World	Orlando	Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18
D28 Alamo	San Antonio	Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26
D29 Peach	Atlanta	Florida 41, Michigan 15
D29 Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0
D29 Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Oregon 7, Michigan State 6
D29 Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3
D29 Orange	Miami Garn, Fla.	Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34
D31 Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31
D31 Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13
D31 Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Oregon 7, Michigan State 6
D31 Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33
D31 Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern 31, Utah 20
D31 Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Texas A&M 52, NC State 13
J1 Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22
J1 Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky 27, Penn State 24
J1 Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU 40, UCF 32
J1 Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Ohio State 28, Washington 23
J1 Sugar	New Orleans	Texas 28, Georgia 21
J7 CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Clemson 44, Alabama 16

TRANSACTIONS						
BASEBALL						
Commissioner's Office: Suspended Detroit LHP Gregory Soto 20 games, pursuant to Article XII(B) of the Basic Agreement.						
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
Cubs: Agreed to terms with SS Addison Russell, 3B Kris Bryant, 2B Javier Baez, OF Kyle Schwarber, LHP Mike Montgomery and RHPs Kyle Hendricks and Cole Edwards Jr. on one-year contracts.						
FOOTBALL						
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE						
Arizona: Named Vance Joseph defensive coordinator and Bill Davis linebackers coach.						
Baltimore: Named Greg Roman offensive coordinator.						
Green Bay: Retained defensive coordinator Mike Pettine.						
PGA TOUR-SONY OPEN						
2nd of 4 rds at Waialae CC, Honolulu						
Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70						
126 (14)	Matt Kuchar 63-63	Dominic Threlkeld 71-64	Brian Stuard 66-69	Julian Etlain 67-67	J.T. Poston 68-66	J de Jesus Rodriguez 66-70
127 (13)	Andrew Putnam 62-65	Michael Thompson 65-69	Davis Love III 67-68	Abraham Ancer 68-66	Harris English 68-68	Matt Jones 67-69
130 (10)	Chaz Reavie 65-65	Justin Thomas 67-68	Wes Roach 67-68	Rory Sabbatini 65-67	Sam Saunders 69-69	B. DeChambeau 69-67
131 (-9)	Stewart Cink 68-62	Seungjae Im 67-66	Yuki Inamori 69-68	Adam Svensson 67-64	Scott Langley 70-67	Danny Lee 70-67
132 (-8)	Ted Potter 66-65	Rory Sabbatini 65-67	Adam Svensson 67-64	Corey Conners 68-67	Sam Saunders 69-69	Scott Langley 70-67
133 (-7)	Nate Lashman 67-64	Keegan Bradley 68-65	Patton Kizzire 67-68	Jim Knous 69-69	Chase Wright 69-68	Gary Woodland 71-66
134 (-6)	Ryan Blaum 68-66	Scott Brown 68-66	Y.E. Yang 68-68	Hideki Matsuyama 69-67	Martin Trainer 69-68	Jim Herman 69-68
	Scott Brown 68-66	Cameron Smith 66-68	Hideki Matsuyama 69-67	Anirban Lahiri 68-68	Carlos Ortiz 68-69	Hank Lebioda 70-67

LATEST LINE

NBA	pregame.com	SATURDAY
at Utah	11	Bulls
at LA Clippers	7	Detroit
at Miami	6½	Memphis
at Minnesota	6½	at Orlando
at Okla. City	Off	San Antonio
at Phoenix	Off	New Orleans
at Sacramento	5½	Denver
		Charlotte
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		SATURDAY
at Ball St.	10½	Ohio
at E. Michigan	17½	Kent St.
at Buffalo	12	Miami (Ohio)
at N. Carolina	1	Louisville
at Georgetown	1	Providence
at NC State	11½	Pittsburgh
at Virginia	6½	at Clemson
at W. Virginia	5½	Oklahoma St.
at Notre Dame	5½	Boston Coll.
at Iowa St.	10	Kansas St.
at Minnesota	10	Rutgers
at Missouri	5½	Mississippi
at Georgia St.	8½	Louisiana-Mon.
at S. Carolina	2½	Missouri
at Detroit	6	Milwaukee
at North Texas	2½	at UTSA
at Texas St.	3	Youngstown St.
at Loyola Chi.	9½	at Appalachi.
at Evansville	2½	Illinois St.
at Pennsylvania	4	Indiana St.
at Oklahoma	4½	Princeton
at Miami	10½	Wake Forest
at Texas Tech	9½	at Texas
at Temple	9½	South Florida
at Wake Forest	10	at W. Minn.
at Davidson	2½	Va. Common.
Toledo	6	at W. Michigan
at Marquette	8	Seton Hall
Duke	6	at Florida
at Coast. Carol.	6	Texas-Arlington
at Iowa	2	Ohio State
Boise St.	10	at San Jose St.
at Oakland	7½	at Great Bay
at Alabama	6½	Texas A&M
at San Diego	9½	Pepperdine
at Auburn	13	Georgia
North Texas	2½	at North Texas
at S. Illinois	8	Valparaiso
San Diego St.	6	at Air Force
at Colorado St.	9	New Mexico
at FAU	9	Charlotte
at Coll. Of Chard.	10½	Delaware
at James Mad.	6	Towson
at Uair	3	S. Alabama
Kansas	2½	at Baylor
at George Wash.	7½	Richmond
Northeastern	1	at William & Mary
at Duquesne	3½	St. Joseph's
at Ill.-Chicago	8	Cleveland St.
at Cincinnati	1½	Bowling Green
at N. Carolina	6½	Akron
at Louisiana Tech	14	Mid. Tenn.
at South. Miss	4	UC Riverside
at Ga. Sou.	6½	La-La
Tennessee	2½	at Florida
at Arkansas	7½	LSU
at SMU	7½	at Stanford
Arizona St.	9	DePaul
at St. John's	5	at LA Salle
Saint Louis	5	at Wyoming
at Georgia Tech	9½	at Syracuse
at Marshall	1	W Kentucky
Old Dominion	6	at FIU
Hofstra	12	at Elon
at Harvard	3	at Dartmouth
at Bradley	5	Missouri St.
at Houston	11½	Wichita St.
Nevada	4	at Fresno St.
at Utah	10	Wash.
at Arkansas St.	10	Troy
at Cincinnati	10½	UConn
at Kentucky	13	Vanderbilt
at UConn	13	Santa Clara
at UTEP	4½	Rice
UC Irvine	2½	at Cal St.-Full.
at Long Beach St.	9	at Davis
Gonzaga	10	at San Diego
Saint Mary's CA	4	at Loyola Mar.
Pacific	4½	at Portland
at Cal Poly	10	CS Northridge
at UC Riverside	10	at UC Riverside
Colorado	1½	Washington
Arizona	7½	at California

NHL	SATURDAY
Las Vegas	-158 at Blackhawks +148
at NY Islanders	-159 NY Rangers +175
at New Jersey	-116 Philadelphia +106
at Toronto	Off Boston Off
at Buffalo	Off Tampa Bay Off
at Montreal	-120 Colorado +110
at Washington	Off Columbus Off
at Minnesota	Off Detroit Off
at Dallas	-145 St. Louis +135
at San Jose	-305 Ottawa +275
at Edmonton	-137 Arizona +106
Pittsburgh	-158 at Los Angeles +148

NFL PLAYOFFS	SATURDAY
at Kansas City	5½ Indianapolis
at LA Rams	7 Dallas
at New England	4 LA Chargers
at New Orleans	8 Philadelphia

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	SUNDAY					
CENTRAL	W L OL	PTS GF GA				
WOLVES	22	12	3	148	139	112
Iowa	20	11	4	3	47	130
G. Rapids	20	12	3	4	47	119
Milwaukee	20	11	3			

FIRE

Cash is king as Fire trade picks

BY JEREMY MIKULA
Chicago Tribune

The Fire had the fifth and 32nd picks heading into the first two rounds of the MLS SuperDraft at McCormick Place — “had” being the key word.

The Fire made three trades Friday, sending the No. 5 pick to the Colorado Rapids for the 15th pick and \$100,000 in general allocation money. They then dealt the No. 15 pick to Minnesota United for \$50,000 in allocation money.

In the second round, the Fire dealt the No. 32 pick to the New York Red Bulls for the rights of a player to be named later.

“We’re pleased,” team president and general manager Nelson Rodriguez said. “We feel we’ve come out of here with a lot of money that helps us with some of the other roster moves we hope to fulfill.”

The Fire would not say who the player is, citing an MLS rule that requires the Red Bulls to notify the player before the Fire can make contact with him.

“We also got a player we believe is ready to contribute to the first team, maybe not as a starter but as an important piece,” Rodriguez said when asked to describe the player.

Rodriguez said the Fire, coming off a disappointing 8-18-8 season, are in negotiations with several players, including a goalkeeper, central defender and three attackers.

“I hesitate to say we’re close because I have learned in my years that until it’s signed, it’s not done,” he said.

The Fire are continuing negotiations with out-of-contract defenders Johan Kappelhof and Matt Polster, Rodriguez said, but confirmed that homegrown player Andrew Gutman signed with Scot-

tish Premier League side Celtic. Gutman, a Hinsdale native, won the 2018 MAC Hermann Trophy at Indiana as the best player in college soccer.

The Fire weren’t alone in deciding to deal their draft picks. The Union on Wednesday traded all five of their picks to expansion side FC Cincinnati for allocation money.

MLS Commissioner Don Garber pushed back when asked if such moves suggest the draft is losing relevance as more teams expand youth development.

“Our league needs special moments and our sport needs special moments,” he said. “This is a moment to provide a young person an opportunity to stand up there, thank his family, thank his coaches, support the youth system where they came out of, not just the colleges.”

Rodriguez concurred. “I know that seems to be a theme that’s growing in some popularity,” he said. “I still believe there are good players coming through college soccer and I think some of the young men drafted today will prove that to be the case. In our instance, we believe our needs are very specific.”

FC Cincinnati didn’t trade its No. 1 overall pick, selecting UCLA midfielder Frankie Amaya. The San Jose Earthquakes took VCU forward Siad Haji second overall. Florida International forward Santiago Patino went third to Orlando City, Charlotte defender Callum Montgomery fourth to FC Dallas and Brazilian forward Andre Shinyashiki fifth to the Rapids.

The Fire have the 53rd, 55th and 77th picks in the third and fourth rounds, which will be held Monday via teleconference.

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Cubs, Sox avoid hearings

Baseball, from Page 1

season.

Russell will miss the first month of the 2019 season, which will cost him approximately \$540,000, and is eligible to return May 3.

The Cubs also agreed to terms with Kyle Schwarber, who will earn \$3.39 million in his first year of being an arbitration-eligible player. He made \$605,000 in 2018 and hit .238 with 26 home runs, but only one came off a left-handed pitcher. Schwarber hit only .194 with runners in scoring position.

“If you just pinpoint the nature of clutch, he’s a guy who made his mark being incredible in the postseason for two years and then struggled in big spots (in 2018),” general manager Jed Hoyer said in November. “It’s not like a guy who was shrinking in the spotlight. He just struggled in those situations this year. Hopefully that’s just a random thing and he’ll get back to where he has been.”

Earlier, Kyle Hendricks agreed to a


\$7405 million deal, a \$3.4 million raise from 2018. Mike Montgomery (\$2.44 million) and Carl Edwards Jr. (\$1.5 million) also agreed to terms.

On the South Side, Abreu signed a one-year, \$16 million deal, according to published reports, a \$3 million raise over 2018. After signing a six-year, \$68 million deal, the largest in franchise history, in 2014, Abreu exercised a clause after ’16 that opted into arbitration, ultimately adding about \$6 million to the original deal.

Relief pitcher Alex Colome signed for \$7325 million after making \$5.3 million with the Rays and Mariners in ’18. Infielder Yolmer Sanchez signed for \$4.625 million, a raise from his \$2.35 million salary last season, and starter Carlos Rodon settled for \$4.2 million after earning \$2.3 million last year.

Friday was the deadline to submit salary numbers for arbitration.

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Carollo, Karen Regina Minetz
Karen Regina Minetz Carollo went to the lord on January 9th, 2019. She was born on June 26th, 1942 in Chicago, IL to Stephen and Helen Minetz. She is survived by her children, Dawn Payne (Husband Robert), Donald Carollo (Wife Johnnie), Dominic Carollo (Wife Michele), and Daren Carollo. She is also survived by her Grandchildren (Who called her GG and Graham) Marlene, Savana, Briana, Jordan, Natalie, Sara, Dominic, and Jack and her great grandchildren Rylee and Cooper. Also, her brother Robert Minetz (Wife Jill). She translated a love of travel into a 20 year plus career at American Airlines. Her constant laugh was extremely infectious. We do not think she ever shook a hand because she always insisted on a hug. A visitation will be held at 10am at Corpus Christi Church in Carol Stream, Illinois. There will be a funeral service immediately following the visitation. In Lieu of flowers, please consideration a donation to her favorite theatre, 42nd Street Moon, PO Box 426470 San Francisco, CA 94124

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Giannini, Donald V.
Donald V. Giannini, age 87. Beloved husband of the late Arlene Giannini nee Foss; loving father of Stacy (Victor) Damato, Wendy (Kenny) Brewer, and Scott (Debby) Giannini; beloved son of the late Giuseppe and Rose Giannini nee Saravo; fond grandfather Rosanna (Eddie), Nick, Arlena, Katie (Greg), and Alex; great grandfather of Domenico. Visitation Sunday January 13, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Services begin Monday at the funeral home at 8:30 a.m. and will proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at All Saints Mausoleum. For more info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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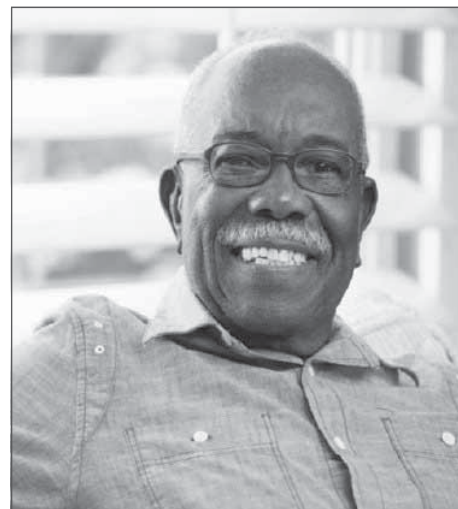
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Gussin, Zave Hillel
Zave Hillel Gussin, 85, beloved husband of Judy nee Gordon for 64 years; son of the late Harry and Yetta Gussin; loving father of Asher (Nitzchia) Goshen, Bob (Brenda) Gussin, Nancy (Howard) Alter and Mark (Helene) Gussin; cherished Grandpa, Saba and Iggy Papa of Mordechai, Sara, Moshe, Yisrael, Esther Hadassah, Ariella, Dina, Sam, Aliza, Ezra and Elie; dear brother of Vivian (Irving) Paley and the late David (the late Dori) Gussin; many loving nieces and nephews. Practicing attorney, member and Chairman of the Lincolnwood Zoning and Planning Commission for 22 years. Proudly served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps. Chapel service, Sunday 1:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jewish National Fund (JNF) or Friends of the Israeli Defense Force (FIDF). For information or to leave condolences (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

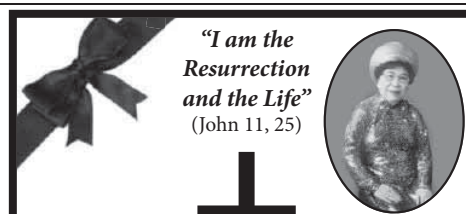


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With faith in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus-Christ, we are saddened to inform you that:
Our Beloved Wife, Mother, Grand and Great grandmother:
Mary Dong Nguyen
(1929-2019)
was born into Eternal Life at 3:13 pm on Sunday January 6, 2019 on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES

† RITE OF MOURNING
Thursday, January 10, 2019 :
5 PM - 9 PM
&
† VISITATION AND PRAYERS
Friday, January 11, 2019 : 3 PM-9PM

At Cooney Funeral Homes
625 Busse Highway Park Ridge, IL 60068
Phone: 847-685-1002

† FUNERAL MASS
Saturday, January 12 : 11 AM

At Saint Henry Church
6335 N. Hoyle Avenue Chicago, IL 60659
Phone: 773-714-7143

† ENTERMENT AND RITE OF COMMITMENT FOLLOWED BY THE FUNERAL MASS

At Mary Hill Catholic Cemetery
8600 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Niles, IL 60714

MAY THE LORD OF ALMIGHTY TAKE THE DEPARTED SOUL TO HIS HEAVENLY ABODE

Mr. Alphonse Khen Nguyễn, his children, and grandchildren
The devoted mother of 15 successful children and 48 grandchildren, Mrs. Mary Dong Nguyen dedicated her life to her family. She will be forever remembered.

R.I.P



“Chính Thầy là sự sống lại và là sự sống”
(Ga 11, 25)

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Trong niềm tin vào Đức Giêsu Kitô Phục Sinh, gia đình chúng tôi thành kính báo tin:

Cụ Bà Nguyễn Khen
Nhũ danh MARIA
NGUYỄN THỊ ĐÔNG
(Bào ty Đức Cố Giám Mục Phêrô Nguyễn Văn Nhô)
Nguyên quán : Giáo Xứ Bình Cang, Giáo phận Nha Trang, Việt Nam
Đã hoàn tất hành trình trần thế vào lúc 3:13 pm
Chúa Nhật ngày 06.01.2019
tại Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois, USA

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5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Gia đình cầu nguyện và Nghi thức phát tang
† Thứ sáu, ngày 11 tháng 01 năm 2019 :
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Các cộng đoàn thăm viếng, đọc kinh và cầu nguyện
THÁNH LỄ AN TÁNG
SẼ ĐƯỢC CẢ HÀNH :
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D.T: 773-764-7413

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Cả Nam : Nguyễn Duy Thiên, vợ (c) và các con, các cháu - USA
Trưởng Nam : Nguyễn Duy Trinh, vợ và các con các cháu - USA
Trưởng Nữ : Nguyễn Châu Bạch Tuyết, chồng và các con các cháu - USA
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Merrin, Claude E., M.D.

Dr. Claude E. Merrin of Deerfield, Illinois, a talented and respected surgeon and urologic oncologist passed away suddenly October 27, 2018. Born April 18, 1936 in Paris, France, Dr. Merrin obtained a Bachelor of science degree in Experimental Science from the University of Paris and a Medical Degree from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He completed his internship and residency in General surgery and Urology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Merrin did a Fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York in the Department of Urology as a Cancer Research Clinician and Director of the Dialysis Unit and Transplantation Program, eventually being named Chief of the Department of Urologic Oncology in 1974.

Dr. Merrin was the co-author of over 95 clinical research papers and a pioneer in innovative and experimental treatment of genitourinary tumors. He was nationally and internationally renowned. In 1979 he moved to Chicago where he practiced for 30 years mainly at Swedish Covenant Hospital. He retired in 2010 due to health circumstances. A non-smoker, he courageously fought Stage IV lung cancer for more than nine years.

Dr. Merrin had always maintained a great sense of personal and professional satisfaction not only for the confidence placed in him by his patients, but the realization that his expertise extended their lives.

Dr. Merrin was a member of numerous medical societies in Chicago as well as on the national level. He was active in the French community in Chicago and a member of the Union of the French Abroad (UFEC). He frequently traveled to France with his family. An avid licensed pilot, he flew gliders, ultralights, single engine airplanes and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). In addition, he built an ultralight aircraft and two experimental airplanes from aircraft kits.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Susan (nee Eagan) Merrin, son Robert (Irene Alonso Aparicio) Merrin, daughter Catherine Merrin and two grandchildren. Also survived by his sister Monique (Michel) Bertet, nieces and nephews, friends and extended family. A memorial service is being planned for sometime in the Spring.
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Southern, Robert Allen

Long-time Chicago business leader, Robert Allen (Bob) Southern, age 88, died at his home in Chapel Hill, NC, on Saturday, December 29, 2018. Bob was born in Jackson County, Missouri, on July 17, 1930 to the late James Allen Southern and Josephine Ragland Southern. He was also preceded in death by his wife Cindy Southern and brother John Southern.

Inspired to become a lawyer by his grandfather, Judge Allen C. Southern of the Federal Court for the Western District of Missouri, Bob led the global law firm, Mayer Brown, as its Managing Partner during a period of significant growth for the firm. He served as trustee for The Rush University Medical Center, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association and the Kenilworth Union Church, as well as being an active member of the Kenilworth School Board for many years. He was also an inspiring coach for his children – both on and off the “field.”

Bob is survived by three sons: Dave Southern and wife Christie of Winnetka, Illinois, Bill Southern and wife Carrie of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jim Southern and wife Lisa of Raleigh, North Carolina; and daughter: Kathy O'Brien and husband Tim of Grayslake, Illinois. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Bob's memory to The Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL 60043, kuc.org.
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Viane, Patricia A.

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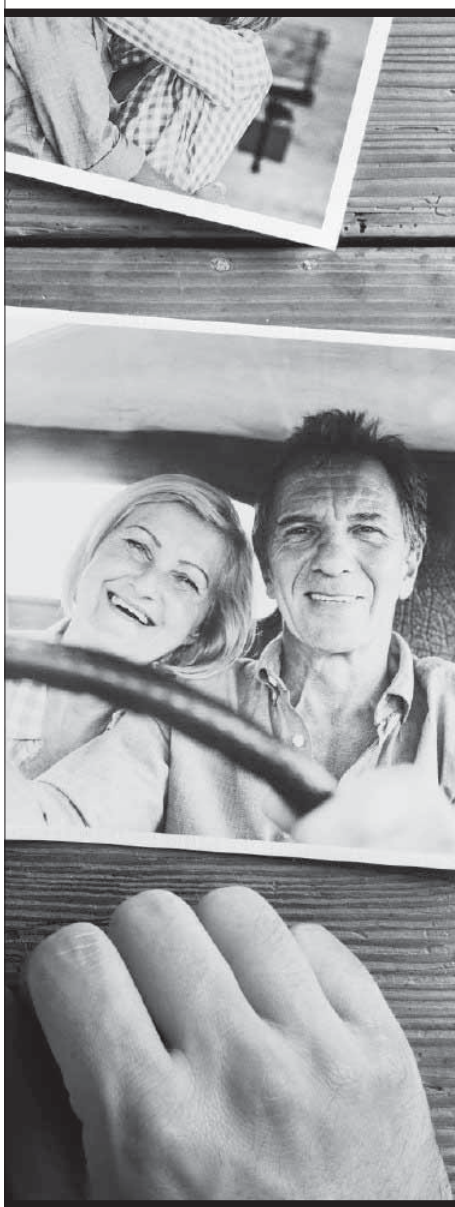
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By order of the Board of Trustees of the River Forest Public Library, Cook County, Illinois. Dated at River Forest, Illinois this 3rd day of January, 2019. Sue Quinn, Library Director

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First Midwest Bancorp, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire another bank holding company, Bridgeview Bancorp, Inc., Bridgeview, Illinois. We intend to acquire control of Bridgeview Bank Group, Bridgeview, Illinois.

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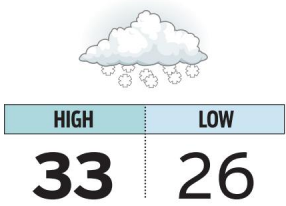
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SATURDAY, JAN. 12 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 62° (2005) RECORD LOW: -14° (1918)

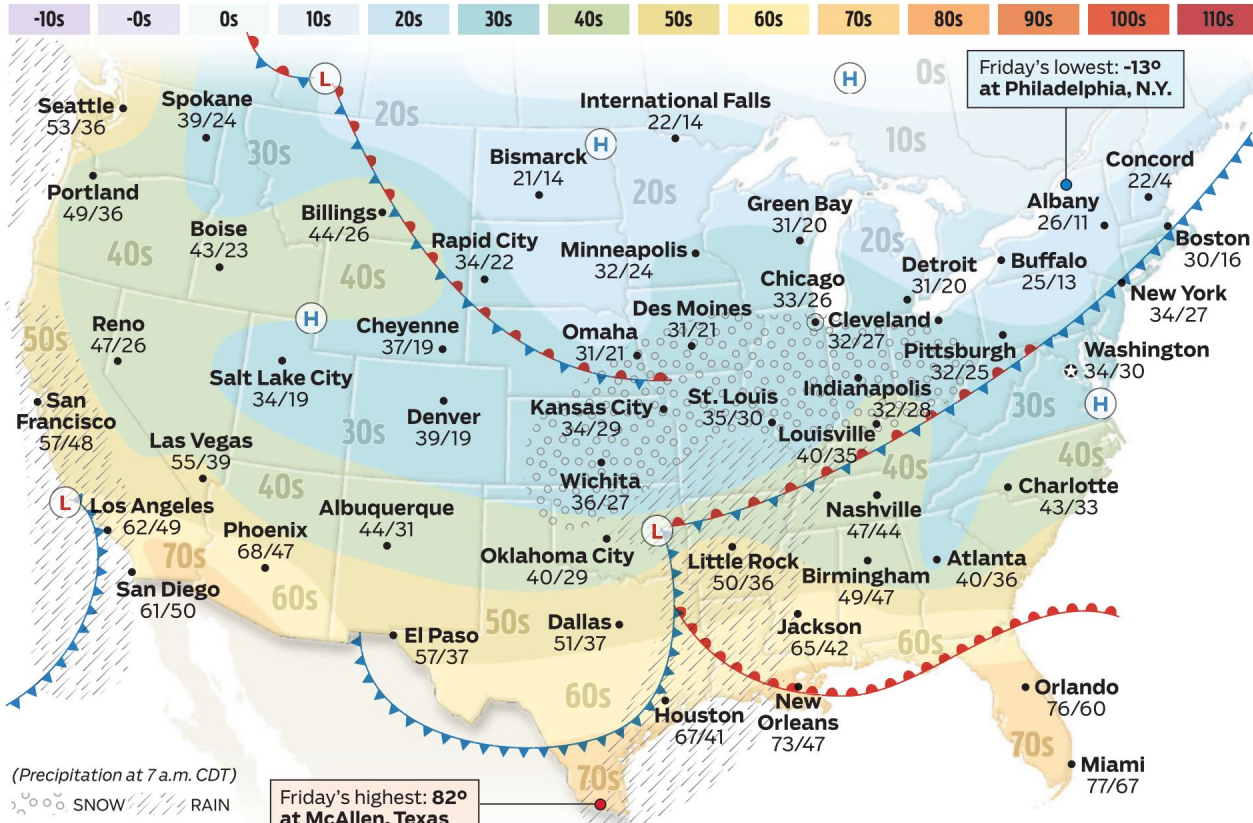
Snowstorm merely glances the Chicago area

LOCAL FORECAST



- Winter Weather Advisory in effect along and south of I-80 corridor.
- Gray start to the day. Sunrise temps near 30.
- Occasional light snow develops from S-N during the morning, then continues into the evening.
- Steadiest snow south of the city. Temps hold around freezing much of the day.
- E winds 10-20 mph become NE late.
- Flurries end overnight. Total accumulation less than an inch N, to 3 inches far S suburbs. Much heavier amounts south of the metro area.

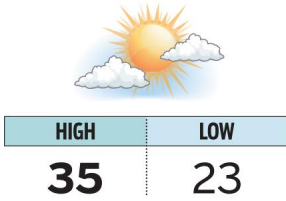
NATIONAL FORECAST



The Chicago area lies at the northern limit of a snow area that is occurring today across Illinois (and areas to the west and east of the state). Very heavy snow is occurring across central and southern Illinois, with lighter snow amounts north of there and rain to the south. Snow totals across metropolitan Chicago will range from an inch or less at the Wisconsin border to a couple of inches in the city and 3 or 4 inches at Interstate 80. Southward from there, snows increase significantly to totals of 12 inches or perhaps more. Snow diminishes and ends by Sunday.

Chilly but not genuinely cold air follows in behind the storm system, with highs in the mid-30s Sunday. Moderately warmer air arrives Monday and Tuesday, with afternoon temperatures reaching the lower 40s.

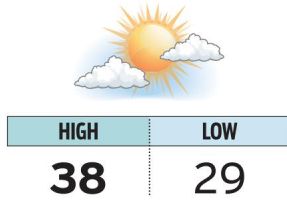
SUNDAY, JAN. 13



Weather conditions improve as storm system heads east. Decreasing cloudiness allows temps to rise to the low-mid 30s. NE winds diminish to 10-15 mph. Fair skies and seasonably cold overnight.



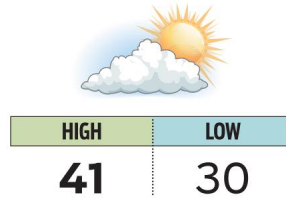
MONDAY, JAN. 14



High pressure over the Midwest provides tranquil weather. Patchy clouds drift across otherwise sunny skies. Temps again rise above normal, peaking in the upper 30s. SW winds increase to 10-20 mph.



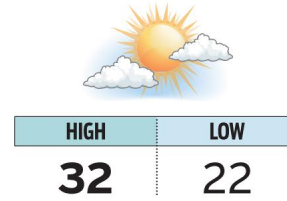
TUESDAY, JAN. 15



Patchy drizzle or freezing drizzle possible early, otherwise mostly cloudy, breezy and milder. SW winds increase to 15-25 mph sweeping 40-degree air across the region. Turning colder overnight.



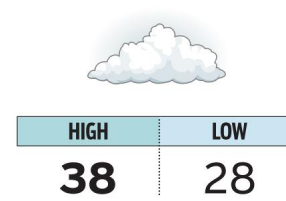
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16



Cold front brings a modest influx of polar air. Partly sunny skies. Seasonable temps, with daytime readings hovering near freezing. Clouds increase again overnight. N-NE winds 15-20 mph.



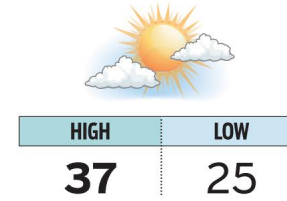
THURSDAY, JAN. 17



Winds turn S and increase to 15-20 mph. Considerable cloudiness develops as milder air returns. Temps reach highs in the mid-upper 30s. Not as cold overnight. Temps hold around 30 degrees.



FRIDAY, JAN. 18



Variable cloudiness accompanies another cold front across area. Temps peak in the mid-upper 30s midday, then slowly fall. Light winds become N-NE at 10-20 mph. Cloudy, colder at night.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I've heard that one should not open windows when a tornado threatens. Why is that?
— Bob Studholme, Winnetka

Dear Bob,
It was once believed that sudden air pressure reductions that occur when a tornado moves over a house would cause the structure to explode, but that this could be lessened or prevented by actually opening windows to allow air to escape from the structure. This notion perished with observations of the damage caused by a massive tornado that struck Xenia, Ohio, in 1974. Opening windows was further debunked in an engineering study in 1977 that showed conclusively that buildings don't explode because of rapid decreases in air pressure around the structure. The actual cause of damage is intense wind and wind-driven debris striking the structure.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Chicago to sit on northern periphery of significant storm

SNOW STACKING UP ACROSS MISSOURI

Early snow totals through 8 PM Friday

Eureka	7.8"
High Ridge	7.0"
Felton	7.0"
Crestwood	7.0"
Murphy	7.0"
Byrnes Mill	6.5"

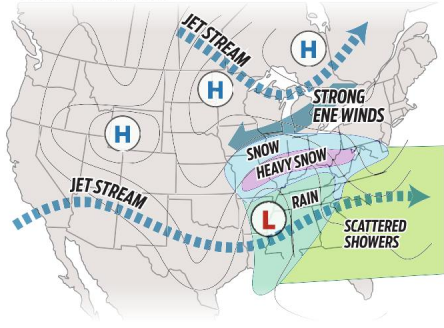
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI SNOWFALLS

Greatest 2-day snowfalls on record

February 20-21, 1912	15.6"
January 30-31, 1982	13.9"
February 16-17, 1910	13.3"
February 12-13, 1914	13.0"
February 25-26, 1906	12.8"

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FORECAST

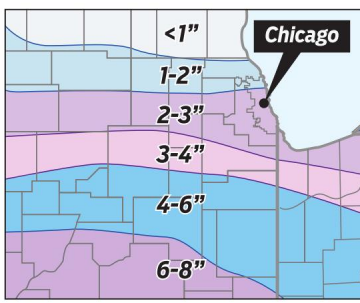
"Storm snapshot"



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SHARP GRADIENT IN SNOW AMOUNTS

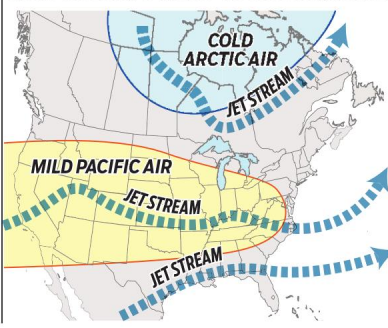
Winter weather advisory issued south suburbs into northwest Indiana



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BRIEF PUFF OF MILD PACIFIC AIR

Next Tuesday's upper-air steering winds



CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES					
LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	29	15	Midway	31	22
Gary	32	27	O'Hare	30	17
Kankakee	31	17	Romeoville	29	16
Lakefront	31	26	Valparaiso	32	27
Lansing	31	25	Waukegan	32	19

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION		
PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Fri. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.06"
January to date	0.46"	0.68"
Year to date	0.46"	0.68"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL		
PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Fri. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.00"
Season to date	14.3"	10.2"
Normal to date	13.2"	14.1"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS		
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	E 15-25 kts.	NE 10-22 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet	3-6 feet
Fri. shore/crib water temps	35°/33°	

U.S. SNOW COVER		
JAN. 11	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	27.7%	33.3%
Average snow depth	2.8"	3.0"

TRACKING THE COLD		
SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	9 days	9 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY	
Friday's reading	Moderate
Saturday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particles

SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES		
	SUN	MOON
	7:16 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
	10:57 a.m.	11:06 p.m.

SATURDAY PLANET WATCH			
PLANET	RISE	SET	
Mercury	6:44 a.m.	3:43 p.m.	
Venus	3:43 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	
Mars	10:38 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	
Jupiter	4:36 a.m.	1:53 p.m.	
Saturn	6:42 a.m.	3:54 p.m.	

BEST VIEWING TIME		
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 a.m.	18° SE
Mars	5:45 p.m.	49.5° SSW
Jupiter	6:00 a.m.	12° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

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HE'S ONE LOYAL LAD

Even without titles, Tottenham's Mauricio Pochettino is still soccer's most coveted coach

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Tottenham coach Mauricio Pochettino applauds at the end of the English Premier League match against Everton on Dec. 23. Tottenham is holding its own in third place this season.

By ROB HARRIS | Associated Press

LONDON
During a decade in management, Mauricio Pochettino has never lifted a trophy. The Argentine is still one of the most coveted coaches in world soccer.

Whenever a job comes up at a leading club, you can be sure Pochettino's name will be in the mix for the vacancy. From Real Madrid to Paris Saint-Germain and, mostly notably recently, Manchester United.

Yet, Pochettino remains in the dugout at Tottenham, a bond of loyalty that is being increasingly stretched by a lack of financial backing in the transfer market to end that trophy drought.

Pochettino on Sunday tests himself against the club that could tempt him away from Tottenham in the summer, and the manager trying to show he has the credentials to keep the job: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's Manchester United.

When Jose Mourinho was fired by United in December, Pochettino emerged as the favorite to be hired his long-term successor at the end of the season. But Solskjaer has given the owning Glazer family something to think about. Brought in to halt the decline as a short-term fix, the former United striker has opened with five successive victories, equaling the club record for a new manager.

A victory over Tottenham at Wembley Stadium would be a significant statement of Solskjaer's credentials. The fact Tottenham is now viewed as a tough test for United demonstrates the club's progress under Pochettino.

During the Alex Ferguson era at United, the manager was reputed to have told his players "Lads, it's Tottenham," in a team-talk dismissing the north London club as soft.

By the time Tottenham overwhelmed Mourinho's United 3-0 at Old Trafford in August, it was clear just how Pochettino has transformed his team into a force to be reckoned with.

On meager resources, by Premier League standards.

Since the 46-year-old Pochettino was hired from Southampton in 2014, Tottenham only has a net transfer spend of 29 million pounds (\$37 million) — taking into account incomings and departures.

By comparison in the last five years, Manchester City has benefited from net spending of 518 million pounds and United has splurged 466 million pounds. Arsenal and Chelsea have topped 200 million pounds, while Liverpool's net spend is 183 million pounds.

Tottenham has finished above every other team at some point under Pochettino, enjoying three successive top-four appearances to secure a route into the lucrative Champions League. Before Pochettino's arrival, Tottenham had only played once in the Champions League in the 2010-11 season.

Even after becoming the first Premier League team not to sign a player since the summer transfer window was introduced in 2003, Tottenham is still holding its own in third place. Liverpool is six points ahead and City only two points in front of Tottenham. Chelsea is four points back, Arsenal a further three points adrift and United is still in sixth place despite the revival under Solskjaer.

"He has done a very good job," Solskjaer said Thursday about Pochettino. "That speculation (about the United job) is there for a reason because he has done well but it's not my job to rate managers, my focus is on me and my team."

Pochettino is constantly reminding people just what he is competing against.

"Sometimes people talk about winning titles," he said this week. "One thing is to reduce the gap with the top four, to be competitive, to create a team capable of fighting with the big sides. But if after we want to win titles we



JON SUPER/AP

Tottenham's Mauricio Pochettino, left, applauds to his team and supporters after the English FA Cup third round soccer match against Tranmere Rovers on Jan. 4.

need to operate in a different way. At the moment we operate in the same way as we operated in five years ago when we arrived."

That means no lavish spending. And there is a new stadium to pay for and costs that project have spiraled to nearer \$1 billion as the construction has stalled.

"I don't have money," Pochettino said, looking ahead to the January transfer window.

Tottenham does have a wealthy owner in Joe Lewis, the Bahamas-based British tycoon. But he can't match the Abu Dhabi state-backed Manchester United or the Roman Abramovich oil-funding revolution at Chelsea.

"We're doing all these fan-tastic things with our own resources," Pochettino said. "It's important to make that clear when we compare with another team."

That means being forced to

mine the club's academy for talent, rather than just resorting to the transfer market. But that has paid off.

Harry Kane graduated from the youth team and last year collected the Golden Boot as top scorer at the World Cup with England.

"You just want to perform for him, work hard for him, win for him," Kane said about Pochettino. "He's very passionate. You can tell sometimes he wants to be out there himself, putting in tackles, running about."

Oliver Skipp is the latest teenager to earn a promotion to the first team, last month becoming the 13th academy player to make a first-team debut under Pochettino.

Young players know they will get a chance under Pochettino. Music to the ears of many clubs, especially ones like United that have little to show for the huge outlay under Mourinho.

Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy is once again facing the

possibility of losing Pochettino, even though the manager only signed a new five-year contract in May after a third-place finish.

"He is a worried man because he is jealous about me," Pochettino quipped shortly after Mourinho was fired by United last month.

The club blocked questions about a potential departure at a recent news conference. But Pochettino could determine that he has hit a ceiling at Tottenham, where it getting harder to land the club's first league title in 1961. Pochettino lost his only cup final with Tottenham when Chelsea lifted the League Cup in 2015. He hasn't collected a trophy since his playing days at Espanyol in Spain.

"I can see in the future Tottenham winning trophies," Pochettino said. "I don't know if that will be with us, without us, in one year, in five years."

Sunday's result against United could go some way to determining that.

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Match-fixing remains issue after latest arrests

BY MATT BONESTEEL
The Washington Post

With the Grand Slam calendar set to begin Sunday with the Australian Open, tennis once again is dealing with allegations of match fixing at its lowest levels, a problem the sport cannot seem to shake.

Europol, the European Union's law enforcement agency, announced Thursday that the Spanish Civil Guard has arrested 83 people, including 28 professional tennis players, over their alleged involvement in fixing matches at Challenger and ITF Futures tournaments in Spain. Such events represent the second and third tiers of professional tennis, where unknown professional players toil at hundreds of barely noticed tournaments each year with hopes of acquiring the points needed to move up the rankings.

One of the arrested players took part in last year's U.S. Open, though Europol did not divulge any names.

"The suspects bribed professional players to guarantee predetermined results and used the identities of thousands of citizens to bet on the prearranged games," Europol said in a news release. "A criminal group of Armenian individuals used a professional tennis player, who acted as the link between the gang and the rest of the criminal group."

"Once they bribed the players, the Armenian network members attended the matches to ensure that the tennis players complied with what was previously agreed, and gave orders to other members of the group to go ahead with the bets placed at national and international level."

It's the second time in a little more than two years that law-enforcement officials have cracked down on match fixing on the Iberian peninsula. In December 2016, Spanish law enforcement officials detained 34 people, including six tennis players ranked between Nos. 800 and 1,200 in the world, alleging they were involved in a match-fixing network in Spain and Portugal. The players allegedly received about \$1,000 per match for losing specific points or games in 17 Futures and Challenger tournaments in Spain.

Therein lies one of the reasons match-fixing is so prevalent at these lower-tier events: The prize money involved is often paltry, giving players an incentive to throw matches at tournaments in far-flung locales that few people are watching.

For instance, a 24-year-old Spaniard named David Perez Sanz won six titles on the ITF Futures Tour last year — five in Egypt and one in Sri Lanka — but took home less than \$20,000 in tournament winnings for the year. For comparison's sake, Roger Federer received nearly \$3 million alone for winning last year's Australian Open. Players who lost first-round matches at the U.S. Open received \$50,000.

"You hear so many stories about other players getting approached," Laslo Urrutia Fuentes, an ITF Futures Tour player, told The New York Times last year. "They say when they are playing really weak players, someone says, 'Lose the first set and you will get \$6,000.'"

According to an International Tennis Federation study cited by The New York Times last year, 6,000 of the 14,000 players who entered ITF Futures tournaments around the globe in 2013 didn't earn one cent of prize money. Only 336 men and 253 women out of the 14,000 broke even, when factoring in costs for travel and lodging.

"That's quite astonishing for a sport that has almost \$300 million in prize money," Kris Dent, the ITF's senior executive director of professional tennis, told the Times. "These smaller tournaments have no TV, no sponsorships and no one paying any money to go see them, and they never will."

Last year, an Independent Review Panel — sanctioned by tennis's governing bodies — issued recommendations on tackling match fixing in a report that took more than two years to complete. One of the proposals was to reduce the number of pro players at the sport's lowest levels to ensure that prize money "is better targeted to enable more of the



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Daniele Braccali was one of two former Italian players once ranked in the top 50 to get a ban for match fixing.



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Potito Starace was the other Italian player to receive a ban.

men and women taking part to make a living." This year, the ITF is doing just that by putting the top 750 men and women into the Challenger Tour, where the prize money and opportunity for advancement are greater. The rest will play in something called the Transition Tour, which will still offer a pathway to tennis's higher

ranks while offering more localized tournaments, cutting down on travel costs.

One level up, the Challenger Tour will increase the size of its singles draws to 48 from 32, creating 2,400 more spots per year. Plus, all Challenger tournaments will be required to supply players with hotel accommoda-

tions.

The sheer number of events at tennis's lower levels also can fuel match fixing. Players enter as many tournaments as they can, but if the next event on the schedule both offers more lucrative spoils and overlaps with their current tournament, it may give them incentive to tank.

"This is a significant, recurring problem at the lower levels of the tennis when doubles competitions, which are often viewed by players as less important or valuable, conflict with a singles event in the following week," the Independent Review Panel report said. "Players on occasion perceive themselves as better off losing and moving on than seeking to stay in a competition, and some act on that perception."

The report also recommended beefing up the Tennis Integrity Unity, which was established by the sport's governing bodies in 2008 but has been criticized as understaffed and ill-equipped to deal with the modern methods of match fixing. In 2018, the TIU sanctioned 21 people for offenses such as match fixing, failing to report corruption and refusing to cooperate with its investigations, banning eight players and officials from the sport for life. Most of the sanctioned players had career-high rankings in the triple digits.

Even with reform, the rise of online gambling and the very nature of the sport make it ripe for match-fixing.

"The nature of the game lends itself to manipulation for betting purposes," the Independent Review Panel report said. "There are many contingencies. There is only one player who must act. Detection is difficult, not least because at many lower level matches there are no spectators and inadequate facilities to protect players from potential corruptors. Moreover, underperformance is often attributed to 'tanking,' which too often has been tolerated."

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SUV REVIEW: 2019 TOYOTA RAV4



Impressive update for redesigned '19 Toyota RAV4

By Larry Printz, Tribune News Service

Why are crossovers and SUVs so popular these days? You might think it's because you sit up higher, or the widespread availability of front-wheel or all-wheel drive. But there's a more elemental reason: the size, height and ground clearance of the most popular compact utility vehicles aren't much different in size from sedans built 80 years ago. Both employ what designers call "two-box design," with the hood being the first box and the cabin being the second box. Both are about 180 inches long, have approximately 8 inches of ground clearance and are 68 inches high. It's the perfectly sized vehicle, not too big not too small, with enough ground clearance to overcome whatever weather Mother Nature throws at it.

The fifth-generation 2019 Toyota RAV4 fits those specs within an inch or so, making it a modern classic in terms of packaging. It's large enough to hold you, four friends and a whole mess of lifestyle debris, but not so immense as to make parking problematic at Piggly Wiggly. Of course, the same could be said of the previous RAV4, and it's why the RAV4 is not only the bestselling Toyota in the United States, but also the bestselling vehicle that's not a full-size pickup. It's an ideal size.

What couldn't be said of earlier RAV4s is that they were visually dynamic. In terms of styling, most RAV4s have been little more than stylistic sleep aids, with performance to match. The same can't be said of the 2019 model. Clad in tough, chiseled sheet metal, the new RAV4's aggressive couthure recalls the 4Runner and Tacoma yet has a unique charisma distinctly lacking in its forbearers. Offered in ascending LE, XLE, XLE Premium, Adventure and Limited models, the RAV4 wears slightly different faces depending on trim level, but all retain the new models rugged charisma.

That feeling continues inside, but not at the expense of functionality. The new vehicle's wheelbase has increased 1.2 inches, and overall width is up by 0.4 inches, lending the cabin a roomy feeling. The center console sits 0.7 inches higher to match door armrest height, just the sort of detail Toyota catches, but few other automakers do. A number of built-in trays enhance interior storage, while soft touch surfaces and contrast stitching lend the interior funky, chic vibe.

A 7-inch or 8-inch touchscreen anchors the dashboard and is flanked by knobs for volume and tuning. A Verizon Wi-Fi hot spot along with Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant and Apple CarPlay compatibility are standard. Qi wireless phone charging and a digital rearview mirror are available. A USB port is standard on LE models; others get an additional four outlets.

When it comes to hauling, the 37.5-cubic-foot cargo area is more than 2.5 inches longer than before and features a cargo deck board that adjusts to two heights. And its reversible underside makes it ideal for carrying wet or dirty objects. Nevertheless, the hauling that's more

2019 Toyota RAV4

Base prices: \$26,550-\$36,125

Engine: DOHC 2.5-liter four-cylinder

Horsepower: 203

Torque: 184 pound-feet

EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 24-26/32-34

Wheelbase: 105.9 inches

Length: 180.9 inches

Ground clearance: 8.4-8.6 inches

Cargo capacity: 37.5 cubic feet

Towing capacity: 1,500-3,500 pounds

Curb weight: 3,380-3,615 pounds

important to most people is the kind that comes from planting your right foot to the floor.

For the time being, there's one driveline: a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission with front-wheel or all-wheel drive. At 203 horsepower, the RAV4 has 27 more horsepower than before, enough to reach 60 mph in 8.2 seconds. In March, Toyota will offer a hybrid variant, which uses a modified version of the same gas engine teamed with electric motors. More powerful than its siblings, the hybrid RAV4 reaches 60 mph in 7.8 seconds, while its all-wheel-drive system uses an electric motor mounted to the rear axle to power the rear wheels. A sport-tuned suspension, tauter spring and shock absorber tuning, and 18-inch alloy wheels are available.

Both front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive are offered. In LE and XLE models, all-wheel drive is optional, and can send up to 50 percent of available power to the rear wheels. Limited and Adventure models get all-wheel drive with torque vectoring that manages power distribution between the left and right rear wheels. When not needed, the rear wheels are disengaged to reduce fuel consumption. A Multi-Terrain Select system assists when driving through mud, sand, rocks or dirt.

No matter which RAV4 you drive, you'll find the engine to be far more responsive than before, with a punchy feel that invites enthusiastic driving. The vehicle has a rewardingly solid feel, absorbing the worst road shocks with enough compliance to provide a comfortable ride. Body motions are very controlled. The RAV4's more spirited driving character comes through, ensuring that its aggressive nature is more than skin deep.

Toyota Safety Sense system is standard and includes forward collision warning with pedestrian detection, automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning, lane keeping assist, adaptive cruise control, and road sign recognition. Blind spot warning and rear cross traffic alert are optional.

The 2019 RAV4 is a significant improvement over past models, with attractively aggressive styling, superior performance and an overall package that's perfect.

Given that the RAV4 created the crossover segment 25 years ago, its masterful packaging is easy to understand. By any measurement, it's just about right, maybe even classically so.

Land Rover: Defender shall return!

In what's best described as a belated Christmas present, Land Rover has revealed that a new Defender is coming to America in 2020. Land Rover will begin on- and off-road testing of camouflaged prototypes in North America in January. Testing in the new world helps engineers fine tune the new Defender's performance in temperatures from -40 F to 120 F at altitudes of more than 13,000 feet above sea level.

Perhaps to beat spy photographers to the punch, Land Rover released images of the camouflaged prototypes, which show a boxy SUV going through its paces, as well beauty shots in an urban environment.

"This announcement is a holiday gift to our Defender fans in North America and a hint of what's to come in the New Year," said Kim McCullough, vice president of marketing for Jaguar Land Rover North America in a statement.

The company didn't say much about the new Defender, other than that the 2020 model features an all-new exterior and interior design and is equipped with the latest driver assistance and connectivity technology.

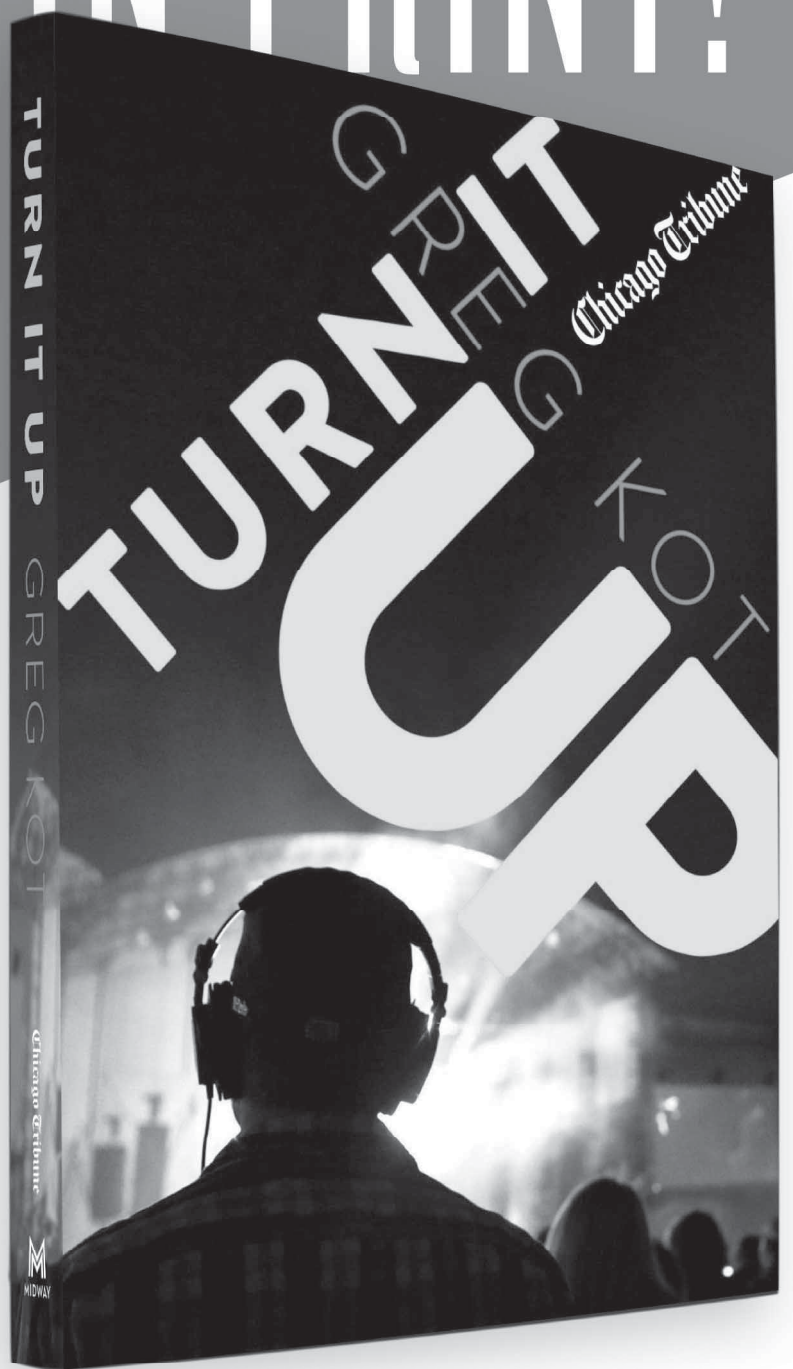


However, Road & Track magazine has reported that the new Defender could contain a central tire inflation system that varies tire inflation based on driving conditions, according to a patent application filed by Jaguar Land Rover. The same report suggests that the Defender's current 90 and 110 model names will be retained. A plug-in hybrid will be among the new models offered, according to Motor Authority, based on social media posts made by Land Rover's corporate parent, Tata. Most likely, the Defender will use Land Rover's aluminum architecture and will be powered by the company's Ingenium four-cylinder engines.

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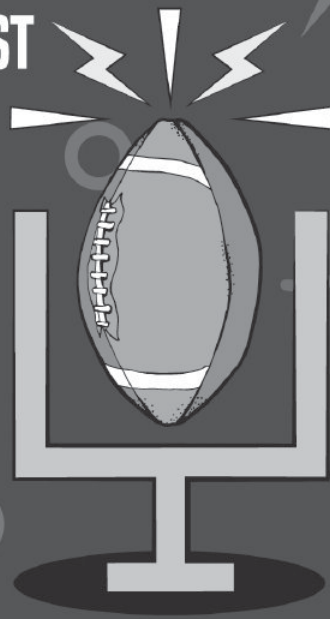
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