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# What's in store for Chicago families?

In Trump's return, many concerned about child care costs, paid leave

By Sarah Freishtat Chicago Tribune

Abby Schmeling was pleased to see child care come up as an issue during the recent presidential campaign.

Day care allows her and her husband to continue working fulltime jobs with an 18-month-old daughter and a 4-year-old son. It also allows her children to develop with trained professionals and to socialize with classmates and teachers.

But finding affordable care is challenging. Equally important is finding care close by and where there's not a prohibitively long waitlist, she said. Schmeling and her husband found care near their Avondale home and pay \$54,000 a year for two kids.

And so Schmeling, who voted for Kamala Harris for president, listened to what the campaigns said about the issues that affect parents like her: child care costs, paid family leave. Though she felt like Harris had a more concrete plan to address child care costs than President-elect Donald Trump, she would have liked to see more specifics from both campaigns, she said.

"If we don't support parents, we don't support the next generation," she said. "And if we don't support the next generation, how is our country supposed to continue and thrive?

To be sure, issues like the economy, immigration and personal liberties took center stage in the leadup to the election. But concerns of parents, like the price of child care and the availability of paid family leave, were a constant undercurrent.

Trump's campaign included

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Police brace themselves against the cold as the remains of Oak Park police Detective Allan Reddins arrive by ambulance at the Cook County medical examiner's office in Chicago on Friday. Reddins was shot and critically injured in Oak Park and died in hospital. TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

# **Uak Park officer fatally** wounded in shooting

Detective shot by gunman seen leaving bank with firearm

By Deanese Williams-Harris and Jason Meisner Chicago Tribune

An Oak Park police detective was killed Friday morning by a gunman who was seen leaving a bank, marking the first killing of an officer in the line of duty in the near west suburb in 86 years, officials said.

Detective Allan Reddins, a five-year veteran of the department, was shot in his left side shortly after 9 a.m. while responding to a call of a person armed with a gun who was seen leaving a Chase Bank branch in the 1000 block of Lake Street, according to Oak Park police

Chief Shatonya Johnson.

Johnson said Reddins along with several other responding officers ordered the suspect to show his hands, but he instead "brandished a firearm" and opened fire.

Reddins, 40, was transported to Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood in critical condition and died of his injuries

at approximately 10:10 a.m., John-

"We're hurting right now," Johnson said at a news conference Friday evening. "I'm hurting. His family is hurting."

The suspect was shot in the leg during the confrontation and was treated at the scene before being transported to Loyola University Medical Center, where he was in custody Friday night, police said.

Johnson said the investigation was ongoing and she did not take

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## Shoppers get in holiday spirit on Black Friday

Mayhem not like in years past; Mag Mile, State Street still bustle

**By Peter Breen** Chicago Tribune

Chrisanne DuPuis, a 47-year-old who was shopping at Macy's flagship store on State Street Friday morning, has been taking advantage of Black Friday discounts since the 1980s.

'In the '80s, that's what you did," DuPuis said. "You got up. You went out. You got the Black Friday deal."

DuPuis, who lives in Minnesota and was in Chicago to be with her extended family over Thanksgiving, was shopping with her teenage daughter, two of her sisters and a bunch of nieces. By around 9 a.m., the clan had taken over a fitting-room area on the third floor of the department store.

DuPuis explained that before purchasing an article of clothing, it's important to consider factors like how much one needs

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People walk on the Magnificent Mile after exiting Zara on Black Friday. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

### Insurgents' blitz in Syria ramps up

In shock offensive, largest city hit for first time since 2016

By Sarah El Deeb

BEIRUT - Insurgents breached Syria's largest city Friday and clashed with government forces for the first time since 2016, according to a war monitor and fighters, in a surprise attack that sent residents fleeing and added fresh uncertainty to a region reeling from multiple wars.

The advance on Aleppo followed a shock offensive launched by insurgents Wednesday, as thousands of fighters swept through villages and towns in Syria's northwestern countryside. Residents fled neighborhoods on the city's edge because of missiles and

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