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Carmen Clark and partner Nate Simpson owned the Rink on the South Side for 45 years.

Rink owners roll into retirement

Partners' closer-to-home entertainment venue grew into Chatham cornerstone, home of 'JB style' skating

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

The idea to start the Rink, a roller-skating center on the South Side, came to Carmen Clark and Nate Simpson simply — they were exhausted from driving to the suburbs for family fun and decided they needed an option closer to home.

What the business partners started in 1974 quickly evolved into a community cornerstone with a unique skating culture where skaters zoomed around the hardwood floor, bopping their bodies and spiraling their legs inward and outward to fast-paced James Brown hits.

Now, after 45 years of working together and being the familiar faces inside the facility, the business partners have decided to walk away from their rink on East 87th Street in the Chatham neighborhood and retire.



Adrienne Carter, 37, stretches before skating on Oct. 3 at The Rink on East 87th Street in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood.

"Sometimes I get emotional thinking ... that people cared enough to come when they were kids, but now they are bringing their grandchildren." — Carmen Clark

The Rink is expected to continue operating, but under new management and with new owners — a private legal process they are still finalizing, Clark said.

Still, their departure has given Clark and Simpson reason to reflect on the history of their venture and what it has meant for both the skating community and Chatham.

"We've decided that it's time to pass the torch and move on," said Clark, 77, who also worked for 38 years for the city as she co-owned the

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CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE DAY 2

Union leaders, city lawyer spar

'Rich white men tell black women ... in CPS what to do all the time'

BY HANNAH LEONE,
JUAN PEREZ JR. AND
GREGORY PRATT

Chicago teachers union negotiations are heading into the weekend after the second day of a teachers strike ended without a contract deal.

Once again, union officials pointed to progress — particularly in getting a written counterproposal on one of their major concerns, getting more nurses, librarians, social workers, special education case managers and bilingual teachers into schools.

But once again, the union repeatedly said the offers still haven't gone far enough.

"This is something we've been fighting and fighting for, and we finally did see some proposals," said Emily Penn, a CPS school social worker. "We're relieved the district actually put it in writing. ... It is not enough. Hopefully, we can continue to bargain in good faith."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and CPS CEO Janice Jackson put out a statement late Friday that their latest offers on staffing and class sizes show they are "working to



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Teacher Heather Asby prepares to join a picket line at Doolittle Elementary School Friday.

the core issues that CTU has said are central to reaching an agreement — in writing."

The statement also said: "We are encouraged that today's negotiations were productive and yielded real movement on a number of key issues."

That appeared to be a shift from the mayor's comment earlier Friday that the school district's offer would not be sweetened financially.

"The fact is there is no more money," Lightfoot said. "Period."

Penn, who is on the bargaining team, and several union

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Feds look at ComEd hiring of lobbyists
Favorable actions, consultant payments part of exchanges

BY RAY LONG AND JASON MEISNER

A burgeoning federal investigation into ComEd's lobbying activities centers on whether the utility giant hired politically connected lobbyists to curry favor with lawmakers in exchange for favorable action at the Illinois Capitol, a source familiar with the probe told the Tribune on Friday.

As part of the investigation, authorities are scrutinizing certain ComEd executives and have zeroed in on payments through the company's vast network of consultants to some individuals to seemingly circumvent lobbying disclosure rules, the source said. Some of the people who wound up being paid seemed to have done little actual work, the source added.

Among the payments, authorities suspect, were thousands of dollars in checks written to Kevin Quinn, an ousted political operative of House Speaker Michael Madigan, according to the source. The Tribune first reported the checks were under scrutiny in July.

In addition, two sources

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Shifting stories on Ukraine alarm GOP
Kasich now favors impeachment after Mulvaney's remarks

BY LISA MASCARO, ANDREW TAYLOR AND MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The shifting White House explanation for President Donald Trump's decision to withhold military aid from Ukraine drew alarm Friday from Republicans as the impeachment inquiry brought a new test of their alliance.

Trump, in remarks at the White House, stood by his acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, whose comments Thursday undermined the administration's defense in the impeachment probe.

Mulvaney, speaking at a news conference, essentially acknowledged a quid pro quo with Ukraine that Trump has long denied, saying U.S. aid was withheld from Kyiv to push for an investigation of the Democratic National Committee and the 2016 election. He later attempted to clarify his remarks.

Trump appeared satisfied with Mulvaney's clarification and the president dismissed the House inquiry as "a terrible witch hunt. This is so bad for our country."

On Friday, Trump and his

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Republican allies seized on a Washington Post report that a career State Department official overseeing Ukraine policy told congressional investigators this week that he had raised concerns in early 2015 about former Vice President Joe Biden's son Hunter serving on the board of a Ukrainian energy company but was turned away by a Biden staffer, according to three people familiar with the testimony.

The report Republicans said that George Kent, a deputy assistant secretary of state, testified Tuesday that he worried that Hunter Biden's position at the firm Burisma Holdings would complicate efforts by U.S. diplomats to convey to Ukrainian officials the importance of avoiding conflicts of interest.

Kent said he had concerns that Ukrainian officials would view Hunter Biden as a conduit for currying influence with his father, said the people.

But when Kent raised the issue with Biden's office, he was told the then-vice president didn't have the "bandwidth" to deal with the issue involving his son as his other son, Beau, was battling cancer, said the people familiar with his testimony.

Kent, who also testified about how Trump's associates raised unfounded allegations about the former ambassador to Ukraine, is the first known example of a career diplomat who raised concerns internally in the Obama administration about Hunter Biden's board position.

"He excoriated the Obama administration and Joe Biden and Joe Biden's son, saying that he has tremendous problems, tremendous problems with Joe Biden's son and the Ukraine," Trump told reporters Friday.

But their efforts to highlight the report came as fractures have appeared in the GOP firewall of support for Trump.

Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who ran against Trump in the 2016 Republican primary, said he now supports impeaching the president. Mulvaney's admission, he said, was the final straw.

"The last 24 hours has really forced me to review all of this," Kasich said on CNN.

In Congress, at least one Republican, Rep. Francis Rooney of Florida, spoke out publicly, telling reporters that he and others were concerned by Mulvaney's remarks. Rooney said he's open to considering all sides in the impeachment inquiry.

He also said Mulvaney's comments cannot simply be undone by a follow-up statement.

"It's not an Etch-A-Sketch," said Rooney, a former ambassador to the Holy See under President George W. Bush.

"I was shocked that he said that stuff," Rooney said Friday. "When the president has said many times there wasn't a quid pro quo ... and now Mick Mulvaney goes up and says, 'Yeah, it was all part of the whole plan!'"

Republican leaders tried to align with Trump on Friday.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., cited Mulvaney's clarification as evidence that there was no quid pro quo. He said witnesses have also testified behind closed doors in the impeachment inquiry.

"We've been very clear," he said. "There was no quid pro quo."

Lawmakers involved in the three House committees conducting the investigation want to hear more next week, which promises another packed schedule of witnesses appearing behind closed doors.

Republicans want the interviews made open to the public, including the release of transcripts.



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Roller skaters glide across the floor at the Rink. The longtime owners hosted a recent farewell skate party before retiring.

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skating rink. "It's bittersweet. We loved what we were doing. We wanted to the chance to do something else while we are in the twilight of our lives."

Clark and Simpson were once a married couple. They raised their children, who both loved to skate, in Chatham. Each weekend, the family would drive to the suburbs to skate, Clark said. Often, they'd see other families they knew that were also commuting for affordable family entertainment.

Eventually, they grew frustrated with the driving and decided they would open their own rink, which focused on serving the African American community.

"Our people were starving for an entertainment venue," Clark said.

Their first rink was located in Washington Heights, in a former car dealership. But after just eight years, they outgrew



Elizabeth Wise, 28, wears illuminated roller skates before taking the floor at the Rink.

the space. When they found a former electrical warehouse in Chatham, they purchased the building and had a hardwood floor installed, Simpson, 74, said.

Part of their popularity came because of the music they played, Simpson said.

"The old school was the fox trot, the waltz, and it was on organ music. We actually had an organ player there for some sessions," he said. "That started to fade because people didn't want to do those dances."

"So we moved over to 45s and that brought different music."

As the music became faster-paced, so did the skating. The skaters developed precise routines where they'd cross their legs in out, kick them up high and dip their bodies. JB skating, as it is called, was named for James Brown. It became a signature style for skaters at the Rink.

"The older folks left, and a new generation came, and they embraced the music that was on the radio," Simpson said.

Over time, the skaters got older, and began bringing their children — and some even their grandchildren.

The Rink offered skating lessons and hosted contests,

and Clark and Simpson watched as many amateurs came and left.

"I've watched kids go from bad to good ... and some go from good to bad. I've watched them grow up," Clark said. "We've given out scholarships, sponsored cheerleading squads and bonded some children out."

When they started out, Simpson and Clark were

married. Even as their marriage dissolved, their commitment to the business didn't waver, Simpson said.

"We were just pleased and gratified and thankful to be a part of this community," Clark said. "Sometimes I get emotional thinking ... that people cared enough to come when they were kids, but now they are bringing their grandchildren."

On a recent Saturday evening, the partners hosted a farewell skate party. Dozens of skaters spent hours circling the floor.

Clark and Simpson decided not to make speeches. They skipped sentimental gestures like waving farewell.

Instead they milled around, handing out hugs and chatting with their customers until the music ended.

"The skaters have been long faithful," Clark said. "They've been family."

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Xavier Elizondo said "it's a lie that I tell. It could be drugs, it could be jewelry, it could be whatever you want it to be."

Indicted sergeant takes stand at corruption trial

Claims he only pretended to be a dirty cop

BY JASON MEISNER

Chicago police Sgt. Xavier Elizondo told a federal jury on Friday he's always "had a knack" for recruiting informants to tip him off about guns, cash and drugs on the city's violence-plagued West Side.

Testifying at his own corruption trial, the veteran tactical sergeant said that to win over cooperators, he often pretended to be a dirty cop who was willing to cut them in on a share of whatever was found in a raid.

So it wasn't surprising, Elizondo testified, that he was caught in an FBI sting in 2017 telling an informant that "whatever falls out of the bag" would be his.

"It's a lie that I tell," Elizondo, 47, testified in a packed courtroom. "It could be drugs, it could be jewelry, it could be whatever you want it to be."

Prosecutors, however, say Elizondo wasn't merely pretending to be a corrupt cop — he was one.

"You're a very effective liar, correct?" Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Franzblau asked at one point in a contentious, three-hour cross-examination.

"In my line of duty," Elizondo replied.

"When it benefits you?" Franzblau shot back.

Elizondo's testimony came after prosecutors rested their case Friday and as the second week of the trial concluded. He and Officer David Salgado, who

served on Elizondo's gang team, have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges alleging they paid off informants to lie to obtain search warrants from judges, and then steal cash and drugs they seized in raids.

Elizondo is also charged with attempting to destroy evidence, while Salgado faces one count of lying to the FBI.

The trial before U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly has put a rare spotlight on the arcane process that Chicago police officers use to obtain so-called John Doe search warrants that don't require an informant to identify themselves.

Elizondo's decision to testify was a rare move, particularly for a Chicago police officer charged in federal court. It was also risky, not only because it subjects him to cross-examination but also because if he's convicted, prosecutors could seek additional prison time by arguing he lied on the witness stand.

Elizondo appeared to grow flustered during the cross-examination, however, and was repeatedly warned by the judge for giving "non-responsive" answers to the prosecutor's questions.

At one point, Kennelly had the jury leave the room, then told the sergeant that if he kept it up he would be subjected to "progressive discipline" in front of jurors.

"So it's time to get with the program," Kennelly said.

Closing arguments in the trial are expected Monday. Elizondo and Salgado each face up to 20 years in prison

cash from his own pocket — but never money or illegal drugs found during a raid.

"I would always take care of my informants," Elizondo said.

He was also asked about one of his longtime informants, Latonia Gipson, who told jurors earlier this week that Elizondo often promised her a cut of what was found inside a residence if her tip panned out.

Gipson also testified Elizondo and Salgado asked her to lie in search warrants by claiming she had seen drugs inside houses she had never been to, Gipson said. Asked why she lied in sworn testimony to a judge, Gipson replied, "Because I was getting paid."

Under questioning by his attorney, Michael Clancy, Elizondo testified Friday he kept Gipson on the hook by paying her out of his own pocket, typically only \$40 to \$60.

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if convicted of the most serious charge of obstruction.

The trial featured unusual testimony by a Cook County judge who was the go-to source for Elizondo and Salgado when they needed a warrant signed on the fly.

Among the warrants approved by Circuit Judge Mauricio Araujo was one in December 2017 authorizing the search of a purported drug stash house that turned out to be an elaborate ruse concocted by the FBI.

The investigation began in November 2017 after a confidential FBI source told agents that a friend who had been an informant for Elizondo's team told him about receiving money and drugs from the officers in exchange for information.

The friend, Antwan Davis, started working as an informant after he was himself targeted by Elizondo's squad in a raid that did not result in criminal charges.

Davis told investigators that Elizondo was wary about including other officers in the scheme, prosecutors have said. Before one meeting, Elizondo allegedly warned him not to talk about payments around one officer.

"He's not like us," Elizondo said in one recording played for the jury. "He's not cut from the same cloth."

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CPS embezzlement probe concludes with plea

Scam cost system nearly \$900,000

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

The last of five men accused of taking part in a nearly \$900,000 embezzlement scam on Chicago Public Schools pleaded guilty Friday in a deal worked out with Cook County prosecutors and was sentenced to nearly one year of house arrest and three years of probation.

The guilty plea by Albert Bennett, 53, to conspiring to commit a financial crime averted a trial that was scheduled to begin Monday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

In sentencing a co-defendant Thursday, Judge William Raines noted that teachers were on strike at CPS schools.

"You hurt the children of those schools and the community in general by lining your own pockets through this fraud," Raines told Sidney Bradley, 51. "... I want that money to go back to the schools."

Raines said Bennett and

Bradley should have been sentenced to prison, but he agreed to probation because each was ordered to pay significant restitution — \$100,000 by Bennett and \$75,000 by Bradley. Like Bennett, Bradley was also sentenced to one year of house arrest and three years of probation.

Only the ringleader, Jermaine Robinson, 40, was sentenced to prison — six years on Tuesday. He pleaded guilty to organizing a financial crime enterprise.

Prosecutors alleged that Robinson coordinated two separate schemes that drained more than \$870,000 from CPS while acting as business manager for two public high schools.

The schemes took place between late 2009 and early 2014, authorities said at the time that charges came down in mid-2015.

Principals at Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet High School and Gage Park High School had given Robinson their login information for the CPS automated payment system, giving him the access he needed to carry out the

schemes, prosecutors said. Bennett and Bradley submitted phony invoices to CPS for work — such as maintaining printers — that they never, in fact, performed, according to prosecutors.

Another co-defendant, Paul Simmons, let Bradley use his unique CPS vendor ID numbers to submit invoices. In return, he was kicked back a share of the profits — what they called a "usage fee," according to court documents.

Simmons, who was the first to plead guilty in August 2018, admitted in his plea agreement to taking part in the theft of nearly \$530,000 from CPS. Simmons would charge Bradley 10% to 30% of the proceeds from each fraudulent invoice, according to the plea deal.

Simmons cooperated with authorities and had agreed to testify against his co-defendants. He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of theft of government property, and prosecutors will recommend a sentence of two years of probation and \$20,000 in restitution.

Meanwhile, Robinson would approve the fraudulent invoices using the principals' logins, prosecutors said. Robinson also scammed CPS through fake expense reimbursements, according to prosecutors.

Between 2012 and 2013, he reimbursed himself more than \$30,000 for expenses he never incurred.

He also wired CPS money to personal bank accounts of co-defendant Jonathan McKinney, also a CPS employee, labeling them as employee reimbursements and entering them as expenses in the CPS system using the principals' logins. He and McKinney split more than \$19,000 between them in stolen funds, according to prosecutors.

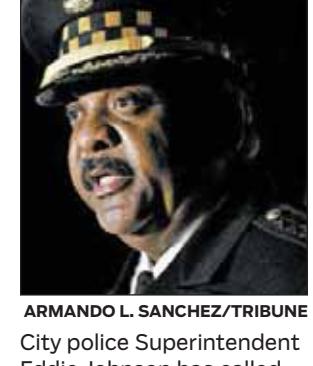
McKinney pleaded guilty in May to a reduced misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to two years' probation, records show. He also must pay \$3,500 in restitution and perform 240 hours of community service.

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Mayor: Top cop drank prior to sleeping in car

Johnson points to missed medication for illness on drive

BY JEREMY GORNER AND GREGORY PRATT



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City police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has called for an Internal Affairs investigation on himself.

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson admitted to Mayor Lori Lightfoot that he had "a couple of drinks" Wednesday night before he fell asleep in his car after pulling over when he felt ill, the mayor told the Chicago Sun-Times on Friday.

The new detail came a day after Johnson went public about the incident and called for an investigation on himself by the department's Bureau of Internal Affairs.

In remarks to reporters Thursday night, Johnson blamed the incident on his failure to take his blood pressure medication.

Officers responding to a 911 call found him asleep in his parked car near his home in the Bridgeport neighborhood at about 12:30 a.m. Thursday.

Johnson's chief spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi, had issued a statement Thursday saying the officers did not notice "any signs of impairment" on the superintendent's part and let him drive to his nearby home. When asked Friday whether Johnson had been drinking, Guglielmi said he didn't know and would not ask Johnson, citing the Internal Affairs probe.

"My asking that question would contaminate any planned interview," he said.

Johnson told reporters he had been tired after a long day at work Wednesday but went out to dinner with friends that night. He said he felt ill early Thursday as he drove home from the dinner.

"How can I explain it? It's just your body kind of gives you a warning with the high blood pressure thing that you may pass out, so I pulled over, stopped and I just rested myself until that feeling passed," he said before the monthly Chicago Police Board meeting.

He defended the officers' decision not to test for whether he had been drinking, saying, "Someone asleep in a car doesn't mean they're impaired."

Johnson has not explained why he was driving home from a dinner engagement at 12:30 a.m., particularly on a day he said he felt fatigued.

After suffering a blood clot this past summer, Johnson said his

cardiologist "adjusted" his medication during a follow-up appointment on Tuesday. The superintendent said he removed the old medication from his weekly pillbox but had not yet obtained the new prescription, suggesting he hadn't taken his blood pressure medication for a couple of days.

Johnson said he returned to the cardiologist Thursday and learned his blood pressure was elevated.

Johnson said he ordered the Internal Affairs investigation of his own conduct "to avoid the appearance of impropriety and to just have total transparency."

"As I've said before, every officer, regardless of ranks, must uphold themselves to the highest standards, and that includes me," he said.

Guglielmi said the department has no plans to make public any video footage of the incident because of the ongoing internal investigation.

"Putting any video out before police interviews are completed could influence or tamper statements that are made to investigators," he said.

After the now-infamous video of the fatal police shooting of Laquan McDonald wasn't made public for more than a year, the city instituted a policy of releasing any such footage within 60 days of police-involved shootings. At that point, the investigations into those shootings are many months from being completed.

In an apparent reference to the 60-day policy, Lightfoot told reporters Friday that video from Johnson's incident "will be released at some point. That's the policy."

"I think we've got to let Internal Affairs do its work, and then we'll see where things lead," she said.

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Man gets 6 years for mall shooting sparked over urine

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A man who knocked over a bottle of his own urine in a department store dressing room and then shot the store employee who kicked him out was sentenced Friday to six years in prison.

Keonte Griffin, 24, of Glendale Heights, admitted guilty in DuPage County court to one count of aggravated battery with a firearm, according to court records. In exchange for the guilty plea, prosecutors dropped several other felonies Griffin faced.

He has been in the DuPage County jail since his arrest following the incident at Stratford Square Mall in Bloomingdale.

Authorities said that on June 12, 2018, Griffin was trying on clothing at a mall department store. While in a dressing room, authorities said, Griffin opted to relieve himself into a bottle he was carrying. He then accidentally kicked over the bottle, spilling it onto the floor, which drew the attention of a store loss prevention officer.

The loss prevention officer then escorted Griffin out into a parking lot, where Griffin, apparently angry over his ejection, pulled out a .25-caliber handgun and shot the loss prevention officer in the shoulder. In the ensuing struggle, Griffin accidentally shot himself in the wrist and ended up in his hip, authorities said.

Neither man suffered life-threatening injuries.

When Griffin, who has previous retail theft convictions, is released from prison, he will serve three years on parole. He will receive credit for the 14 months he spent in the county jail while his case proceeded through the system.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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officials spoke to the news media Friday evening after talks ended for the day at Malcolm X College. Their tone was generally more conciliatory than earlier Friday, when a note from a CPS lawyer asking union leaders to spend more time in negotiations and less at rallies prompted an angry response from the union vice president.

"Rich white men tell black women with children in the Chicago Public Schools what to do all the time," Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said.

She noted that — unlike CTU President Jesse Sharkey — her name was misspelled in the note from a CPS attorney, which said the city "cannot afford to have another three to four recess in negotiations while both of you are gone." The union tweeted out the note.

"My name is misspelled. So pay attention to what's being said here," Davis Gates told the Tribune. "... His name is spelled right. There's something to this. The city has a legacy, a culture, of putting black women in the position where life is harder, where they have to be silenced, to take the backseat, and this is an element of it."

As Chicago's teachers strike entered its second day, city negotiators were pushing CTU leaders to begin 10-hour daily negotiating sessions — and quietly expressing concern the walkout could extend into next week.

Talks had been expected to pause Friday while the union staged a demonstration outside Lightfoot's office. While the rally attracted large crowds of teachers, CPS support staff and their supporters to City Hall, Davis Gates stayed at the bargaining table. Sharkey said early negotiations Friday "have been positive" but added that they're "not there yet" in terms of reaching an adequate agreement.

Negotiations had taken a break Thursday while CTU leaders attended an

enormous downtown rally. Now the city wants to draw attention to the schedule breaks as both sides continue a public relations battle — and they're asking that at least one union leader is constantly available for talks.

"It is vital to the success of these negotiations that one of you be present at all times," CPS attorney James Franczek wrote.

Union leaders responded angrily on Twitter that they set out their framework for a contract in January.

"So when Franczek sends us this note, it's like c'mon son ... our team has been at this for 10 months, spending more than half of those months in classrooms *and* at the table. His boss didn't start her job until May, and didn't get (somewhat) serious about schools until July," the CTU tweeted.

Davis Gates later said: "If (the city is) openly predicting this goes into next week, that means they are not ready to come to the table and offer something that makes sense. They keep signaling their intention, and their intention is not to come to an agreement that reflects their campaign promises, that reflects transformation."

Franczek could not be reached regarding Davis Gates' comments about his note.

Both the Chicago mayor and CPS chief executive officer are African American women.

Talks are set to resume at about 1 p.m. Saturday. Sharkey said several union members would be at an Illinois Federation of Teachers conference Saturday morning to be present when the federation honors his predecessor as CTU president, Karen Lewis, who stepped down last year because of serious health problems.

Just before the union's rally at City Hall on Friday, Sharkey offered an update, saying the sides discussed special education Friday morning and planned to talk more about staffing in the afternoon. He said the city has offered language that would provide for the

hiring of 250 school nurses, but he said the union has to look at that against current staffing levels.

"We can do the math," he said, noting there are almost 520 schools in the district. The union has called for a nurse in every school.

CPS CEO Jackson took to airwaves on Friday morning asking for talks to go "around the clock."

"We need sessions to go as long as they need to go in order to reach a deal," Jackson told WGN. "Kids are now out of school, we need to be spending the time that parents expect us to be spending at the bargaining table resolving these issues."

Lightfoot used her morning appearance to try and pressure the union into negotiating at least 10 hours a day, seven days a week. The mayor indirectly alluded to her administration's frustration with union leaders for attending a rally Thursday instead of spending all day Thursday negotiating.

One city source said there's concern talks could drag on for another week.

Davis Gates said it's a matter of how Lightfoot chooses to exert her control.

"The mayor is in control of every single resource in this city," Davis Gates said. "The fact that we can't conclude (a contract deal) is about her refusal to do so.... This is a strong mayor city. She controls transportation, she controls public safety, she controls housing, she controls economic development, she controls public education. Certainly a mayor who has that much control can figure out how to land a contract that improves the lives of students in Chicago Public Schools. The urgency must lie in their ability to put those things together."

But again, Lightfoot said both sides could reach a deal "in a matter of days" or even the weekend if they sat down together with a sense of urgency.

Tribune reporters Madeline Buckley and Javonte Anderson contributed.

ComEd

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told the Tribune on Friday that longtime former ComEd lobbyists John Hooker and Fidel Marquez are under federal scrutiny.

Hooker, who once headed ComEd's lobbying division, reported to the state on Friday he had terminated his relationship with a firm whose key lobbyist is Michael Kasper, the longtime lawyer for Madigan's Illinois Democratic Party and a former legal counsel for the speaker's office.

Hooker worked on ComEd issues for Kasper's firm, state records showed.

ComEd and parent company Exelon have acknowledged receiving two federal subpoenas. On Friday, a spokeswoman issued a statement saying the companies are "cooperating fully with the investigation, and we are not commenting on the government's investigatory activities."

The outlines of what federal authorities are looking at emerged three days after Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore abruptly retired. A source told the Tribune that Pramaggiore, a former ComEd leader who lobbied in Springfield for years, is one focus of the ongoing investigation.

One of the subpoenas asked for records of communications with state Sen.

Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat whose legislative territory overlaps with the speaker's House district.

Sandoval's Capitol office was raided last month. The lengthy list of things authorities searched for included "items related to ComEd, Exelon, any employee, officer or representative of any of those businesses, Exelon Official A, Exelon Official B, Exelon Official C, Exelon Official D, and/or any issue supported by any of those businesses or individuals, including, but not limited to, rate increases."

Quinn checks

As federal authorities try

to determine whether payments made by ComEd to

lobbyists were going to politically connected people, one area they're looking at is money paid to Kevin Quinn, the brother of Marty Quinn, Madigan's close confidant.

Madigan's home was raided by the FBI in May.

The payments included a \$1,000 check from the account of Michael McClain, a retired top ComEd lobbyist for decades who is

Madigan's close confidant.

McClain's home was raided by the FBI in May.

Quinn also got checks from the law firm of former Rep. John Bradley, a ComEd lobbyist; a firm that lobbies for ComEd and employs lobbyist Will Cousineau, a former Madigan political director; an account linked to Tom Cullen, a former ComEd lobbyist and Madigan political director; and ComEd City Hall lobbyist Michael Alvarez.

In addition, Quinn got a \$1,000 check from a

businessman who has worked with Madigan's property tax appeals law firm. The memo line of the check says "McClain."

McClain was one of Madigan's closest confidantes. He long played an outsize role as a ComEd contract lobbyist and key political strategist whose ties to the speaker date back to the 1970s when they served together in the House.

He retired in 2016 following passage of the legislation to save nuclear plants in Clinton and the Quad Cities.

In mid-May, the FBI

raided McClain's house in

Quincy. They came at about

the same time federal

agents searched the South-

west Side home of former

23rd Ward Ald. Mike Zalewski.

In the Zalewski raid,

authorities sought recor-

ds of interactions among

Madigan, McClain and

Zalewski related to

attempts to get ComEd

lobbying work for the for-

mer City Council member

when he stepped down in

2018, according to a law

enforcement source.

ComEd fixture

When Pramaggiore as-

cended to CEO of ComEd

in 2009, the company also

elevated Hooker, the chief

lobbyist, to executive vice

president for legislative

and external affairs.

The company enjoyed

great success in Springfield

over the last decade as an

army of lobbyists con-

vinced lawmakers to pass

bills to install a smart grid

system and save nuclear

plants.

Hooker was promoted

despite surfacing a decade

earlier in a legislative schol-

arship scandal that high-

lighted the coziness be-

tween lawmakers and lob-

byysts at the Capitol.

Two of Hooker's de-

pendents — a daughter

from his first marriage and

a stepson from another

marriage — managed to

secure \$21,000 worth of

tuition waivers from law-

makers under the since-

ended legislative schol-

arship program, which was

long beset by charges of

nepotism, favoritism and

political abuse.

Back in 1999, the Tribune

reported that one of those

waivers came from then-

Rep. Shirley Jones, a Chi-

cago Democrat who

chaired the House Public

Utility Committee. As

ComEd's top lobbyist,

Hooker steered legisla-

tion affecting the utility com-

pany through Jones' com-

mittee. And ComEd? It

gave Jones political dona-

tions.

At the time, Madigan

said Jones made a mistake

in giving the scholarship to

Hooker's stepson, but the

speaker said everyone is

entitled to a mistake and let

her remain committee

chair — a position that

came with a \$7,735 annual

stipend.

"Had she asked my ad-

vice before she did it,"

Madigan said at the time, "I

would have told her, 'You

shouldn't do something

like that.' But she didn't ask

my advice."

Following the Tribune

disclosure, Hooker apolo-

gized to co-workers for

breaking the utility's ethics

policy that bars workers from actions that would "create an appearance of impropriety," but a company spokesman said at the time that Hooker's "inadvertent lapse" didn't require discipline.

When she left the House, Jones served 10 years as a ComEd lobbyist.

Hooker also has supported attempts to protect Madigan's authority to draw legislative district boundary maps that are critical in determining who wins elections and which party holds the majority in the House and Senate.

In 2016, Hooker chaired a group that successfully sued to keep off the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment that would have removed the map-making process for House and Senate districts from power brokers like the speaker, other legislative leaders and the governor, and give it to an 11-member board.

The lawyer in the suit

was Kasper, Madigan's at-

torney for the state Demo-

cratic party. Plaintiffs also

included former ComEd

Chairman Frank Clark,

who recently declined to

comment about the

ComEd investigation.

At the time, Hooker, who is African American, said the ballot question "had unintended consequences for black and brown minority districts."

In July 2015, then-Mayor

Rahm Emanuel

Chicago Tribune

NATION & WORLD

Trump hails shaky Syria cease-fire

Insists peace at hand between Turks, Kurds, but optimism at odds with clashes, confusion

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump punched back Friday at criticism that his Syria withdrawal is damaging U.S. credibility, betraying Kurdish allies and opening the door for a possible resurgence of the Islamic State. He touted a cease-fire agreement that seemed at risk as Turkey and Kurdish fighters differed over what it required and whether combat had halted.

"We've had tremendous success I think over the last couple of days," Trump declared. He added that "we've taken control of the oil in the Middle East" — a claim that seemed disconnected from any known development there.

He made the assertion twice Friday, but other U.S. officials were unable to explain what he meant.

Calling his Syria approach "a little bit unconventional," the president contended that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as well as the Syrian Kurdish fighters the Turks are battling agree that the U.S.-brokered cease-fire was the right step and were complying with it.

That optimism seemed at odds with Erdogan's own words. He told reporters in Istanbul that Turkish forces

would resume their offensive in four days unless Kurdish-led fighters withdraw "without exception" from a so-called safe zone 20 miles deep in Syria running the entire 260-mile length of the border with Turkey.

Erdogan added that he and Trump share "love and respect," but he also left little doubt that he was offended by an Oct. 9 letter from Trump telling him, "Don't be a fool!"

Erdogan said Trump's words were not compatible with "political and diplomatic courtesy" and would not be forgotten. He said he would "do what's necessary" about the letter "when the time comes." He did not elaborate.

There was no sign of any pullout by the Kurdish-led forces, who accused Turkey of violating the cease-fire with continued fighting at a key border town.

They also said the accord covers a much smaller section of the border. And some fighters have vowed not to withdraw at all, dismissing the deal as a betrayal by the U.S., whose soldiers they have fought alongside against the Islamic State.

Eric Edelman, a former U.S. ambassador to Turkey who served as the Pentagon's top policy official during the George W. Bush administration, said he doubts Turkey and its Syr-



A Turkish army tank moves toward the Syrian border on Friday in Ceylanpinar, Turkey.

BURAK KARA/GETTY

ian proxies could control the entire border area from the Euphrates River to Iraq without help from Russia or others.

"That's a very big expanse of territory to hold, albeit a lot of it is uninhabited," Edelman said. "That probably means they've cut already some deal with the Russians and the Iranians."

Even so, Trump insisted peace was at hand.

"There is a cease-fire or a pause or whatever you want to call it," he said. "There was some sniper fire this morning" as well as mortar fire, but that was quickly halted and the area had returned to a "full pause," he said.

Trump said nothing fur-

ther about the European nations he now contends have agreed to take some of the IS fighters, a demand he has repeated often. No European government announced an intent to take control of IS prisoners.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said U.S. troops are continuing their withdrawal from northern Syria. He also said no U.S. ground troops will participate in enforcing or monitoring the cease-fire.

"The force protection of our service members remains our top priority and, as always, U.S. forces will defend themselves from any threat as we complete our withdrawal from the area," Esper told reporters.

One important unknown

in the wake of Turkey's military incursion, which began Oct. 9, is whether IS fighters who have been held by U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces will escape in large numbers. Even before the Turkish offensive, some U.S. officials had noted signs that IS was seeking to regroup.

Officials have said a number of IS fighters, likely just over 100, have escaped custody since Turkey launched its invasion last week.

There are 11 prisons with IS detainees in the so-called safe zone between Tal Abyad and Ras al-Ayn.

Accounting for the broader border area that the Turks contend is the safe zone — that number grows

to 16 prisons. It's unclear exactly how many of those are currently under Turkish control — but as they push the Kurds out, the Turks are supposed to take control of the prisons.

Trump has been widely criticized for turning his back on the Kurds, who have taken heavy casualties as partners with the U.S. since 2016. Even some Republicans are taking aim.

"Withdrawing U.S. forces from Syria is a grave strategic mistake. It will leave the American people and homeland less safe, embolden our enemies, and weaken important alliances," Sen.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell wrote Friday in a Washington Post opinion column.



Torched vehicles litter the street a day after Thursday's gunbattle in Culiacan, Mexico.

8 dead in failed raid against son of 'El Chapo' in Mexico

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Associated Press

CULIACAN, Mexico — Mexican security forces aborted an attempt to capture a son of imprisoned drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman after finding themselves outgunned in a ferocious shootout with cartel henchmen that left at least eight people dead and more than 20 wounded, authorities said Friday.

The gunbattle Thursday paralyzed Culiacan, the capital of Mexico's Sinaloa state, and left the streets littered with burning vehicles. Residents took cover indoors as automatic gunfire raged outside.

It was the third bloody and terrifying shootout in less than a week between security forces and cartel henchmen, raising questions about whether President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's policy of avoiding the use of force and focusing on social ills is working.

Lopez Obrador defended the decision to back down, saying his predecessors' strategy "turned this country into a cemetery, and we don't want that anymore."

But Mike Vigil, a former

chief of international operations for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who worked undercover in Mexico, called the violence "a massive black eye to the Mexican government" and a "sign that the cartels are more powerful" than it is.

Streets in Culiacan, a city of over 800,000, remained blocked with torched cars Friday morning, schools were closed, and some public offices asked their employees to stay home. Few buses were running.

Teresa Mercado, who had just returned to her native Culiacan on Thursday, said: "This is worse than what I had lived through years ago."

Authorities said 35 troops arrived at a home Thursday afternoon to arrest Ovidio Guzman Lopez on a 2018 extradition request from the U.S. They entered the home, where Guzman and three others were inside.

Heavily armed men in greater force surrounded the house and also unleashed mayhem elsewhere, taking over toll booths and main roads into the city. Men carrying high-caliber weapons blocked major intersections.

Amid the chaos, inmates at a prison rioted, seized

weapons from guards and fled. Fifty-six prisoners escaped, and 49 were still at large Friday, according to Sinaloa Public Security Secretary Cristobal Castaneda. Two guards were taken captive and later freed.

Videos on social media showed a scene resembling a war zone, with gunmen, some in black ski masks, riding in the back of trucks and firing mounted machine guns as smoke rose above the cityscape. People ran for cover as gunfire rattled around them, and motorists drove frantically in reverse.

Five attackers, a member of the National Guard, a civilian and a prisoner died in the gunbattles, Defense Secretary Gen. Luis Cresencio Sandoval said. He said seven members of the security forces were wounded and eight were held captive before being released unharmed.

The government's security Cabinet made the decision to withdraw the troops to avoid greater loss of life.

"The capture of one criminal cannot be worth more than the lives of people. They made the decision and I supported it," Lopez Obrador said.

He added: "We do not want war."

Johnson seeks to rally allies ahead of new Brexit deal vote

BY MIKE CORDER
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Associated Press

LONDON — Boris Johnson worked behind the scenes Friday to win enough support to push his new Brexit deal through the fractious British Parliament and pave the way for Britain — finally — to leave the European Union in two weeks.

His message to allies and opponents alike: Approve the agreement so Britain can finally put the tortuous, three-year Brexit saga behind it.

Johnson returned

overnight from the EU summit in Brussels where he sealed the divorce deal and began a busy day of meetings and phone calls as he attempted to persuade lawmakers to ratify the pact at a rare Saturday sitting of Parliament. He met Friday with his Cabinet ahead of what's expected to be a knife-edge House of Commons vote on what was being billed by media as Super Saturday.

"I want colleagues on all sides of the House to think about a world tomorrow night in which we've got this thing done and we've got it over the line," he told British broadcaster ITV.

"Because I think the nation will have a great sigh of relief because that will be our moment to get on with the priorities of our country."

Johnson's Conservative Party holds only 288 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons, so he will have to rely on support from other parties and independent lawmakers to get over the line.

The vote appeared to be

tight, and it could yet be disrupted. While the vote will mark a defining moment, the Brexit saga may have more twists in store.

Many lawmakers want

to rule out the possibility

that Britain could crash out

of the bloc without a deal



The British House of Commons is expected to vote Saturday on Prime Minister Boris Johnson's new Brexit deal.

on the Oct. 31 deadline — a prospect economists say would disrupt trade and plunge the economy into recession. A proposed amendment to Saturday's vote would withhold approval of the deal until all the necessary legislation to implement it has passed.

One of the lawmakers behind the measure, Oliver Letwin, said it would prevent the U.K. from leaving at the end of the month "by mistake if something goes wrong during the passage of the implementing legislation."

It's not certain the amendment will be selected for a vote or whether it will pass if it is.

Parliament has also passed a law compelling the government to ask the EU for a three-month delay to Brexit if a deal is not approved Saturday.

European Union leaders, who unanimously approved the deal at a meeting in Brussels on Thursday, applied pressure to lawmakers by suggesting there is no guarantee they would grant another delay if the latest deal is rejected.

"I want us to finish this off and speak about the future," French President Emmanuel Macron said

Friday at the EU summit. "The Oct. 31 date must be respected. I don't believe new delays should be granted."

Johnson's hopes of getting the deal through Parliament were dealt a blow when his Northern Ireland ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, said it would not back him.

The DUP's Brexit spokesman, Sammy Wilson, said Johnson's Brexit package — which carves out special status for Northern Ireland to keep an open border with EU member Ireland — is bad for his region and its bonds with the rest of the U.K.

"I can give you absolute assurance we will not be voting for this deal when it comes before the Commons," he told the BBC.

If the deal is rejected, Brexit uncertainty will continue awhile longer. Johnson has said he won't do that, but also that he will obey the law, an apparent contradiction.

Conservative lawmaker John Baron acknowledged the vote would be tight but said Johnson was on a roll.

"The momentum is with the prime minister, and momentum at a time like this is important," he said.

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Trump taps Perry deputy to replace him at Energy Dept.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday selected Dan Brouillette, deputy to departing Energy Secretary Rick Perry, to lead the Energy Department, calling him a "total professional" with unparalleled experience.

Trump acted quickly, just a day after Perry told the president that he would leave by year's end.

Perry said his decision was not related to his role in administration actions

on Ukraine that are now the focus of a House impeachment inquiry.

Brouillette says he backs an "all of the above" policy that promotes nuclear and renewable solar and wind energy as well as coal, natural gas and oil.

Environmental groups, many lawmakers and others fault the administration for trying to spur the country's oil and gas production boom rather than rein in the climate-damaging fossil fuels.

Tropical Storm Nestor forms, threatening US Gulf Coast

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Newly formed Tropical Storm Nestor bore down on the northern Gulf Coast with high winds, surging seas and heavy rains Friday, threatening to hit an area of the Florida Panhandle devastated one year ago by Hurricane Michael.

Nestor was forecast to hit the coast around Mexico Beach on Saturday morning without strengthening into a hur-

cane. Blasted by Michael in October 2018, the area is still trying to recover.

The National Hurricane Center said high winds, heavy rain and dangerous storm surge were likely along parts of the northern Gulf Coast.

Forecasters expect blustery winds and heavy rain in parts of Alabama, Georgia and northern Florida, reaching the Carolinas and Virginia by Sunday.

Woman pleads to homicide in botched buttocks injection

NEW YORK — A woman who fled from New York to London rather than face charges in a botched silicone injection that killed a Maryland woman pleaded guilty Friday to criminally negligent homicide, prosecutors said.

Donna Francis, 39, pleaded guilty to administering the buttocks injections that killed 34-year-old Kelly Mayhew on May 30, 2015, in a basement in

Queens.

Mayhew traveled with her mother from Suitland, Maryland, and paid Francis \$1,600 for a buttocks augmentation procedure, prosecutors said.

Francis, who had no medical license, injected Mayhew with silicone gel bought on eBay in a home in the Far Rockaway neighborhood that served as an illegal plastic surgery clinic, the district attorney said.



A demonstrator lifts a sign reading "You are burning our future" during a protest against dire economic conditions in Zouk Mikael, north of the Lebanese capital, Beirut, on Friday.

JOSEPH EID/GETTY-AFP

Facing protests, Lebanon PM blames government for crisis

BEIRUT — Lebanon's prime minister gave his partners in government a 72-hour ultimatum to come up with "convincing" solutions for a rapidly worsening economic crisis, as nationwide protests against the country's entire ruling political class escalated.

The blaze of protests was unleashed a day earlier when the government announced a slate of new proposed taxes, including a \$6 monthly fee for using WhatsApp voice calls. The measures set a spark to long smoldering anger against top leaders from the presi-



dent and prime minister to the numerous factional figures many blame for decades of corruption and mismanagement.

Hundreds of rowdy protesters were massed outside Prime Minister Saad Hariri's office as he delivered an address to the nation Friday evening, blaming politicians in his national unity government for blocking his reform agenda at every turn.

The government is dominated by his rivals, the Iran-backed Hezbollah group and its allies. Hariri said he under-

stood the people's "pain" and anger at his government's performance and said "we are running out of time."

He said he was giving 72 hours for the government to come up with "clear, decisive and final" decisions regarding his proposed structural reforms to fix the ailing economy.

Shortly after his speech, security forces fired tear gas and water cannons to disperse the protesters outside his office, leading to confrontations between police and young men. Groups of rioters broke away from the protesters, setting cars ablaze and smashing store windows.

Heartburn drug Zantac is pulled in US and Canada

Drugmaker Sanofi is recalling its over-the-counter heartburn drug Zantac in the U.S. and Canada because of possible contamination.

The French company Friday joined other drugmakers that have recently recalled their versions of the popular heartburn and ulcer drug.

In September, the Food and Drug Administration said a potentially cancer-causing chemical had been detected at low levels in prescription and over-the-counter versions of Zantac.

The federal agency said consumers could consider taking another heartburn medicine or contact their doctor.

U.S. and European Union health officials are investigating levels of the probable carcinogen NDMA in Zantac and its generic equivalent sold by numerous other companies.

In New Orleans: Plans have been pushed back a day to bring down two giant, unstable construction cranes in a series of controlled explosions before they can topple onto historic New Orleans buildings, the city's fire chief said Friday, noting the risky work involved in placing explosive on the towers.

Light, intermittent rain and winds were complicating efforts Friday as workers in buckets suspended from another crane worked to prepare the site.

Three people died when a Hard Rock Hotel building under construction at partially collapsed Oct. 12. One body was recovered but the bodies of two construction workers remain in the unstable wreckage.

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BUSINESS

A-B alleges MillerCoors stole recipes

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

In the latest legal salvo over the use of corn syrup in beer, Anheuser-Busch claims MillerCoors "misappropriated trade secrets" by obtaining full recipes and a technical manual for making its Bud Light and Michelob Ultra brews.

An employee at Anheuser-Busch's Cartersville, Georgia, brewery allegedly shared the recipes in February with a MillerCoors employee, according to a counterclaim filed Thursday by Anheuser-Busch in a 7-month-old federal lawsuit.

Anheuser-Busch is seeking an injunction to prevent MillerCoors from "accessing, using or disclosing" the Bud Light and Michelob Ultra beer recipes, according to the filing in federal court in Madison, Wis.

"We will enforce our right to uncover how high up this may reach in the MillerCoors organization," the company said in a statement Thursday. "We take our trade secrets seriously and will protect them to the fullest extent

of the law."

The corn syrup war started with a snarky Bud Light Super Bowl commercial by Anheuser-Busch in February claiming that Miller Lite and Coors Light were made with corn syrup. MillerCoors defended itself first with an ad campaign of its own and shortly thereafter, filed a false advertising lawsuit against Anheuser-Busch.

Now the battle has taken a darker turn into full-blown beer espionage, with Anheuser-Busch alleging MillerCoors obtained the recipes with the full knowledge of top executives.

The Anheuser-Busch employee "is no longer with the company," Anheuser-Busch said Friday.

MillerCoors spokesman Adam Collins issued a statement Thursday night addressing the alleged misappropriation of trade secrets.

"MillerCoors respects confidential information and takes any contrary allegations seriously, but if the ingredients are a secret, why did they spend tens of millions of dollars telling the entire world what's in Bud Light?" Collins said. "And why are the ingredients

printed on Bud Light's packaging in giant letters?"

Text messages obtained by an Anheuser-Busch and included in the heavily redacted counterclaim allegedly reveal a possible motive for the beer espionage: searching for ingredients to use in a retaliatory ad campaign by Chicago-based MillerCoors.

"I got a few calls already from (corporate) folks asking about Bud Light, we must be prepping a retaliation," the MillerCoors employee said in one of the text messages included in the filing. The message was dated Feb. 4 — the day after the Super Bowl ad ran.

The Bud Light campaign launched with a Super Bowl TV commercial where a mythical medieval king leads a quest to return corn syrup mistakenly delivered to his castle to Miller Lite and Coors Light.

In March, MillerCoors sued Anheuser-Busch, looking to "set the record straight" regarding its use of corn syrup as a fermenting sugar.

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Legionnaires' death fuels lawsuit against Northwestern hospital

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

A Texas patient's family filed a lawsuit against Northwestern Memorial Hospital on Thursday alleging that 35-year-old Carol Anne Cosme Ruiz died after contracting Legionnaires' disease at the facility.

The family alleges in the suit that Northwestern didn't do enough to prevent Legionella, the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease, from spreading in the hospital's water system. The lawsuit was filed by Cosme Ruiz's husband Gibran Ruiz, 40, who lives in Cypress, Texas, and is the administrator of her estate.

Legionnaires' disease is a serious type of pneumonia. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, health departments across the country reported about 7,500 cases in 2017.

Although the disease isn't passed from one person to another, people can catch it if they breathe air containing Legionella bacteria or if contaminated water accidentally goes into their lungs when drinking, according to the CDC.

The Illinois Department of Public Health investigated two cases of Legionnaires' disease in patients at Rush Oak Park Hospital this summer.

In January 2017, Cosme Ruiz, who suffered from multiple sclerosis, was accepted into a stem cell clinical trial at Northwestern. She was admitted to the hospital Oct. 25, 2017, "was exposed to legionella from the hospital's contaminated water supply" and contracted Legionnaires' disease, the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit also alleges that an Illinois Department of Public Health investigation linked Cosme Ruiz's cause of death to a previous patient at Northwestern Memorial who died of Legionnaires' disease in May 2017.

The 57-year-old unnamed patient was hospitalized at Northwestern from May 9 through May 26, 2017, according to the lawsuit. The lawsuit also alleges that Northwestern wasn't able to rule out the possibility the patient contracted the disease from the facility's water supply.

On Nov. 6, 2017, Cosme Ruiz developed a severe fever after getting pneumonia and was later "transferred to the medical intensive care unit for worsening hypoxic respiratory failure," the lawsuit states.

At the time, doctors were treating Cosme Ruiz for what they thought was a fungal infection, the lawsuit alleges.

Cosme Ruiz died Nov. 12, according to the lawsuit, which alleges that her death could have been prevented if the hospital followed guidelines to treat its water system.

Her Texas survivors said they hope their case will help prevent similar situations for patients being treated at hospitals.

Ruiz said at a Chicago news conference Friday that after his wife's death it has "been really challenging to return to this city, which in the past has brought us so much joy."

Melanie Cosme, Cosme Ruiz's daughter, fought back tears Friday as she spoke about how she wished her mother could see her graduation from Texas A&M University next May.

"I hope no one has to go through this," Cosme said.

A Northwestern spokesman said it does not comment on pending litigation.

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Chicago police go green with 200 new SUVs

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The Chicago Police Department may save some gas on future high-speed chases with the purchase of 200 new Ford hybrid utility vehicles, set to hit the street soon.

The order for the all-new 2020 Ford Interceptor SUVs — the first pursuit-rated hybrid police utility vehicles — was announced Friday at the Chicago Assembly Plant on the city's Southeast Side, where they are being built.

The hybrid SUVs are expected to be delivered beginning in April and fully on patrol in Chicago by summer, the Chicago Police Department said.

Going green could save the Chicago Police Department about

\$1 million a year at the gas pump with the first 200 hybrid SUVs. The new hybrids are 41% more fuel efficient than the gas-powered version, offering between \$3,500 and \$5,700 per vehicle in annual fuel savings, the automaker said.

The price tag for the hybrid SUVs is between \$45,000 and \$56,000 per vehicle, depending on options, putting the total cost of the order at nearly \$9.7 million, according to Jonathan Lewin, chief of technical services for the Chicago Police Department.

The Chicago Police Department is looking to convert its entire patrol fleet of about 3,700 vehicles to hybrid power within 10 to 15 years, Lewin said.

A major benefit for police use is

that the new hybrid system shuts off the gas engine for extended periods of time, allowing the battery to power lights, radios, computers and other equipment. At the same time, the hybrid SUV has better road performance — including faster acceleration and a top speed of 138 mph — than most gas-powered police utility vehicles, according to test results published by Ford.

The hybrid police SUVs are among the first new vehicles to be built at the Chicago Assembly Plant since Ford completed a \$1 billion investment in the facility, a massive retooling which shut down the Torrence Avenue plant for 30 days in March.

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Dow Jones industrials

Close: 26,770.20

Change: -255.68 (-1.0%)

27,160

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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Teachers union is using the kids

As a Chicago Public Schools parent at home with my daughter, I hope the mayor stands up to Chicago Teachers Union. Teachers should know basic math, and basic math here doesn't work. The average teacher's salary (under a 16% pay increase over five years proposed by Mayor Lori Lightfoot) would be \$100,000. That is not sustainable. And here on the South Side, there are high schools fully staffed but 80% empty. Close those schools and lay off those teachers. CTU is using the kids.

—Shawn Jenkins, Chicago

Give Chicago teachers their due

My daughter is a Chicago Public Schools kindergarten teacher. She puts her heart and soul into her teaching, and students and Chicago are better off because of her passion.

She personally spends upward of \$1,000 annually to provide materials for her classroom. One year, she bought a rug so her students didn't have to sit on the cold tile floor. A rug the schools didn't supply. Each night and weekend, she works on lesson plans and classroom preparation. She teaches a prekindergarten class in the summer so children can be successful in the fall.

For the past five years, she has had 29 children in her classroom without an aide. Think about that! One adult and 29 5-year-olds! Chicago must think seriously about the tremendous social impact teachers make and compensate them fairly both financially and with additional resources. The time is now.

—Linda Sandquist, Rockford

NBA should get out of China

The failure of NBA players and management to unequivocally back Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey's tweet in support of Hong Kong protesters validates a simple truth: It's easy to protest and criticize when one has nothing to lose, but it's quite another matter when one does.

It is sad that a simple tweet promoting democratic values could prompt criticism and at least one personal attack aimed at Morey. The only justification for such responses might be that the tweet could put NBA players and staff in China in jeopardy. But if a simple tweet in favor of freedom could endanger them, then the NBA has no business in China.

—Lee Goldberg, Naperville

Supreme Court should be apolitical

In an Oct. 15 letter ("Justices shouldn't do the work of lawmakers"), reader David L. Applegate comments on the Supreme Court's current review of the meaning of the word "sex" in the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Does it apply to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals, or simply to gender? If the justices rule the former, Applegate states they would in effect be rewriting the law, and that job belongs to Congress.

We need to be careful here. The need to interpret a law that is 55 years old, and written in a time of different social mores when it was not common to disclose sexual orientation, should not surprise anyone.

I suggest it is precisely what the justices should do, for two reasons. First, a law written 55 years ago could not possibly have foreseen the changes that would occur in sexual openness — the closet no longer has doors. Second, a very large number of businesses have modified their bylaws and employment policies to prohibit discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender job applicants. As a practical matter, most of the country's businesses, including the largest, have done their own interpreting of the Civil Rights Law. The justices need only to recognize that in their decision, and suggest that Congress modify and clarify the 1964 law.

The writer dismisses what is a far more serious problem facing the courts of our country, including the Supreme Court: politically biased decisions. The situation is a cause of great concern, where the high court that was, by our country's founders, intended to function as an objective, apolitical body of final appeal, and ultimate protector of our justice system, has become seriously flawed. Interpreting laws in the light of changing times and customs pales by comparison.

—Thomas G. Lynch, Oak Park

Remembering child's tragic death

Thank you for the editorial remembering Eric Morse on the 25th anniversary of his tragic death ("Recalling Eric Morse, the boy who refused to steal candy and was dropped to his death," Oct. 13). Reading details, which I don't recall hearing before, of the torture he suffered before being dropped hit as hard as it did 25 years ago.

I recall being further disturbed when I learned in 1997 that Eric was buried in an unmarked grave; I could not fathom how that was possible given the publicity his tragic murder had received nationwide. The Chicago Tribune published a story on Nov. 22, 1997 ("Angel Won't Let Slain Boy Be Forgotten"), relating how a marker was placed on his grave — the kindness of anonymous donors adding money to collection boxes placed at businesses in Homewood raised the exact amount needed to pay for the marker — which was something that felt divinely guided. Later, a woman in Ohio who was moved by the story and also wanted to help sent a permanent vase to be added to the grave-stone. People do care, and so many do want to help right wrongs that shouldn't be.

The hard questions asked of how to nurture young people to have Eric's moral sensibilities and how to stem the murders of young people that seem more rampant than ever have no clear answers. I do believe that Eric Morse will not be forgotten, and I also believe there are many people devoting time and energy, doing their best to "stanch the bloodshed." Some of the answers must come from young people themselves.

—Susan K. Lindholm, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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A MINISERIES EPISODE 2

Why a teachers strike is bad for Chicago

Crime in Chicago doesn't follow a schedule. It unfolds relentlessly, day and night.

During the Chicago Teachers Union strike, Chicago Public Schools created a safety plan for students that includes open school buildings staffed with administrators. But so far, most kids haven't been at school. For the more fortunate, canceled classes might have meant a trip to the botanical gardens or

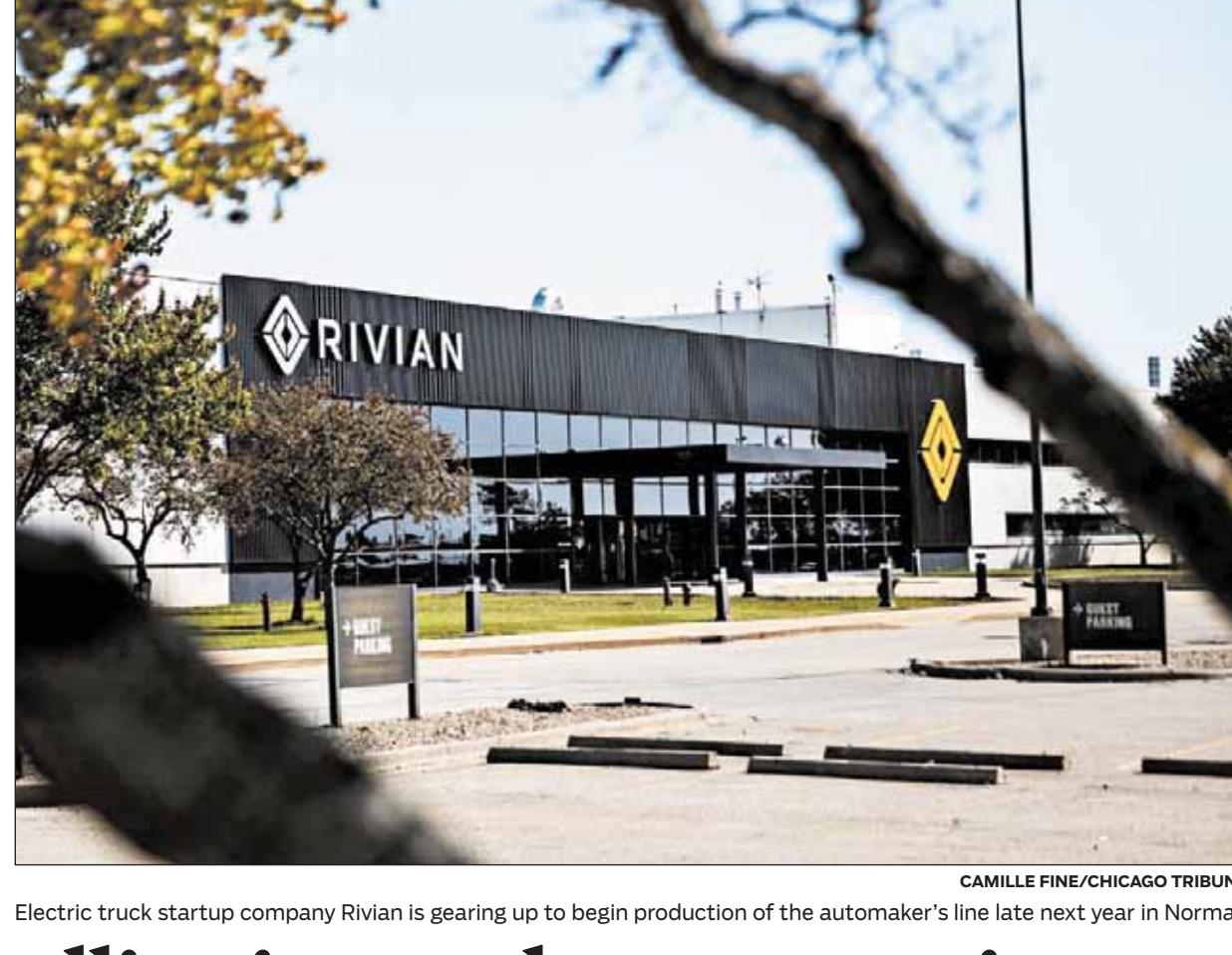
Navy Pier. For the less fortunate, canceled classes meant a day home alone or at a CPS-identified shelter or goofing off in the neighborhood.

Just a fact-based reminder: As of Oct. 13, Chicago had registered 403 killings, 1,690 criminal sexual assaults and 6,166 robberies in 2019, according to Chicago Police Department statistics. Those crimes tend to be concentrated in neighbor-

hoods where households can be unstable, where daytime adult supervision is sometimes sparse, where working parents have few options for child care.

"We absolutely believe the safest place for students is at school being taught by teachers," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi tells us.

For student safety, settle this strike, CTU.



CAMILLE FINE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Electric truck startup company Rivian is gearing up to begin production of the automaker's line late next year in Normal.

Illinois needs more unicorns

Illinois doesn't see many unicorns. But there's been a sighting in down-state Normal, where an electric truck manufacturer called Rivian operates out of the former Mitsubishi auto plant.

A unicorn is a privately held start-up company worth at least \$1 billion. Rivian's unexpected rise is worthy of comparison to the mythological creature: The company, based in Michigan, arrived in Normal several years ago with mysterious plans to develop some sort of advanced vehicle.

Who were the investors? What was the business model? Rivian founder RJ Scaringe has a doctorate from MIT but he wasn't big on answering questions. He did ask for money, though, seeking property tax incentives from Normal officials, who were desperate to replace the thousands of jobs lost when Mitsubishi bailed. Normal officials took a risk and supported Rivian. "I do believe they are a credible organization," Mayor Chris Koos said in late 2016.

Rivian eventually unveiled prototypes and confirmed its heady pro-

spects by attracting big-league investors. This year, Amazon led a group that put \$700 million into the company. Ford followed with \$500 million and a plan to co-develop an electric vehicle using Rivian's platform. Then Cox Automotive provided \$350 million.

Rivian, which is developing an electric truck and SUV, is now worth \$3.5 billion, according to The Wall Street Journal. Amazon has ordered 100,000 custom electric delivery vehicles.

A few days ago, Rivian held an open house in Normal to show off prototypes. The company has 156 employees and isn't scheduled to roll its first electric vehicles off the line for another year. But Scaringe says, "We're talking about thousands of jobs," according to the Tribune's Robert Chammick. The company's getting \$4 million in local incentives plus \$49.2 million in state tax credits over 15 years if it meets employment and investment targets.

It all still feels slightly unreal — yes, like a unicorn — but that's the nature of the startup field, where money chases ideas, only some of which lead to profitable, sustainable

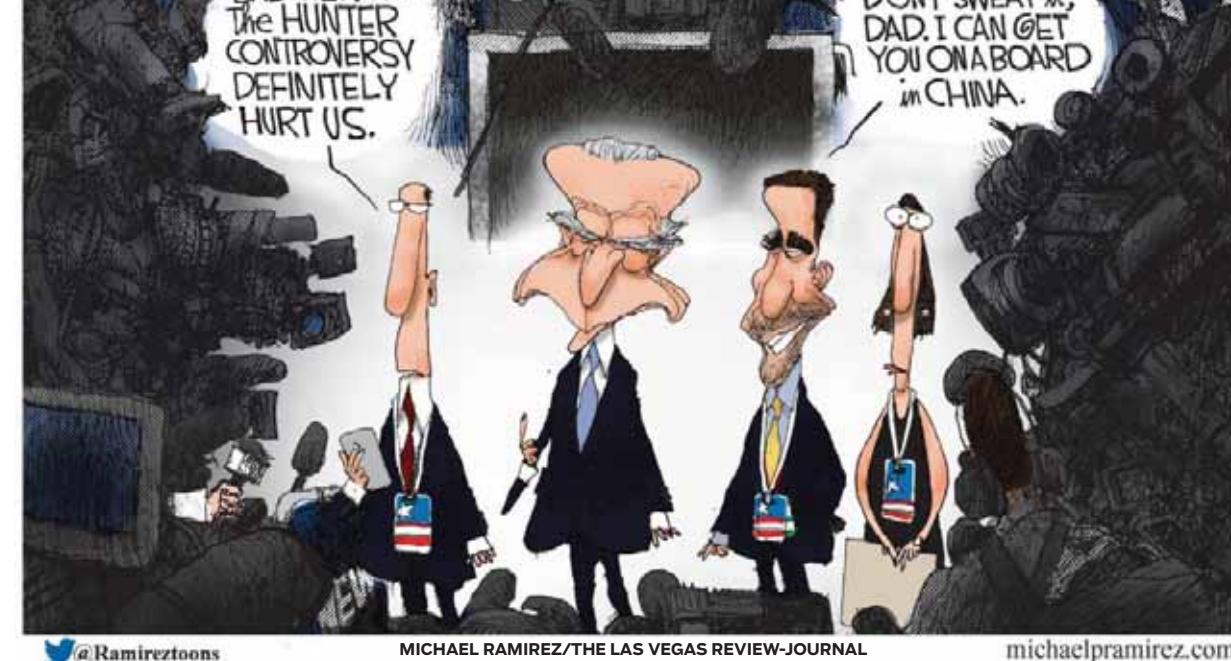
businesses. What makes the Rivian story compelling is the company's decision to locate a promising high-tech operation in a shuttered down-state factory. Mitsubishi's departure in 2015 felt like a death in the family. Here we have a rebirth.

Illinois shouldn't ever be scrounging for jobs and investment. This is a manufacturing state at the crossroads of America that boasts a highly trained workforce and superb higher education options.

The challenge in attracting businesses to Illinois is the state's reputation for an unfriendly business environment: high taxes, lots of regulatory red tape and a crushing government debt load scare away investors. Foreign vehicles companies and suppliers would rather locate in places like Indiana, a fiscally sound, right-to-work state.

Mitsubishi left Illinois because its business was ailing, but Indiana is home to Toyota, Subaru and Honda.

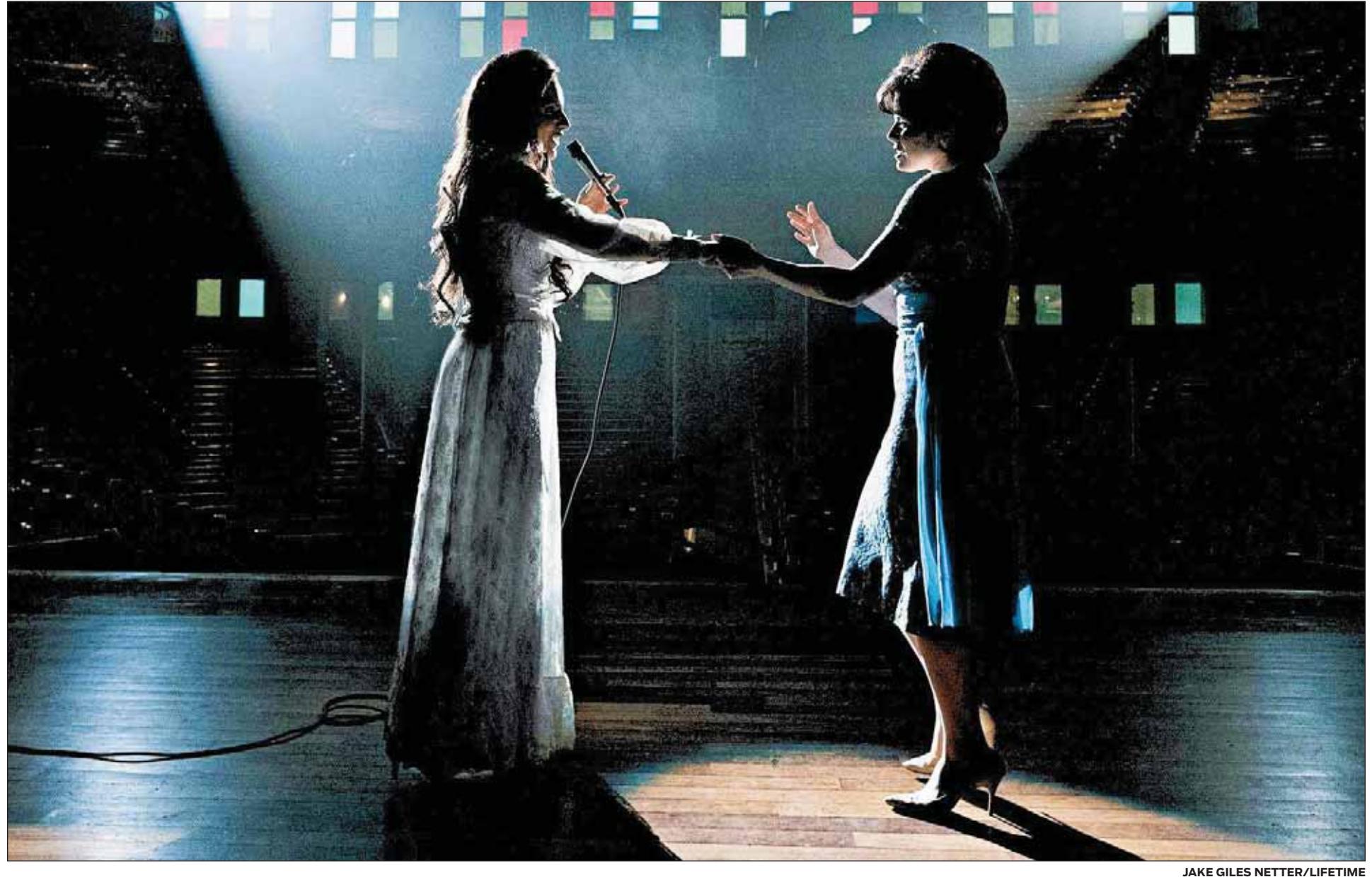
Now here comes Rivian. The sooner Illinois makes itself more attractive to other employers, the more success the state will have creating jobs, and luring unicorns.



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Jessie Mueller as Loretta Lynn, left, and Megan Hilty as Patsy Cline in the TV film "Patsy & Loretta." The film airs at 7 p.m. Saturday on Lifetime.

An inspiring parallel story

When Patsy Cline met Loretta Lynn, Lifetime movie version was inevitable

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Sisterhood strong enough to last a Lifetime, the new TV movie "Patsy & Loretta" compresses 18 months of a tragically brief friendship between two country music legends into one pretty good biopic. But the performers lift it up to a higher level. Megan Hilty (who plays and sings Patsy Cline) and Chicago stage alum Jessie Mueller (who plays and sings Loretta Lynn) tell an inspiring parallel story: that of a couple of Broadway pros with the chops to finesse 90 minutes of dramatic shorthand.

Director Callie Khouri's project, with a script by Angelina Burnett, borrows the title's ampersand from Khouri's Oscar-winning "Thelma & Louise" screenplay. The Lifetime network's promotional campaign for "Patsy & Loretta" features Hilty

and Mueller in tough, defiant, hit-the-road poses evoking Khouri's 1991 film.

That was a long time ago; #MeToo and #TimesUp took an entire generation longer to find a culture receptive and chagrined enough to listen. The new movie plays it cannily down the middle. It's neither "Feminism for Dummies" nor a feature-length rendition of "Stand By Your Man," to name a country hit introduced by someone not depicted here.

The movie covers the years 1957 through 1963, introducing Cline and Lynn separately, four years prior to their meeting in 1961. Hilty warms up the story with a hearty rendition of "Come On In," as Cline takes the stage at a Winchester, Virginia, honky-tonk. She's about to embark on her second marriage. (Kyle Schmid plays Charlie Dick, equal parts supportive husband and

simmering pot of resentment.) "There are two things I want in this world," Cline tells Dick early on. "Babies, and hit records."

Out in Blaine, Washington, meantime, Lynn and husband Doolittle (Joe Tippett) scrape by with a house full of boisterous kids. Shy by nature and a wife since either 13 or 15 (accounts vary), Lynn contents herself with singing at the kitchen sink. Mueller, who won a Tony Award as Carole King in "Beautiful," has a way of doing a scene like this so that it feels overheard, not overstressed.

With the support of her mother (Janine Turner), Cline kills it at Arthur Godfrey's talent show, while Lynn makes her way forward as a singer-songwriter with surly input from her husband about how makeup will make her look like a "prostitute." "Patsy & Loretta" brings the star and the star-to-be together after Cline's near-fatal 1961 car accident. Though it sounds like biopic fraudulence, it actually happened:

Laid up in the hospital, Cline heard Lynn sing a Cline tribute on the radio and wanted to meet her.

The movie's story beats and rhythms at times feel mighty rushed. (There's easily enough material in this friendship, cut short by Cline's fatal 1963 airplane crash, for a four-hour miniseries or more.) Hilty more easily suggests the aura, swagger and vocal timbre of the real Cline than Mueller evokes the look, feel and sound of the coal miner's daughter from *Butcher Holler*, Kentucky. Mueller's edge is softer than the real Lynn's. But there's steel underneath the surface, always, and director Khouri nudges Hilty and Mueller toward realism whenever possible. The roughest domestic scenes in "Patsy & Loretta," in both women's lives, forgo melodrama for vivid, unsettling slices of life.

We've visited these lives before: Lynn had the good fortune to have Sissy Spacek play her in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (1980), and in the lip-sync biopic realm,

Jessica Lange valiantly explored Cline's life in "Sweet Dreams" (1985). "Patsy & Loretta" boasts one hit after another, giving prominence to Cline's wondrous crossover hits: "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Walkin' After Midnight." The arduous touring schedules, the bruised feelings, the very real physical bruises: It's all there, plus a misjudged trio of ghostly Cline appearances in the final scenes. There's one weird shot in particular, a middle-distance image of Cline, waving from the afterlife, letting Lynn know she'll always be there in her heart.

We don't need stuff like that. Not when "Patsy & Loretta" makes time, and room, for some fine, extended hanging-out scenes allowing Hilty and Mueller to take charge both musically and dramatically.

"Patsy & Loretta" premieres at 7 p.m. Saturday on Lifetime.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Rachlin takes on 'Four Seasons' by Vivaldi, Piazzolla with vigor

BY HOWARD REICH

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra doesn't address music of Latin America nearly often enough, so Thursday night's program amounted to a welcome—if brief—corrective.

The focal point was Argentine tango master Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons," a 20th century nod to Vivaldi's celebrated Italian baroque work of the same name. Like Vivaldi's series of four violin concertos, each named for a particular season, Piazzolla's opus spotlights a violin soloist—all the more when the work is performed in a classical arrangement such as the one used on this occasion.

So even without Piazzolla's beloved bandoneon, an accordiон-like instrument that he played with great flair, his take on "The Four Seasons" conveys the pulsing spirit of Argentine folkloric music (plus occasional references to Vivaldi in the form of musical quotations).

"The Four Seasons" by both composers sometimes are paired on a single program, as they were this time, the Vivaldi opening the concert and the Piazzolla closing it.

Violinist Julian Rachlin made his conducting debut with the

CSO in this concert, a mixed blessing. For though there was no questioning his virtuosity as violin soloist, his work leading the CSO strings leaned toward the overbearing.

This was especially the case in the Vivaldi, Rachlin overacting the part of conductor-soloist. The way he waved his bow around and thrust himself practically atop the music stands suggested he was trying to coax music from a group of third graders, rather than leading one of the finest string contingents on the planet. The musicians sounded as tonally warm and technically nimble as always, thanks to their own achievements, not Rachlin's pantomime.

Notwithstanding the somewhat exaggerated musical effects that resulted, this rather extroverted performance of Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" had much to recommend it. Though Rachlin pushed tempos and didn't always allow the music to breathe, there was no denying the rhythmic vigor and dramatic elan of it all, nor the technical panache of both soloist and ensemble.

The enormous demands that

Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons"

places on the soloist, in an arrangement by Leonid Desyat-



Violinist Julian Rachlin made his conducting debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Thursday.

nikov, meant that Rachlin had less opportunity to over-direct the CSO strings, a welcome development. As a result, listeners heard a rapturous account of Piazzolla's masterwork.

Rhythmic tension between soloist and ensemble drove the opening "Summer" movement ever forward, Rachlin's glissandi, bent pitches and other colorful effects conjuring the nightclub milieu from which Piazzolla's tango music emerged. In "Autumn," CSO principal cello John Sharp produced plaintive lines conjuring the deep, dark subtext

of Piazzolla's art. The thrilling climaxes of "Winter" and the gathering momentum of "Spring"—with brilliant solo playing from Rachlin—underscored the value of Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons," even apart from Vivaldi's precedent.

Rachlin put down his violin to conduct the ensemble—without baton—in Mozart's *Divertimento in D Major*, K. 136, which appeared between the Vivaldi and Piazzolla works. Here was a chance to savor the CSO strings en masse, minus a guest soloist. The musicians produced robust

lyricism in the first movement, gorgeously warm colors in the second and considerable brio in the finale.

Though Rachlin's gymnastics again proved distracting, all was well if you closed your eyes.

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

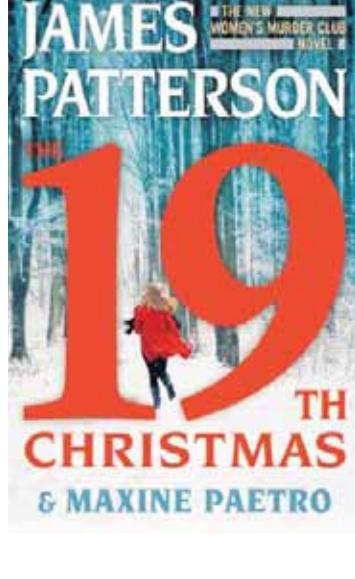
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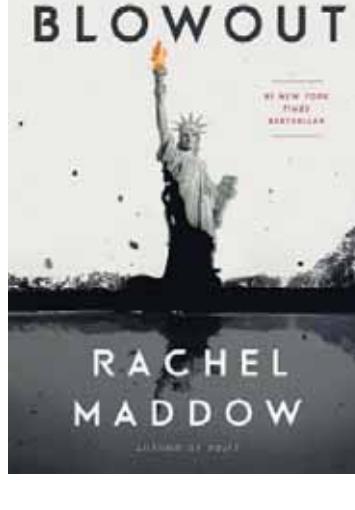
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ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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She wants to give back to parents

Dear Amy: My parents are the best. Like, the very best. Picture the mom who sends impromptu "thinking of you" cards and care packages, and the dad who checks your oil. They have always supported me emotionally, mentally and even financially when I was in college. I live every day full of gratitude for their love and the life they were able to give my brother and me.

Even though I am now in my 30s, married, have an awesome career, they are still trying to take care of me. When we go out to eat, even if they travel to visit me, they still try to pay the bill. This normally ends in a battle to get the check at the end of the meal. Sheesh — the poor waiters and waitresses who have to put up with us (it's not an actual yelling battle, more like a comedy of trying to hide the other person's wallet).

That in itself is not so big a deal, but in a few weeks we will be temporarily moving in with my parents for three to six months so we can shop/build a home closer to them, due to my dad's declining health.

I have brought up the subject of paying rent or taking over the groceries and utilities, but they won't hear of it!

Amy, how do I get my parents to realize that they raised a daughter who is responsible, successful and capable of not only taking care of herself but able to show my appreciation for them in return? And that it would make me uncomfortable feeling like I was mooching off my parents, even for a short time?

— Daughter in a Dilemma

Dear Daughter: Your folks may never be able to accept money from you, but you should do your very best to be of service to them while you are living in their home.

For instance, if your mother insists on doing all of the cooking (I could imagine this), you and your husband should do all of the cleanup.

You should see if you can take on some of the driving and errand-running, such as taking them to doctor's appointments and picking up groceries for the household. If your mother gives you a list, you might be able to actually pay for something.

You and your husband should also make sure you have a set schedule of times when you will not be home (for instance, a regular "date night"), so your folks can retreat to their own routines.

Accept your parents' largesse with grace. Love them with equal abundance.

If your father's health continues to fail, you will be asked to step up in all sorts of ways — and you will.

Dear Amy: Do you have any advice on how to get people to comprehend that when I say I don't hear well, it means I cannot understand what they say?

I've lost count of the times I've explained why I don't talk on the phone — only to be confronted by the words, "OK. What time will you be available to talk on the phone?"

I'm nearly to the point of saying "Hey, MORON, I can't hear on the f***ing phone!" I don't say it, but sure do think it.

I communicate exclusively via text message or email, but others refuse to accommodate me.

Am I handling this wrong?

— Hard of Hearing

Dear Hard of Hearing: You can't hear, and it seems that others can't listen — or perhaps they are also having trouble hearing your responses.

Understand, too, that some people have not made the transition to texting and email. They will not understand or adopt your solutions.

You might have better luck if you phrase your responses differently: "I have severe hearing loss and can't talk on the phone. Are you willing to text or email?" Ending your statement with an "ask" tosses this to them.

Because you seem willing to use technology, I wonder if there is adaptive technology that will help to mitigate for your hearing loss in order to communicate more easily. You should look into it.

Dear Amy: "In a Quandary" described another parent as a "helicopter parent." I was relieved that you saw through this and noted that both parents were hovering!

— A Fan

Dear Fan: I loved the idea of this seventh grader handling his complicated school commute by himself. I hope his parents back off and let him.

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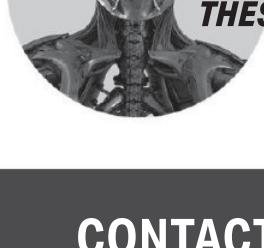
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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Megan Hilty (left) and Jessie Mueller

"Patsy & Loretta" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): In the biopic "Coal Miner's Daughter," Sissy Spacek and Beverly D'Angelo brought to life the friendship between Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline, respectively. Now, Jessie Mueller and Megan Hilty cover some of that same emotional turf, chronicling how these women bonded tightly over their common roots and positions in a male-oriented business.

"Good Witch: Curse From a Rose" (7 p.m., Hallmark): In this two-hour Halloween event, Cassie (Catherine Bell) receives a somewhat unwelcome visit from former college roommate Autumn Deveraux (Lolita Davidovich), who still feels the urge to settle an old score between them. Cassie tries to cauterize that old wound before Autumn does something to spoil Middleton's holiday celebration. Sam's (James Denton) efforts to arrange a romantic Halloween are thwarted by bad luck.

"Glass" (7 p.m., 10:20 p.m., HBO): Writer-director M. Night Shyamalan concludes his "Unbreakable" trilogy with this 2019 psychological thriller, which is both a crossover and a sequel to the 2000 original "Unbreakable" and "Split" from 2016. Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson, Spencer Treat Clark and Charlayne Woodard reteam in their roles from the first film, while James McAvoy and Anya Taylor-Joy reprise their "Split" characters.

"Love & Marriage: Huntsville" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): Over Kimmi's understandably strong reservations, Maurice moves ahead with his dubious plans to move Kiuwha and Monster to Huntsville in the new episode "Babies, Birthdays and Unfinished Business." Already emotional from the effects of her pregnancy, Melody finds herself entertaining the prospect of divorce. LaTisha has her hands full trying to juggle the tricky family dynamics of her mother and husband.

"The Hummingbird Project" (8 p.m., Showtime): Strapping Swedish heartthrob Alexander Skarsgård might seem unlikely casting to play a nerd, but he pulls off the challenge with aplomb opposite Jesse Eisenberg in French-Canadian writer-director Kim Nguyen's 2018 thriller about two cousins bent on getting revenge against their former Wall Street boss (Salma Hayek). The two tech wizards hit on an audacious scheme to lay a thousand miles of fiber-optic cable.

"Countdown to Christmas 10th Anniversary Preview Special" (9 p.m., Hallmark): As the 10th anniversary launch of Hallmark's perennially popular "Countdown to Christmas" programming event looms, actress Candace Cameron Bure — who knows her way around some of these holiday offerings herself — hosts this final sneak peek to give fans a glimpse at some of the 40 all-new and original Christmas movie premieres coming up in weeks ahead.

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BROADWAY REVIEW

Get all the feels you need

BY CHRIS JONES

NEW YORK — Bop sh'bop and watch the dollars drop!

Director Micheal Mayer's boffo new boutique staging of "Little Shop of Horrors" is going to beat out a lot of those main-stem Broadway attractions to somewhere that's green.

Punters are generally persuaded to drop the big Broadway bucks to see stars. You know, like Christian "Smash" Borle or Jonathan "Hamilton" Groff or Tammy "Life With Judy Garland" Blanchard.

But — shing-a-ling, what a crazy thing to be happening — those legit celebs are slumming it upstairs right now at the Westside Theatre, clearly dedicated to returning the hugely popular B-movie parody by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken to its gritty 1982 roots at the Orpheum Theatre. And better yet, you'll be close enough to see Groff spit (he does, but in the nicest possible, Seymour-y way).

Mayer's staging makes some very smart choices for the moment. In essence, he downplays the show's satirical soul in favor of its baked-in truths. Especially when it comes to Blanchard's truly stunning Audrey, a performance far from Ellen Greene and a piece of acting willing to embrace the cause of Audrey's chronic lack of self-esteem and depict it, especially during the iconic "Somewhere That's Green" number, with total seriousness.

You can't make fun of dating a semi-sadist anymore, but you can explore the why and therefore, especially if you're posing a solution. And the result here is that you pull in your heart for Audrey with all

EMILIO MADRID PHOTO
Jonathan Groff and Audrey II in "Little Shop of Horrors," playing off-Broadway at Westside Theatre Upstairs.

the force of a 10-ton truck, which makes Seymour's eventual descent into merciful, murderous madness with his strange and wonderful person-munching plant (and it is exactly that here) all the more devastating for both of them. Not to mention Tom Alan Robbins' Mushnik.

No, none of that kills the comedy. It deepens the show just enough to set off Borle's series of amusing cameos as a wino, Hollywood agent and, of course, the dentist who turns into plant food.

These really are three, diverse fabulous turns at the heart of this jewel box of a theatrical attraction. Groff throws out all the nomenclature of pocket-protector nerd-dom, which I've seen kill off many a Seymour, in favor of a three-dimensional young striver, decent at the core but tempted, as are we all, by the tickle of fame and fortune.

"Little Shop" always was a moral yarn masquerading as a satire — perfect, then, for these morally earnest times, just as long as you have a production that understands the importance of truth.

"Little Shop" was written, brilliantly, with a Greek chorus of three street-smart African-American kids, a parody

harmonic girl groups. But here again, the urchins, played by Ari Groover, Salome Smith and Joy Woods, are deepened and empowered and individuated, and also made to look like the smartest people in the show, all while breezing through Ellenore Scott's droll choreography.

Audrey II (the plant) needs two verdant puppeteers and the creepy voice of Kingsley Leggs; the man-eater goes above and beyond, and looks more human than your average Audrey II, but is never allowed to eat the show.

You get the sense here that the scale of the production comes with utter intentionality — an honoring of great material more than a quest for profit. And, therefore, that feeling of determined mission permeates everything that's happening. You'll get all the feels you need.

Folks'll be feeding the plant, all right.

"Little Shop of Horrors" plays at the Westside Theatre Upstairs, 407 W. 43rd St., New York; LittleShopNYC.com

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SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 19

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Bob Hearts Abishola ©	Bob Hearts Abishola ©	FBI: "Appearances." © HD	48 Hours (N) © HD	News (N) ♦		
NBC 5	Jurassic World (PG-13; 15) ★★ Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. Man-made dinosaurs go on a rampage at an island resort. © HD					NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)		
ABC 7	* (6:30) College Football: Michigan at Penn State. (N) (Live) © HD					ABC7 News (N) ♦		
WGN 9	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD	Larry Potash (N)		
Antenna 9.2	B. Miller	B. Miller	Soap ©	Soap ©	Johnny Carson ©			
This TV 9.3	GoldenEye (PG-13; '95) ★★★ Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean. ©							Tomorrow ♦
PBS 11	Father Brown: "The Devil You Know." ©					Death in Paradise ©		Poldark-Master ♦
CW 26.1	Batwoman © HD	Nancy Drew © HD	Family Guy	Burgers	Burgers			
The U 26.2	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cheaters ©	Forensic Factor ©	Cops ©			
MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: "The Mummy's Hand." ©		Star Trek ©			B. Rogers ♦		
H&I 26.4	The District ©	The District ©	The District ©	The District ©	Hill Street ♦			
Bounce 26.5	* (6) Barbershop ('02) ★★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13; '04) ★★★					Family ♦		
FOX 32	The Masked Singer © HD	The Masked Singer © HD	Fox 32 News	Bears Unleashed	Beat Shazam ♦			
Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU ♦			
TeleM 44	* Madagasc Terminator Genisys (PG-13; '15) ★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger. ©					Noticiero		
MNT 50	AHL Hockey: Rockford IceHogs at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)					Chicago ♦		
UniMas 60	Poltergeist (NR; '15) ★★ Sam Rockwell. ©					Open Water (R; '03) ★★★ HD		
WJY 62	Paid Prog. ©	Moses Bishop	Paid Prog. ©	Paid Prog. ©	Paid Prog. ©	Paid Prog. ©		
Univ 66	(5:00) Noticias 66 FDS (N)					Fútbol Mexicano (N)	Noticias ♦	
CABLE								
AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©	Live PD: "Live PD -- 10.19.19." (N) (Live) © ♦						
AMC	Christine (R; '83) ★★ Keith Gordon, John Stockwell. ©					Pet Sematary (R; '89) ★★ Dale Midkiff. ♦		
ANIM	Crike! It's the Irwins (N) Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)					Amanda-Res. (N) Amanda		
BBCA	* Karate Kid II [The Karate Kid (PG; '84) ★★★ Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. ©							
BET	* (6:58) The Wedding Ringer (R; '15) ★★ Kevin Hart, Josh Gad.					Welcome Home Roscoe ♦		
BIGTEN	Women's College Volleyball: Illinois at Minnesota. (N) [BIG Story					BTN Live (N)	Drive (N) ♦	
BRAVO	* Boo! A Madea Halloween (PG-13; '16) ★★ Tyler Perry. ©					Madea's ♦		
CLTV	News at 7 (News (N)	News at 8 (News (N)	Chic.Best	S.E.E. Chi	News ♦			
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	RBG (PG; '18) ★★★ Ruth Bader Ginsburg. ©				United ♦		
COM	Friends ©	Friends ©	50 First Dates (PG-13; '04) ★★ Adam Sandler. ©			Wedding ♦		
DISC	Dirty Jobs ©	Dirty Jobs ©	Dirty Jobs ©	Dirty Jobs ©	Dirty Jobs ©	Dirty Jobs ♦		
DISN	Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG; '15) ★★ Gabby					Big City	Raven	
E!	10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13; '99) ★					10 Things I Hate About You ('99) ★ ♦		
ESPN	* College Football (N)	College Football: Tennessee at Alabama. (N) (Live) ♦						
ESPN2	* (6) College Football: Tulane at Memphis. (N) (Live)					College Football (N) ♦		
FNC	Watters' World (N) ©	Justice With Jeanine (N)	Greg Gutfeld (N)	Watters ♦				
FOOD	Halloween Baking	Halloween Baking	Halloween Baking	Halloween Baking	Halloween Baking	Halloween ♦		
FREE	* (5:45) Hocus Pocus ★★ (7:55) Ghostbusters (PG; '84) ★★★ Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. ©							
FX	* (6) The Mummy (PG-13; '17) ★★ The Mummy (PG-13; '17) ★★ Tom Cruise. © ♦							
HALL	Good Witch: Curse From a Rose (NR; '19) ©					Countdown-Christmas (N)	Harvest ♦	
HGTV	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers ©	House Hunters Reno (N)	Hunters	
HIST	In Search Of: Secrets Unearthed (N) ©					In Search	♦	
HLN	Weed 5: The CBD Craze	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Leprechaun 2 (R; '94) ★ Warwick Davis. ©							
LIFE	Patsy & Loretta (NR; '19) Megan Hilt. ©					I Am Somebody's Child ♦		
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	11th Hour ♦		
MTV	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
NBCSCH	* Football (N) Football	World Poker Tour: Alpha8	All Access	NHL Hockey (N) ♦				
NICK	Are You Afraid	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
Ovation	* (6) Silverado (PG-13; '85) ★★★ Kevin Kline.					Black Hawk Down (NR; '01) ★★★ ♦		
OWN	Love & Marriage	Love & Marriage (N)	Ready to Love (N)	Ready to Love (N)	Ready to Love (N)	Love ♦		
OXY	Relentless w/Kate Snow	Snapped ©	Snapped ©	Snapped ©	Snapped ©	Eve Nance.	Snapped ♦	
PARMT	(7:05) Forrest Gump (PG-13; '94) ★★★ Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. ©							
SFY	* Nightmare-Elm	Critters Attack! (NR; '19) Tashina Washington. ©						
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Imp. Jokers		
TCM	Pather Panchali (NR; '55) ★★★★ Kanu Banerjee.					(9:15) The River (NR; '51) ★★★ ♦		
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days ©					90 Day: Other	90 Day ♦	
TLN	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace	Humanitarian	Humanitarian	Pure Pas		
TNT	The Dark Knight (PG-13; '08) ★★★ Christian Bale, Heath Ledger. ©							
TOON	Steven Univ.	Steven Univ.	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Primal	Dragon Ball	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©							
TVL	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
USA	The Magnificent Seven (PG-13; '16) ★★ Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt. ©					Tread. ♦		
VH1	* (6) Friday (R; '95) ★★★ Next Friday (R; '00) ★★ Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©					Friday ♦		
WE	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal	Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Blue Bloods ©							

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Oct. 19): Communication and connection open profitable doors this year. Persistent action gets results at home and with family. Winter romance flowers before professional interruptions distract. Change creative direction next summer for a career surge. Expand and widen your circle for broader shared support.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Take care of household matters. Unexpected breakdowns may require urgent attention. Improvements made now have lasting value.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. The more you learn, the more you discover you don't know. Brief your team on a brilliant idea. Their input enriches the blend.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. More income is possible. Experiment without burning bridges. Failure can be highly educational. Learn from mistakes and keep adjusting.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Personal plans may need to be adjusted to accommodate shifting targets and desired results. Check out an interesting suggestion. Invest in your success.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Hide away and investigate an unexpected opportunity. Postpone actions and make plans for later. Communications provide lasting results.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Pull together with friends to take advantage of recent changes. Share the load. Send someone else ahead, maybe. Make and strengthen long-distance connections.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're attracting the attention of someone important. Put on an excellent performance. Present your best material. Set realistic goals and hit your mark.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expand your horizons. Travel or study long-distance destinations, cultures and views. Unexpected doors open ... discover rare treasures and beauty. Build bridges and strengthen bonds.

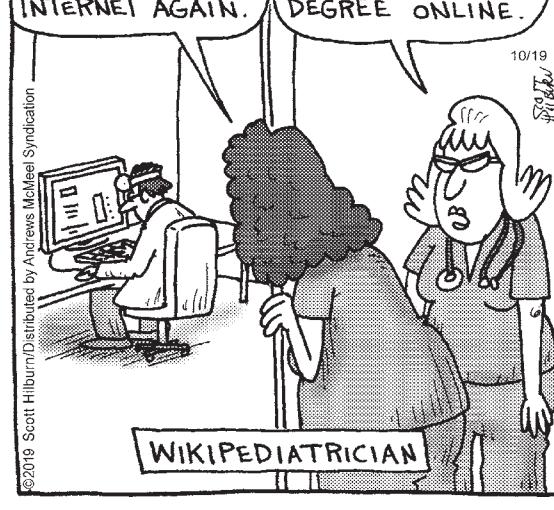
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Monitor the pulse and rhythm of cash flow for a shared project. Notice trends and industry changes. Discover a lucrative opportunity related to current events.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Do something special with your partner. Enjoy a flavor, destination or activity that you don't often try. The fun you share now strengthens your relationship.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Look sharp as the pace picks up. Stay aware of what's going on around you. Toss the ball to a teammate when you get your opening.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Give in to your heart's desire. Romance flowers when least expected. Take advantage of an unexpected chance and rearrange your schedule as needed.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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

Both vulnerable, South deals

North

♠ K 10 5 4
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ J 9
♣ J 9 8

East

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A Q 7 6 5 4

West

♠ A Q 2

♥ 10 9 8

♦ K Q 8 7 5 4

♣ K

South

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 6 5

♦ A 10 3

♣ 10 3 2

West should probably have led a trump against this contract. It was safer than a diamond lead. He chose the king of diamonds, however, as many would. South won this with the ace, drew trumps in three rounds, and exited with a diamond to West's queen. What now?

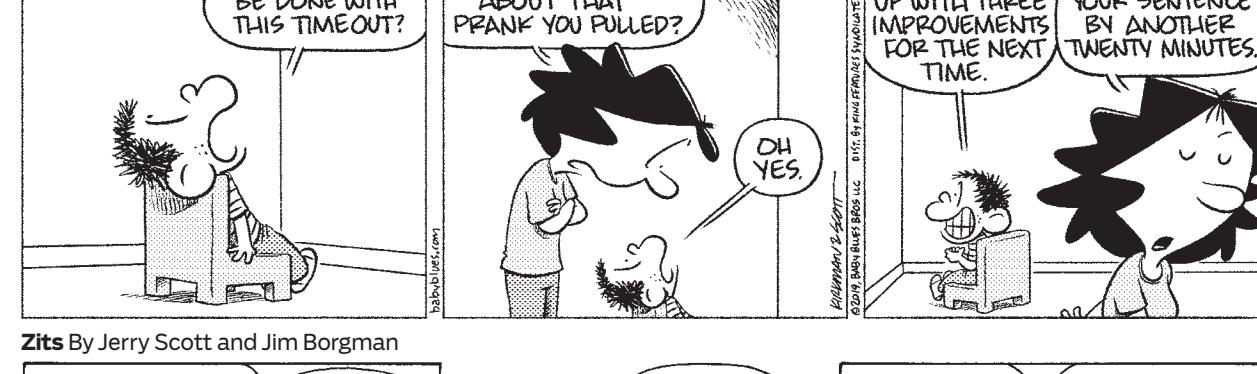
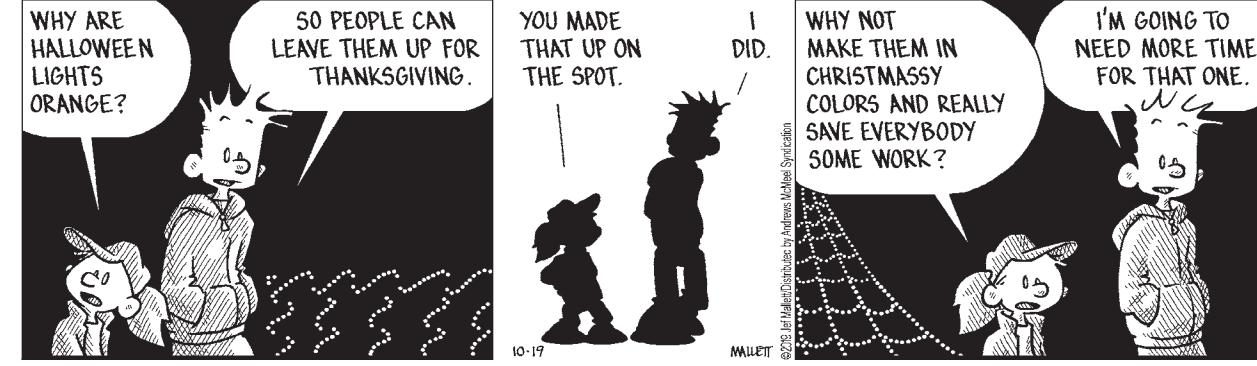
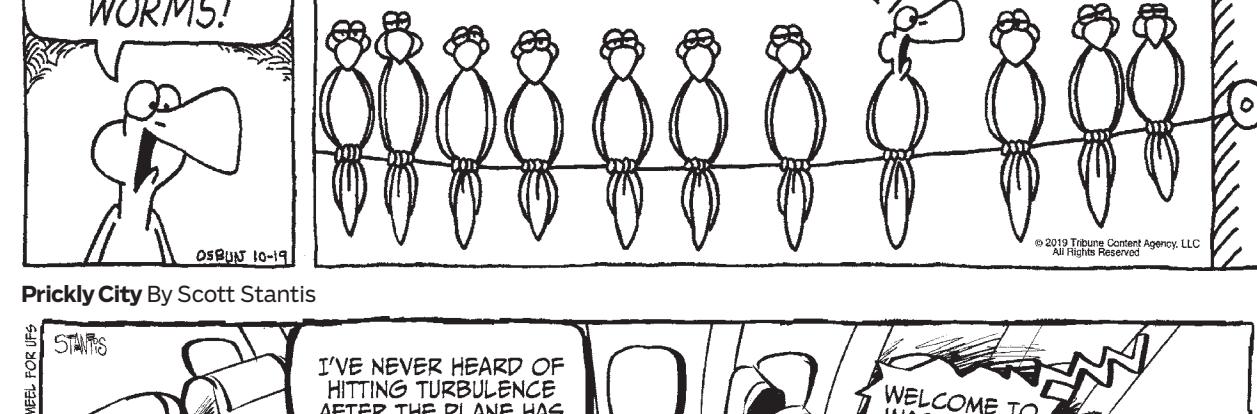
East had high-low on the two rounds of diamonds, showing two, and discarded a high club followed by a low club on the trumps.

Accordingly, West led the king of clubs and was not surprised when that held the trick. Should South hold the jack of spades, there was nothing

to be done to defeat the contract. The favorable position of West's spades could not be overcome by the defense. West could cash the ace of spades and lead the queen of spades. This would work provided declarer had three spades without the jack. East would then have an entry for his ace of clubs. But if South had two spades and three clubs, he would win with the king of spades, ruff a spade to his hand, and discard a club on the 10 of diamonds.

West found an elegant solution when he shifted to the queen of spades! South couldn't get back to his hand without using up dummy's last trump and would end up with three club losers whatever he did. Nice play!

— Bob Jones
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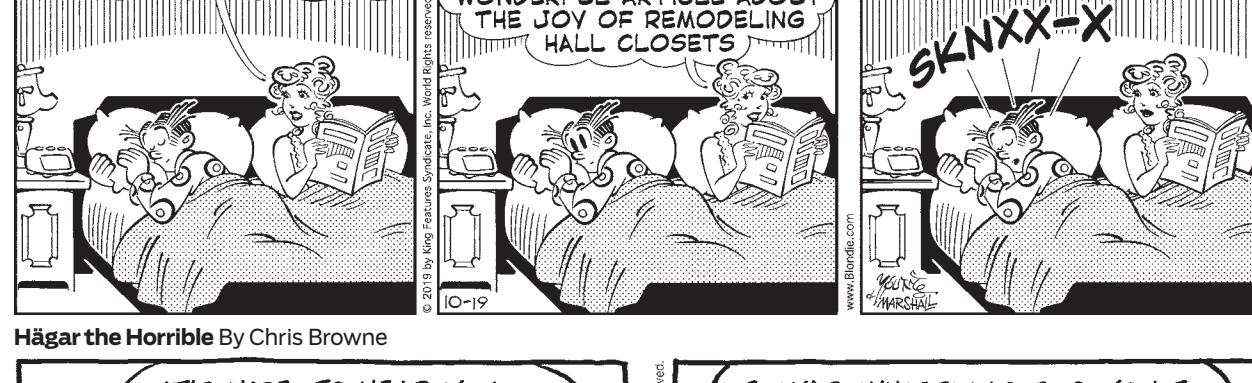
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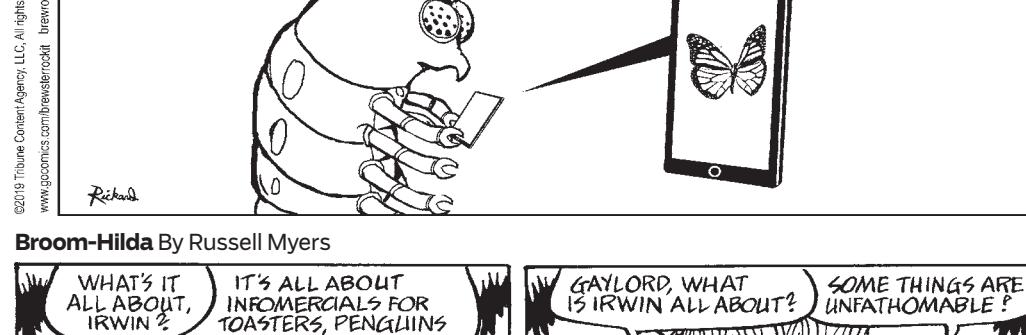
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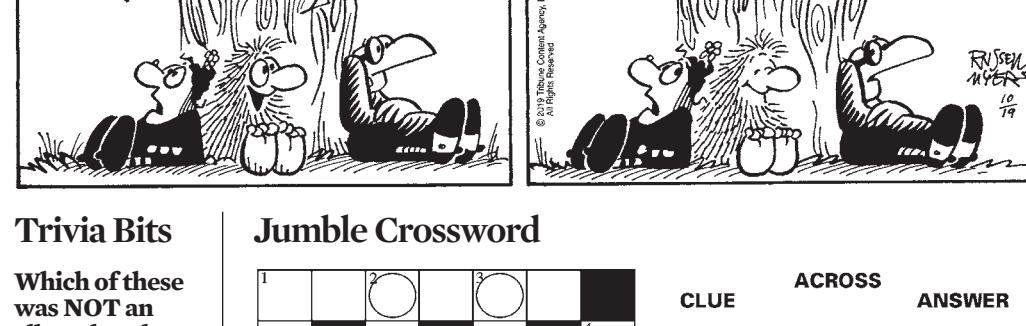
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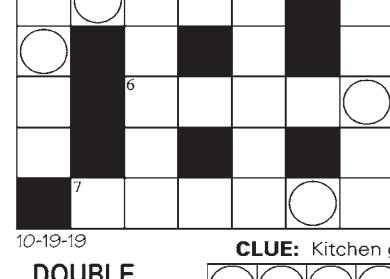
Trivia Bits

Which of these was NOT an album by The Police?

- A) "Argybargy"
- B) "Outlandos d'Amour"
- C) "Reggatta de Blanc"
- D) "Zenyatta Mondatta"

Friday's answer:
Slivovitz is plum brandy.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE: Kitchen garments
CLUE: Cleric

ACROSS

1. Declare null and void
5. Sea
6. Direct, control
7. Customer

DOWN

1. Washed off
2. Lightweight umbrella
3. Earn, reach
4. Repentance

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

ANSWER

- EARLPE
HONRT
ETSRE
LCETIN

CLUE

- EIRNDS
AARLOPS
AEEVCIH
EERRGT

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6A-5C9P 7A-CA-CLICHT ID-KRHNED 2D-P-Adhesive DP-Regalit B-Parrot B-Parrot

By David L. Hoyt.

FRIDAY'S SOLUTION

PACE	FUTILE	EGG
IMON	IRONED	TOO
PERSIAN	SCAT	HUT
ENDUST	CAP	AIDE
NANNYS	URL	DAY
SCAM	NANNYS	REHEM
AGREE	TO SAY	DAYCARE
IMO	ASIS	RESIDENTS
ROE	REHEM	ANSWER
SLEAZE	DAYCARE	STOW
NAB	GARBAGE	AGR
EGO	INTENT	PUB
SEP	OHNO	SCHAWLI
STARTS	KEYS	NEED

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

10/19

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

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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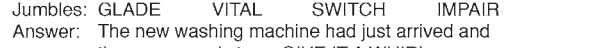
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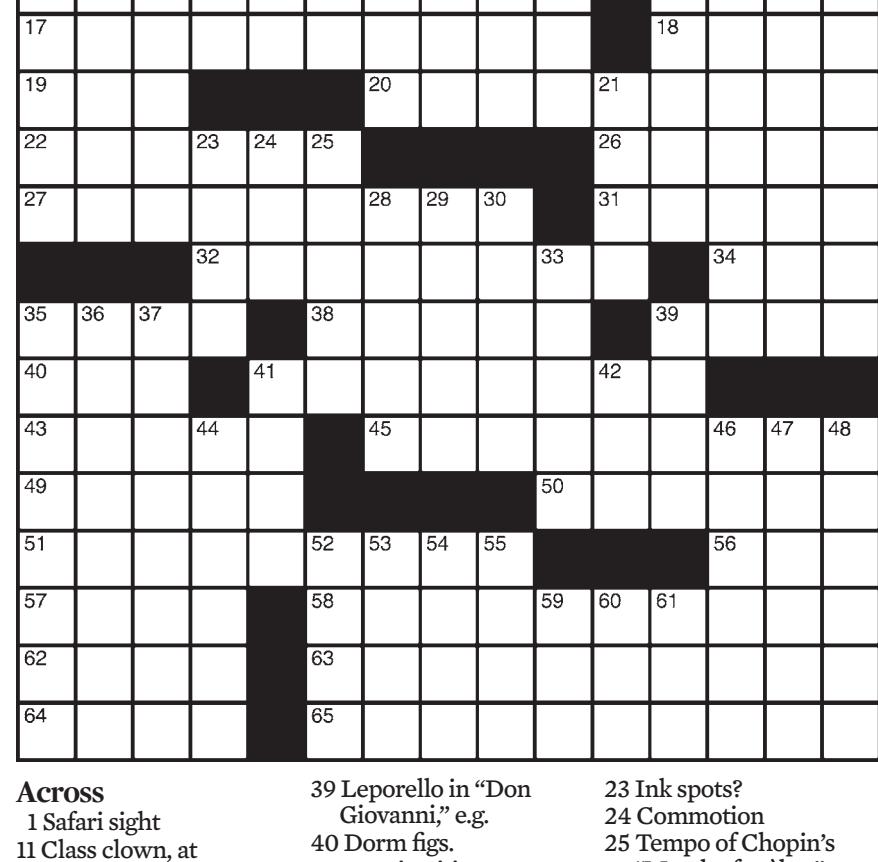


Friday's answers

Jumbles: GLADE VITAL SWITCH IMPAIR
Answer: The new washing machine had just arrived and they were ready to — GIVE IT A WHIRL

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Crossword



Across

- 1 Safari sight
- 11 Class clown, at times
- 15 MRI safety consideration
- 16 Fabric used in sci-fi costumes
- 17 Ones concerned with public images?
- 18 Infuriates
- 19 Where food may be collected
- 20 Many Egon Schiele works
- 22 Lacking a key
- 26 — code
- 27 Has as an address
- 31 “— Mio”
- 32 Gradual process of concern to periodontists
- 34 Recognizes
- 35 See 46-Down
- 38 Annoying sort
- 39 Leporello in “Don Giovanni,” e.g.
- 40 Dorm figs.
- 41 Vacation itinerary entry
- 43 French dispatch boat
- 45 Summer fun item attached to a ladder
- 49 Cetera of Chicago
- 50 — powder
- 51 Intellectual property statute
- 52 Greece neighbor: Abbr.
- 53 Oklahoma city
- 55 Payment
- 62 Coleridge work
- 63 Fair
- 64 Hightailed it
- 65 Musical with the song “Sex Is in the Heel”

Down

- 12 Commotion
- 25 Tempo of Chopin’s “Marche funèbre”
- 28 Clinch
- 29 Last Olds model
- 30 Where the heart is
- 33 Like some wasted milk
- 35 Early Hudson’s Bay Company employees
- 36 Imbibe minimally
- 37 Anticipatory question
- 39 Franklin half-dollar image
- 41 Undecided
- 42 Org. with beeping wands
- 44 Like some rye
- 46 With 35-Across, self-confident words
- 47 Pleasing to the ear
- 48 Places firmly (in)
- 52 “Star —”
- 53 First name in casual wear
- 54 “And that goes for me, too!”
- 55 Pretend not to see, with “at”
- 59 Old possessive
- 60 Q neighbor
- 61 “Is that —?”

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BEARS

Looking to regain momentum

Recovery from concussion followed Gabriel's career game

BY DAN WIEDERER

In a 7-minute span of the second quarter in Week 3 against the Redskins, Taylor Gabriel had a career outing. Three touchdown catches on three consecutive drives — on "Monday Night Football" no less. The veteran Bears receiver had found his groove and hijacked the prime-time spotlight.

Yet Gabriel's night ended prematurely in the fourth quarter when he suffered a concussion while being tackled on a rushing attempt. Not only did that brain injury put Gabriel out for the next two games, he half-joked that it also inhibited his postgame enjoyment of a 31-15 Bears win in which he was the star.

Tough bus ride to the airport, less riveting flight home.

"It was weird, man," Gabriel said. "Because they tell you to stay



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away from your phone. But I mean, after three touchdowns, I want to be on my phone. I want all the love. You know what I mean?"

Gabriel's touchdown trifecta against the Redskins came in different forms. His first score may go down as the easiest TD catch in NFL history, a 3-yard grab on a well-designed and perfectly executed play that saw Gabriel, out of a bunch formation, drag underneath to the left side of the end zone with linebacker Ryan

Anderson 10 yards behind in his wake.

Mitch Trubisky's gentle toss resembled a father playing catch with his 6-year-old in the yard.

Two drives later, Gabriel made a ridiculous 36-yard touchdown grab, the Bears' longest offensive score this season. That one required spectacular body control, strong hands and fancy footwork to complete. A replay review turned a near-miss incompleteness into TD No. 3.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Bears receiver Taylor Gabriel had three touchdown receptions against the Redskins on Sept. 23.



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OHIO STATE AT NORTHWESTERN

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A leap of faith for Wildcats

Northwestern was looking to buck the odds and history when it took on fourth-ranked Ohio State in a rare Friday night game at Ryan Field. While this was actually the second Friday game at the stadium, as HailToPurple.com discovered, the 1944 DePauw squad that the Wildcats beat 62-0 didn't pose the same challenge as Justin Fields, J.K. Dobbins, Chase Young, Jeff Okudah and the rest of the talent-laden Buckeyes. The Wildcats entered as 27-point underdogs and were 1-31 against Ohio State since 1971 — the lone victory a memorable 33-27 overtime stunner in 2004, also under the lights in Evanston.

BLUE JACKETS AT BLACKHAWKS

Suffering from a power-play shortage

Hawks enter game as NHL's 2nd-worst team at drawing penalties

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The Blackhawks may have the best power play in the league.

Or it could be the worst.

It's hard to say when the season is so young and the Hawks have had a terrible time even getting their power-play unit on the ice.

Only the Islanders have been worse at drawing penalties so far this season than the Hawks, who had just nine power plays in four

games (2.25 per game) entering Friday night's game against the Blue Jackets at the United Center. The Avalanche were leading the league with a little over four power plays per game.

The Hawks have discussed ways to get opponents into the penalty box and think they know what they have to do.

"Play (more) with the puck," Dylan Strome said. "It's hard to draw penalties when you don't have the puck. I think the last game we did a better job of playing with the puck; it was probably our best game."

"I don't know the statistics, but

it felt like it was our best game with possession and we drew three penalties. We can even do a better job. The more they get tired, that's when penalties happen."

Strome was correct about the Hawks' possession numbers being strong in their 3-1 win over the Oilers. They had 50 shot attempts for and 38 shot attempts against to give them a 56.82 Corsi percentage, easily their best of the season.

But even though the Hawks had a season-high three power plays against the Oilers, it was just one more than they had in each of

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THE LATE SHOW

Duncan Keith (2) battles with the Blue Jackets' Pierre-Luc Dubois on Friday night at the United Center. For the result and coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

TOP OF THE SECOND



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James Franklin, right, leads Penn State on Saturday against Michigan.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Penn State's elite status questionable

By C.J. DOON

The Baltimore Sun

We've reached the midway point of the college football season already, and not much has changed from what we thought in the preseason.

Alabama, Clemson, Oklahoma and Ohio State are really good. The Pac-12 is confusing. The Big Ten and SEC are top-heavy.

But there also have been plenty of surprises. LSU has the best offense in the country. SMU and Minnesota are undefeated. Oregon has one of the nation's best defenses.

Week 8 is pretty lackluster, with just three ranked-vs.-ranked matchups and the potential for several blowouts. But, oh, do those three games carry a lot of weight.

Here are the most intriguing questions for Week 8:

Is Penn State really one of the 10 best teams in the country?

All eyes are on the Nittany Lions, who host "College GameDay" this weekend and will have their signature "white out" on Saturday night in a prime-time game against Michigan.

This is Penn State's chance to prove it's an elite Big Ten program. After holding off Iowa, 17-12, last weekend in a strange game that featured more than its fair share of head-scratching penalties and replay decisions, the Nittany Lions are 6-0 and ranked No. 7. Now we get to see if they're worthy of that distinction.

Penn State is one of just two teams in the nation (Ohio State is the other) with a top-10 scoring offense and scoring defense. But their schedule has been soft, and the Nittany Lions haven't handled big games well in recent years. The victory over the Hawkeyes was James Franklin's first against a Top 25 team on the road in seven tries during his Penn State tenure.

Penn State and Michigan believe they can contend for a conference championship. We'll see Saturday night which one is actually ready to do so.

Who's going to emerge in the Pac-12 title race?

The other two ranked matchups this weekend are courtesy of the Pac-12. No. 25 Washington hosts No. 12 Oregon, and No. 17 Arizona State travels to No. 13 Utah.

The winners of these matchups will take control of their respective divisions and likely face each other in the Pac-12 championship game. But given how unpredictable the league has been — with every team seemingly capable of beating one another — that's a lot to assume.

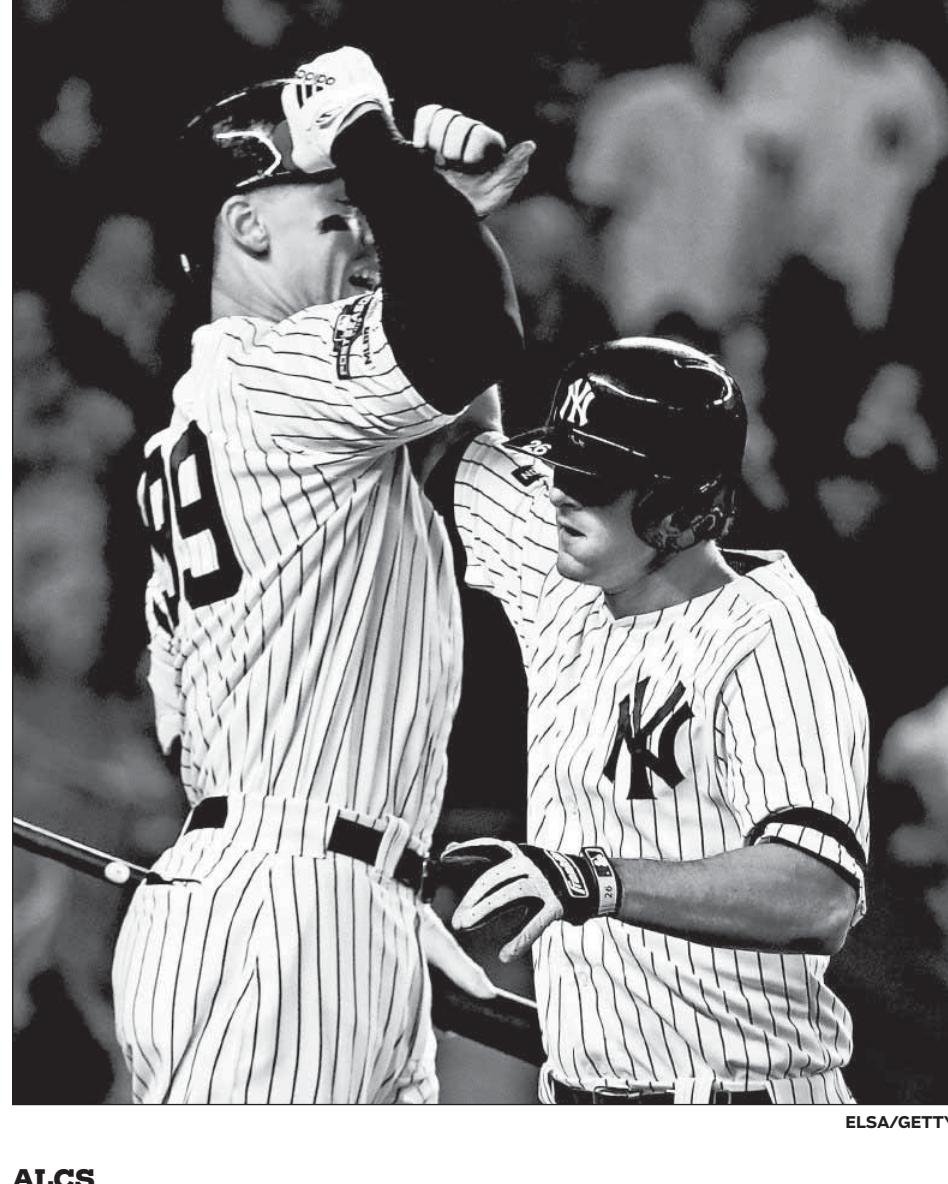
Here's how I would rank the four teams' chances of winning the conference title:

■ 1. Oregon (5-1, 3-0 Pac-12): The Ducks have been by far the league's best team since their season-opening loss to Auburn, winning five straight and allowing just one touchdown during that span while averaging close to 40 points per game.

■ 2. Utah (5-1, 2-1): The Utes had a legitimate shot at a playoff berth before losing to USC. While that dream has likely died, there's still hope for the program's first Rose Bowl berth. Star running back Zack Moss is back from a shoulder injury, and he's just 55 yards away from breaking the school's all-time rushing record.

■ 3. Arizona State (5-1, 2-1): Herm Edwards was on the receiving end of many jokes when the Sun Devils announced their NFL-style leadership model at the end of the 2017 season. All he's done is gone 12-7, with four ranked wins under his belt. Freshman Jayden Daniels is one of the best young quarterbacks in the country, and running back Eno Benjamin and receiver Brandon Aiyuk are highly skilled playmakers.

■ 4. Washington (5-2, 2-2): The Huskies have been the poster child for the Pac-12's unpredictable nature. Sometimes, they look unstoppable, as they did in wins over Hawaii, BYU, USC and Arizona. Other times, they can't get out of their own way, failing to score more than 20 points in losses to California and Stanford. Quarterback Jacob Eason has drawn NFL attention for his 6-foot-6, 227-pound frame and big arm, and he often looks the part of someone who could start on Sundays. But he's underperformed in conference play.



ALCS

Bronx Bombers live up to name

The Yankees are not ready to call it a season just yet. They defeated the Astros 4-1 on Friday night in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, New York. The Yankees fell behind in the first when the Astros' George Springer scored on a wild pitch by starter James Paxton. The Yankees wasted no time answering as leadoff hitter DJ LeMahieu, above right, homered off Justin Verlander. Four batters later, Aaron Hicks smacked a three-run shot off Verlander in the Yanks' final home game of the series. Paxton scattered four hits, walked four and fanned nine in six innings before being replaced by Tommy Kahnle. Game 6 is Saturday night in Houston.

A position of strength

Old-school Nats rely heavily on veteran starting pitchers

By HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It had the feel of spring training Friday at Nationals Park, what with the clear blue sky, the crisp breeze and temperature in the low 60s that made it feel like time for the Fall Classic or February, the start-of-camp baserunning drills and the navy "Grapefruit League" T-shirt worn by Anibal Sanchez.

As Sanchez did some long toss in right field, the other members of the Nationals' postseason rotation that carried the club to the World Series — Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin — worked out, too.

"A dream staff," catcher Kurt Suzuki said.

Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo assembled it, he explained, because an emphasis on starting pitchers has "always been a part of my DNA as an executive."

In this day and age of "openers" and "bullpen days" and "a starter shouldn't face a lineup a third time" and "high-leverage relief," Rizzo's Nationals stick by an older set of words: "Good pitching beats good hitting."

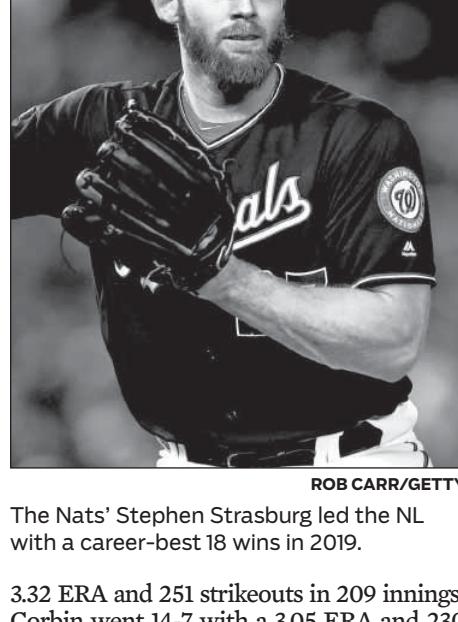
Scherzer, Strasburg, Corbin and Sanchez — neither Rizzo nor manager Dave Martinez would commit to the order in which they'll pitch when the Series opens Tuesday night, but that's a decent guess — all go about things differently, but they've helped each other get this far. Now the Nationals have a week off to set up that quartet so it's rested and ready to face the Astros, who are built around their own starters Justin Verlander, Gerrit Cole and Zack Greinke, or the Yankees.

"Good starting pitching, to me, is the key to any long-term kind of success that you're going to have. I think that when you have the opportunity to have guys that can dominate a game for six, seven, seven-plus innings, I think that is the more proficient way to construct a way to win a baseball game," Rizzo said. "I think that there's certainly different ways to skin a cat, there's ways to win championships, but my philosophy has always been that. And it's served us well here."

He traced it back to his days in the front office of the Diamondbacks, who won a championship in 2001 on the strength of the shoulders of Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling.

"For us," Nationals first baseman Ryan Zimmerman said, "it's, for sure, kind of the backbone of our team."

Scherzer, Strasburg and Corbin all finished among the NL's top 10 pitchers in ERA, strikeouts and hits allowed per nine innings during the regular season. Scherzer went 11-7 with a 2.92 ERA and 243 strikeouts in 172 1/3 innings; Strasburg was 18-6 with a



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The Nats' Stephen Strasburg led the NL with a career-best 18 wins in 2019.

3.32 ERA and 251 strikeouts in 209 innings; Corbin went 14-7 with a 3.05 ERA and 230 strikeouts in 197 1/3 innings.

And Sanchez? He was 11-8 with a 3.85

ERA and 134 Ks in 166 innings — then all he did in the NLCS was carry a no-hitter into the eighth inning of Game 1, before Scherzer took his own bid into the seventh of Game 2. They, like Strasburg in Game 3, did not allow an earned run, adding up to the second-longest such streak by an NL team in a single postseason.

Corbin allowed four runs in Game 4, but only after the Nationals led 7-0, and he set a major league postseason record by striking out 10 in the first four innings to finish with 12 Ks, the same total Strasburg reached a night earlier.

"To have Sanchez go out and do what he did, and Max back that up and then Stephen: It seemed like every game, we gave our team a chance to win," said Corbin, who arrived last offseason as a \$140 million free agent.

They help each other get it done, too, discussing how to approach an opponent's hitters and keeping an eye on each other's bullpen sessions between starts.

"No one," Corbin said, "is really selfish."

And none is really alike, either.

Corbin, the lone lefty in the group, succeeds with a devastating slider. Scherzer lives up to his Mad Max nickname, grunting and cursing and stomping around the mound while getting into the high 90s on his fastball. Strasburg, once a fireballer, has grown into a crafty pitcher. Sanchez, meanwhile, is the man of a million pitches, with multiple changeups that keep batters guessing.

"It's nice (to see) the kind of old school way, I guess you can say now, of having your starting pitchers go deep into the games," Suzuki said.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

7 p.m. Yankees at Astros FS1

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WLS-AM 890

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11 a.m. Purdue at Iowa ESPNU

11 a.m. Houston at Connecticut ESPNU

11 a.m. Iowa State at Texas Tech FS1

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1:30 p.m. NIU at Miami (Oh.) WIND-AM 560

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2:30 p.m. Oregon at Washington ABC-7

2:30 p.m. Minnesota at Rutgers BTN

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2:30 p.m. Southern Miss at La. Tech NFL

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6 p.m. Colorado at Washington St. ESPNU

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6:30 p.m. Michigan at Penn State ABC-7

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9:15 p.m. Boise State at BYU ESPN2

9:15 p.m. Nevada at Utah State ESPNU

10 p.m. Air Force at Hawaii CBSSN

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GOLF

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1 a.m. (Sun.) LPGA: Buick Shanghai Golf

HOCKEY

6 p.m. Bruins at Maple Leafs NHL

7 p.m. IceHogs at Wolves WPWR-50

9:30 p.m. Sabres at Sharks NBCSCH

RUGBY WORLD CUP

5 a.m. Wales vs. France NBCSN

SOCcer

6:25 a.m. Everton vs. West Ham NBCSN

8:30 a.m. Augsburg vs. Bayern FS1

8:55 a.m. Tottenham vs. Watford NBCSN

11:30 a.m. Crystal P. vs. Man. City NBC-5

1 p.m. Women: Dartmouth at Penn NBCSCH

2:30 p.m. MLS: FC Dallas at Sounders FS1

TENNIS

5 a.m. Stockholm, Antwerp, Moscow and Luxembourg Tennis

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m. Illinois at Minnesota BTN

ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

Should Matt Nagy simplify the offense in an attempt to

BEARS

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky dislocated his left shoulder three weeks ago in the Bears' 16-6 win over the Vikings.

Little questionable

Trubisky on injury report but all signs point to QB starting

BY DAN WIEDERER

Mitch Trubisky's practice week went as planned, leaving Bears coach Matt Nagy "cautiously optimistic" that the quarterback will be clear to start against the Saints on Sunday at Soldier Field.

Still, even after Trubisky took all of the first-team reps at practice the last two days, the Bears on Friday listed him as questionable for Sunday's game.

So what more do the Bears need to see Saturday and into Sunday to give Trubisky the green light?

"Without saying that he's going to be the guy, it's not a whole lot more," Nagy said. "He's close. He's very close. I feel more comfortable right now than I did on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. I feel like he has stacked good days together."

"Now, for us as coaches, we just want to go back, go through the whole game plan and (see) where we're at. We'll collaborate and say, hey, where do we think he was physically? And then talk to the trainers. And then mentally."

Three weeks after dislocating his left

shoulder in a win over the Vikings, Trubisky hopes to be back behind the steering wheel of the Bears offense this weekend. If he's not, the Bears will have a lot more explaining to do about what went off course this week.

Nagy said he's encouraged by what he has seen from Trubisky over the last five days and four practices.

"I like where he's at," Nagy said. "We said early in the week it was going to be a day-by-day thing. And so far he has stacked good days together. It's just the fact that he's executing plays at the speed that we want him to do it at."

"Mentally, physically, so far I feel like he's passing the test and I feel good about it. But again, I don't want to say that and say he's going to be the guy and then all of a sudden for whatever reason he's not."

Nagy said Friday he wants to collaborate with offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich and quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone to assess how Trubisky's week has gone.

A year ago, Trubisky missed two games with a right shoulder injury and struggled in his first game back. Against the Rams in Week 14, he was 16-for-30 passing for 110 yards with three interceptions as the defense carried the Bears to a 15-6 win.

The Bears seem to remember that shaky

return and have not discarded it from their evaluations this week, with Nagy noting those struggles were partly attributable to rust and partly to the strength of the Rams defense.

"That's part of where we're at right now," Nagy said. "Since we've been through this before, we want to make sure that, because of the results of what happened last year in that game, how do we prevent that from happening again?"

"That's the mental side. Like, was he so focused on rehabbing back that it took away from the mental part of the game? Or was it just the game? That's where we need to collaborate over the next 24, 48 hours here and say we feel good. Because if we feel good about it and we want to do it, there's no looking back."

The Bears put guard Kyle Long and defensive lineman Akiem Hicks on injured reserve this week, so it's inaccurate to say they're fully healthy heading into Sunday's game. But Friday's injury report was light. Two other Bears were listed as questionable: defensive lineman Bilal Nichols (hand, knee) and guard Ted Larsen (knee).

As for Trubisky's questionable status, the Bears will continue to work through things Sunday with Chase Daniel on call in case of emergency.

WHAT WE LEARNED

No doubtful: RB Kamara, QB Brees out

BY COLLEEN KANE AND DAN WIEDERER

The Bears wrapped up their final practice Friday at Halas Hall before they face the Saints on Sunday at Soldier Field.

In addition to the status of quarterback Mitch Trubisky, here are four things we learned.

1. Saints running back Alvin Kamara and quarterback Drew Brees have been ruled out for Sunday's game.

The Saints have gone on a four-game winning streak while Brees recovers from a right thumb injury, topping the Seahawks, Cowboys, Buccaneers and Jaguars behind quarterback Teddy Bridgewater.

But this will be the first game Kamara — their leading rusher and second-leading receiver — will miss this season. Making up for the absence of a player who has 649 yards from scrimmage will be no small thing for the Saints.

"(Kamara) is such a weapon because he has speed, he has vision, he can run in between the tackles, he has excellent hands, he's a playmaker, he knows the system," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "He's one of those guys that when you go into a game as a defensive coordinator you've got to know where he's at all times."

It's certainly a break for a Bears defensive line that is regrouping after Akiem Hicks' elbow injury landed him on injured reserve. Running back Latavius Murray, who has 32 carries for 138 yards and a touchdown in his first season with New Orleans after two with the Vikings, will get the start.

Tight end Jared Cook (ankle), defensive end Trey Hendrickson (neck) and wide receiver Tre'Quan Smith (ankle) also have been ruled out for the Saints.

2. Matt Nagy said he was keeping his fingers crossed the Chiefs would hear good news about quarterback Patrick Mahomes' injury.

Nagy helped coach Mahomes in his rookie season in Kansas City, and so his heart sank when he saw Mahomes go down with a dislocated right kneecap in Thursday's game against the Broncos.

"I coached him for a year, so you build these relationships with these players," Nagy said. "And it's not just the football part, it's the human aspect part. ... You always want to hope they're OK."

While the Bears practiced Friday, reports from NFL Network and ESPN stated there was not significant damage to Mahomes' knee beyond the dislocation and he potentially could return after an absence of a few games.

3. Bears wide receiver Taylor Gabriel will return Sunday, but defensive lineman Bilal Nichols and offensive lineman Ted Larsen are questionable.

Nichols practiced in full all week before Friday, when he was limited as he usually is when the Bears practice indoors because of a bad knee. The Bears could use his return from a three-game absence with a broken hand as they try to overcome the loss of Akiem Hicks to injured reserve.

Larsen, who is battling a knee injury, practiced in full for the first time Friday. The Bears could use him or Rashaad Coward — or a combination — as a replacement for right guard Kyle Long, who is done for the year with a hip injury.

Larsen is a 10-year NFL veteran who has made 87 career starts. Coward is a converted defensive lineman whose only real game time on the offensive line was 30 snaps against the Vikings.

"I have ultimate trust in Coach (Harry) Hiestand and what he thinks, how the week of practice goes and then where we're at," Nagy said. "So it's an opportunity for both of those guys to show what they can do."

4. Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor used an appropriate three-word label to describe the Bears' running-into-the-kicker penalty against the Raiders.

"That can't happen," he said.

By now, the Bears are well past the correction phase of the mistakes they made in their 24-21 loss in London.

Still, the penalty incurred by linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis was one of the most costly missteps of the loss as it allowed the Raiders to continue their 13-play, 97-yard game-winning drive.

Tabor went deeper in explaining why Pierre-Louis was even near Raiders punter A.J. Cole in that fourth-and-6 situation, with the Bears holding a lead late in the fourth quarter and about to get the ball back.

For Pierre-Louis, having a better understanding of time and score is certainly an emphasis. Furthermore, Tabor said, the linebacker has to have better awareness of the punter's launch point.

In that situation, Pierre-Louis is playing the role of "forcer" for the punt return team, not going after a block but trying to cause at least some disruption to the punter's timing and preferred angle.

Said Tabor: "You want to send a forcer so that the punter can't walk a real aggressive line and get it out of bounds. You want to be able to get it into your (returner's) hands and set it up there."

"I don't want to say you run the risk (of penalty occurring); usually the risk is extremely low that that's going to happen."

In this case, it happened. And it was a major error at an inopportune time.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears' Mitch Trubisky (10) celebrates with receiver Taylor Gabriel (18) on Sept. 23.

else, so their route tops aren't as firm or clean or as aggressive as they need to be. And he has improved on that a ton."

Receivers coach Mike Furrey, who has been one of Gabriel's biggest believers and most honest critics, has continued to push the speedy receiver to become more complete. Furrey thinks Gabriel may have taken for granted how some of his success with the Falcons was attributable to lining up across from All-Pro Julio Jones while catching passes from league MVP Matt Ryan in a prolific offense designed by Kyle Shanahan.

So Gabriel's self-confidence upon signing with the Bears in 2018 may have been overly inflated. This past spring, Furrey described that dynamic in candid terms:

"Last year, he was kind of (like): 'This is how I do things. I'm Taylor Gabriel.' And we're all sitting here like: 'You haven't done anything. Like really. You haven't done anything. But ... I do see your potential.'

"So even though he still saw his potential and thought he was living his potential, he

wasn't there yet. He didn't know how to get there yet."

It took some time for Gabriel to develop a more realistic self-assessment of his strengths and weaknesses and to work on those properly. But now, the Bears coaches believe, Gabriel is locked in on his individual development. Furrey has called him "a completely different person" than he was early in 2018.

Gabriel's practice dedication has sharpened his understanding of how to attack defensive backs, be precise with the routes in Matt Nagy's offense and be in sync with Trubisky.

Said Furrey: "His maturity and growth as a player has been awesome. And I'm obviously really excited for him to be a leader for us."

The Bears are also hopeful Gabriel's

Week 3 scoring binge wasn't a one-time deal. Gabriel is ready to get back into the mix and have his say.

"I'm feeling good," he said. "I'm feeling like myself. I'm positive. I'm feeling fast."

BULLS

White continues steady progression

29-point outburst vs. Hawks
rookie's latest step forward

BY PHIL THOMPSON

On a couple of his six 3-pointers Thursday night, Coby White took a pass from a Bulls teammate and crouched into his shooting stance, then took a quick dribble to his left to shake a Hawks defender and rained a 3.

In the most optimistic view of one preseason performance, one could envision the sidestep becoming White's signature move. Like James Harden's step-back. Traveling not included.

On a 29-point night during which he displayed shooting range (6 of 8 on 3s) and athleticism at the rim, White made his biggest splash since the Bulls drafted him with the seventh pick in June.

But White would be the first to acknowledge the chasm he has to traverse before he can even think about being mentioned in Harden's company, if ever.

"Still a long way to go, but today was a good day," White said.

It has been a steady progression since White shot 3-for-30 from behind the arc during the NBA Summer League.

"I just didn't shoot the ball well in summer league," White said. "The distance wasn't a thing; I just went through a little slump."

"I never brought it up to him one time," coach Jim Boylen said. "I think he was frustrated with that. I didn't have to talk to him about that. He didn't like that."

"He knows he's a better shooter than that. Sometimes a poor summer league can be a positive thing for you, and I think he's turned it into a positive thing."

White said he "knew it was a process."

"I just got drafted to play against NBA players, and everything's not going to be perfect," he said. "You're going to face a lot of adversity your rookie year, and it started for me in summer league."

Boyleen credited White's work ethic.



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Bulls rookie Coby White accepts congratulations from fans Thursday night after scoring 29 points in a preseason win over the Hawks.

"When I'm in there at 8 o'clock at night, he's in there shooting after practice, him and his brother Will," Boyleen said. "He puts the extra time in. He cares."

White said he tries to practice late at least twice a week, depending on how his body

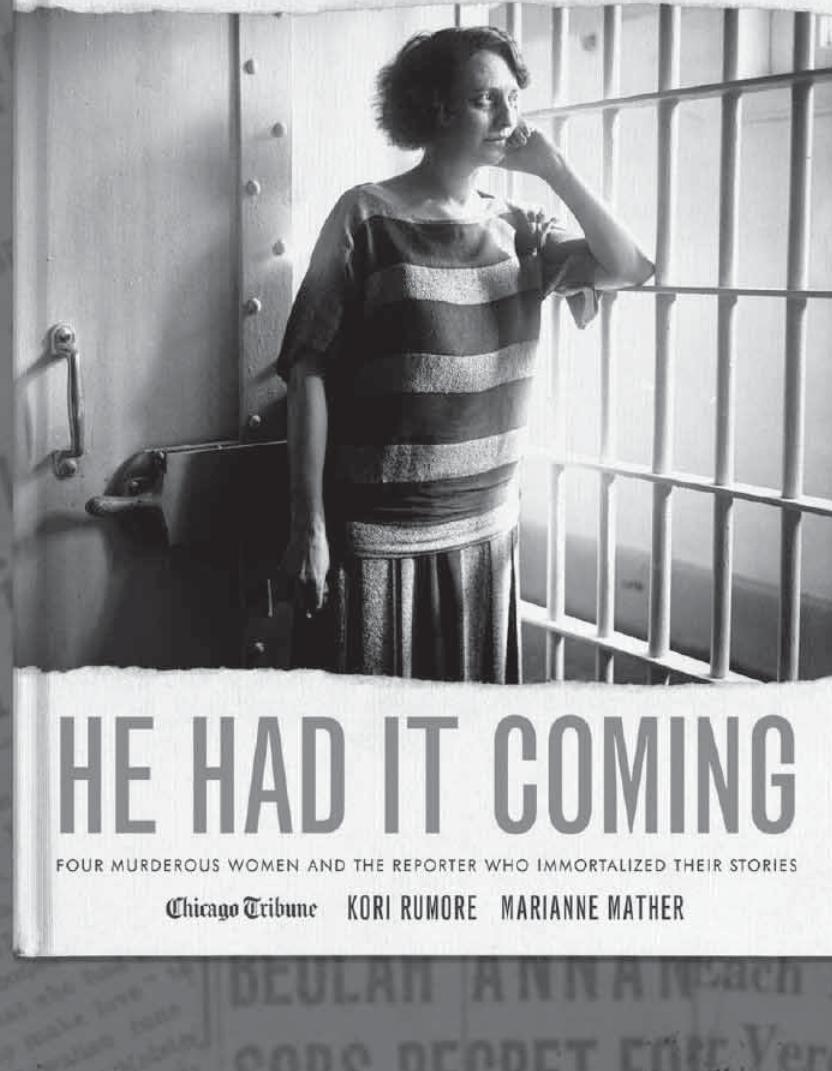
feels. "I never go past like 9," he said.

Will White played forward for Division II Mars Hill University in North Carolina and works with his brother on everything from ballhandling to offensive sets. Coby called Will, who's eight years older and was

a graduate assistant at UNC Greensboro last season, a "great basketball mind."

"He's played a big role in my development," Coby said. "He's family and I trust him and I love him. I want him to be on this journey with me."

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Houston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oct. 12: N.Y. Yankees 7, Houston 0
Oct. 13: Houston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2 (11)
Oct. 15: Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Oct. 16: Houston
at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
Oct. 17: Houston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Friday: N.Y. Yankees 4, Houston 1
Saturday: N.Y. Yankees
at Houston, 7:08 p.m.
x-Sunday: N.Y. Yankees
at Houston, 6:38 p.m.

WORLD SERIES

G1: Tuesday: Washington

at N.Y./Hou, 7:08 p.m.

G2: Wednesday: Washington

at N.Y./Hou, 7:07 p.m.

G3: Oct. 25: N.Y./Hou

at Washington, 7:07 p.m.

G4: Oct. 26: N.Y./Hou

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x-G5: Oct. 27: N.Y./Hou

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x-G6: Oct. 29: Washington

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x-G7: Oct. 30: Washington

at N.Y./Hou, 7:08 p.m.

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

TENNIS

ATP KREMLIN CUP

QF in Moscow; indoors-hard

MEN

Andreas Seppi d.
#2 Karen Khachanov, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
#3 Mari Clivic d.
Jeremy Chardy, 6-4, 6-6, 7-6 (2).
#7 Adrian Mannarino d.
#4 Dusan Lajovic, 7-6 (3), 6-1.
#6 Andrej Rublev d.
Nikola Milojevic, 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN

Kristina Mladenovic d.
#2 Kiki Bertens, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.
#3 Belinda Bencic d.
Kirsten Flipkens, 7-6 (8), 6-1.

Karolina Muchova d.

#8 Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-3, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d.
Veronika Kudermetova, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

ATP STOCKHOLM OPEN

QF in Stockholm, Sweden; indoors-hard

#4 Denis Shapovalov d.

Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, 6-0, 6-3.

#5 Pablo Carreno Busta d.

Sam Querrey, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

Filip Krajinovic d.

Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-3, 6-4.

Yuichi Sugita d.

Janko Tipsarevic, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

ATP WORLD EUROPEAN OPEN

QF in Antwerp, Belgium; indoors-hard

#4 Stan Wawrinka d.

Gilles Simon, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-2.

Ugo Humbert d.

#5 Guido Pella, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Jannik Sinner d.

Frances Tiafoe, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Andy Murray d.

Marius Copil, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-4.

WTA LUXEMBOURG OPEN

QF in Luxembourg, Luxembourg; indoors-hard

#2 Julia Goerges d.

Monica Puig, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

#3 Elena Rybakina d.

Laura Siegemund, 6-0, 6-4.

#8 Anna Blinkova d.

Margarita Gasparyan, 6-3, 1-0, ret.

Jelena Ostapenko d.

Antonia Lottner, 6-1, 6-1.

GOLF

PGA CJ CUP

2nd of 4 rds: The Club at Nine Bridges; Jeju Island, South Korea; 7,241 yds; Par 72

131 (-13)

Justin Thomas 68-63

133 (-11)

Bjeyong Hun An 64-69

Danny Lee 67-66

135 (-9)

Emiliano Grillo 69-66

Jordan Spieth 70-65

136 (-8)

Cameron Smith 67-69

Kyung-Hoon Lee 69-67

Ryan Moore 69-67

137 (-7)

Si Woo Kim 69-68

Tyrrell Hatton 69-68

Charles Howell III 67-70

138 (-6)

Kevin Streelman 69-69

Jung-kun Hwang 67-71

Viktor Hovland 69-69

Joaquin Niemann 65-73

Kiradech Aphibarnrat 69-69

Wyndham Clark 71-67

139 (-5)

Charley Hoffman 67-72

Jason Day 66-73

Hideki Matsuyama 69-70

Ryan Palmer 70-69

Graeme McDowell 68-71

140 (-4)

Rory Sabbatini 71-69

Andrew Putnam 70-70

Soomin Lee 68-72

Kevin Na 72-68

Dylan Frittelli 70-70

LPGA SHANGHAI

2nd of 4 rds: Qizhong Garden GC; Shanghai; 6,672 yds; Par 72

133 (-11)

Brooke M. Henderson 69-64

135 (-9)

Jessica Korda 68-67

136 (-8)

Danielle Kang 69-67

138 (-6)

Marina Alex 71-67

Amy Yang 67-71

139 (-5)

Kristen Gillman 73-66

Brittany Altomare 70-69

Angel Yin 68-71

140 (-4)

Sei Young Kim 73-67

Jeongeun Lee 72-68

Georgia Hall 71-69

Nanna Koerstz Madsen 71-69

Pajaree Annanarakum 70-70

Nasa Hataoka 67-73

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS DOMINION ENERGY CHARITY

1st of 3 rds: The CC of Virginia; Richmond, Va.; 7,025 yds; Par 72

65 (-7)

Tommy Tolles 32-33

66 (-6)

Colin Montgomerie 32-34

Scott Pare 34-32

67 (-5)

Miguel Angel Jimenez 35-32

Rocco Mediate 37-30

Retief Goosen 34-33

68 (-4)

John Daly 34-34

Marco Dawson 36-32

Carlos Franco 33-35

Scott McCarron 32-36

EUROPEAN PGA FRENCH OPEN

2nd of 4 rds; Le Golf National; Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France; 7,245 yds; Par 72

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Tommy Fleetwood 32-33

66 (-6)

Colin Montgomerie 32-34

Scott Pare 34-32

67 (-5)

Stewart Cink 34-33

141 (-3)

Charlie Saxon 70-71

143 (-1)

David Lipsky 71-72

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Alex Noren 72-72

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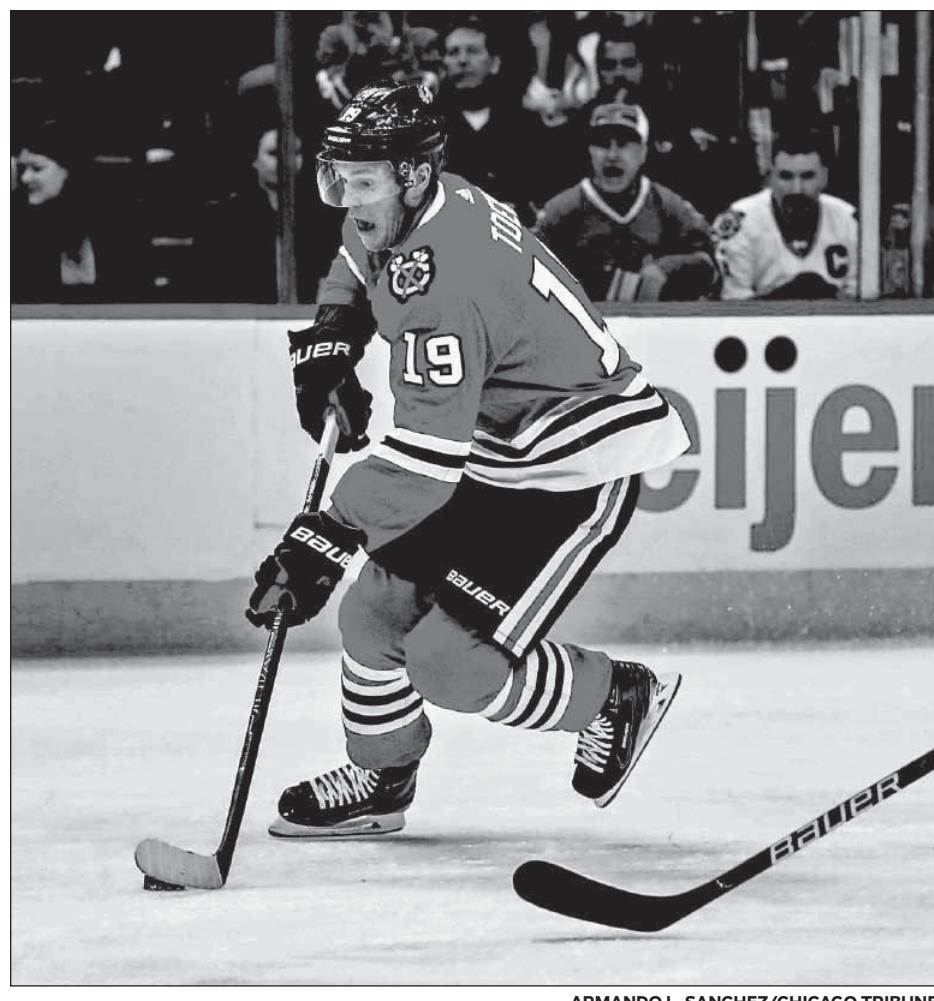
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BLACKHAWKS

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The Hawks' Jonathan Toews controls the puck against the Oilers during Monday's game.

Power play

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their first three games.

"You always like more," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "We can do our part to give ourselves those chances."

"We've got to get to the net. We've got to be more dynamic in the offensive zone — spend more time there. Keep moving our feet. Be hard to play against. Put pressure on the other team when they want to defend, when they're trying to defend. And then we'll get a few more."

The Hawks are a respectable 13th in the league with a 22.2 power-play conversion rate, but with two goals in nine attempts that rate can fluctuate wildly. Last season, the Hawks scored at a 20.2 clip but had dramatic ups and downs throughout the season.

On Thursday, Dominik Kubalik was getting some work practicing a five-on-three power play with Strome sitting out. But Colliton said he has no plans to alter the first unit of Strome, Erik Gustafsson, Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat that has been in place for nearly

a full season.

"We think we have something that's going to work," he said. "If we felt there was a better option, then we'd move to it. I think you come up together as a staff — and the players are involved too — with a plan we can have sustainable success with. We're going to stick with it."

But is it sustainable? The Hawks had a terrible 3-for-37 stretch during Colliton's first few weeks as coach before turning things around once Gustafsson and Strome were added to the power play. They went 32-for-91 over 29 games to help the Hawks get back into playoff contention before going 4-for-42 over their final 18 games.

"We just haven't had a lot of opportunities," Strome said. "We're getting some good chances. In the game against San Jose, Kaner hits a (defenseman's) stick and the guy doesn't even see it. It was open net and hits the D stick. Last game, Alex had a pretty close chance, just missed high glove. We're getting our chances. [It's] just a matter of time before they go in."

"We get four or five power plays in the game and hopefully (score) two and start to click from there. We're feeling pretty good in practice, so just keep it going."

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Death Notices**Clarke, Sarah R**

Sarah De La Reguera Clarke (5/9/30-10/15/19) is survived by her children: Robert and Fred Clarke, Mary Neuhaus, Carol Slomowitz. Her Grandchildren: Sarah, George, and Jessica Neuhaus, Madelyn Schmidt, Tristen and Connor Slomowitz, Lucas, Liam and Savannah Clarke and her great grandson Lionel Schmidt. Sarah taught tennis for the Skokie Park District for over 32 years. She was a professional Tennis umpire and moved to the Miami area. Our mother had the most amazing energy. She touched many lives and words cannot express the depth of our loss. She was one of a kind. A Memorial Mass will be held at Elevate St. Andrew Living Community at 4PM on Saturday October 19th located at 7000 Newark Ave, Niles 60714. In lieu of flowers donations to: Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at 7430 N. Ridge Blvd Chicago IL 60645.

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Cumbo, Kathryn A.

Kathryn A. Cumbo (nee Fyke), age 81, of Oak Forest, passed away October 16, 2019. Beloved wife of Sam A. Cumbo for 63 years. Loving mother of Marianne (Lou) Curalli, Roseann (Daniel) Mischeck and the late Sam J. Cumbo. Cherished grandmother of Louie, Gina, Manon, Madison, Matthew, Daniel, Steven, Sydney and the late Christian. Dear sister of James (Joann) Fyke, Loretta (Rick) Wojtowicz, Mary Jane (Don) Bohnert and the late Patricia Phillips. Fond mother-in-law of Kathryn L. Cumbo-Hirst and fond sister-in-law of Larry Phillips. A special thank you to Kathryn's caregivers: Cathy, Kim and Donna.

Funeral Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest to St. Damian Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions in Kathryn's name may be made to Palos Hospice, 15295 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439. For information: 708-687-2990

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Kowalski, Isadore

Isadore "Egee" Kowalski, age 102, of Spring Grove. Beloved brother of Richard (Veronica), and the late Milton (Albina), Irene (Anthony), Clementine (Henry), and George (Audrey). Fond uncle of many. Visitation Sunday Noon- 5pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home** 189 S Milwaukee Ave Wheeling, IL. Life Celebration Service Monday 11am at the funeral home. Interment to follow in St Adalbert Cemetery.

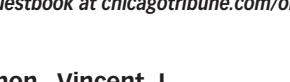
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Levin, Marvin

Marvin Levin. Beloved husband of Sandra. Cherished father of Jamie Nierenberg, Stacy (Robert) Rivera, and Cheryl (John) Baumann. Proud grandfather of Aronn, Sydnei, and Zak. Dear brother of Marilyn Bard. Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Memorial service Sunday 1:30PM at Beth Emet, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston. Contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Info at **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-648-9824 or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.



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McMahon, Vincent I.

Vincent I. McMahon passed away on October 17, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Donna J. McMahon. Loving Father of Drew (Linda), Annie, Pete (LeAnne), Jim (Noreen), Jack (Sarah), Patrick (Julia), Nora (Darrin) Oberhofer, dear grandfather of Ian (Britnee), Erik (Megan), Matt, Tim (Risa), Colin, Scott, Erin, Delaney (Dusty) Wright, Claire, Max, Ben, Dean, Abby, Tommy, Jack, Will, Teddy & Augie and special great-grandfather of Camille and Jocelyn.

Vince was truly a saint on earth. He was a friend to all and would do anything for anyone. He was the one who made things happen, and the one who kept things going. He was one of a kind and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation Monday, October 21st, from 4 - 7 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home (565 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, www.leonardmemorialhome.com). Funeral Mass Tuesday, 10 AM at St. Petronio Church, 420 Glenwood Ave, Glen Ellyn. Interment, St. Michaels Cemetery (Wheaton, IL). In lieu of Flowers, please make donations to Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, 493 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, which would be much appreciated.

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Ross, Darlene

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PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO: 19CONC001133
HEARING DATE: (10/31/2019, at 9:30 a.m., at 50 West Washington, Chicago, IL Cook, Courtroom #1707)
I/We, Sheila Nicole Ferguson, request the entry of an order by this Honorable Court in compliance with the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/21 - 101 et. seq. for a change of name and in support of this petition and under penalties of perjury as provided by Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/1-109):
A. FOR MYSELF:
1. My year of birth is: 1995
2. My place of birth was: El Paso, TX, USA
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9. I request the Court change my name to: Sheila Hall Moreno
D. SIGNATURE
Under penalties of perjury as provided is Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/1-109). I certify that I have read the Petition for Change of Name filed by (OLD NAME) and state all of the facts contained therein are true.
/s/ Sheila Nicole Ferguson
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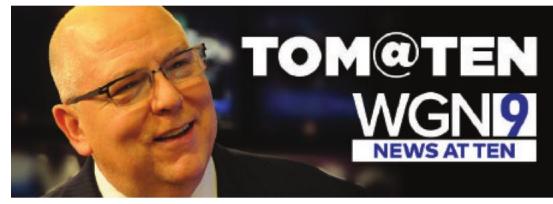
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SATURDAY, OCT. 19

NORMAL HIGH: 61°

NORMAL LOW: 42°

RECORD HIGH: 84° (1971)

RECORD LOW: 21° (1992)

South winds bring return of 60-degree temps

LOCAL FORECAST



HIGH 64 LOW 45

■ Approaching weather system increases temps, and cloud cover.

■ Morning sunshine becomes filtered by increasing high cloudiness. Not as chilly. Temps mainly low-mid 40s at daybreak.

■ Breezy. S winds increase to 15-25 mph and become SW.

■ Clouds thicken/lower, but dry low level air keeps showers unlikely during the day.

■ Highs mid-upper 60s. Some 70s possible far S-E sections.

■ Scattered evening showers/sprinkles, then clearing overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Low pressure over the Plains, combined with retreating high pressure over the Great Lakes created a corridor of strong south winds on Friday, stretching from Texas through Minnesota. Gusts up to 50 mph were recorded across the Lincoln, Nebraska area, breaking tree limbs and causing sporadic power outages. The winds also brought a rapid warm-up to the region. Lincoln reached 79 degrees, while Norfolk checked in with a 77-degree high. Warming south winds gusting as high as 30 mph will sweep across Chicago on Saturday, helping to boost our temperatures to their highest level in over a week despite increasing cloudiness. Spotty showers are possible Saturday evening, otherwise, the weekend will be dry. Readings in the 60s are forecast to persist through Monday, before a period of colder weather arrives.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20



HIGH 63 LOW 54

Pleasant. Scattered clouds develop across inland areas, otherwise sunshine dominates the day. Temps reach low-mid 60s, cooler N. Shore. Clouds, showers arrive overnight. SE winds 10-15 mph.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

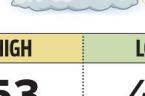


HIGH 65 LOW 42

Windy and mild. Showers/tstorms, ongoing at daybreak, continue through midday. Temps hover in the mid 60s, then begin to fall in the afternoon. S winds 20-30 mph shift W and gust over 40 mph.



TUESDAY, OCT. 22



HIGH 53 LOW 40

Blustery and cool. Low clouds may produce a few sprinkles, though peeks of sun emerge at times. Temps slowly climb to the low 50s. W-SW winds 20-30 mph and gusty, diminish late.



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

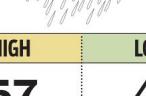


HIGH 57 LOW 43

Periods of morning sun fade as high-mid level clouds thicken. SW winds increase to 15-20 mph, bringing a modest rise in temps. Highs reach the mid-upper 50s. Partial clearing at night.



THURSDAY, OCT. 24

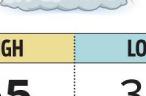


HIGH 57 LOW 41

Peeks of filtered sun possible early, then clouds thicken and lower. Showers become likely late in day. Continue much of the night. Temps peak in the mid 50s. Light winds become SE-E around 10 mph.



FRIDAY, OCT. 25



HIGH 55 LOW 35

Generally gray and chilly. Lingering overcast may yield a few sprinkles, especially S-E of the city. Daytime temps struggle to reach the low-mid 50s. Clearing and colder overnight. NE winds 15-20 mph become N.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I hear references to "normal temperatures," but I do not know how they are determined.

Ziggy Toadstool
(not my real name)

Dear Ziggy,
In meteorology, what is referred to as "normal" is, by international agreement, a reference to the average of a quantity, such as temperature, over the 30-year period 1981-2010. (That base period will be adjusted upward to 1991-2020 in a couple years.) To calculate a normal temperature, add the daily high and low temperatures at a given spot in the period 1981-2010 and divide by the number of entries.

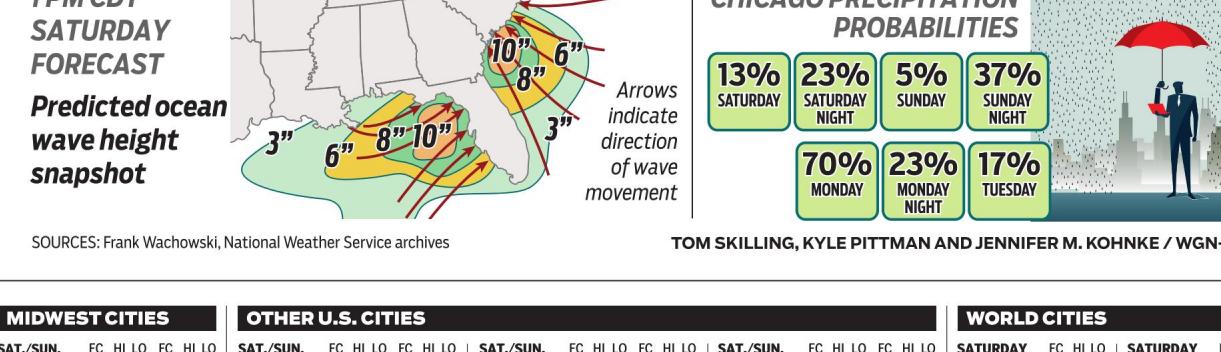
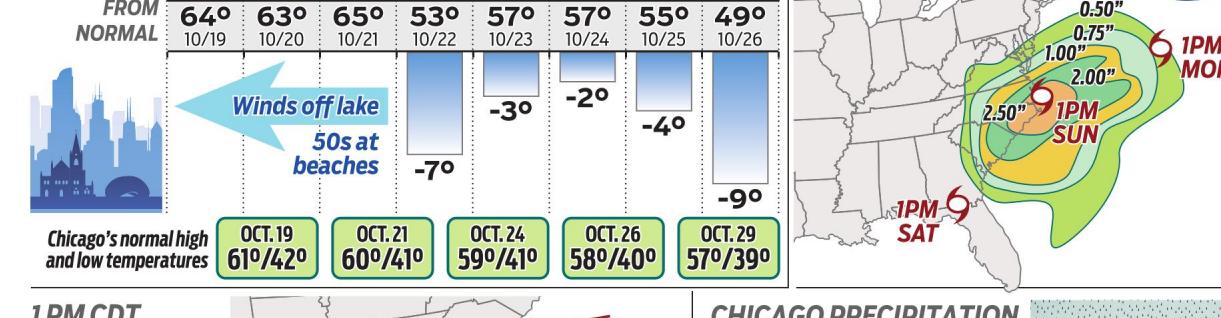
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Weekend warmup to interrupt recent eight-day cool snap



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	H	LO	LOCATION	H	LO
Aurora	61	31	Midway	60	39
Gary	61	34	O'Hare	59	38
Kankakee	62	33	Romeoville	61	36
Lakefront	60	36	Valparaiso	60	32
Lansing	59	33	Waukegan	54	33

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Fri. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.11"
October to date	3.38"	1.80"
Year to date	42.74"	30.14"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Fri. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.00"
Season to date	0.0"	0.0"
Normal to date	0.1"	0.0"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind S 15-20 kts. E-NE 10-15 kts.	
Waves 2-4 feet	1-3 feet

Fri. shore/crib water temps 56°/55°

U.S. SNOW COVER

OCT. 18	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	1.4%	3.3%
Average snow depth	Trace	0.1"

TRACKING THE COLD

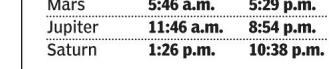
SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	0 days	0 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Friday's reading	Moderate
Saturday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES

SUN	7:07 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Moon 10:08 p.m.	12:43 p.m.	



SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	9:23 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Venus	8:39 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Mars	5:46 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
Jupiter	11:46 a.m.	8:54 p.m.
Saturn	1:26 p.m.	10:38 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	Not visible</

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



Spartans fall far from peak

Football coach Dantonio became a victim of his own success as the program slides into mediocrity

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio on Oct. 12 against Wisconsin.
ANDY MANIS/AP

BY RAINER SABIN
Detroit Free Press

In the raw aftermath of a loss that ranked among the worst of his tenure, Mark Dantonio was challenged. The Michigan State football coach had yet to survey the damage of a 38-0 rout by Wisconsin when a reporter asked him about his controversial decision last off-season to keep his offensive staff intact.

Dantonio shook his head with a trademark scowl that has been affixed to his face since he took over the Spartans 12 years ago.

"I think that's sort of a dumbass question, to be honest with you," Dantonio fired back.

The soundbite went viral, blasting out of Camp Randall Stadium to YouTube, Twitter and news sites around the internet.

For those looking to build a narrative about Michigan State in this current age, the 21-second clip became the latest evidence that the halcyon days of the Dantonio era had passed and a miasma of negativity had settled over a program in decline.

Only four days before, as the grumbling around him amplified in the wake of another crushing defeat — this one to Ohio State — Dantonio stood behind a different microphone and cracked a rare smile. A different media member had asked him if the wave of success Michigan State experienced in previous seasons under his guidance had now put him in position to be targeted by a fan base holding him to the same lofty standard he created.

"To say I'm a victim, that might be accurate, OK," he responded, with a slight grin. "But every year we line up and say: 'OK, we can win every football game.' I think that's what you have to be able to do."

Not too long ago, Michigan State came close to realizing that goal. During a three-year period that began in late August 2013 and ended on New Year's Eve 2015, the Spartans won 36 games, suffered only five defeats, claimed a pair of Big Ten titles and advanced to the College Football Playoff. Along the way, Michigan State vanquished the name brands in the sport, prevailing over Michigan, Ohio State and Oregon while also scoring victories against rising powers such as Stanford and Baylor. Back then, no challenge seemed too great for Michigan State, as the Spartans defeated nine ranked opponents during that span.

As the Spartans became ensconced in the national polls, former Minnesota coach and current Big Ten Network analyst Glen Mason marveled at Michigan State's elevated stature in college football.

"We'd sit around doing the shows and the discussion would come to elite coaches," Mason recalled. "I know I was one to say, 'Well, look at Mark Dantonio and what he's accomplished at Michigan State.' Going in there and being a consistent winner, winning big games. There are not a lot of programs that really can say that."

In the 40 years predating Dantonio's arrival in 2007, Michigan State couldn't say that either.

The Spartans had tallied more than nine victories only once during that span and just one of Dantonio's nine most recent predecessors — Duffy Daugherty — finished with a winning percentage higher than .600. Without a natural recruiting base that could be mined for roster building and lacking the winning tradition of their rivals, the Spartans were saddled with disadvantages that still burden them to this day.

But during the best times of Dantonio's tenure, Michigan State managed to overcome them. Between 2012 and 2016, 19 players were drafted out of East Lansing — nearly four per year. It was an unusually high number considering the Spartans' first nine recruiting classes under Dantonio never cracked the top 20 of 247Sports' composite rankings.

It's why former Michigan State receiver Keith Nichol remains supportive of his former coach, saying, "Mark Dantonio is probably the single greatest thing that has ever happened to Michigan State football."

Heading into the Spartans' College Football Playoff semifinal clash with Alabama in 2015, he was celebrated as such.

Nick Saban, the Crimson Tide's coach, raved about his former Spartans assistant, telling reporters, "I think Mark has done a fantastic job there."

Moments later, he said, "They have an opportunity to win a national championship this year."

But Alabama ended that possibility during another 38-0 romp that became a distinct line of demarcation between Dantonio's gilded age and the troubled phase his program has endured since. From the moment that game kicked off to the final whistle of Wisconsin's victory last weekend, the Spartans have gone 24-22 — descending into mediocrity and retreating towards the median in the Big Ten.

As losses have come at a higher frequency and the program has weathered the defections of four players in the last month, Dantonio has faced increased scrutiny.

"I am sure the expectations are very high for a lot of people there," said Saban, a former Michigan State coach. "I think

Mark has done a good job of meeting those expectations. I think sometimes it's a little unrealistic at any program to think you're going to have a great team year in and year out. There are just too many things that can affect your roster and that can affect the quality of your team."

Programs like Michigan State are particularly vulnerable to those variables because they don't have access to a consistent source of prospects and encounter more roadblocks to replenish their rosters as a result. Injuries combined with the attrition that stems from players leaving early for the NFL, being removed for disciplinary reasons or transferring can doom teams that don't have the same depth as the sport's powerhouses. In the last four seasons, Michigan State has experienced all of the above.

The team's top offensive lineman, Jack Conklin, left with a year of remaining eligibility to enter the 2016 NFL Draft and was part of an exodus of talent that had propelled Michigan State to new heights. The following year, four players from a star-studded recruiting class were dismissed after they were charged with sexual assault. In 2018, the Spartans' receiving corps was decimated as a slew of wideouts were hurt, and their offensive line was in flux because of injuries. This season, four members of the team have entered their names in the NCAA transfer portal. The migration of talent to the NFL also slowed as only five Michigan State players have been picked in the last three years.

"A lot of little things continued to compound and add up and add up and add up," Nichol said, "and it turned out to be a perfect storm of things not going in our favor."

But as CBS Sports Network analyst Houston Nutt can attest, an impatient fan base doesn't want excuses; they demand results. Twenty-one years ago, he took over a program at Arkansas that resembled the one Dantonio inherited at Michigan State. The Razorbacks, who peaked in the 1960s at around the time MSU was at the top of the sport, had just slogged through consecutive 4-7 seasons and were lost in a brave new world after joining the SEC.

When Nutt attended booster club meetings around the state, he faced the same question: "Can you just beat SMU?"

The Mustangs had defeated Arkansas three straight years, offering annual embarrassment and a reminder of how bad the Razorbacks had become. But in short order, Nutt revitalized Arkansas. In his first season in 1998, the Hogs claimed nine

victories and briefly entered the hunt for a national title. The following season, Arkansas went 8-4, beating No. 3 Tennessee and old Southwest Conference rival Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

"You come in and breathe air into the program and all of a sudden you start having success and then expectation rises and rises very fast," he said.

But Nutt, who'd last 10 years in Fayetteville, found that all that winning wasn't sustainable. The Razorbacks began to yo-yo between posting good, average and sub-par records as the recruiting challenges Arkansas faced often determined its fate from one year to the next. Much in the same way Michigan State has had to do throughout its history, the Razorbacks resorted to pulling prospects from neighboring states who were often a notch below the players signing with the flagship universities in that territory.

As Mason explained, "You have to be awfully good on offense and awfully good on defense and have all the special teams in place. And when you don't have the recruiting advantages of some schools to be able to consistently get that full allotment of players to accomplish that in all the phases, it is difficult."

At Kansas and Minnesota, two programs where there are inherent obstacles involved in roster building, Mason managed to reach a high-water mark of 10 victories. But steady results eluded him and his final seasons at both schools were besmirched with losing records.

For that reason, Mason appreciates what Dantonio has been able to accomplish.

"He put in a consistency in that program that wasn't realized before, and it was because of his plan," Mason said.

Whether Dantonio's blueprint still works is a matter of debate. But few would dispute that Dantonio has become a victim of his own success and is now being judged by the standard he created earlier this decade.

It's why the Michigan State coach has been subjected to uncomfortable inquiries like the one presented to him last Saturday in Wisconsin after another dispiriting loss.

"Is the enemy his own expectations that he set forth?" Nichol said. "Probably."

The former receiver then paused before continuing.

"But the fastest way Michigan State gets back to double-digit win seasons, big bowl games, Big Ten championship games, if that is the benchmark there, is if Coach D is still the head coach."

"There is no question about that."

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“A lot of people have said, ‘Dusty isn’t into analytics.’ Well, I was into analytics years ago. It just didn’t have a name for it.”

—Dusty Baker, former Cubs manager and a candidate to lead the Phillies

Over 22 seasons managing the Giants, Cubs, Reds and Nationals, Dusty Baker has won 1,863 games. Ten of the clubs he guided logged at least 90 wins in a season.

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A mind for analytics

Looking for his next gig as a manager at 70, Dusty Baker is not a dinosaur

MATT BREEN
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Dusty Baker, fired four months earlier after managing the Washington Nationals to 97 wins, raised his left hand and pointed to attract the attention of the moderator.

The baseball lifer — Baker has spent 48 of the last 52 years employed by a team — was part of a panel discussion about the “Next Frontier of Baseball Analytics” in February 2018 at MIT Sloan’s annual Sports Analytics Conference, the premier gathering of statistical wonks.

And Baker, known more for patrolling a dugout than pushing numbers, had a point to make.

“I think the best clubs combine analytics and scouting together,” the 70-year-old said. “I don’t think you can really do a true job just using one. I think you have to use both.”

The Phillies, as they look for a new manager, are eyeing a leader who fits that mandate. The description of a manager who can blend both new-age numbers with time-tested strategy led them to narrow their search to Baker, Buck Showalter and Joe Girardi.

Showalter and Girardi are the early favorites, but Baker remains in the race.

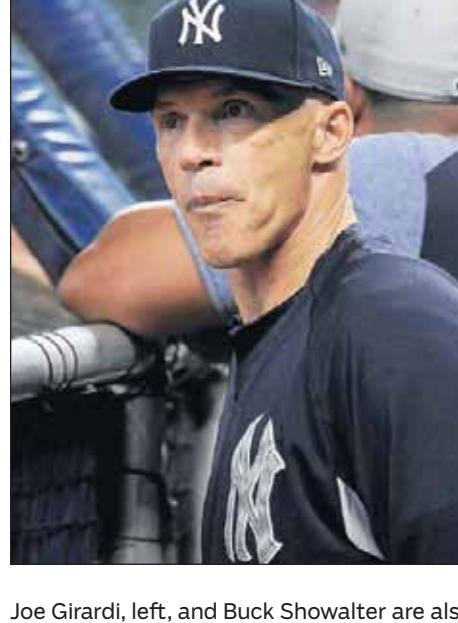
The Phillies met with Baker last week on Wednesday and hosted him Thursday at Citizens Bank Park for a follow-up interview. A decision is expected next week. Baker was put through the wringer Thursday, meeting with everyone from the traveling secretary to the ownership group.

The franchise is trying to keep up in baseball’s analytics arms race, but the Phillies could turn their team over to a manager who reached the majors in the 1960s, played alongside Hank Aaron, and faced Juan Marichal. If hired, Baker would be the oldest manager in franchise history.

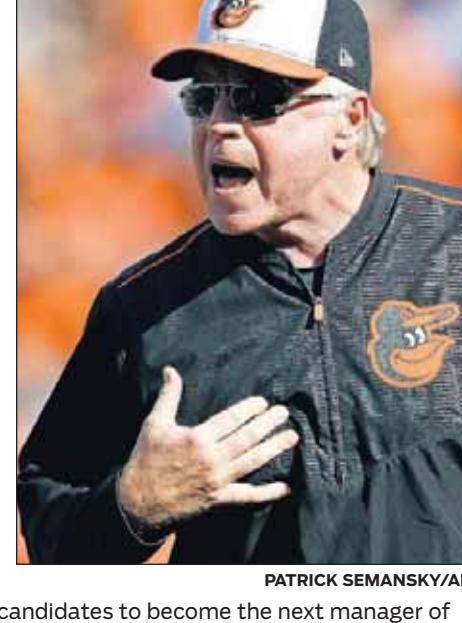
Baker is a septuagenarian, but the Phillies likely learned during their interviews that he’s not a dinosaur.

“A lot of people have said, ‘Dusty isn’t into analytics.’ Well, I was into analytics years ago,” Baker said at the MIT panel. “It just didn’t have a name for it.”

There was no analytics department at Baker’s disposal when he began his managerial career in 1993 with the Giants. If other teams called up an unknown player from the minors, Baker had to call a coach in the farm system for a scouting report. If he



Joe Girardi, left, and Buck Showalter are also candidates to become the next manager of the Phillies after they fired Gabe Kapler last week following two lackluster seasons.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

wanted to find out who was slumping on the other team, Baker had to dig through the media notes compiled by the public relations staff.

It took heavy lifting, but Baker still found a way to play the percentages. He kept a sheet in the dugout on his relievers’ success with inherited runners. He tracked their ability to retire the first batter they faced, played the left-right matchup, kept stats on who hit better in the later innings, and studied a batter’s tendency of hitting into double plays.

“What sabermetrics has done for me, it’s allowed me to ask questions so I don’t have to do all the research on my own,” Baker said. “Nowadays, everything is at your disposal. You just have to research it, find it.

“It’s really helped out. The key thing is that you have to have the players. That’s number one. You have to have the players to reach what you’re trying to do.”

The next Phillies manager will have the players. Bryce Harper, J.T. Realmuto and Rhys Hoskins will hit in the middle of a lineup that will start with Andrew McCutchen. The rotation will receive upgrades, and the bullpen will be bolstered. The Phillies were humbled in 2019, but they will still enter 2020 with expectations to reach October.

First, they must select a manager. It will certainly be a prerequisite that the new manager is willing to work with the team’s analytics department, which was con-

structed four years ago and has grown exponentially.

The team’s statheads were empowered under Gabe Kapler, who asked staffers to wear a uniform and sit in the dugout during spring training. He leaned on their research throughout the season, met with them frequently, and welcomed them into the clubhouse.

Kapler is gone, fired last week, but the research and development department is not going anywhere. Each of this year’s playoff teams used analytical information to reach October. The Phillies are hoping for a similar path. The new manager will have to be on board.

Girardi managed 10 years for the Yankees, one of the leaders of baseball’s analytical revolution, and Showalter said last season that he welcomed analytics despite being less than willing to adapt in the past. And the analytics department, Baker said, played a key role in his time with the Nationals, whom he managed for two seasons.

“They’re there every day in the clubhouse off of the coach’s room,” Baker said. “Say we start a series on Monday. They would be there on Monday and we’d go over things. I’d say, ‘I want to know manager tendencies. I want to know what a guy likes to do and this and that.’

“These guys would give their opinions. We welcome their opinions. To me, it appears that sometimes in modern Ameri-

ca, people think disagreement is being disloyal. But I think disagreement is very helpful because that gives me a different view and a different outlook on how to look at things.”

The Nationals won 95 and 97 games with Baker before they fired him. They were the fourth team he took to October and the fourth team to let him go. He started his decade-long tenure with the Giants by winning 103 games and ended it by capturing the 2002 National League pennant. He brought the Cubs to within a game of the World Series and managed the Reds to three playoff trips.

He has managed 22 seasons and has more wins than any active manager. He is older than any manager, too, but it’s his willingness to adapt that has provided him with staying power.

The Phillies failed to reach the postseason the last two years after plugging their dugout with a manager who relied heavily on analytics. This month’s search is not taking the Phillies out of the numbers game. But they’re looking for someone who can do more.

After Baker made his point at MIT, the moderator asked him if there were certain traits about a player that cannot be quantified by statistics. Baker said a player’s instincts, knowledge and ability to lead cannot be measured by numbers. Those are intangibles, Baker said. The manager who found a way in the early 1990s to measure his relievers’ ability to escape jams said 25 years later in a room of sports folks who share an affinity for numbers that some things cannot be tabulated on sheets in the dugout.

“There’s certain things that I can tell with my eyes or with my ears,” Baker said. “I can tell one year, like Rich Aurilia, when he was playing for me, they didn’t think that was going to be a big-league shortstop, but I could hear the difference in sound coming off of his bat and said, ‘This guy is getting stronger.’ They said, ‘Well, he’s never hit more than 10 home runs.’ I said, ‘Well, if he plays every day and he can hit that fastball, and I bat him in front of Barry Bonds, he’ll get a lot of fastballs and end up hitting 35.’ ”

Aurilia went on to hit 37 home runs in 2001.

“It’s a situation where you’re picking a dog out of a litter,” Baker continued. “I don’t know how many hunters are out there and if this makes any sense, but you pick a dog out of a litter and see which one has big feet and which one has big shoulders and you project what he might be when he’s grown. A lot of times, I’ve been right, and a few times, I’ve been wrong.”

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Rounding Sonoma Raceway's high-speed downhill Turn 6, the 2020 Dodge Charger Hellcat Widebody compress underneath me on stiffened performance springs and shocks. The 4,500-pound beast's big rear-end twitches as I slowly feed 707 horses through 11-inch-wide Michelin tires. I open the throttle wide onto the back straight and the Hellcat explodes like a Saturn rocket pointed at the moon.

I love Dodge family sedans.

Since its debut at the 2015 Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit, the Charger Hellcat has redefined the full-size car segment. The first four-door to produce over 700 horsepower, the Charger became an instant icon alongside its two-door muscle-car brother Challenger.

More importantly, it did its job as a brand halo, injecting the bloodline with performance steroids that have benefited all Chargers. Not to mention their sales.

While the rest of the big sedan class — Chevy Impala, Ford Taurus, Toyota Avalon — have been buried under an SUV wave, Charger has survived with Captain Hellcat at the helm despite the fact that it sits on one of the oldest hulls in the business.

Dodge isn't sitting on its laurels.

For 2020 it's introducing a Charger Widebody variant for top Hellcat and Scat Pack trims. Widebody as in bodybuilding. Similar muscles are available on its brother Challenger.

"I just want to make bad-ass looking cars," says Dodge designer Mark Trostle. He's in the right place.

Looking like pecs rippling from Charger's torso, the Widebody's enlarged fenders allow a wider track for the performance sedan. Wider track as in 1.5 more inches of rubber, a significant improvement on a big sedan like this — and a clever way to make the Charger's chassis more nimble in its twilight years. (Fiat Chrysler CEO Mike Manley says a new platform for Charger is coming next decade.)

More than just flesh and rubber are upgraded for 2020. To deal with the added tire grip, chief engineer Jim Wilder and his team of bodybuilders have imbued both the Hellcat and Scat Pack with significant upgrades for shocks, springs and sway-bars. All this muscle doesn't come cheap, and Widebody versions will add \$5,000 to the bottom line.

That means a standard Charger Hellcat commands a price just under \$70,000, with my fully loaded Sonoma warrior (brooding, black-painted hood and all) clocking in at a nose-bleed \$80,555. That tops a price spread not unlike the luxury cars whose specs Charger competes with.

The Charger family can be had from the entry-level \$30,965V-6, all the way to a \$84,000 Dodge Demon. Compare that to a BMW M5 which starts at \$50,000 and stretches to \$135,000.

I don't imagine BMW and Charger customers will ever attend the same dinner parties, but if they do, Team Charger doesn't need to be shy.

For \$50,000 less, the Charger boasts 107 more ponies than the M5 and crosses the quarter-mile in the same 10.9 seconds. Yeah, M5 will spring to 60 mph nearly a second



2020 DODGE CHARGER SRT HELLCAT WIDEBODY AND SCAT PACK

Vehicle type: Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, five-passenger sedan

Price: Base price Hellcat \$71,140, including \$1,495 destination charge (\$80,555 as tested). Base price Scat Pack \$47,490, including \$1,495 destination charge (\$61,445 as tested)

Powerplant: 6.2-liter, supercharged V-8; 6.4-liter V-8

Power: 707 horsepower, 650 pound-feet of torque (6.2-liter); 485 horsepower, 475 pound-feet of torque (5.7-liter)

Transmission: 8-speed automatic

Performance: 0-60 mph, Hellcat 3.6 seconds, Scat

Pack 4.3 (0-60); top speed, 196 mph (Hellcat)

Weight: Hellcat, 4,596 pounds; Scat Pack, 4,385 pounds

Fuel economy: EPA mpg, 13 city/22 highway/16 combined (Hellcat, est.); EPA mpg, 15 city/24 highway/18 combined (Scat Pack, est.)

Highs: BMW performance, Dodge price; Scat Pack stick

quicker (2.8 vs. 3.6), but credit that to the BMW's all-wheel drive. The real mindblower here is Charger Hellcat's near identical (0.96 vs. the M5's 0.98) g-load cornering capability, despite weighing 300 pounds more than the state-of-the-art German.

I experienced this on twisty, country roads where the Saturn rocket feels strapped to the tarmac by its stiff suspension and giant Brembo brakes.

Best Charger ever? Not so fast. Hellcat, meet sibling Scat Pack.

Adopting the Hellcat's same bodybuilding secrets — right down to those Brembos — the Widebody Scat Pack benefits from a lighter, 6.4-liter normally aspirated V-8 up front. Without Hellcat's extra plumbing to feed more air to its supercharged, 6.2-liter eight-cylinder, the Scat Pack's lighter weight translates to an M5-matching 0.98 cornering Gs.

The result is a \$45,000 Scat Pack Widebody (my loaded tester hit an even \$60,000) that is a serious \$20,000 cheaper than Hellcat (ahem, \$70,000 south of the M5) that is just as sinister-looking in the rear-view mirror.

Sure, the Hellcat's otherworldly supercharger whine will send chills up your spine, but at full bellow the Scat Pack's V-8 roar will make grown men's knees buckle. On-track at Sonoma, the Hellcat outpaced the Scat Pack thanks to the former's prodigious torque. But with its rippled bod, the Scat Pack is as emotionally satisfying.

Due to packaging constraints, the Hellcat does not benefit from the latest safety-assist systems — meaning the \$45,000 Scat Pack Widebody gets adaptive cruise-control. The Hellcat does not. That's a huge plus for owners (most of us) who intend to use sedans for daily, family chores.

Is \$45,000 still too rich for your stomach? Performance DNA trickles down. For just \$35,000, buyers can opt for the plenty-powerful, 300-horse Charger GT that comes equipped with the same rear-wheel drive handling, hood scoop, Skittles color palette, brooding cowl ... even the 20-inch tires found on its richer brothers.

All Chargers come with the secret sauce that makes them unique in muscledom: room.

Front-wheel drive competitors like the Avalon and Impala offer room without sex appeal. Rear-wheel drive coupes like the Camaro and Mustang offer sex appeal without the legroom (even the roomy Challenger requires hurdling the front seat to get in back).

Someday Dodge will build Charger on a new, lighter platform. But for now, Detroit's favorite son has managed to maintain Dodge swagger while dusting it with a personality that only luxury German performance makes (well, and Fiat Chrysler brother Jeep) can match.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I gotta take the family sedan back out on the track.

— Henry Payne, Detroit News

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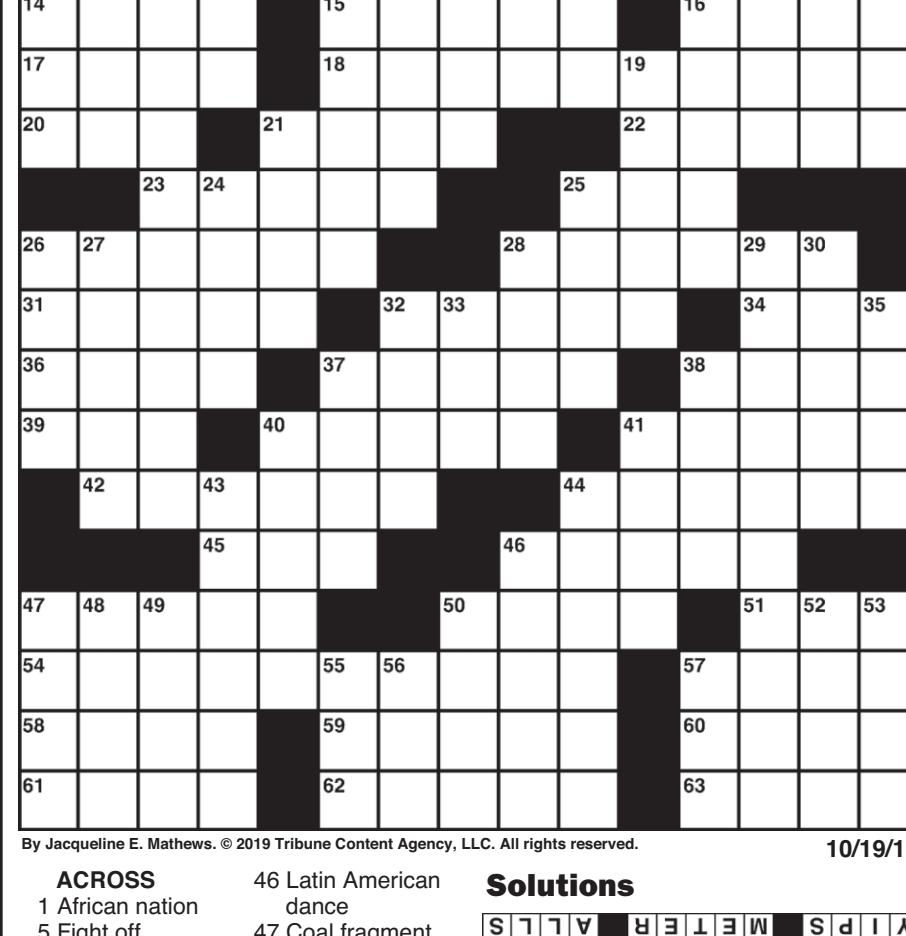
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