

Jury chosen for Hunter Biden trial

Opening statements expected Tuesday in federal gun case

By Claudia Lauer, Michael Kunzelman and Colleen Long
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — A jury was seated Monday in the federal gun case against President Joe Biden’s son Hunter, after prospective panelists were questioned about their thoughts on gun rights and drug addiction while the first lady watched from the front row of the courtroom.

Opening statements were set to begin Tuesday after the jurors — six men and six women plus four women serving as alternates — were instructed by Judge Maryellen Noreika not to talk or read about the case.

Hunter Biden has been charged in Delaware with three felonies stemming from a 2018 firearm purchase when he was, according to his memoir, in the throes of a crack addiction. He has been accused of lying to a federally

licensed gun dealer, making a false claim on the application by saying he was not a drug user and illegally having the gun for 11 days.

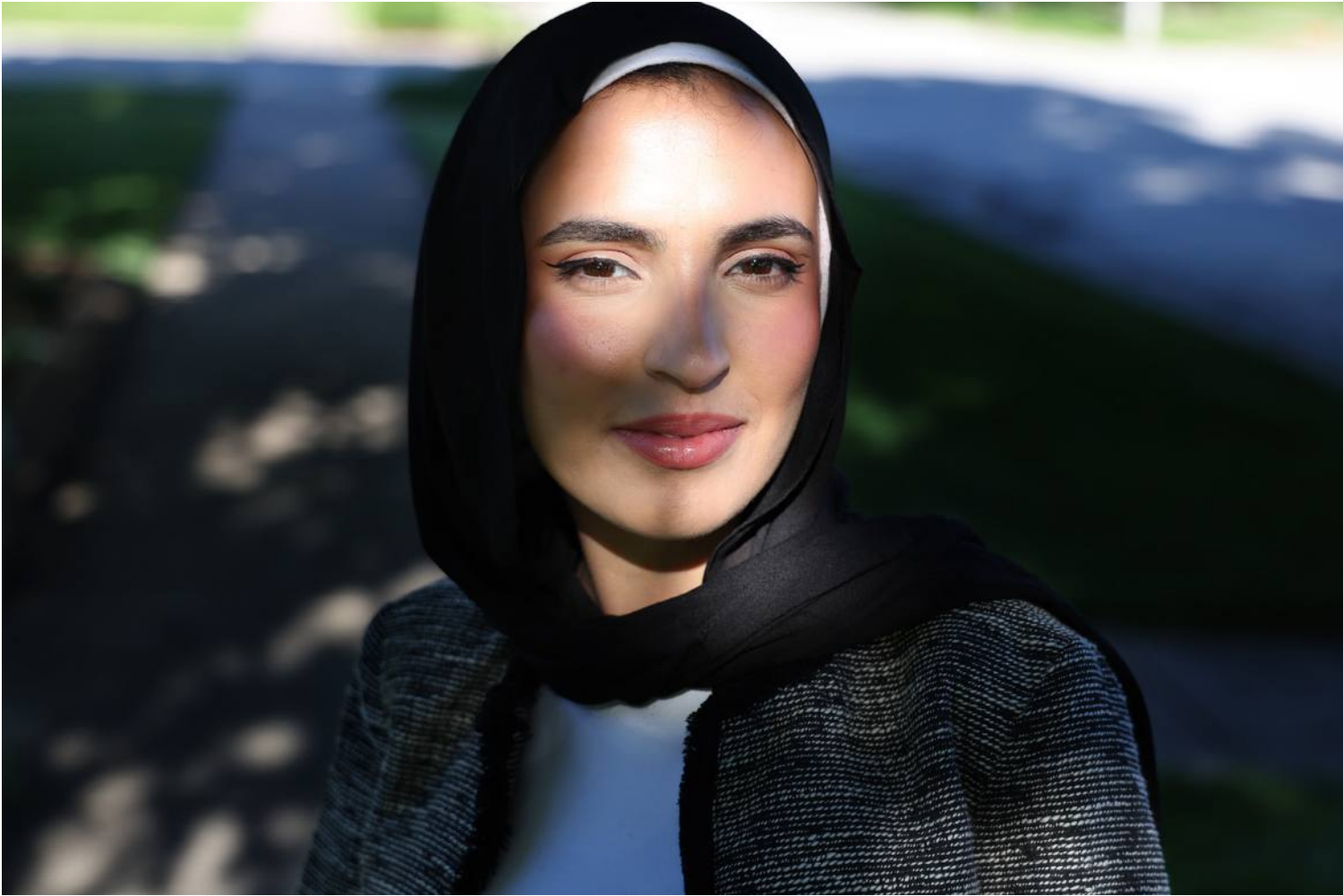
The case is going to trial following the collapse of a plea deal that would have avoided the spectacle of a trial so close to the 2024 election. Biden has pleaded not guilty and has argued that he’s being unfairly targeted by the Justice Department, after Republicans decried the now-defunct plea deal as special treatment for the

Democratic president’s son. The proceedings are unfolding just days after Donald Trump, the presumptive 2024 Republican presidential nominee, was convicted of 34 felonies in New York City. A jury found the former president guilty of a scheme to cover up a hush money payment to a porn actor to fend off damage to his 2016 presidential campaign. The two criminal cases are unrelated, but their proximity underscores how the courts have taken

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Hunter Biden arrives at federal court Monday in Wilmington, Del. MATT SLOCUM/AP



Jinan Chehade, a Muslim DePaul and Georgetown graduate, on Thursday in Oak Lawn. Chehade filed a lawsuit against the law firm, Foley & Lardner, after they withdrew a job offer the day before she was supposed to start. She argues that the firm discriminated against her because of her Arab Muslim background and pro-Palestinian political statements on social media. TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Long-term consequences a big concern for activists

College grads worry that pro-Palestinian advocacy could deter future employers

By Zareen Syed
Chicago Tribune

When graduating University of Chicago senior Rayna Acha heard about the lawsuit filed by a Lebanese American attorney alleging a job offer from a national law firm was rescinded because of her pro-Palestinian views on Gaza, the revocation confirmed one of her worst fears. “The reality is we might not get jobs because of (our activism),” said Acha, an undergraduate anthropology major at the U. of C. and an organizer with Students for Justice in Palestine.

Acha has more than one reason to worry. She is one of four U. of C. students whose degrees were withheld because of their involvement with the university’s pro-Palestinian encampment calling on the institution to sever its financial ties to Israel. A U. of C. spokesman has said the school cannot comment on individual student disciplinary matters, but said that the process is standard practice after a formal complaint is reviewed by the university’s Disciplinary Committee. Meanwhile, over the weekend, hundreds of students and faculty walked out of U. of C.’s

convocation over the university’s actions. “All four of us aren’t employed yet,” Acha said. “I’m in this situation now where I have to find a job to support myself but I also need to continue to fight for the things I need to fight for.” The fear of long-term professional consequences has been a source of concern for pro-Palestinian protesters, though several of them, including Acha, plan to enter professions well served by activism such as community organizing, nonprofit work, academia or politics. “We have some universities,

like U. of C., that are pledging that they are going to protect student speech and the presidents (of these universities) recently have been saying that more than their policies actually do that, but at least they’re saying it,” said Kimberly Yuracko, a Judd and Mary Morris Leighton Professor of Law at Northwestern University who specializes in antidiscrimination and employment law. “But I’ve just not heard of a single private sector employer that has said they will contractually protect speech in accordance

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Toxic chemicals on the rise in lake

Likely sources for PFAS are rain, contaminated air, researchers say

By Michael Hawthorne
Chicago Tribune

Toxic forever chemicals are on the rise in Lake Michigan, an alarming finding that reflects how the Great Lakes act like sponges soaking up pollution from near and far. Rain and contaminated air are major sources of the contamination detected by a team of researchers from Indiana University and Canada’s top environmental agency. So are discharges from sewage treatment plants and industries. The new study found airborne concentrations of PFAS — per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances — are much higher near Chicago and other urban areas than at rural monitoring stations in northern Michigan and upstate New York. Previous research recorded similar patterns for flame retardants and other toxic chemicals. But unlike many other contaminants, PFAS in rain were consistent throughout the Great Lakes region, likely because the chemicals are so widespread in the environment. Levels detected in rain were the same near Chicago and at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 223 miles northeast across Lake Michigan near Traverse City. As the most comprehensive tracking of PFAS in the lakes to date, the study provides another example of how it is impossible to avoid exposure to the chemicals — some of which build up in human blood, cause cancer and other diseases and take years to leave the body. “We need to take a broader approach to control sources releasing PFAS into the atmosphere and into bodies of water,” Marta Venier, an environmental chemist at Indiana University and co-author of the study, said in an interview. “Eventually that pollution ends

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Former Ill. youth detainees allege abuse

In another set of sweeping lawsuits, former residents of juvenile detention centers have alleged widespread sexual abuse in youth prisons across Illinois and are calling on state officials to reform the system. Chicagoland, Page 3

Mexico elects its first woman president

Claudia Sheinbaum has promised to continue the political course set by her populist predecessor despite widespread discontent with persistent cartel violence, the weakening of democratic institutions and fears among investors that an already hostile environment might become worse. Nation & World

On the move to get message — and pal — home



Jeremiah Smith wears a t-shirt meant to raise awareness for Israelis taken hostage by Hamas on Oct. 7, while he poses for a portrait on Friday near Mary Bartelme Park in Chicago. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago truck driver is trying to raise awareness for childhood friend being held hostage in Gaza

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

The box truck was parked beside a quiet sidewalk in the West Loop. A few people stopped, glancing curiously at the image flashing on its rear door: a young man, his expression resolute but tinged with sadness. Below his figure was a message in bold letters: “Chicagoan kidnapped by Hamas.” “He’s always up there,” said the truck’s driver, Jeremiah Smith, 27, as he stared at the image. “I always know that.” Twelve hours a day, six days a week, Smith drives the truck

through the Chicago area, raising awareness for the scores of Israeli hostages held captive by Hamas. But the man on the screen, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, is more than a distant figure. To Smith, he’s like a brother. When Smith was 6 years old, he met Hersh’s grandmother, a tutor at his elementary school, and was taken under her wing. It’s a story of familial love, a bridge of back-grounds — stronger than ever as a war wages on. “I wouldn’t want nobody else to drive the truck,” Smith said, clutching the Star of David around

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Columbia College lays off 70 faculty and staff members, citing declining enrollment, budget troubles as reasons

By Rebecca Johnson
Chicago Tribune

When Lillian Gecker received a surprise invitation for a mandatory Microsoft Teams meeting, the Columbia College Chicago therapist got a bad feeling. She learned Thursday that she was one of 70 faculty and staff members laid off. The school also eliminated 32 vacant positions, citing declining student enrollment and ongoing financial woes. The news left her “surprised and disheartened,” especially after a prior email said the college wasn’t “planning reductions in student counseling.”

“I’m a really thoughtful person, especially when it comes to big decisions like my career, and to have a big life change thrust on me without any warning or any agency in the decision has been incredibly stressful,” she said. “I’m already kind of just scraping by, so I’m really not in a position where I can afford to lose a paycheck.”

Declining enrollment has contributed to the college’s deficit, a school spokesperson said in a statement. The deficit is expected to increase to \$38 million by the end of the current fiscal year. The school announced last month that first-year deposits were down 46% and transfer deposits down 36% compared with the year before, as first reported in Columbia’s student newspaper.

“Administrative adjustments are needed to reflect the fact that the college serves fewer students,” the spokesperson said, adding that “this decision was not made lightly and was determined after long and careful review.”

“We remain committed to providing our students with an industry-facing creative education that remains accessible and empowers our students to be successful leaders in their chosen field,” the statement said.



People walk past the Columbia College campus center building at 600 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago on Feb. 10. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The cuts hit 20% of the unionized staff, according to Craig Sigle, president of the United Staff of Columbia College, the union representing Columbia employees.

“These hardworking individuals have been integral to the vibrant, creative community we cherish. While we deeply regret this course of action, we hold onto the hope that the (board of trustees’) plans will indeed revitalize our brilliant college,” Sigle said. “Our goal remains to provide an education that empowers our creative students, helping them to become successful professionals in their chosen fields.”

The layoffs come less than two months after union members delivered a petition to Columbia President and CEO Kwang-Wu Kim, who is stepping down in July, asking him to seek alternative budget strategies to avoid layoffs. Hundreds of adjunct faculty members went on strike last year for almost 50 days, believed to be the longest strike in higher education history, after the school eliminated classes to cut costs.

The board of trustees instructed the college to cut its budget deficit in half by

September, spokesperson Lambrini Lukidis told the Tribune in April. Layoffs were an “unavoidable part of budget reductions,” Lukidis said at the time, because half of the school’s operating budget is personnel-related. The board of trustees also voted to increase tuition by 5% in the fall.

It felt like the college created a “culture of anxiety” to prompt staff to leave on their own said Gecker, co-membership chair for the union. Students and staffers shouldn’t have to bear the brunt of “financial missteps,” she said.

The advising office, library, admissions and enrollment, career center and the counseling services office were among the departments affected by layoffs, she said.

Gecker said she’s grateful the school is providing severance through the end of August but is concerned about finding a job with good health insurance. Laid-off faculty members will receive severance packages, Columbia’s spokesperson confirmed.

Gecker is also questioning how the school will properly meet students’ mental health needs after eliminating four of five staff therapist positions. Gecker, who has

been in the role for slightly more than a year, said her job largely involved providing individual therapy sessions to students, who have 12 sessions per year included in their tuition and fees.

“We already have had students who fall through the cracks, have to wait to get services, aren’t able to get regular therapy appointments,” she said. “In our worst-case scenarios, mental health can be life and death. We do have a role, at times, in helping students stay safe when they’re experiencing self-harm or suicidal ideation, even to the point of facilitating hospitalization.”

“I’m not sure who’s going to be able to really help students who are desperately in need, as well as those who just really need a safe person to talk to,” Gecker said.

In response, Lukidis told the Tribune that Columbia isn’t reducing its counseling services. The college will offer a combination of four on-campus licensed therapists and a third-party telehealth online provider with “24/7 access to therapists with a broad array of specializations and backgrounds,” Lukidis said.


Gecker doesn’t believe telehealth services are an effective alternative, she said. Many students, particularly those living in dorms, don’t have a private space for appointments, and this can remind young people of negative experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

“When I took this job last year I was impressed with the college’s investment in student mental health, and especially given the high need of our student body, it’s shocking that the administration turned their back on their commitment to student well-being,” she said.

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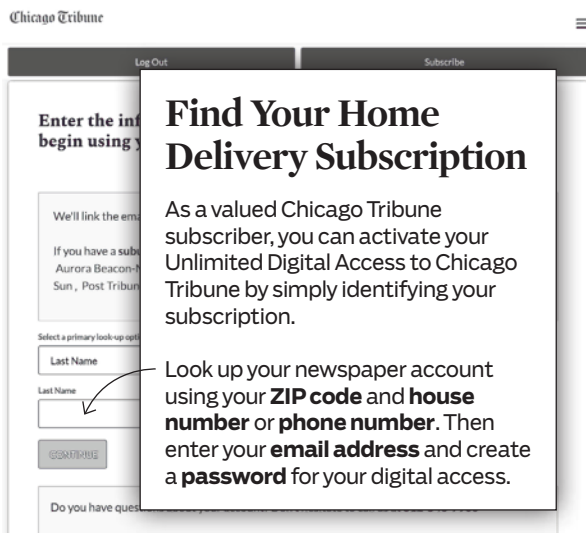
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Fight ends Posen carnival, next year’s event canceled

By Olivia Stevens
Daily Southtown

Police announced the early shutdown of a carnival in south suburban Posen Sunday night due to a large fight that led to four arrests and may end the annual event.

After several public safety issues over the course of this year’s Posen Park Festival, that started last week, police and the village park district plan to cancel the annual event for next year.

About 7 p.m. Sunday, Posen police responded to a fight that eventually drew a crowd of up to a couple hundred teenagers

and young adults, requiring assistance from neighboring police departments, according to Posen police Chief William Alexander.

Police closed down the carnival, which was scheduled to last until 10 p.m., and released a statement urging residents to avoid the area.

“The fight happened and then it just seemed like everyone went crazy,” Alexander said Monday.

He said the unrest spilled from the fairgrounds at Commissioners Park, 147th and Sacramento streets, to side streets and nearby businesses, and was brought under control around 10 p.m.

The Posen Park Festival opened Thursday evening and was scheduled to run until 10 p.m. Sunday. Police have arrested two juveniles and two adults engaged in the fight, Alexander said. He said the fight, in addition to other incidents that happened earlier, led to a joint decision between the Police Department and the Park District to not have the carnival next summer.

“The carnival seems to attract people from all around Chicago and other towns, and it just causes chaos,” Alexander said.

Alexander said in addition to the large fight, police responded during the carnival to a juvenile entering the fairgrounds with a loaded

firearm, another smaller fight and rocks being thrown at the windows of a Dunkin store.

The Posen Park District officials declined to comment on the decision to cancel next year’s carnival, but Director Terrence Whitcomb said the Park Board will discuss the carnival issues during its public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

“Trying to hold a family event and some unruly people come out and have to ruin things like this for everybody. We’re very sad about that,” Whitcomb said Monday afternoon.

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Plaintiff Jermaine Bell speaks during an announcement of lawsuits filed against the Illinois Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice at a news conference Monday in Chicago. Dozens more former youth inmates filed lawsuits, seeking millions of dollars in damages for sexual abuse they allegedly endured at Illinois detention centers.
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‘No one listened’

Former Illinois youth detainees allege widespread abuse, call for reform

By Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

In another set of sweeping lawsuits, former residents of juvenile detention centers have alleged widespread sexual abuse in youth prisons across Illinois and are calling on state officials to reform the system.

Two complaints brought by dozens of plaintiffs — one by male detainees and another by females — accuse the Illinois Department of Correction and Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice of failing to protect vulnerable young people against known sexual abuse at the hands of state employees.

The complaints build on allegations brought in another suit filed in May, bringing the number of people making abuse claims to about 200. The plaintiffs, who detail specific acts of abuse, are listed by their initials to protect their identities.

The Department of

Corrections and Juvenile Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Former detainees spoke out Monday at a news conference, alleging that they reported the abuse to prison staff, only to be ignored, or even punished.

“I want to bring humanity to the juvenile justice system,” a plaintiff said at the Loop news conference, “for the sake of my own kids and for all kids who went through what I did.”

Their attorneys called on Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Attorney General Kwame Raoul to take immediate steps to accept responsibility and ensure there are systems in place to prevent abuse.

“There is no evidence that any of the conditions that enabled institutionalized sexual abuse have been fixed,” said Jerome Block, one of the attorneys handling the case.

The facilities at issue as alleged in the suit are current and former youth centers

in Warrenville, Chicago, Harrisburg, St. Charles, Murphysboro, Valley View, Joliet and Kewanee.

The suits accuse the state of failing to come into compliance with provisions of the Prison Rape Elimination Act that were enacted with the goal of preventing abuse in carceral settings. It says officials and staff systematically failed to act on reports of abuse.

In some cases, detainees in the suit named common abusers that were allowed to harm minors over and over.

A former detainee told reporters he was abused in the St. Charles facility between 2005 and 2006. When he reported the abuse, he said, officials put him on medication, telling him he was hallucinating. Later, he said, they transferred him to a maximum security facility.

“To this day, I still suffer from the abuse and my personal relationships have suffered,” he said. “I know life will never be the same.”

The attorneys said that

female residents, who make up a much smaller percentage of overall detainees, were abused at higher rates.

Among allegations in the suits brought by female and male detainees:

- Threatening detainees with physical violence, extended sentences or with revoking phone and visitation privileges if they resisted sexual acts.
- Attacking detainees in their cells.
- Coercing detainees into sexual acts in exchange for privileges such as extra snacks and time outside the cell.
- Groping detainees under the guise of a strip search.

One former detainee told reporters he was an “impressionable kid growing up in the projects” when he landed at Murphysboro, at the time, set up as a “boot camp.”

“I tried to tell other adults around me. No one listened,” he said. “It gave me the message that no one cared about me, that I was less than human.”

Burbank man pleads guilty to dousing officers with hornet spray at Jan. 6 attack

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

A southwest suburban man pleaded guilty Monday to dousing police with hornet spray and used a baton to break out windows during the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

William Lewis, 57, of Burbank, entered his plea to a count of assaulting police officers during a hearing before U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras in Washington, D.C., court records show.

Preliminary sentencing guidelines call for 51-63 months in prison, according to Lewis’ plea agreement with prosecutors. Contreras is scheduled to sentence Lewis on Dec. 16.

Lewis’ lawyer, Blaire Dalton, was not immediately available for comment.

Lewis, who was arrested in November, is among nearly 50 Illinoisans to be charged in the Capitol breach, an ongoing investigation that has been described by prosecutors as the largest criminal investigation in the country’s history.

According to the charges, surveillance images showed Lewis, dressed in all black with a U.S. Army star logo and an American flag on his sleeves, in the middle of a violent mob fighting with police outside the Capitol.

Body camera footage from several Capitol police officers showed Lewis holding up a black and yellow canister of No-Pest Wasp and Hornet Killer and spraying the police line with it, the complaint

alleged.

One officer who viewed the footage told the FBI he “remembers a white male wearing all black spraying something at him from a big canister,” and that the officer “experienced a burning sensation on his face and in his eyes as a result of being sprayed,” according to the complaint.

The footage then showed Lewis throwing the empty can toward officers, the complaint alleged.

Afterward, Lewis advanced to the Lower West Terrace of the Capitol building, where a stage was being constructed for the upcoming presidential inauguration, according to the complaint.

There, Lewis “used what appears to be a baton to strike and break at least three glass panes of a window located immediately to the right of the Lower West Terrace tunnel,” the complaint stated.

Lewis was allegedly identified in 2022 by two people who recognized him from an FBI page dedicated to trying to identify suspects in the Capitol attack.

More than 1,400 people have been charged as part of the investigation into the U.S. Capitol attack, including arrests in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

About 500 of those — including Lewis — have been charged with felony assault of law enforcement.

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Bill aimed at assisting public defenders falls short at session

Backers say they’ll try again in fall

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

A measure to create a statewide office to assist under-resourced public defenders stalled in the Illinois General Assembly this spring, but the bill’s backers say they will try again when the legislature reconvenes in the fall.

“We are going to try to filter as many new ideas or as many new perspectives through the committee process as possible so that we have a really good bill when it’s all said and done,” state Rep. Dave Vella, a Rockford Democrat and former Winnebago County assistant public defender, said Monday.

Vella filed a bill last month aimed at addressing the lack of public defense resources in rural areas, many of which don’t have public defender’s offices, and resolving disparities in resources provided to county prosecutors and public defenders. In Cook County’s 2024 budget, for example, the public defender’s office got about \$102 million while about \$205 million was set aside for the state’s attorney’s office.

One major issue remains funding, Vella acknowledged. The \$53.1 billion state budget that awaits Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s signature appropriates \$10 million to the state Supreme Court for county public defenders, the same as in the current budget. Advocates say far more is needed for a state-

wide public defender office to be effective.

Champaign County Public Defender Elisabeth Pollock said the state’s public defenders have been meeting for months about what a new statewide office should look like and agreed that \$10 million isn’t enough for a statewide office to succeed.

“There has really been kind of a historical underinvestment in the public defense sector, in general,” Pollock said.

Vella’s bill was an offshoot of legislation filed in April by Senate President Don Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat. Public defenders did not support that bill because it was an initiative of the Illinois Supreme Court, raising concerns about whether the statewide public defender’s office would be free of interference from the judiciary.

Vella said his bill aims to address that concern by taking away the power of chief county judges to choose public defenders, as they do in most Illinois counties — in Cook County the board president appoints the public defender — “because obviously the whole point of this thing is to give autonomy to the public defenders.”

“We are committed to this. I think it’s a very important investment in the state,” Harmon said May 26 months after the Senate adjourned for the spring. “That said, when you’re trying to help someone and they tell you you’re not helping them the right way, it makes me think maybe we step back and work even more closely with our public defenders over the summer



State Rep. Dave Vella talks with Rep. Nabeela Syed at a meeting at a River North restaurant in Chicago in 2022. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

to see what we can do better.”

The state Supreme Court’s administrative office for Illinois courts said in a statement on its website that it supports any outcome that ensures “every indigent defendant across our state has access to effective assistance of counsel and every public defender has the resources needed” to fulfill the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which mandates a defendant’s right to counsel.

Under Vella’s legislation, a statewide public defender would be nominated by a group “created by and composed of” public defenders in the state. The state Supreme Court would then approve a nominated candidate to a two-year term by majority vote.

When the term is up, a

newly-formed state public defender commission composed of 11 members would select a state public defender for a six-year term. The governor would select four of the commission members, the state Supreme Court would choose three and the four state legislative leaders, two from each party, would each get one.

Commission members would be required to have experience defending indigent clients, and cannot have been paid as a judge, elected official, prosecutor, judicial officer or police official within two years of joining the commission.

The legislation would also create a process for the statewide public defender office to nominate candidates for the county-level public defender positions, and the

new commission would make the appointments.

DuPage County Public Defender Jeff York believes the new legislation alleviates “a lot of the concerns” that he and other public defenders had compared to the initial legislation but he feels a term-limit provision in Vella’s bill for certain county public defenders needs further discussion.

“My fear is that the decisions that you would make running an office, you’re not looking at the long term. You’re like, ‘well, I only have a year left,’” said York. “The decisions you make may not be best for the office and ultimately not as good for the clients.”

The statewide public defender’s office would also provide training to county-level public defenders

and support “with the assistance of attorneys, expert witnesses, investigators, administrative staff, and social service staff” and “maintain a panel” of private attorneys to represent indigent clients, according to the bill.

The legislation would allow any two counties within the same judicial circuit to combine public defender’s offices. Now, in certain situations, two adjoining counties can share a public defender.

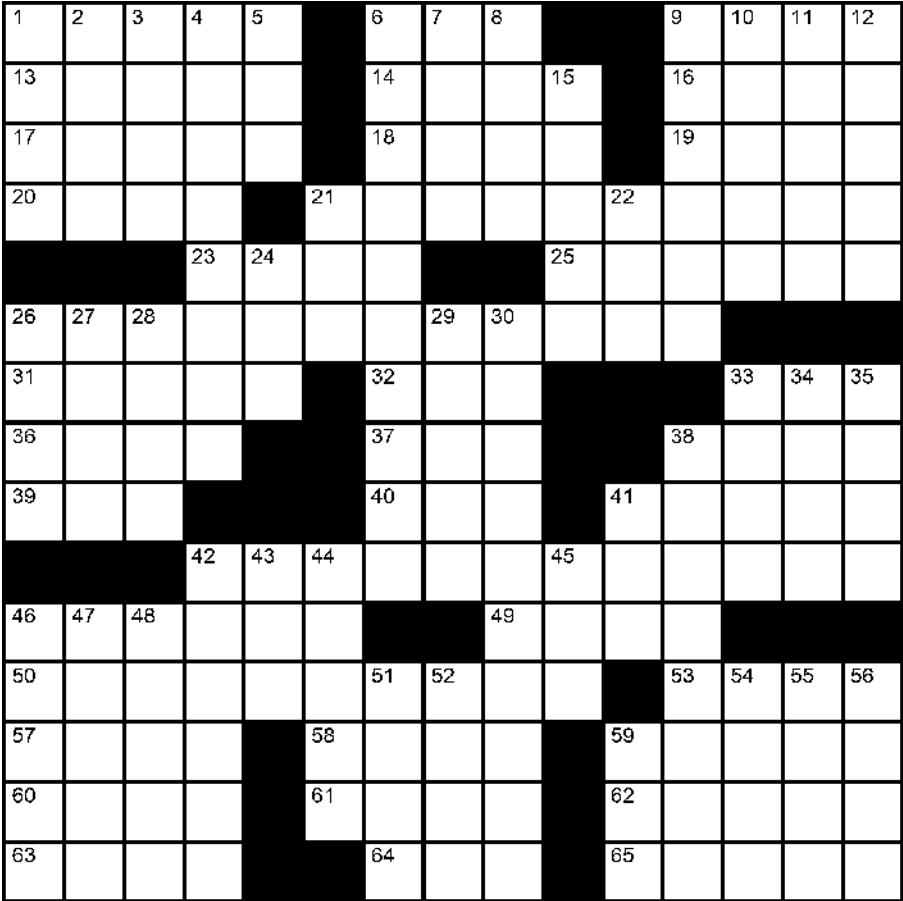
Advocates have pointed to a report from the Sixth Amendment Center, which was commissioned a few years ago by the state Supreme Court, which said that as of 2021, Illinois was among just seven states that don’t have a state commission, state agency or state officer with oversight of trial-level public defense services in adult criminal cases.

The report, which focused on nine counties, noted the state had no oversight structure to assess whether each county had a sufficient number of lawyers with the appropriate training and resources to provide effective counsel at every stage of an indigent client’s case.

Vella said a measure such as the one he’s sponsoring “is long overdue.”

“All this really does is it puts the public defenders at an even keel with the state’s attorneys, which is the whole point of the process,” said Vella. “Public defenders are at an extreme disadvantage and if we don’t want people wrongly convicted, we need to give them as much as we can.”

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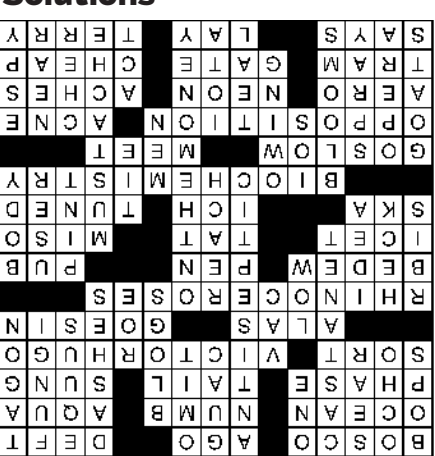
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30 Exactly right: 3 wds.
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51 Bluish green
52 Tiniest shred
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56 Notice
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First lady Jill Biden arrives at federal court, Monday, in Wilmington, Del. **MATT SLOCUM/AP**

Biden

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center stage during the 2024 campaign.

Jury selection moved at a clip. Roughly 65 prospective jurors were questioned, and 29 had been dismissed by late afternoon. People who answered "yes" on a questionnaire were quizzed individually by Noreika to determine whether they could be fair and impartial. Their names were not made public.

The questions tested their knowledge of the case, surveyed their thoughts about gun ownership and inquired whether they or anyone close to them have struggled with substance abuse or addiction. Other questions focused on the role politics may have played in the charges.

One potential juror who was sent home said she didn't know whether she could be impartial because of the opinion she had formed about Biden based on media reports.

"It's not a good one," she replied when an attorney asked her opinion.

Another was excused because he was aware of the case and said, "It seems like politics is playing a big role in who gets charged with what and when."

Jurors who were chosen include a woman whose sister was convicted about 10 years ago of credit card fraud and drug charges in Delaware. One male juror's

father had been killed in a crime involving a gun, and his brother went to jail for possession of a narcotic. Another woman on the panel has a husband who is a gun owner and formerly in law enforcement. A third juror, also a woman, gets her news from YouTube and said she was vaguely aware of the case.

Biden also faces a separate trial in California in September on charges of failing to pay \$1.4 million in taxes. Both cases were to have been resolved through the deal with prosecutors last July, the culmination of a yearslong investigation into his business dealings.

But Noreika, who was nominated to the bench by Trump, questioned some unusual aspects of the deal, which included a proposed guilty plea to misdemeanor offenses to resolve the tax crimes and a diversion agreement on the gun charge, which meant as long as he stayed out of trouble for two years the case would be dismissed. The lawyers could not come to a resolution and the deal fell apart. Attorney General Merrick Garland then appointed the top investigator as a special counsel in August, and a month later Biden was indicted.

This trial isn't about Hunter Biden's foreign business affairs — which Republicans have seized on without evidence to try to paint the Biden family as corrupt. But it will exca-

vate some of his darkest moments.

The president's allies are worried about the toll the trial may take on the elder Biden, who's long been concerned about his only living son and his sobriety and who must now watch as his son's painful past mistakes are scrutinized.

In a statement Monday, the president said he has "boundless love" for his son, "confidence in him and respect for his strength."

"I am the President, but I am also a Dad," he said, adding that would have no further comment on the case. "Jill and I love our son, and we are so proud of the man he is today."

The president was nearby, in their Wilmington home, which he left shortly after court adjourned for a campaign reception in Greenwich, Connecticut. He is traveling to France on Tuesday and will be gone the rest of the week. The first lady is scheduled to join him later. Hunter Biden's sister, Ashley Biden, was also in court, as was his wife, Melissa.

The case against Biden stems from a period when, by his own public admission, he was addicted to crack. His descent into drugs and alcohol followed the 2015 death of his brother, Beau, from cancer. Biden bought and owned a gun for 11 days in October 2018 and indicated on the gun purchase form that he was not using drugs.



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with the First Amendment. Maybe there's one out there, but I've not seen it."

Jinan Chehade, the lawyer who filed a complaint Wednesday in U.S. District Court, said the law firm, Foley & Lardner, discriminated against her because of her Arab Muslim background and political statements she'd made on social media and at public meetings about Israel's bombardment of Gaza and the ensuing crisis in Palestine.

"It was devastating when they turned against me and vilified me in this way when I really respected their supposed commitment to diversity," Chehade told the Tribune on Thursday.

Yuracko said because employers like Foley & Lardner can rescind employment offers for any reason, cases such as Chehade's would not fall under a breach of contract.

According to the complaint, Chehade, a Georgetown Law School graduate, had been interning with Foley & Lardner in July 2022 when they offered her a full-time position to begin in fall 2023. Then, 13 hours before she was set to start work, she was fired, according to the complaint. The Sunday before her first scheduled day of work, Foley & Lardner managers asked her to come to the office where she said they interrogated her for two hours "in a very hostile manner," according to the lawsuit.

"As soon as we all sat down, they pulled out a packet of about 15 to 20 pages with screenshots of my social media posts, about speeches that I've made, about my background, my identity," Chehade told the Tribune. "When I really started to feel the anxiety and panic was when they asked me about my dad, and where he



University of Chicago students gather after walking out of the school's convocation ceremony in support of Palestinians on Saturday in Chicago. **VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

worked — and obviously as a child of immigrants, a big law firm asking you about your father ... alarm bells just started going off in my head." Chehade's father serves as communications director of the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview.

The complaint also alleges that several Foley & Lardner partners openly and publicly supported the actions of Israel toward Palestinians in Gaza without facing consequences.

In an emailed statement Friday, a Foley & Lardner representative said they believed Chehade's complaint was "without merit."

"We stand behind our decision to rescind Ms. Chehade's employment offer as a result of the statements she made surrounding the horrendous attacks by Hamas on October

7," a firm representative said.

Chehade's claim is actionable, Yuracko said, because she is arguing that she's being discriminated against based on race or national origin, not just based on her political view.

Yuracko said that if a company wants to not hire a person because of opposing viewpoints, "viewpoint discrimination by a private employer is fine," she said. "But what's legally problematic is if they're treating people who, let's say, engage in protests, who are race A, differently than people who engage in protests who are of race B."

Acha, who is Black and an active organizer of the protest encampment for Gaza at U. of C., said she's noticed a differential treatment of people who are pro-Palestinian and people who are not.



Pro-Palestinian protesters link arms during the rally.

"For example, there were certain students who were so actively harassing us during the encampment who have now received their degrees," she said.

Jeffrey Sun, a literature major at U. of C. who is graduating this summer, said

he plans to find a job that aligns with his values and his social work, which includes continuing to raise awareness about Palestine. He said the current climate might put pressure on private sector employers who will likely be faced with job candidates

and clients who are clear and confident about the issues they support.

"So many of us are pro-Palestine — my friends and I once went on a university-sponsored trip to L.A. and there was a restaurant that had Israeli flags, and I remember we just all agreed to not eat there and got up and left," Sun said. "I think we're making it very uncomfortable for private businesses, and businesses are becoming more aware that we don't consider our work separate from our lives."

But not everyone has the same type of privilege to pick and choose their job prospects, he said.

Acha, who comes from a lower-income background, said she's considering scrubbing her social media platforms while she looks for work, even though her accounts are private.

Yuracko said more student activists should consider doing the same. She said employers generally want to hire people who can get along and fit into their company culture, rather than be agents of change.

Acha and the three other students whose degrees were held back still participated in graduation, and hope to get their degrees after a resolution in the disciplinary process. But if the Standing Disciplinary Committee on Disruptive Conduct finds that certain policies were violated, their degrees could be denied despite four years of coursework and a staggering tuition.

"I want to be hopeful for what the next chapter looks like away from the university," Acha said. "But it's terrifying to not know what's next and to not have my future lined up because I'm choosing to fight for what's right and choosing to fight for humanity."

Chicago Tribune's Caroline Kubzansky contributed.

Chemicals

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up in the lakes."

PFAS are called forever chemicals because their bonds of carbon and fluorine are nearly impossible to break — a quality that makes them attractive to manufacturers of products resistant to grease, heat, stains and water. But for decades 3M, DuPont and other PFAS makers hid from government regulators and the public what the corporations knew about the health risks.

In April, President Joe Biden's administration required every U.S. water utility to begin routinely testing for several PFAS in drinking water. Any utility that exceeds newly adopted federal limits will get five years to overhaul treatment plants to filter the compounds out of tap water.

Based on limited testing conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and some states, thousands of utilities face expensive upgrades to their treatment plants. For now, though, it appears Chicago and other Illinois commu-

nities that depend on Lake Michigan for drinking water will not be required to do anything other than test for the chemicals.

Testing by the Chicago Department of Water Management and the Illinois EPA detected forever chemicals in treated Lake Michigan water but at levels below the new federal standards.

All told the Great Lakes provide drinking water to more than 40 million people in the United States and Canada, including 6.6 million in Illinois.

The new study found all

of the lakes are contaminated with two PFAS that initially drew attention from scientists and regulators: perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), used by 3M for decades to make Scotchgard stain repellent, and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), sold to DuPont by 3M to manufacture Teflon coatings for cookware, clothing and wiring.

PFOS and PFOA no longer are made in the United States. Chemical manufacturers claimed other versions containing fewer carbon-fluorine bonds would be safer, but their

own studies found the alternatives are just as dangerous, if not more so.

Levels of two alternative PFAS, known as PFBA and PFBS, are increasing in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, the Indiana University and Canadian researchers found. PFOS, the original Scotchgard chemical, also is on the rise in the two lakes.

Lake Ontario had the highest PFAS concentrations, likely because it is downstream from the other Great Lakes. The chemicals also are flushing out of Lake Ontario more rapidly because it empties into the

St. Lawrence Seaway and the Atlantic Ocean.

Venier said she welcomes the Biden administration's drinking water regulations for PFOA, PFOS and a handful of other forever chemicals. At the same time, she noted, industry has put some 15,000 PFAS into the marketplace during the past half-century and federal regulators have continued to approve new versions.

"We know enough about these chemicals," Venier said. "It's a matter of how much is enough to decide to stop putting more of them into our environment."

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his neck. "I just want that guy to come home."

'I was always with Marcy'

Smith grew up in Cabrin-Green Homes, a public housing complex on Chicago's Near North Side. His mother didn't have a high school diploma, and his childhood was marked with violence. He saw his first dead body when he was 6.

"You have to grow up a little bit faster than what you want when you're living in that situation," Smith said. "I saw people getting in fights, people getting shot, people selling drugs."

Smith wonders if he would have been swept up in the tumult of his childhood. But then Marcy Goldberg, Hersh's grandmother, stepped into his life. She volunteered as a tutor in Smith's first-grade classroom at George Manierre Elementary.

"My teacher asked who wanted to go with her ... I didn't raise my hand because I didn't care about, you know, going to class," Smith said with a laugh. "But my teacher happened to pick me."

The connection was instant. Marcy was struck by the playful, free-spirited child, and began to tutor him beyond their two-hour sessions at school. He visited her Gold Coast home on the weekends, joining her family for Shabbat dinner. It was his first brush with Jewish culture.

He lived with Marcy from seventh grade through high school. He remained close

with his own mother, who was grateful for Marcy's support.

"I was always with Marcy, everywhere she go," said Smith. "I went out of town, I was with Marcy. Every family event, Pass-over, Hanukkah, I was with Marcy."

Smith met Hersh shortly after meeting his grandmother. At the mention of his friend, Smith rattles off a string of anecdotes from their childhood together. The pair's upbringings were vastly different, but somewhere they found common ground.

"He couldn't play basketball for nothing," Smith added. "But that's what I used to play. I'd have him on the basketball court the whole day. He's like, 'Just for you, I'm gonna keep running.'"

He even traveled with the family to Hersh's bar mitzvah in Israel. Hersh didn't know how to introduce Smith to their Israeli relatives, so he called him his "brother cousin uncle."

"So that's what everybody called me," Smith said. "Hersh is just a funny kid."

'I'm amazed that he's alive still'

Hersh's parents, Jon Polin and Rachel Goldberg, grew up in the Chicago area. After college, the couple moved to Berkeley, California, where their son was born. They relocated to Jerusalem in 2008.

Hersh, now 23, was kidnapped at the Tribe of Nova music festival in southern Israel during Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, in which militants killed roughly 1,200 people and abducted about 250 more. Israeli officials say



Jeremiah Smith poses for a portrait inside of his truck that has digital screens meant to raise awareness for Israelis taken hostage by Hamas on Oct. 7 on Friday near Mary Bartelme Park in Chicago. **VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

about 80 hostages, including Hersh, are still held captive in Gaza.

As Hamas stormed the Negev desert, Hersh was evacuated into a bomb shelter, but operatives threw nearly a dozen grenades inside. Video from the attack shows militants hauling Hersh and three other survivors into a pickup truck. In the footage, he sits in the vehicle dazed and bloodied. Part of his left arm was blown off.

After Hamas' assault, Israel launched a war in the territory, displacing more than 1 million Palestinians. So far, more than 36,000 people have been killed in Gaza.

Hersh's family had no idea if he was alive until April 24, when Hamas released a three-minute video of him in captivity. He sat before a bare wall under fluorescent lighting. His hand was miss-

ing, his head was shaved. Tears stained his face.

"I saw the video, and I cried because it was like, 'I'm amazed that he's alive still,'" Smith said. "I had given up hope."

Hersh's parents launched an international campaign, Bring Hersh Home, to raise awareness for the hostage crisis. They met President Joe Biden at the White House at the end of May.

"Do not stop reaching out to elected officials to make sure they are screaming at the top of their lungs," Hersh's father told the Tribune in October.

'He's just another one of my kids'

Standing beside the truck on a recent morning, Smith wore a shirt reading "Bring Hersh Home," along with a pin emblazoned with his

friend's face. He always wears both when he drives.

Sometimes, he'll park the vehicle at specific sites, such as the pro-Palestinian encampment at DePaul University before it was disbanded, or Union Station downtown. Other days, he'll chart wandering routes through different neighborhoods.

People often approach Smith with an onslaught of hateful and derogatory comments, but most are just curious, he said. He tries not to get political. He just wants his friend back.

"I feel sorry for all the innocent people that were killed," Smith said. "But I'm just here to spread awareness about all the hostages."

The truck was concocted by Jeff Aeder, a close friend of Hersh's family. Aeder was inspired after he saw a similar initiative at a pro-Palestinian demonstration, and he

pooled together the money to buy a vehicle in March. It's an instrument to combat rising antisemitism across the nation, he said.

"I'm a lover of Israel and just a compassionate human being," Aeder said. "But you don't have to be a lover of Israel to recognize the brutality of this massacre. It was just something that reached into your heart."

Aeder met Smith when he was 6. Now, "he's just another one of my kids," he said. Smith, who was already operating a trucking business, was the perfect candidate to drive the vehicle.

"I couldn't be prouder. He has such a big heart," said Aeder, who is also godfather of Hersh's 2-year-old daughter. "He has an incredible fervor for this mission."

Aeder recently bought a second truck, which will travel across the Midwest beginning in June. The driver? None other than Smith's best friend, LaDante Clayborn.

Clayborn used to join Marcy and Smith for Shabbat dinners growing up — he too wears a Star of David around his neck.

"The message is always, 'Bring them home,'" Clayborn, 28, said. "People get mad, but what's so bad about that? If it was your son, wouldn't you want them to be free?"

Smith and Clayborn don't know for how long they'll drive the trucks. The initiative ends when all the hostages are free — it's the least he can do, Smith added.

"Marcy saved my life," he said.

Smith is getting married in August. He's doing the mother-son dance with both his birth mother and Marcy.

He hopes Hersh will be there too.

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Volunteers use their shovels to clear a path in the 6600 block of South Halsted Street in Chicago in 2021. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Citywide sidewalk snow removal is unaffordable. Marty Quinn shows his aldermanic colleagues a better way.

The city of Chicago is nearing budget season. All signs point to the budget hole being substantial. That's not stopping Mayor Brandon Johnson from proposing a sidewalk snow removal program for four 1.5-square-mile city zones beginning next winter. On its face, the cost of this "pilot" — up to \$3.5 million in the coming fiscal year — seems modest. But, as 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn effectively argues, that cost is likely to mushroom into the tens or even hundreds of millions if all Chicagoans come to expect the city to remove snow not just from the streets but from their sidewalks as well.

In a city where a poor blizzard response at least partly determined the outcome of a mayoral election 45 years ago, there's a reason Chicago mayors haven't decided to provide sidewalk snow removal service before now, and it's not that the notion didn't occur to them. The cost is exorbitant.

The perfect-world argument for sidewalk snow removal, of course, is compelling. Senior citizens and the disabled effectively can be trapped in their homes when enough snow falls. The impact can range from inconvenient to dangerous. If an elderly resident can't get medicine or food over a significant stretch of time, for example, that goes beyond mere inconvenience.

We think a public-service campaign calling on Chicagoans to shovel the walks of their elderly or disabled neighbors would be an excellent start. Aldermen might even organize such groups of volunteers in their wards. There was a time in this city when helping older neighbors dig out was commonplace and when middle schoolers looking to make a few bucks would walk door to door and offer their services.

Perhaps that time is quaintly past. If so, that's a shame.

Still, if Johnson and his progressive City Council allies are intent on providing this service citywide, there are far cheaper ways to do it than setting up a distinct bureau and covering the costs of equipment, salaries, benefits, pensions and insurance, etc. Quinn himself has developed a model.

For a decade now, Quinn has

offered snow removal service to senior citizens in his ward. It began as a loosely organized group of 10 snow shovelers and has grown to incorporate deliberate planning, some heavy equipment and far more personnel. There are 760 households on the list, which is updated each autumn as winter approaches. The cost of providing the service ranges from \$150,000 to \$200,000 each winter, he tells us. He funds it in part through his aldermanic budget and with 13th Ward Democratic funds.

It takes work, but Quinn says it's rewarding. "I spend a lot of time working on routes" each fall, he says. "I think our staff loves the program. We take pride in it. The program has created a unique relationship with our constituents."

Here's a thought, aldermen. Take a page from your colleague's book and run your own ward snow removal programs. Chicago has 50 aldermen — a far larger City Council than any major city in America. That's an absurdly high number, but a silver lining to such waste and inefficiency is that aldermen can attend to constituent services in a way that, say, a New York City council member cannot.

One might even argue, as Quinn did to us, that the city could augment aldermanic service budgets by, say, \$75,000 per ward for snow removal purposes. That would require aldermen to chip in another \$75,000 or so from their annual allowance, which tops \$200,000. Such an approach would have city taxpayers shelling out another \$3.8 million annually, about the same amount as the pilot program aldermen are being asked to approve, and would provide citywide service for seniors — theoretically, at least — at a fraction of the cost for city government to do it. Aldermen would be providing jobs to residents of their ward to boot, always a surefire vote-getter. Voters could respond to any incompetence or corruption in the time-honored, democratic way: by electing a new alderman.

This City Hall is having enough trouble doing the basics like keeping the streets safe and clean. Adding a logistically challenging and costly mandate to its responsibilities is a bad idea.

ABOUT WALMART AND ANIMAL WELFARE

Constricting animals in cages is one of the cruelest practices in factory farming, which is also perpetrated on egg-laying hens and veal calves. Over the last 15 years, many of these animals have been freed from their cramped environs by state laws and ballot measures, driven by a growing consumer revulsion for food that comes from badly treated animals. Since then, dozens of grocery retailers and food companies pledged to get sows out of crates.

Nine years ago Walmart joined the chorus, asking its suppliers to get sows out of cramped cages as part of sweeping animal welfare guidelines. The big box retailer accounts for about a quarter of grocery sales in the U.S. and this would have been a meaningful animal welfare move, but Walmart never mandated these changes or set benchmarks or deadlines for its suppliers. ...

Now some Walmart shareholders are pushing a proposal for the annual meeting on June 5 that would require the company to set specific goals and timelines for suppliers to move sows out of cages if they want to do business with Walmart. The board of directors is opposed. Walmart says changing housing systems is expensive for suppliers and not everyone agrees on how to do it. On its corporate website, it writes that suppliers and policymakers have "different views regarding optimal housing for animal welfare." Yet, some of its biggest competitors — Costco, Kroger, Amazon, Target — report significant progress at getting their suppliers to reduce the time sows spend in the crates or get rid of them altogether. Fast-food companies have also done better than Walmart. Wendy's, for example, says that all of the pork it uses comes from facilities that don't put pregnant sows in crates for their entire gestation, and McDonald's reported in 2022 it was 91% of the way there. Walmart says it expects its suppliers to adhere to basic welfare principles of protecting animals from hunger, thirst, discomfort, pain, and fear and allow them to express normal behavior. But there is no normal behavior that can be expressed in a gestation crate. ...

Los Angeles Times editorial board

Caitlin Clark's main 'privilege' is one of talent. She must not be allowed to become a target for rule-breakers

Whoopi Goldberg and Sonny Hostin of "The View" have not been helping the Women's National Basketball Association nor its most famous star, Caitlin Clark. Nor have they been doing right by the Chicago Sky's Chennedy Carter or any of the other fine athletes deservedly and belatedly getting the attention they have long deserved.

"I do think there is a thing called pretty privilege," Hostin said May 23 on the talk show, suggesting there is more to Clark's fame and paycheck than her extraordinary record at the University of Iowa. "There is a thing called white privilege. There is a thing called tall privilege."

Sure. When it comes to the game of basketball, though, all of those are eclipsed by talent privilege, which is why fans shell out the big bucks to watch professional games played by women and men, of all races, rather than just standing courtside at the local park. Moreover, those who have talent privilege, just like "pretty privilege," "white privilege" and "tall privilege," cannot do a darn thing about their gifts, beyond being humble, appreciative of their fans and family, and paying forward their good fortune.

For Clark on Saturday, all of those alleged privileges turned into an undeserved target on her back.

The foul committed by Chicago Sky guard Chennedy Carter was egregious. Outside of a sporting contest, it would have been seen as an assault. Even within a sporting context, it was bad: before the ball even was inbounded, Carter came up from behind Clark, shoving her at the hip and knocking her over. Lip readers simultaneously construed a five-letter epithet dancing on the Sky player's lips. She should have been ejected from the game.

Let's be clear. Clark has done nothing to deserve this other than bringing attention to her sport and playing it superbly well. All of her public pronouncements have been supportive of her sport, her fellow players and her many mentors and idols (Black and white). A large influx of fans are tuning into the sport for the first time, mainly due to the Clark effect (although Sky rookie Angel Reese and some others are draw-



Chicago Sky guard Chennedy Carter, left, is whistled for a foul away from the ball for knocking Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark to the floor on Saturday in Indianapolis. **BRIAN SPURLOCK/GETTY**

ing notice as well). Sure, players on competing teams have no obligation to go easy on Clark, and you might argue that some jealousy is inevitable, but the Saturday incident went beyond any of that, especially since Carter's teammate Reese appeared to applaud the foul.

None other than Charles Barkley, America's unofficial secretary of common sense, called out the league's players not named Caitlin Clark two weeks ago, well before Saturday. "Y'all should be thanking that girl for getting y'all ... private charters," he said. "All the money and visibility she's bringing to the WNBA. Don't be petty like dudes. What she's accomplished — give her her flowers. Stop being petty all you women out there."

Games can get heated, and if Carter had apologized and said some version of, look, I'm competitive and I got carried away, we'd be more sympathetic. But, in fact, she doubled down on X, effectively deriding Clark as nothing but a 3-point shooter. At the news conference after the game, Carter said, in answer to a softball request to explain what happened with Clark, "I ain't answering no Caitlin Clark questions," as if she were not under any obligation to do so when, in fact, she should have offered an apology. Reese did not even show up for the post-game news conference, for which she was fined \$1,000 by the league and

the Sky was fined an additional \$5,000. Sky coach Teresa Witherspoon apologized on Carter's behalf Monday afternoon. Not before time.

On Sunday, when the Indiana Fever played again in New York, all of this appeared to be having an effect on Clark, who looked to be off her game. Who would not be? She must be wishing she were back in Iowa City.

On Monday, Goldberg indefensively defended Carter on "The View" with "Get over yourselves, they're athletes."

They also are human beings and, in Clark's case, a rookie player on whose shoulder rests more pressure than most if not all other players in the league are feeling. She has to compete on her own merits, but basketball has rules and if the WNBA chews her up and spits her out because it is too afraid of being called racist to protect her from racially tinged animosity, or indeed from fouls such as the one Carter committed, it will have done a huge disservice to its own game, now at a major inflection point, thanks in no small measure to, yes, Clark. It's also incumbent among the experienced WNBA players to nip this nonsense in the bud, before it's too late.

As for Goldberg and Hostin? Enough with the privilege talk and get-over-it nonsense and start calling this behavior out for what everyone could see it to be. Something not to be repeated.

The foul committed by Chicago Sky guard Chennedy Carter was egregious. Outside of a sporting contest, it would have been seen as an assault. Even within a sporting context, it was bad: before the ball even was inbounded, Carter came up from behind Clark, shoving her at the hip and knocking her over.

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OPINION

Just the facts on ShotSpotter, please

By Joe Ferguson

The debate over the ShotSpotter gunshot detection system is a classic case of unintended consequences when politics, rather than facts, guides policy. The three major players — the mayor, the City Council, and the company — have all put themselves in a box.

There is a way forward, however, if everyone involved can agree to let independently verified facts drive the decision.

Mayor Brandon Johnson is in a political box. He continues to double down on a campaign pledge to end ShotSpotter driven by ideology and anecdote — the unquestionably tragic police shooting death of 13-year-old Adam Toledo for which ShotSpotter was part of a long sequence of events preceding the shooting but simply was not the “cause.”

The council is in a procedural and policy box. While City Council won a headline victory, over-riding the mayor and allowing for ShotSpotter to continue on a ward-by-ward basis, the victory means nothing for two reasons.

First, the council lacks the authority to implement such a plan. Johnson is correct; this decision is for the executive — not the legislative — branch. Second, while you can maintain and activate the ShotSpotter system on a ward-by-ward basis, crime and gunfire do not neatly fall within ward boundaries.

As for the company, it drove a political wedge between the mayor and the council but gave up its best leverage — complete withdrawal from Chicago and the specter of possibly dire consequence to public safety. They know their system won’t be as effective on a ward-by-ward basis and may even yield results that would tarnish the record and reputation of their product and brand.

So, what to do?

It starts with executive leadership. Johnson has an opportunity and an obligation to gather and help the public understand the facts, even if it upsets his core supporters. Building that fact base should be his, and our, number one priority.

The mayor should bring together the different constituencies in the council and the community around an agreed-upon process of data collection to assess the true merits of ShotSpot-



ShotSpotter gunshot detection equipment is mounted atop a streetlight, upper left, on North Avenue near Fairfield Avenue in Chicago on May 14. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

ter. A 2021 report from the Chicago inspector general found that less than 10% of responses to ShotSpotter alerts produced evidence of gun-related crimes, but it also pointed out that, at that time, we still lacked the data to fully know how much ShotSpotter is actually improving overall public safety.

The program has evolved since that time, and the data collection and analysis as a matter of practice, policy and law has greatly expanded. That means the 2021 inspector general report relied upon by ShotSpotter opponents is stale. It is time for a fresh, objective look at the numbers to better inform debate.

ShotSpotter can tell responding officers the times and locations of gun shots, the number of shots, and even something about the type of guns or modifications made to them. Yes, there is also a high percentage of “false positive — alerts” such as fireworks.

But CPD uses the technology

as one of several data sources analyzed together to determine whether and how to respond when the system alerts. The data that has been collected and analyzed to date makes clear that the vetted alerts get CPD to the scene of shootings in areas in which 911 reports are low for a host of reasons including that gunfire is so commonplace that it is the socialized, internalized norm.

No reasonable person would say that our police should not respond to gunfire on our streets. No reasonable person would say that our government should not attempt to save the lives of the victims of gunfire. And no reasonable person would say we should not attempt to apprehend those who shoot a firearm on our streets.

It’s fair to ask if ShotSpotter produces tangible results in addressing things reasonable people can agree on. We know that ShotSpotter does not tell

police how to respond or who fired the gun. That still requires police work. So, it’s fair to ask whether ShotSpotter is actually making people — and police — safer.

No issue is more important than public safety to Chicago’s future and our reputation as a great place to live, work, raise families, and own homes and businesses. We simply cannot meet our full potential if gun violence continues at its current level, and we need every possible tool in the tool belt to meet this challenge.

At an approximate cost of \$10 million per year, ShotSpotter is a minuscule percentage of Chicago’s multi-billion-dollar public safety budget. Noble as it may sound to suggest redirecting this money to addressing “root causes,” we can’t lose sight of the reality that there are life-altering and life-ending violent traumas occurring on our streets every day, and the victims are disproportionately the very Black and

brown Chicagoans for whom root-cause efforts are the focus. The path forward is a both/and, not an either/or. If ShotSpotter can contribute to the saving of lives through the mitigation of violent crime experienced now, while that generational work is being done, then it should be put to responsible and closely monitored use.

With the city on track to keep ShotSpotter into the fall, we can do this the right way. We can create a fact-gathering process with everyone at the table. If the facts show that ShotSpotter is speeding police response times, saving lives, and contributing to a safer city, we should keep it. If the facts show otherwise, we should replace it with something better, if something better exists.

Joe Ferguson, president of the Civic Federation, is former Chicago inspector general and member of the Mayor’s Police Accountability Task Force.

Pritzker should embrace instead of fight reforms to Illinois Prisoner Review Board

By John Curran

Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s intentional efforts to refocus the Illinois Prisoner Review Board from protecting victims and communities to releasing more violent offenders is having devastating effects on new and old victims and the public’s safety.

For years, the board, which is responsible for parole and other early release and clemency decisions, has operated in a relatively consistent and prudent manner across various administrations.

However, when Gov. J.B. Pritzker took office, his administration began using it as a tool for their radical criminal justice agenda. From appointing activists without the needed experience to make life-and-death decisions, to leaving appointments and staff positions vacant, to reducing the board’s budget, the Pritzker administration has systematically moved its focus away from making the public’s safety its top priority.

With the change in its composition and direction from the administration, the Prisoner Review Board began making controversial decisions such as the release of murderers like Starved Rock killer Chester Weger and Paula Sims, who was convicted of murdering her children, along with two other offenders imprisoned for murdering police officers. They were so off the mark in their decision to release Ray Larsen, who was sentenced to up to 300 years for killing a teenage boy, that they eventually sent him back to jail once authorities finally found him after a couple of weeks on the lam. It isn’t just the egregiousness of the offenses, but also the sheer number of releases that are causing concern.

It had appeared that change was finally on the way in the wake of the devastating killing of 11-year-old Jayden Perkins, who was killed following multiple



Gov. J.B. Pritzker walks through the atrium as developers and government officials celebrate the start of renovation construction May 6 at the Thompson Center in Chicago. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

failures by the Pritzker administration’s Department of Corrections and the Prisoner Review Board that led to the release of his accused killer and serial domestic abuser, Crosetti Brand.

Elected officials, advocates and members of the media began joining the Illinois Senate Republicans in calls for reform. The Chicago Tribune Editorial Board closed a pointed piece with a call to action, writing: “The lapses that led to this horrific — and, yes, preventable — tragedy must be fully investigated and publicly shared. And then those tasked with the critical work of doing everything possible to protect women caught in these nightmares must make the necessary changes to close the systemic gaps that took Jayden Perkins from this city and his family.”

Faced with systemic failures at the Prisoner Review Board and

the overwhelming shock and sorrow of Jayden’s slaying, the Illinois Senate moved forward in a collaborative and bipartisan manner to make reforms with a bill introduced by the Senate president because the safety and security of domestic violence victims is not a partisan issue.

The victim-focused reforms include requiring additional training for board members before they are allowed to vote, mandating victim notification of hearings and revocation of mandatory supervised release and allowing crime victims abused by incarcerated individuals to petition for orders of protection. The legislation also increases transparency by requiring certain board hearings to be broadcast live and mandates the minutes from hearings be posted online.

In a last ditch effort to shield his Prisoner Review Board and

prevent reforms, a message was circulated from Pritzker’s office calling on Democrats to vote ‘no’ and accusing them of being so “eager to please their Republican friends” with legislation that was a “right-wing wolf in disingenuous transparency clothing.” The memo even grotesquely accused Republicans of “tak(ing) the opportunity presented to them by the tragedy of the little boy who was murdered for political gain.”

Undeterred by these shameless partisan tactics and strong in their conviction to make their communities a safer place for all, every single member of the Senate — both Republican and Democrat — voted for the reform bill, and it sailed through the House Judiciary Committee with no opposition.

Sadly, the story of this potentially lifesaving, bipartisan reform legislation ended there, as the Illi-

nois House refused to call it for a final vote and adjourned without a single reform in place. Pritzker gloated about his victory in blocking reform saying, “There was no funding for any of the things that they suggested that we should do.”

Now, Pritzker has said a lot of things during his time in office that I would consider disingenuous. But this statement, more than any other, should strike fear in the people of Illinois.

Inside Gov. Pritzker’s recently approved \$53 billion budget, his administration requested not more money for these reforms, but a 17% reduction in funding for the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

Think about that.

This is the same governor who has increased spending by nearly \$13 billion — over 30% — since he took office. The budget that he says has no funding includes \$182 million for noncitizens and more in targeted grants handpicked by legislators. Yet Gov. Pritzker recommended reducing funding for the Prisoner Review Board.

Gov. Pritzker claims he wants transparency, but purposefully underfunds a department under his control in order to keep its actions and proceedings hidden from the public’s view.

A budget is a concrete list of priorities. And in this budget, and in his own words, the governor is saying that public safety is not a priority. We cannot continue to allow Pritzker and his activist Prisoner Review Board to continue their reckless ideological campaign at the expense of victims throughout our state.

We must hold the governor accountable for his actions and push through reforms of the Prisoner Review Board before another family has to wonder, what if?

State Sen. John Curran, the Senate Republican leader, represents Illinois’ 41st District.

OPINION

When is the right time to talk about peace in Ukraine?



Daniel DePetris

The war in Ukraine has seen its fair share of twists and turns over the last 27 months. The first year was largely defined by the Russian army’s highly public missteps, from gas-less tanks stranded on the roadside to Russian soldiers redeploying to the Donbas after a failed push to take Kyiv. Then came Ukraine’s swift September 2022 counteroffensive in Kharkiv. The Ukrainians were riding high in November 2022, so much so that U.S. intelligence agencies picked up chatter that Russian generals were talking about the use of tactical nuclear warheads.

The situation, however, has deteriorated for the Ukrainians ever since. The capture of Kherson in November 2022 was the high-water mark of Ukraine’s progress. Since then, the battlefield situation has slowly rebounded to Russia’s advantage. Moscow has regained more territory over the last two months than Ukraine did during its entire counteroffensive last year. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is frustrated by Russia’s current operations in Kharkiv, leading Washington to loosen its ban on using U.S.-supplied weapons to hit targets inside Russia.

All of this leads to the inevitable question: At what point should Ukraine shift its strategy from total military victory toward a good-enough peace?

For many, even talking about the possibility of a diplomatic settlement with Russia is blasphemy. Russia, after all, is the aggressor, invading a sovereign neighbor and committing countless atrocities in the process. Its president, Vladimir Putin, is wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes. Ukraine is the victim, the logic goes, and forcing it to sit down at the same table with its victimizer leaves a sour taste in our mouths.

All of that may be true to a degree. International politics, though, isn’t a morality contest — it’s at times an ugly, highly competitive slugfest between states where the ideal is rarely attainable.

To date, Zelenskyy has been adamant: Ukraine will only negotiate with Russia after it withdraws its troops from every inch of Ukrainian territory, including Crimea, which has been under Russian occupation for more than a decade. Zelenskyy’s



Military medics give first aid to a wounded Ukrainian soldier on May 24 near Bakhmut, Donetsk region, Ukraine. IRYNA RYBAKOVA/AP

10-point peace plan, which demands a total Russian military withdrawal, Russian compensation for war damage and war crime prosecutions for Russian soldiers, is in effect a surrender document for Moscow. Zelenskyy will reiterate those same terms this month, when dozens of countries assemble in Switzerland for a so-called peace summit.

Yet that plan, although desirable, is simply not credible. In fact, given the current state of the war, as well as Putin’s willingness to sacrifice Russia’s future to maintain the roughly 20% of Ukrainian territory his forces now occupy, Zelenskyy’s position is downright delusional. This is one of the worst-kept secrets in international relations, one the Biden administration likely recognizes behind the scenes.

The White House, of course, is highly unlikely to state this obvious fact openly. First, doing so would cause extreme strain between Washington and Kyiv at a time when both are working to hold Ukraine’s defensive lines. Second, the U.S. would be embarrassing Zelenskyy by in essence calling his peace proposal a fool’s errand. And the impact on morale within the Ukrainian army could be significant — who would risk their life for a draw?

But none of these considerations outweigh the facts on and off the

battlefield — and whether we like it or not, those facts now favor Russia. While Russia’s casualties are steep — the U.K. Ministry of Defense estimates that 465,000 Russians have been killed or wounded thus far — the Russian government is preparing for a war that could last for years. Putin is consistently throwing bodies into the fight — approximately 30,000 Russians are joining the ranks every month — and is providing lucrative bonuses and benefits to entice more young men to join. Despite stringent U.S. and European Union sanctions, Russia has managed to redirect its crude to the east (mainly to China and India), garnering tens of billions of dollars for the treasury. The Russian economy is sustaining the war effort just as the war is sustaining the Russian economy.

Ukraine, like Russia, doesn’t have unlimited resources. But unlike Russia, it has less of pretty much everything — less fighting-aged men, less artillery shells available and less wealth to spend on a war that continues to churn with no end in sight. The Ukrainian army is stretched along a 600-mile frontline that has only gotten longer after Russia’s latest push into Kharkiv, forcing Kyiv to redirect troops that would otherwise be reinforcing the line in the Donbas. Meanwhile, Zelenskyy remains hesitant to call a general

mobilization to give soldiers fighting at the front continuously for the last two years the time to rest, lest it spur political turmoil in Kyiv or further shrink the Ukrainian workforce.

None of this is to suggest that Zelenskyy should wave the white flag. Nothing is inevitable in war; the side that makes territorial gains this week could very well be retreating the next. The \$61 billion infusion of new U.S. aid to Ukraine is just starting to pour in, and the Ukrainians will want to see whether the latest tranche will enable them to recover lost ground. Any diplomatic settlement will also depend on Putin — if the Russian president refuses to actually compromise, then there won’t be much for Ukraine to talk about.

But it’s long past time for observers of this war and U.S. policymakers who are involved in it to drop their delusions about total military victory. Like most wars in history, this one will end through a diplomatic process with which none of the sides will be particularly enamored. The only question is how exhausted Ukraine and Russia need to become to finally negotiate seriously.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Why America needs Israel

David Haeckel sarcastically questions which friend America should support financially in his May 24 letter to the editor (“Ukraine’s need versus Israel’s”). He ponders if America should support a country, Ukraine, fighting a superpower that threatens Western Europe or a country, Israel, that is decimating a small territory while killing its inhabitants.

Haeckel seems to take democratic values for granted. The right to free speech and practice of the religion of one’s choice are not guaranteed in the Middle East. Israel is the only democracy in the region protecting Western values including equal rights for its Arab citizens and its LGBTQ+ community. America supports Israel because it upholds these democratic values in the region.

Yes, America supports Israel, too, as a friend in the fight to return the hostages. Furthermore, it is Israel that is ferreting out Hamas, a terrorist organization embedded in the fabric of Palestinian society that in large part is responsible for the destruction and the deaths of tens of thousands of Gaza’s inhabitants.

— Ifaat Arbel Bosse, Northbrook

Netanyahu’s many ‘mistakes’

Should we believe Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a mistake in the May 26 bombing in Rafah? Since the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas, he has been constantly bombing the Gaza strip. More than 36,000 lives have been lost. If it’s a militant who is killed, it’s a victory; otherwise, it’s a mistake.

Netanyahu has bombed his own designated safe areas in the name of hunting down militants. He has put President Joe Biden in a diplomatic dilemma by not heeding world opinion or the order of the Inter-

national Criminal Court.
— Mumtaz U. Khan, Chicago

‘Zionist’ has become a slur

The Hamas attack of Oct. 7 and the resulting war in Gaza have spurred a dramatic rise in global antisemitism. A significant portion of discourse surrounding Israel has centered around the concept of Zionism and whether “anti-Zionism” is, in fact, antisemitism. The answer is complex but can be simplified to “sometimes, but not always.”

Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez’s social media post regarding her desire to find an “anti-Zionist pediatrician” serves as an unfortunate example of anti-Zionism converging with antisemitism. The term “Zionism” has seemingly been co-opted from the Jewish community and transformed into a slur that essentially serves as an equivalent for all things evil. In reality, the modern definition of Zionism serves as a broad umbrella term for the belief in self-determination and safety for Jewish people within a secure homeland. The majority of American Jews identify as some form of “Zionist.”

As a Zionist physician, I believe in Israel’s right to exist alongside an eventual Palestinian state. At the same time, I am highly critical of the Israeli government and the ongoing atrocities carried out by the Israeli military in Gaza. Despite this, I, and many others in my community, have been labeled as colonizers, white supremacists and “evil Zionists.”

My passion for medicine largely stems from my Jewish identity, within which Zionism is intertwined and inseparable. To heal others, no matter their background, is a form of “tikkun olam” (repairing the world), which is the most Jewish thing one can do. I find it disturbing that certain individuals believe I am unfit to care for patients due to my Jewish, Zionist identity.

The slurring of Zionist physicians is reminiscent of historic discrimination against Jewish people in academia and the professional world. In recent months,

I have observed colleagues, including fellow physicians, embrace rhetoric contending that Zionists control the media, government and higher education. Collectively these comments, along with those of Rodriguez-Sanchez’s, are demonstrations of gross antisemitism cloaked in the guise of “anti-Zionist” activism. This framework of bigoted thinking endangers Jewish constituents.

I urge Rodriguez-Sanchez to engage with, and learn from, the Chicago Jewish community and to challenge her preconceived notions surrounding Zionism.
— Dr. Sarah Diamond, Chicago

British Empire is to blame

I am an American Jew — if you were to ask me what religion I practice or was raised in. I am not a Zionist. One is a religion, and the other was and is a religion-based political movement to establish a homeland for Jews. To say you are opposed to Zionism does not make you antisemitic.

The current seemingly intractable situation in Gaza cannot be understood without looking at how this miserable situation came about. The blame should be laid primarily on the British Empire, along with the French and Russian empires, whose machinations and schemes in the World War I era in divvying up the collapsing Ottoman Empire led to the problems we have dealt with ever since. For internal political reasons and wartime objectives, these imperial regimes made promises of a national homeland for both the Arabs and the Jews.

The creation of the state of Israel required the displacement of about 800,000 Palestinians, so therein lies the cause of the continuing crisis and war. The reality is what it is, so the only potential way out of this mess is a separate, sovereign Palestinian state. And this would have to be coupled with a massive rebuilding effort, like the post-World War II Marshall Plan.

— Robert Hart, Chicago

May faith in others endure

As I think of Hamas’ horrific crimes on Oct. 7 and the immense suffering of the residents of Gaza, I am reminded of the words of Paulo Freire from his book “Pedagogy of the Oppressed”:

“I hope at least that the following will endure: my trust in the people, and my faith in men and women, and in the creation of a world in which it will be easier to love.”

— Terry Hansen, Milwaukee

Supporting a warring nation

I was truly shocked to hear about how much money was flowing into Russia from American companies. I realize that one can’t just cancel contracts and put many U.S. workers out of a job, but surely something could be said or done as a deterrent?

The op-ed by Marko Supronyuk (“Chicago’s Mondelez has kept its ties with a warring Russia,” May 28) was an eye-opener for me. I had no idea.

— Cynthia Olson, Chicago

Do CTA leaders use the CTA?

I am wondering if Ald. William Hall, 6th, who criticized those taking action to remove CTA President Dorval Carter Jr., ever travel via public transportation? If he does not use the CTA, he has no room to speak out about its leadership publicly.

I do travel on public transportation and have experienced ghost bus after ghost bus. This has occurred since well before the pandemic. Something must change. I also think that the current CTA leadership and past leadership never travel on public transportation.

I did see a picture of Carter stepping off a Yellow Line train recently, though. Besides that trip, does Carter believe his work is too important to take transportation from the organization he heads?

— Janice Gintzler, Crestwood

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS D. PHILIPSBORN

Mainstay of mortgage banking in Chicago ran The Philipsborn Co.

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

Thomas D. Philipsborn was a mainstay in Chicago's mortgage banking community, for many years running The Philipsborn Co., which was founded by his father.

"He loved everything about the industry," said his daughter, Lisa Blumberg. "He loved looking at property, he loved negotiating and he loved making deals."

Philipsborn, 97, died of complications from a massive stroke on May 3 that he suffered while vacationing in Florida, his daughter said. He was a resident of the Streeterville neighborhood.

Born in Chicago, Philipsborn grew up in Glencoe and graduated from New Trier High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College in 1950, and he then served in the Merchant Marine during the Korean War.

After his time in the military, Philipsborn joined H.F. Philipsborn & Co., which his father, Herbert, had formed in 1929. He became president in 1966, succeeding his father, who became chairman and stepped back from the business.

Particularly as the Chicago area developed after World War II, the company would serve as a construction lender for various developers.

"He knew if the numbers made sense or not," said Philipsborn's nephew, Andrew, who today is president of The Philipsborn Co. "There was so much growth here after the war, with a lot of development going on, and his generation really was part of it."

Andrew Philipsborn said that into the 1960s and '70s, the city still had a number of "old-line, privately held



Thomas D. Philipsborn was a resident of the Streeterville neighborhood. **FAMILY**

family mortgage banking companies."

Herbert Philipsborn died in 1969 and the following year his son sold the firm to Illinois Central Industries. In 1981, Thomas Philipsborn was part of the group that bought the firm back from what at that point was known as IC Industries, giving it its current name, The Philipsborn Co.

Philipsborn was president and chairman of the firm for several more decades.

Gary Chaplin, the former head of U.S. mortgages for Canadian insurance firm Manulife, called Philipsborn "a master at structuring real estate financing to make it successfully work for both the owner and the lender."

Chaplin also recalled how impressed he was that Philipsborn was willing to introduce Chaplin to several of his large clients.

"This was unique for us, as with two exceptions, this had not happened with other mortgage banking companies representing (us) throughout the U.S.," Chaplin said. "But he had lived real estate all his life as his father had founded

the company, and Tom, as a result, knew a lot about Chicago real estate, past and present."

Around 2000, Philipsborn stepped back from daily work at his firm, although he remained its chairman. Instead, he began putting together equity partners in real estate deals instead of providing mortgage financing on properties for client developers and investors.

However, Philipsborn continued coming to the office until he was 93 years old, his nephew said. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was what ultimately kept him at home, his daughter said.

"He loved his work," Andrew Philipsborn said. "All these deals were his life."

Philipsborn served as president and director of the Chicago Mortgage Bankers Association, a director and vice president of the North Dearborn Association, a life trustee at Francis W. Parker School and as a director at Chicago Sinai Congregation.

One of Philipsborn's major roles at Chicago Sinai was to help the synagogue find property and negotiate the deal to move to where the congregation is located now. The synagogue moved from Hyde Park to its current location at 15 W. Delaware Place on the Near North Side in 1996, his daughter said.

In addition to his daughter and nephew, Philipsborn is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty; three other daughters, Ellyn McCrea, Anne and Mari; and five grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held this summer.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Brown, Maurice James Jr.

Maurice James Brown, Jr. passed away on May 28, 2024, at the age of 80 in his home in Sun City West, AZ. Maurice (pronounced Morris) was the favorite, and only, son of Maurice and Mary Catherine (Kilgallon) Brown of Hazel Crest, IL. Maurice's parents described him as a firecracker with a "can do" attitude. He helped in the first Brown family business, a general store on Chicago's North side. Maurice fondly recalled endlessly slicing paper-thin deli ham for sandwiches he helped his Ma prepare. With his parent's permission, at 17 yrs. old Maurice enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. He served honorably, receiving the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge and Good Conduct Medal. Maurice reminisced about his days as a firefighter and his active duty station in Japan but his most precious memory was his time in Yuma, AZ. In Arizona, Maurice's best friend invited him on a blind date with Lydia Gloria Granio who became his Forever Bride and Love of His Life. He fondly proclaimed this moment as the beginning of the best part of his life.

With his Bride Lydia, Maurice returned to Chicago and worked as a union carpet installer. He possessed a wily and entrepreneurial spirit with endless, unconditional support from his lifelong partner Lydia. Together, as Maurice and Lydia did everything, they embraced risk and became hardware store owners in the Back of Yards neighborhood of Chicago. Eventually, the family expanded in the Bridgeport and Irving Park neighborhoods. During this time, Maurice and Lydia raised a family of four independent and spirited children, and ensured their children valued a wage and hard work over allowance (aka used cheap child labor). They taught nephews to use hammers and screwdrivers, provided a haven for family friends, and adopted any stray dog that wandered into the hardware store. Maurice experimented with a multitude of businesses ranging from laundromats, heating and cooling, retail furniture, private mortgage holder for those less Blessed, and cash advance businesses all with the goal of providing a Good Life for his Bride and Children. Maurice settled on self-storage businesses as the ultimate Family Business and poured his energy into that endeavor for more than 25 years. Along the pebbled and challenging way, Maurice valued the kindness of the many good people who extended a helping hand, shared words of encouragement and guidance, and offered their wisdom. Good people in Maurice's life were plentiful, cherished and regularly remembered.

Maurice's legacy includes his Bride, Lydia G. Brown, his children Patrick Brown (Dominika Zakrzewska); Mary Ellen Brown (Samuel Carreon); and Maurice Brown (John Ager), adored granddaughters Apolonia Sterk (Patrick Sterk), Jaqueline Pilamunga, Tala Morales (Samuel Sanchez), Ella Brown and Kaia Brown, followed by great grandchildren Lorelai and Eliana Sterk. Maurice was preceded in death by his parents and beloved first born, Natalie Marie Brown. A memorial of entertaining stories, cherished memories, and crafty tall tales will be held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016, from 10:00am - 1:00pm followed by the Family Tradition of a nourishing festive luncheon including raising a glass, or two with our Loved Ones in smiles, laughter and fond memories at Club Casa Café, 353 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016 at 1:30pm. A man of humble beginnings who honored his parents' values, Maurice partook in charity to the Semper Fi Fund, St. Jude's Children Hospital, Shriners Hospital, and Little Sisters of the Poor. In lieu of flowers, the Family encourages donations and Grace to our fellow humankind especially those that served this great country.

Karacic, Thomas Joseph 'Tom'

Thomas Joseph Karacic "Tom", age 94, of Chicago, IL. Beloved husband of Carmelita Bombeck Karacic; loving father of Joseph (Barbara) Karacic, Roseanne (Lewis) Christman, Elaine Donovan and the late Gregory (Barbara Jo) Karacic; stepfather of Tom (Deirdre) Bombeck, Audrey (Bruce) Massel and Christopher (Melissa) Bombeck; proud grandfather and step-grandfather of 18 and great-grandfather of 2. Visitation, Friday June 7, 2024, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Funeral Mass, Saturday, June 8, 2024, 10:00 am at Mary Seat of Wisdom, 920 Granville Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Entombment, Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery/Our Lady of the Angels Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Be a Gift Foundation, 200 E. Delaware Place, Unit 12D, Chicago, IL 60611 or online www.Beagiftfoundation.org. For additional information please call (847) 823-1171 or visit ryan-parke.com

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Lashinsky, Bernard

Bernard Lashinsky died on May 26 in Naples, Fla., age 92. Born in Sioux City, Iowa, and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, he entered the University of Chicago at age 16 and studied economics under Milton Friedman, among other academic giants. He served two years in the U.S. Army, including a yearlong posting in Nome, Alaska. Back in Chicago, he met the former Marcia Morris at a bridge party. They married in 1956 and started a family, first in Rogers Park, then in Skokie, where they lived for 42 years. Marcia died in 2007. Bernard is survived by his daughter Paula and her husband Robert Lopez, of New York City; his daughter Amy, of London, England; his son Adam, who lives in San Francisco with his wife, Ruth Kirschner, and daughter, Leah; his sister, Elaine Tepperman, of St. Louis; and Iris Shur, his partner. Bernie worked for Inland Steel for 29 years, ultimately as chief economist. His friends and family celebrated his life on May 29 in Naples. Donations may be made in his memory to the University of Chicago's Odyssey Scholarship fund, <https://give.uchicago.edu/odyssey>.

Szanto, Dr. Martin

Dr. Martin "MARTI" Szanto was born in Chicago, to Dr. Amalia and Dr. Paul Szanto. Marti attended the University of Illinois for undergraduate school and obtained his medical degree from Loyola University. Marti did his medical internship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Martin achieved the rank of Captain from the Department of the Air Force and served proudly as a medical officer. In 2000 he was accepted as a reserve specialist for critically needed medical specialist in the Air Force Reserve program. Marti's life was spent helping people in need. Even through his illness, he would never stop seeing his patients and was driven to help those who needed him. He visited his patients at their home if they were unable to get to his office. He was on the medical staff of Weiss Memorial Hospital, Swedish Covenant Hospital, and St. Joseph Hospital of Chicago. He also served his patients seven days a week at Alden North Shore Nursing Facility and the Self-Help Home. He went wherever and whenever he was needed, that was the essence of his life. He volunteered as a medical doctor for the Ravinia music concerts, being able to help and enjoy the beauty of the nature setting and his love of the arts. He often listened to jazz and the music of the Fifties. Marti leaves his loving partner of 42 years, Luba Adler, his son Leonard Szanto, his niece and nephew Judy and Sandy Kutin and three great nieces, his nephew Michael Szanto, his sister and her husband Diana Mazel, John Pittarelli and Desiree and James Hurtak, and Volf Adler. Martin was preceded in death by his brother, the late Dr. Philip (the late Anna) Szanto. Services were held at **Chicago Jewish Funerals** in Skokie. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. Donations in his memory can be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 42040, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-3000, www.cancer.org or plant trees to Jewish National Fund, 60 Revere Dr # 725, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.jnf.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

Wax, Rabbi Burton

Rabbi Burton Wax beloved husband of Maxima, nee Schwartz. Loving father of Ora (Maury) Aaron and Ari (Pola) Wax. Adored grandfather of Yoni (Jessa) Aaron, Ilana (Chanan) Teller Aaron, Jake and Joshua Wax. Proud great grandfather of Emma, Daniella, Nikki, Ella, Max and Teddy. Dear brother of Harriet (the late Martin) Stein and brother-in-law of David (the late Elaine and the late Renee) Schwartz. Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Ezras Israel, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Agudath Jacob, Past President of Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School, Past Co-President of Religious Zionist of Chicago, Past Vice-President of Associated Talmud Torahs, Past Chairman of Public Affairs Committee of the cRC, Past Treasurer of Chicago Board of Rabbis. Services were held on Monday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. Memorial contributions to Hatzalah Chicago 6501 North Hamlin Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712 www.rayze.it/hatzalahchicago/ or to Chicago Mitzvah Campaign, 2757 West Pratt Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60645, www.chicagomitzvahcampaign.org. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JUNE 4 ...

In 1647, the English army took King Charles I as a hostage.

In 1812 the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.

In 1878 Turkey turned Cyprus over to British control.

In 1896 Henry Ford made a successful predawn test run of his horseless carriage, called a quadricycle, on the streets of Detroit.

In 1940 the Allied military evacuation at Dunkirk, France, was completed in World War II, and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1942 the Battle of Midway began in the Pacific. (The encounter would give the U.S. its first significant naval victory over Japan in World War II.)

In 1944 Allied forces liberated Rome.

In 1947 the House overwhelmingly approved the

Taft-Hartley Act, which allows the president to intervene in labor disputes.

In 1954 French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc initialed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1985 the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling striking down an Alabama law providing for a daily minute of silence in public schools.

In 1986 Jonathan Pollard, an ex-Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to spying for Israel. (He is serving a life prison term.)

In 1989 hundreds, possibly thousands, of civilians died as Chinese soldiers stormed Beijing to crush the burgeoning democracy movement.

In 1992 the Postal Service announced the results of a nationwide vote on the Elvis Presley stamp, saying more people preferred the design featuring a younger, thinner Elvis.

In 1995, at the Tony Awards, "Sunset Boulevard" won best Broadway musical while "Love! Valour! Compassion!" by Terrence McNally was chosen best play.

In 1998 a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing.

In 2001 Nepal's Crown Prince Dipendra died, three days after he reportedly shot and killed most members of the royal family before turning the gun on himself.

In 2003 Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire, hours after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators. (Stewart was convicted in March 2004 of lying about why she had sold her shares of ImClone Systems in 2001 just before the stock price plunged.)

In 2004 a bomb blast ripped through a crowded outdoor market in central Russia, killing at least 11 people. Also in 2004 President George W. Bush nominated former Missouri Sen. John Danforth to be America's U.N. ambassador.

In 2013 the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation announced the cancellation of its three-day walk in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, the Phoenix area, Tampa, Fla., San Francisco and Washington.



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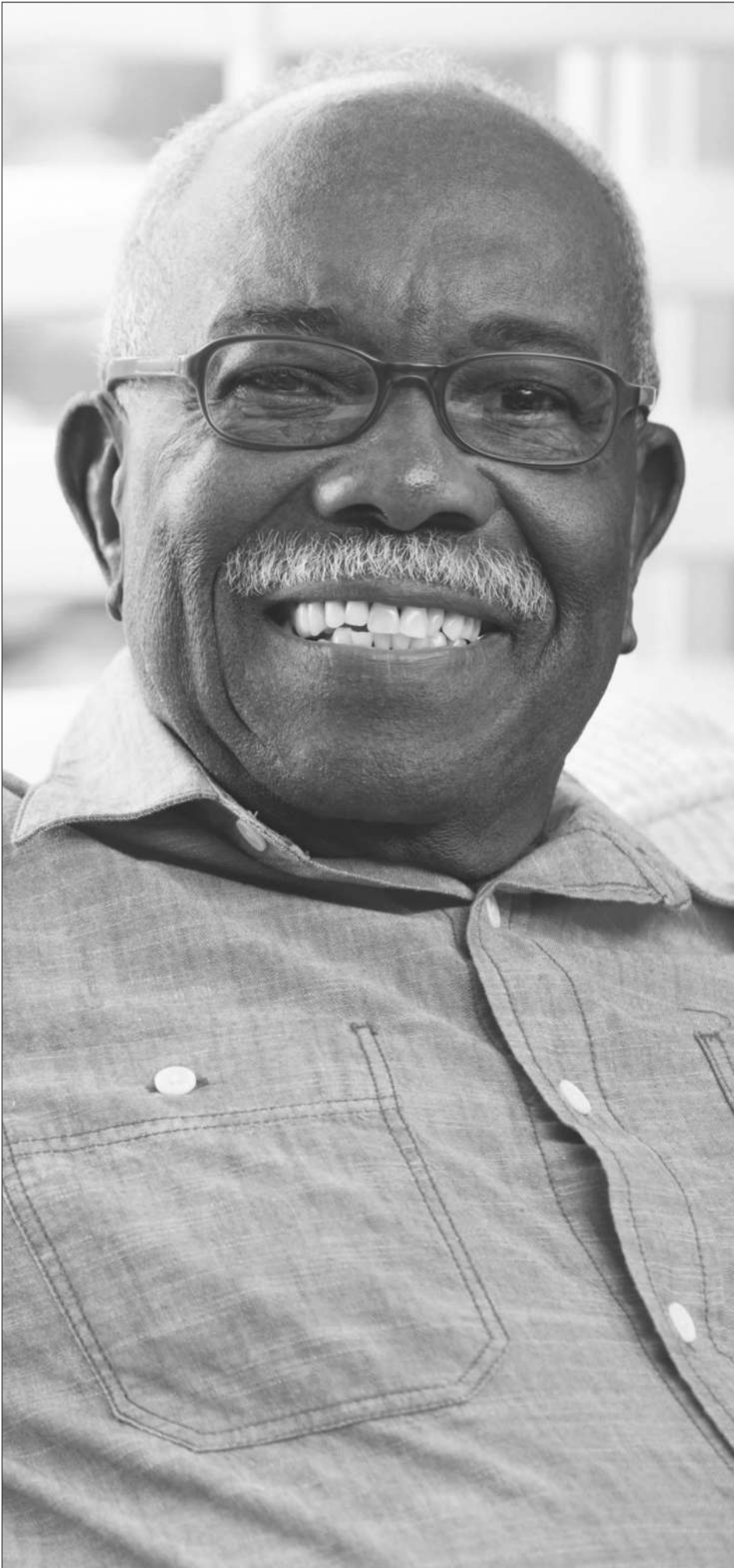
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
June 4, 2024
CITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT
SERVICES

The Bidder must complete and submit an Electronic Bid prior to the bid due date. An electronic bid must be submitted through the City of Chicago's website at www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement, on or before the due date and time stated below. The City's system will not accept electronic bids after the due date and time. Bidders must register for a log-in account to submit an electronic bid. Please allow up to three business days for creation of your log-in account. Paper bids will not be accepted. All Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

DESCRIPTION: Lease and Services for High-Volume Color Production Copiers
DEPARTMENT: Department of Fleet and Facility Management
TYPE: Work Services

ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND RESPONDED TO FROM THIS URL ADDRESS:
www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement

NOTICE OF ADDENDUM: Addendum # 2 will be e-mailed to all bidders on the Bid Opportunity Take-Out List

SPECIFICATION NO: 1257689
RFQ NO: 9957.2
ORIGINAL BID OPENING DATE: May 29, 2024
REVISED BID OPENING DATE: June 14, 2024, Per Addendum #1
REVISED BID OPENING DATE: June 21, 2024, Per Addendum #2
TIME: 11:00 a.m., Central Time

CONTACT: Maria Christman
Senior Procurement Specialist
Email: maria.christman@cityofchicago.org
Pub: 6/4/2024 7644959

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT – MAY 17, 2024
CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BID FOR CUSTODIAL EQUIPMENT CORRECTION - DUE: JUNE 5, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.
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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Pollution Control Technician II (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: May 24, 2024 through June 7, 2024. Examination Date: June 22, 2024. Location: MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Pollution Control Technician II practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision performs the more difficult or responsible tasks in gathering samples of water from streams, waterways, and industrial waste discharges for use in laboratory analysis and performs related duties as required. Salary: \$36.24 per hour

Environmental Specialist (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: May 24, 2024 through June 7, 2024. Examination Date: June 29, 2024. Location: Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Environmental Specialist practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, works with industry management to coordinate and conduct industrial waste surveys to determine the quantity and quality of industrial wastes discharged into the sewers and waterways within the District's jurisdiction. Conducts professional environmental work in the administration of the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance, User Charge Ordinance and other ordinances and conducts industrial/commercial facility inspections. Salary: \$90,792.78 per year

Environmental Research Technician (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: May 31, 2024 through June 14, 2024. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Environmental Research Technician practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, and in accordance with specified methods, performs a variety of technical duties associated with the collection of field and laboratory data related to agronomic, wastewater, surface water quality, or aquatic biology research and monitoring projects, the analysis of samples, and the operation and maintenance of equipment used in the field and laboratory. Salary: \$59,984.08 per year

Applications can be submitted online only at www.districtjobs.org. Additional information may be found at www.districtjobs.org or call 312-751-5100.

Mailed, Emailed, Hand delivered or Exposed Applications Will Not Be Accepted. Resumes Will Not Be Accepted In Place of Application Forms. An Equal Opportunity Employer - M/F/D Pub: 5/24-6/7/2024 7639385

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR SNOW PLOW UNITS IFB NO.: 2445-04300

IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at: https://apps.cookcountyl.gov/Procurement_EDS/BidList
Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6825 or dani.gizzi@cookcountyl.gov
Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

IFB Bid Due Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 10:00 AM (CST). All Bids must be submitted electronically and uploaded to: <https://cookcountyl.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities> following the instructions set forth in the IFB Solicitation document.
Late Bids Will Not Be Accepted

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer
6/4/2024 7645489

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND POLICY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JHS PHARMACY MEDICINE CAROUSEL, LAB FROZEN SECTION EXTENSION, INPATIENT CLEAN AIR ROOM RFQ NO. 2416-04043

RFQ Document: The RFQ document is available for download at https://apps.cookcountyl.gov/Procurement_EDS/BidList.

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFQ or if you have other questions, please contact Robert Stuart, Deputy CPO at robert.stuart@cookcountyl.gov.

Pre-Submittal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Friday, June 14, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. CST

Pre-Submittal Meeting will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams.

Please refer to the solicitation document for information on how to access the Pre-Submittal Meeting.

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing through the Bonfire website until 3:00 P.M. CST on Month, Day, Year.

Submittal Due Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, July 17, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. CST

All submittals are to be in PDF format and must be uploaded to: <https://cookcountyl.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities> following the instructions set forth in the solicitation document.

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

Late submittals will not be accepted. June 4, 2024 - 7645740

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND POLICY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JHS HOSPITAL MRI CENTER EXPANSION RFQ NO. 2416-04040

RFQ Document: The RFQ document is available for download at https://apps.cookcountyl.gov/Procurement_EDS/BidList.

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFQ or if you have other questions, please contact Robert Stuart, Deputy CPO at robert.stuart@cookcountyl.gov.

Pre-Submittal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. CST

Pre-Submittal Meeting will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams.

Please refer to the solicitation document for information on how to access the Pre-Submittal Meeting.

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing through the Bonfire website until 3:00 P.M. CST on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

Submittal Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. CST

All submittals are to be in PDF format and must be uploaded to: <https://cookcountyl.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities> following the instructions set forth in the solicitation document.

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

Late submittals will not be accepted. June 4, 2024 - 7645721

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TO: OCCUPANT: JAMES CAMPBELL; BMO Bank National Association; NIRAV KAPADIA A/K/A NICK KAPADIA; Village of Hoffman Estates; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD001170 FILED: 03/19/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 11/08/2021 Certificate No. 18-0001575 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 635 LAKEVIEW LN HOFFMAN ESTATES IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-16-411-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 09/12/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 09/12/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 10/02/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 09/12/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 24th day of May, 2024. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247642753

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE NATIONAL BANK ATUTAD 11/13/1952 AKATN 14857; THEODORE DAFFIN; ANNA RUDYAK; VLADIMIR RUDYAK; RONG CHANG MEI; SOO HERN MOY; YUEN SUN CHAN; SHUI YING CHAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF YUEN SUN CHAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHUI YING CHAN; THEODORE V. DAFFIN SR.; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001510 FILED: 4/16/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/25/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0006940 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2009-2014 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 6642-6644 N. SEELEY AVENUE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 11-31-301-033-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/02/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: April 16, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247638588

LEGAL NOTICES

City of Chicago
Department of Family and Support Services
Legal Advertisement Request Form

DESCRIPTION: DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES (DFSS),
[CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEGAL SERVICES INITIATIVE RFP]

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) seeks to solicit proposals from qualified organizations with expertise in providing legal aid services and community outreach and education to assist youth and adults in Chicago. This RFP is focused on the needs and challenges associated with having a criminal record. The primary component of this program involves providing legal assistance services to clients, including consultation and direct representation for specific legal matters. **This program is limited in scope.** Legal matters are limited to representing clients post adjudication/disposition for:

- Juvenile expungement
- Adult expungement
- Adult sealing
- Cannabis expungement
- Resolving certain warrants for clients seeking other eligible covered services (applies only to warrants for non-violent misdemeanors)
- Other criminal records relief for adults

The term of contract(s) executed under this RFP will be from September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025. Based on need, availability of funds and contractor performance, DFSS may extend this term for up to one year. Continued support will be dependent upon the selected Respondent's performance and the continued availability of funding. Based on DFSS prior program experience and desired program output, DFSS estimates that award will be at least \$300,000 but not to exceed \$500,000. DFSS anticipates funding 5 – 8 applicants with a minimum of 1 provider per Zone.

For more information, please refer to the application posted on the City of Chicago's eProcurement page under current bids:
www.cityofchicago.org/eProcurement
Solicitation #10203

A NOTE ABOUT THE CITY'S EPROCUREMENT SYSTEM:
For those who have not done business with the City of Chicago before, registration in iSupplier is the first step to ensuring your agency's ability to conduct business with the City of Chicago and DFSS. **Please allow five to seven days for your registration to be processed.**

Current contractors need only to start an application via their existing iSupplier/eProcurement account.
All vendors must have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) and an IRS W9 for registration and confirmation of vendor business information.

RFQ DUE DATE/SUBMISSION LOCATION:

July 11, 2024

12:00, NOON CST

Proposals must be submitted via on-line application.
E-mailed or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

PRE-PROPOSAL WEBINAR

A Pre-Proposal Webinar will be held on **June 6, 2024 at 2pm**. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly suggested.

Please register prior to the webinar's start using this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?WN_Xlb0vGHR7-COX3JAQFdp

A link to the completed Webinar will be available on-line at the DFSS website after the time and date listed above for those who cannot attend at the live scheduled time. Please register prior to the Webinar's start. The purpose of this pre-submittal event is to clarify the RFP process and the scope of the required services.

Brandie V. Knazze
Commissioner
Department of Family and Support Services



Brandon Johnson
Mayor
City of Chicago

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TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; JANET BAEHR; JAMES W. TRUE; COMPU-LINK CREATION DBA CELINK; MQUELAGE ELEC-TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM; AMER-ICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORP.; CREEK MORTGAGE, LLC; MIGUEL BARRAJAS; HERMLIA BARRAJAS; FEDERAL HOUSING COM-MISSIONER; US ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS; US ATTORNEY GENERAL; ERIC BAEHR AKA ERIC IAN BAEHR; DANIELA VELEZ; RUBY MONTES DE OCA; DESTINY DAVIS; RUBEN ORTIZ; DEANA ANDRE-JKO; RICHARD NELSON; ZACK ANDREJKO; PER-SONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001047 FILED: 3/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No. 215-0001420 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2006-2018 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and spe-cial assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 913 N. HAROLD AVENUE MELROSE PARK, IL-INOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 12-29-31-6007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635455

TO: OCCUPANT; KNIGHTSBIDGE ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT LLC; FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY; Covantage Credit Union F/K/A LincolnWay Community Bank; 2860 N. MILWAUKEE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; 2860 N. MILWAUKEE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; ILL. ASSOCIATION; MCCORMICK 105, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF PROVIDENCE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY; AS SUCCESSOR THROUGH MERGER WITH URBAN PARTNERSHIP BANK; ZLATKO PE-REH; MARK PEHAR; DEAN KROVICH; FIRE-FLY FIBER ARTS STUDIO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001127 FILED: 03/19/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/09/2021 Certificate No. 18-0003123 and 18-0003124 and 18-0003125 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2860 N MILWAUKEE AVE., UNIT #P-10 CHICAGO IL, AND 2860 N MILWAUKEE AVE., UNIT #P-11 CHICAGO IL AND 2860 N MILWAUKEE AVE., UNIT #P-12 CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-26-223-032-1009 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/12/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/12/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 10/2/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/12/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 24th day of May, 2024. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247642798

TO: OCCUPANT; GRANVILLE CONDOMINIUM AS-SOCIATION; ASSOCIA CHICAGOLAND; ASSOCIA CHICAGOLAND DEVELOPMENT; ASSOCIA COMMU-NITY MANAGEMENT, INC.; BROADWAY HOSPITAL; BROADWAY CONDOS LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTEREST-ED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD001138 FILED: 03/19/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/10/2021 Certificate No. 00041189 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1134 W GRANVILLE AVE., UNIT #P-385 CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-05-204-029-1351 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/12/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/12/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 10/2/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/12/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 24th day of May, 2024. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247642839

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; EZRA PRIDGEON; DENIS PRIDGEON; FIRST BANK S/I/TO CONTINENTAL COMMUNITY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY; HSBC BANK USA, N.A. THROUGH AS SECURITIES CORP HOME LOE LOAN TR SEREE 006-ASAP4 AS5 BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTS; CROWN LOAN SERVICING LLC; DEVON E. PRIDGEON; DARVIS PRIDGEON; PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION S/I/TO OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC; PER-SONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001048 FILED: 3/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 2015-0001414 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2013-2017 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and spe-cial assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 417 47TH AVENUE BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-08-402-050-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635457

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TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; GERALDINE HAYDEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATES OF GERALDINE HAYDEN; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001047 FILED: 3/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0001420 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2006-2018 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and spe-cial assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3824 WARREN AVENUE BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-09-320-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635458

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; JIMMY FRANKLIN; FRANK FRANKLIN; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION LLC; HSBC FINANCE CORPORATION S/I/ TO HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION LI; PROVIDENCE BANK & TRUST S/I/TO BANK OF BELLWOOD; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY S/I/TO THE CHICA-GO TRUST COMPANY; VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD; MARY H. BONNER; ROBERT GIBSON; OCTA-VE GIBSON; KESHA HATCHETT; PERSONS OR TEN-ANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001140 FILED: 3/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0001440 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2008-2018 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special As-sessments of (Municipality) and special assess-ment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 146 S. 9TH AVENUE MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal De-scription or Property Index No.: 15-10-235-040-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635461

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AKA AD 817/09 AKATN 800235382; RUTH BLACK; VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD; KAWANA L HOLMES; TONNKA KAWANESHA MORGAN; TICHINA KYREE GALLOWAY; TAYAKAYA KYMYA MIKYI GALLOWAY; ISAAC BROUGHTON; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; PER-SONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001102 FILED: 3/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0001446 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2009-2018 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and spe-cial assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 624 S. 11TH AVENUE MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-10-425-035-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635490

TO: OCCUPANT; THERESA UDL, AS TRUSTEE UN-DETRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 30, 2000 AS DESIGNATED AS TRUST NO. 7637; SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE THERESA UDL, AS TRUSTEE UNDETRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 30, 2000 AS DESIGNATED AS TRUST NO. 7637; THERESA UDL; JOSEPH UDL; RALPH UDL; TERRY UDL; KATH-LEEN COYNE; VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTER-ESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001118 FILED: 03/19/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/08/2021 Certificate No. 18-0001383 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7633 MONROE ST FOREST PARK IL Legal De-scription or Property Index No. 15-13-102-033-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/12/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/12/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 10/2/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redepntion can be made at any time on or before 9/12/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 24th day of May, 2024. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247642741

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TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; NEW BIRTH CONSTRUCTION, LLC, BRENDA K. FOUNTAIN; MAURICE J. BOSTON II; CATALYST FUNDING CORPORATION; ALEX GOSKE; SAID-LEGAL LEGAL GROUP 23CH204242;ERIKKA FINLEY, LAW OFFICE OF ERIKA L. FINLEY (RE-23CH204242); RICKY L. FOUNTAIN; BRANDON WRIGHT; DAVID REEVES; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001100 FILED: 3/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0001492 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2010-2017 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special As-sessments of (Municipality) and special assess-ment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1617 S. 2ND AVENUE MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal De-scription or Property Index No.: 15-14-155-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Pur-chaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635508

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATES OF GEORGE LIZZARDO; CRISTINA LIZZARDO; VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD; MARY H. BONNER; ROBERT GIBSON; D BERRY; BEN W. CALDWELL; ROOSEVELT JUNG BERRY; LAYZETTE BERRY; TONY BLEDSJOE; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001059 FILED: 3/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0001493 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2010-2018 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and spe-cial assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1718 S. 6TH AVENUE MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-14-158-000-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635606

CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY SUC-CESSOR TRUSTEE TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CICERO ATUATD 9/3187 AKATN 9288; MARK DEWITT; THERESA UDL, AS TRUSTEE UNDETRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 30, 2000 AS DESIGNATED AS TRUST NO. 7637; THERESA UDL; ROBERT RACKER; MATTHEW THOMAS O'CONNOR; MICHELLE V. RODER; PERSONS OR TEN-ANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001061 FILED: 3/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/16/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0001530 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2008-2017 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special As-sessments of (Municipality) and special assess-ment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3136 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-34-203-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Purchaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635672

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; LUIANA MARTELL; RUBY MONTES DE OCA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-TEMS; FAIRWAY INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION; M & T BANK; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY; AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL TRUST 2007-HE2; OLGA MARTELL; GLORIA BOWMAN; LILLIE MAE TIGUES; DOLG TIGUES; ENRIQUE MARTELL; DAN-IELA MARTELL; SELA MARTELL; CURTIS TEAGUE; LILLY MARTELL; ASUNWIL MOSER; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST TRUSTEE FOR WAMU SERIES 2007-HE1 TRUST; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001062 FILED: 3/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/25/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0007020 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2008-2018 (2021 SCAVENGER SALE) Sold for Special As-sessments of (Municipality) and special assess-ment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 933 N. LATROBE AVENUE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal De-scription or Property Index No.: 16-04-323-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redephtion can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Pur-chaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635837

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TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; ERNESTINE BARNES; BOBBIE RAPHAEL BARNES; EARLENE BARNES; DESIRAE PEARSON; DE-CEASE RUYALCABA; JOYCE GOLDMAN; VICKY GOLDMAN; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTU-AL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROP-ERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001060 FILED: 3/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/25/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0007046 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2013-2018 (2021 SCAV-ENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5730 W. OHIO STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-08-213-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is sub-ject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or spe-cial assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Pur-chaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635840

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; WILLIS WILLIE JR AS TRUSTEE OF THE JOSEPHINE A. WILLIE LIVING TRUST DATED 10/9/2009; THE JOSEPHINE A. WILLIE LIVING TRUST DATED 10/20/2009; WILLIS WILLIE JR.; CITY OF CHICA-GO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATES OF JO-SEPHINE A. WILLIE; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PAT-IES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001175 FILED: 3/19/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/25/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0007080 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2011-2019 (2021 SCAV-ENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 534 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-09-219-032-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/13/2024. The amount to redeem is sub-ject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or spe-cial assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/13/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/13/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ILLINOIS TAX AUCTION, LLC Pur-chaser or Assignee March 26, 2024 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247635842

TO: OCCUPANT; BIRDIE ELMORE; MARY ELMORE; BMO BANK National Association f/k/a BMO Har-ri Bank, N.A. f/k/a Harris Bank, N.A. f/k/a M&I Marshall and Ilsley Bank F/K/A M&I Bank F&B; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; Cook County Clerk; Cook County State's Attorney; ALLANTE ELMORE; RAYMOND JACKSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTER-ESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001142 FILED: 03/19/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/10/2021 Certificate No. 18-0004674 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4820 W HUBBARD ST CHICAGO IL Legal De-scription or Property Index No. 16-09-229-032-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/12/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/12/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/2/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/12/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 24th day of May, 2024. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5/20247642842

TO: KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK; ANTHONY MCNEASE AKA ANTHONY MCNEASE SR.; CITY OF CHICAGO; RAHSAUN CLEMON; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; ERICKA TAYLOR; COLDWELL BANKER; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN AC-TUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PAR-TIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001042 FILED: 3/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 2/25/2022 Certificate No.: 215-0007177 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2010-2018 (2021 SCAV-ENGER SALE) Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3518 W. HURON STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-11

Chicago Tribune

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Vacant site to become Morgan Park Commons



The redevelopment of about 12 acres on the northwest corner of Halsted and 115th streets into the Morgan Park Commons is under the direction of the nonprofit Far South Community Development Corps.

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Complex to bring apartments, stores, to 115th and Halsted

By Kimberly Fornek

The transformation of an empty grocery store and abandoned property on the Far South Side into new apartment buildings, stores, parks and a performing arts center is expected to start late in the fall, with plans to use it temporarily as a shelter for asylum seekers having been halted.

The redevelopment of about 12 acres on the northwest corner of Halsted and 115th streets into the Morgan Park Commons is under the direction of the nonprofit Far South Community Development Corps. The property was home previously to a Jewel Food store and the Halsted Indoor Mall.

In the fall, Mayor Brandon John-

son's administration proposed buying the property to shelter some of the thousands of people who have been bused to Chicago after crossing the southern border into Texas to seek asylum. Aldermen opposed the idea, but relented when Albertsons Companies Inc., the owner of Jewel-Osco stores, agreed to sell its 6.5 acres of the property to the city for \$1.

No tents were erected and no people are scheduled to occupy the property before construction of Morgan Park Commons begins, said Ald. Ronnie Mosley, who represents the 21st ward, which includes the site.

The City Council approved the purchase with the condition that the 6.5 acres would automatically transfer to the Far South CDC on or before Oct. 31, Mosley said.

The Far South CDC already owns the other 6 acres that will be part of the project, said Abraham

Lacy, president of the organization that advocates for economic, environmental and social justice on Chicago's Far South Side and in south suburban Cook County.

"This has been a vacant site since about 2008," when Jewel moved from its 67,000-square-foot grocery store there to a new store farther west. The empty mall was torn down about 2014, he said.

"To get something going after so many years is going to be pretty phenomenal," Lacy said. "This is almost the downtown of West Pullman and at a crucial intersection that ties together three neighborhoods, West Pullman, East Morgan Park and Roseland."

Ideas for the property have evolved since 2018, when the Far South CDC became involved. The organization considered renovating the empty grocery store and

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IRS' free tax service may expand to more filers

By Jon Healey
Los Angeles Times

More taxpayers may be able to file their federal tax returns directly to the IRS online for free next year through a new program that federal officials pledged Thursday to expand significantly in 2025.

After a trial run in 12 states, the IRS' Direct File program will be made available to all 50 states next year, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen announced. And over the next few years, the program's capabilities will be expanded so that more taxpayers in participating states will be able to use it, she said.

The IRS has offered free tax-filing services to lower-income household for years, and limited free services are also available from such companies as H&R Block and Intuit that make tax-preparation software. Direct File, though, had two distinguishing features: It offered step-by-step guidance directly from the IRS, not a third party, and it was available to taxpayers regardless of their household income.

As introduced, however, Direct File was not an option for numerous filers because the system was equipped to handle returns with only the most basic types of income — wages, retirement benefits from Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board, unemployment benefits and interest income of \$1,500 or less. That excluded self-employed people, business owners, contractors, gig workers and anyone who received premium subsidies for Obamacare policies, among others.

Ultimately, the agency wants "to create a fully digital experience for taxpayers if they choose," so they can do all their business with the IRS online, IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel said. As the initial version of Direct File shows, the agency isn't there yet.

"We have a lot of work to do," Werfel said.

Yellen said that over the next few years, the IRS will expand Direct File "to support all of the most common tax situations." Those include the premium tax credit, refundable tax credits (such as the Earned Income Tax Credit) and more types of retirement income, Werfel said.

A trade group representing tax-preparation companies has called Direct File wasteful and unnecessary, pointing to the low participation rate and the high cost of the program. Werfel said the pilot cost \$31.8 million and has a \$75-million budget for next year, although the actual cost will depend in part on how many states participate.

It will be up to states to opt in, Werfel said. One factor, he said, is whether the state's tax system is prepared to incorporate information handed off from Direct File.

Yellen and Werfel called the pilot a success, saying the IRS had expected only 100,000 people to use it. They also pointed to surveys of users that showed satisfaction with the system to be extremely high, as well as the requests from taxpayer advocates and taxpayers in other states for access to the program.



A worker removes asphalt from a piece of land on South Corliss Avenue near 111th Street in Chicago on Thursday. A Chick-fil-A restaurant is slated to be built on the site.

TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

New Chick-fil-A restaurant coming to Pullman Gateway

Will anchor commercial center amid push to revive neighborhood retail sector

By Brian J. Rogal
Chicago Tribune

Pullman residents will soon get a chance to try the chicken sandwiches at Chick-fil-A, a fast-food chain popular on the North Side and in many suburbs but so far absent on the city's Far South Side. A partnership between the nonprofits Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives and the Hope Center Foundation has broken ground on the new restaurant, the anchor tenant of Pullman Gateway, an 8-acre commercial center taking shape on the former site of an offtrack betting facility.

"We once had to drive far outside our community to go to a restaurant or to a grocery store," said the Rev. James Meeks, president of the Hope Center Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. "There was no sit-down restaurant or even a pizza place that would deliver to our homes."

Other initiatives by the developers over the past decade brought in restaurants such as Potbelly, Culver's and Lexington Betty Smokehouse, along with a new Walmart. The initiatives established a community center and created jobs at several new manufacturing and distribution centers. Meeks said it's all meant to replace the thousands of jobs lost starting in the 1970s when the decline of heavy industry gutted the economies of both the Pullman and nearby Roseland neighborhoods.

"Back in the '70s, Michigan Avenue in Roseland was almost like North Michigan Avenue downtown," he said. "We had stores, movie theaters and restaurants."

The Culver's, opened in 2021, did about \$3 million in sales last year, said David Doig, president of Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, and that attracted other retailers such as Chick-fil-A.

"I think we've proven that this is a viable retail corridor," he said. "And we've learned that once you get Chick-fil-A, other folks want to be there as well. They drive traffic."

The developers are close to signing deals with other retailers, and Pullman Gateway,



A piece of land on South Corliss Avenue near 111th Street in Chicago is shown Thursday. A Chick-fil-A restaurant is slated to be built on the site.

located just east of Pullman National Historical Park, could soon see a bank and other fast casual and sit-down restaurants, he said. They expect to finish construction of the Chick-fil-A at 11201 S. Corliss Ave. by the end of 2024. The 5,200-square-foot restaurant will provide about 145 construction jobs and 125 permanent jobs. It will start out as corporate-owned, but Doig expects Chick-fil-A to eventually seek out a franchise owner.

Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th, said many national retailers may not have realized that Pullman and Roseland restaurants can make money.

"I don't think they were looking at our neighborhoods, but we have a dynamic team in place and we're going after their business," he said. "We get in front of them and we're salespeople for our community. We're not sitting back and waiting for them to come to us."

Beale said other initiatives, including a proposed 480,000-square-foot medi-

cal campus in Roseland, at 111th Street and South Michigan Avenue, will help revive the Far South Side. The Chicago Plan Commission approved the Roseland Medical District Master Plan in 2022, and the state later awarded the effort \$25 million for land acquisition, environmental cleanup and infrastructure improvements.

"This could be a potential Northwestern Memorial Hospital or University of Chicago Medical Center, but for the Far South Side," Beale said.

Meeks looks forward to the launch of the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line extension project, which will extend the train line from 95th Street in Roseland to 130th Street in the Altgeld Gardens neighborhood.

"People will be able to travel here, and people who live here will be better able to get out and go other places to work," he said. "We're praying and believing that with the Red Line extension, we will see the old glory days of Michigan Avenue return."

CEOs had big pay raises, widening gap on workers

Top leaders received extra 13%, median employees saw 4% rise

By Mae Anderson, Paul Harloff and Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The typical compensation package for chief executives who run companies in the S&P 500 jumped nearly 13% last year, easily surpassing the gains for workers at a time when inflation was putting considerable pressure on Americans’ budgets.

The median pay package for CEOs rose to \$16.3 million, up 12.6%, according to data analyzed for The Associated Press by Equilar. Meanwhile, wages and benefits netted by private-sector workers rose 4.1% through 2023. At half the companies in AP’s annual pay survey, it would take the worker at the middle of the company’s pay scale almost 200 years to make what their CEO did.

“In this post-pandemic market, the desire is for boards to reward and retain CEOs when they feel like they have a good

leader in place,” said Kelly Malafis, founding partner of Compensation Advisory Partners in New York.

The AP’s CEO compensation survey included pay data for 341 executives at S&P 500 companies who have served at least two full consecutive fiscal years at their companies, which filed proxy statements between Jan. 1 and April 30.

Hock Tan, the CEO of Broadcom, topped the AP survey with a pay package valued at about \$162 million.

Broadcom granted Tan stock awards valued at \$160.5 million on Oct. 31, 2022, for the company’s 2023 fiscal year. Tan was given the opportunity to earn up to 1 million shares starting in fiscal 2025, according to a securities filing, provided that Broadcom’s stock meets certain targets — and he remains CEO for five years.

At the time of the award, Broadcom’s stock was trading at \$470. The stock has skyrocketed since and reached an all-time high of \$1,436.17 on May 15. Tan will receive the full award if the average closing price is at or above \$1,125 for 20 consecutive days between October 2025 and October 2027.

Broadcom noted that, under Tan, its

market value has increased from \$3.8 billion in 2009 to \$645 billion (as of May 23) and that its total shareholder return during that time easily surpassed that of the S&P 500.

Other CEOs atop AP’s survey are William Lansing of Fair Isaac Corp., or FICO, (\$66.3 million); Tim Cook of Apple Inc. (\$63.2 million); Hamid Moghadam of Prologis Inc. (\$50.9 million); and Ted Sarandos, co-CEO of Netflix (\$49.8 million).

Lisa Su, CEO of chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices, was the highest-paid female CEO in the AP survey for the fifth year in a row, bringing in compensation valued at \$30.3 million — flat with her compensation package in 2022. Her overall rank rose to 21 from 25.

Workers across the country have been winning higher pay since the pandemic, with wages and benefits for private-sector employees rising 4.1% in 2023 after a 5.1% increase in 2022, according to the Labor Department.

Nevertheless, half the CEOs in this year’s pay survey made at least 196 times what their median employee earned. That’s up from 185 times in last year’s survey.

Saudi-led oil caucus plans more supply cuts

By David McHugh
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Saudi Arabia and allied oil producing countries have announced an extension of output cuts through next year, a move aimed at supporting slack prices that haven’t risen even amid turmoil in the Middle East and the start of the summer travel season.

The OPEC+ alliance, made up of members of the producers cartel and allied countries, including Russia, extended three sets of cuts totaling 5.8 million barrels a day after their meeting Sunday.

International benchmark Brent has loitered at \$81 to \$83 a barrel for the past month. Even the war in Gaza and attacks on shipping in the Red Sea by Houthi rebels in Yemen have not pushed prices up toward the \$100-a-barrel level last seen in September 2022. Reasons include higher interest rates; concerns about demand due to slower than desired economic growth in Europe and China; and rising non-OPEC supply, including from U.S. shale producers.

Yet the Saudis need higher oil prices to fund ambitious plans by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to diversify the country’s economy away from fossil fuel exports. Higher oil prices would also help Russia maintain economic growth and stability as it spends heavily on its war against Ukraine.

Analysts say the cuts could push oil prices higher in coming months, but much depends on demand for oil going forward. The summer usually sees a spike in demand through the July-September quarter, but uncertainty about demand grows after that.

U.S. motorists have benefited from weaker oil prices. Gasoline prices have been steady recently, averaging \$3.56 a gallon last week, a penny less than a year ago.



The bird flu outbreak in U.S. dairy cows is prompting development of next-generation mRNA vaccines. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP 2023

Bird flu vaccine being tested

Virus has shown up in cows, people and other animals. An mRNA shot may curb spread

By Mike Stobbe and Jonel Aleccia
Associated Press

The bird flu outbreak in U.S. dairy cows is prompting development of new, next-generation mRNA vaccines — akin to COVID-19 shots — that are being tested in animals and people.

The U.S. Agriculture Department is to begin testing this month a vaccine developed by University of Pennsylvania researchers by giving it to calves. The idea: If vaccinating cows protects dairy workers, that could mean fewer chances for the virus to jump into people and mutate in ways that could spur human-to-human spread.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been talking to manufacturers about possible mRNA flu vaccines for people that, if needed, could supplement millions of bird flu vaccine doses already in government hands.

“If there’s a pandemic, there’s going to be a huge demand for vaccine,” said

Richard Webby, a flu researcher at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis. “The more different (vaccine manufacturing) platforms that can respond to that, the better.”

The bird flu virus has been spreading among more animal species in scores of countries since 2020. It was detected in U.S. dairy herds in March, although investigators think it may have been in cows since December. Last week, the USDA announced it had been found in alpacas for the first time.

At least three people — all workers at farms with infected cows — have been diagnosed with bird flu, although the illnesses were considered mild.

But earlier versions of the same H5N1 flu virus have been highly lethal to humans in other parts of the world. Officials are taking steps to be prepared if the virus mutates in a way to make it deadlier or enables it to spread more easily from person to person.

Officials say they already have two candidate vaccines for people that appear to be well-matched to the bird flu virus in U.S. dairy herds. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention used the circulating bird flu virus as the seed strain for them.

The government has hundreds of thou-

sands of vaccine doses in pre-filled syringes and vials that likely could go out in a matter of weeks, if needed, U.S. health officials say.

They also say they have bulk antigen that could generate nearly 10 million more doses that could be filled, finished and distributed in a matter of a few months. CSL Seqirus, which manufactures cell-based flu vaccine, last week announced that the government hired it to fill and finish about 4.8 million of those doses. The work could be done by late summer, U.S. health officials said.

But the production lines for flu vaccines are already working on this fall’s seasonal shots — work that would have to be interrupted to produce millions more doses of bird flu vaccine.

So the government has been pursuing another, quicker approach: the mRNA technology used to produce the primary vaccines deployed against COVID-19.

These messenger RNA vaccines are made using a small section of genetic material from the virus. The genetic blueprint is designed to teach the body how to make a protein used to build immunity.

The pharmaceutical company Moderna already has a bird flu mRNA vaccine in early-stage human testing.

Similar work has been going on at Pfizer.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Washington Post retools; editor out

NEW YORK — The Washington Post said Sunday that its executive editor, Sally Buzbee, has stepped down after three years at the top of one of journalism’s most storied brands.

She will be succeeded by Matt Murray, former editor in chief of The Wall Street Journal, through this fall’s presidential election. After that, Robert Winnett, deputy editor of the Telegraph Media Group, will take over as editor.

The New York Times reported Monday that Buzbee told newsroom managers that a new organizational structure created by CEO Will Lewis — effectively splitting the Post newsroom and opinion section into three smaller divisions — didn’t work for her, but asked that editors reserve judgment for now. — Associated Press

Some stocks halt for technical issue

NEW YORK — A technical issue Monday caused the temporary halt for about 40 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, including at least one whose price briefly fell nearly 100%.

Berkshire Hathaway, the company run by famed investor Warren Buffett, saw its A-class shares plunge 99.97% to \$185.10 from Friday’s closing price of \$627,400, before its trading was halted. After the shares later resumed trading, they immediately recovered all of those losses and shot toward \$700,000.

The New York Stock Exchange said in an update shortly after 11 a.m. EDT that trading was halted “in a number of stocks” because of a technical issue related to the publication of some pricing data and that the “issue has been resolved.” — Associated Press

Southwest back in court over ruling on firing

By Kevin McGill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Southwest Airlines was set to return to federal court Monday in hopes of reversing an \$800,000 award to a flight attendant who said she was fired for her anti-abortion views and a judge’s related order that the airlines’ lawyers take religious liberty training from a conservative Christian legal group.

Southwest says flight attendant Charlene Carter was fired because she violated company rules requiring civility in the workplace by sending “hostile and graphic” anti-abortion messages to a fellow employee, who also was president of the local union.

Carter called the union leader “despicable” for attending the 2017 Women’s March in Washington, where participants protested the inauguration of then-President Donald Trump and called for protecting abortion rights.

Carter’s attorneys argue in briefs that she made clear to management she sent the material “because she was a pro-life Christian, and as a Christian she believes she must get the word out to anyone who touches the issue of abortion.”

They said firing her violated federal law shielding employees from religious-based discrimination and that Southwest management and the union, which complained about Carr’s messages, should be held liable for her firing.

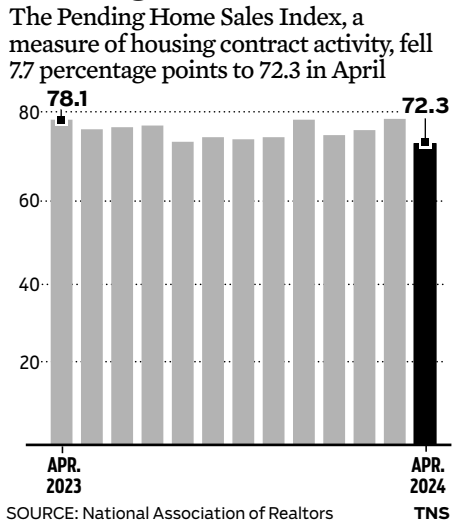
After the trial, U.S. District Judge Brantley Starr, a Trump nominee who joined the bench in 2019, ordered the airline to tell flight attendants that under federal law, it “may not discriminate against Southwest flight attendants for their religious practices and beliefs.”

Instead, the Dallas-based airline told employees that it “does not discriminate” and told flight attendants to follow the airline policy that it cited in firing Carter.

Starr found Southwest in contempt in August for the way it explained the case to flight attendants.

He ordered Southwest to pay Carter’s most recent legal costs, and he dictated a statement for Southwest to relay to employees.

Pending home sales





A Boeing 777X takes off from an air show in England. The cost of flights is likely to rise, according to the International Air Transport Association. **FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP 2022**

Expect airfare costs to keep rising, aviation group warns

By **Jon Gambrell**
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The cost of your next flight is likely to go up. That’s the word from the International Air Transport Association, an industry trade group that held its annual meeting Monday in Dubai, home to the long-haul carrier Emirates.

While carriers recover from the groundings worldwide because of the coronavirus pandemic, industry leaders told journalists that there are several costs likely to push those ticket prices ever higher.

Part of that comes from worldwide inflation, an ongoing problem since the pandemic started. Jet fuel costs, roughly a third of all airline expenses, remain high. Meanwhile, a global push for the aviation industry to decarbonize has more carriers fighting for the little amount of so-called sustainable aviation fuel, or SAF, available in the market. “The airlines will continue to do everything they can to keep costs in control as much as possible for the benefit of consumers,” said Willie Walsh,

the director-general of the International Air Transport Association. “But I think it’s unrealistic to expect that airlines can continue to absorb all of the costs. ... It’s not something we like to do, but it’s something we have to do.”

Also pressuring the industry is a pandemic hangover in aircraft production as well, they say. Carriers now keep older planes that burn more fuel flying longer. There also aren’t enough new aircraft to expand routes and increase supply to bring down overall prices.

That warning comes as the IATA estimates that airline revenue globally will reach nearly \$1 trillion in 2024, a record high. There will be 4.96 billion travelers on airplanes this year, with total expenses for carriers reaching \$936 billion — another record high.

But industry profits also are expected to be nearly \$60 billion this year.

In particular, Emirates, a main driver for Dubai’s economy, saw record profits of \$4.7 billion in 2023 off revenues of \$33 billion.

The Emirates’ results track with those for its

base, Dubai International Airport. The world’s busiest airport for international travelers had 86.9 million passengers last year, surpassing numbers for 2019 just before the pandemic grounded global aviation.

The airport now plans to move to the city-state’s second, sprawling airfield in its southern desert reaches in the next 10 years in a project worth nearly \$35 billion.

Tim Clark, the airline’s president, obliquely acknowledged that Monday, saying he didn’t want people to “get boxes of tissues out and play the violins” when warning that the industry’s profit margins sit in the low single digits.

But he contended that as airlines have grown larger and carriers consolidated, cost savings have been passed to consumers.

“It is quite amazing that ticket prices are where they are today,” Clark said. “I think the value-for-money proposition that the consumers have had the benefit from for many decades is something that is one of those hidden bits of the narrative.”

Property

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using the entire property for retail or commercial tenants.

“But we saw COVID really depressed retail,” Lacy said. “The biggest need right now is housing. That’s where the trend is going.”

Lacy called Morgan Park “a real stable neighborhood,” but said, in the last seven or eight years, there has been no new housing.

By about 2021, the plan was for a mixed-use development, combining residential, primarily rental units, with some retail and office space, Lacy said.

The area lacks apartments for people who do not have the means to or interest in owning a home, local leaders said.

“We are predominantly single-family homes,” Ald. Mosley said.

The overall plan includes 16,000 square feet of retail or office space, a total of about 250 apartments, a 13,000-square-foot performing arts and culinary center, a public park and smaller parks with separate play areas for different age children. Lamar Johnson Collaborative is the architect.

Pedestrian paths will connect the area to public transit and Cook County Forest Preserve trails.

“A plaza on each corner and one in the middle will signal to the community that this is going to happen in a grand way,” Mosley said.

The project will be built in five or so phases, scheduled as funding and resources allow, Lacy said.

The first phase is expected to start in October or November, with demolition of the old Jewel store and installing underground utilities and streets, with DL3 Realty as a co-developer.

Construction of two four-story buildings, with retail space on the ground floor and apartments on the three floors above, will follow in 2025, Lacy

“A plaza on each corner and one in the middle will signal to the community that this is going to happen in a grand way.”

— Ald. Ronnie Mosley, who represents the 21st ward

said. The two buildings combined will have 84 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments.

The CDC will fund the first phase with \$15 million from the state and tax credits from Chicago for low-income housing. Sixty percent of the rental units will be reserved for low to moderate-income households, with Preservation of Affordable Housing Chicago involved.

The site also lies in the 119th and Halsted Street tax increment financing district, which is due to expire in 2026, so TIF funds for improvements are available. The Far South CDC has other financial partners, too, Lacy said.

Local officials hope the new rental units will reverse the area’s decline in population over the last 10 to 20 years. The total build out of the project likely will take seven to eight years, Lacy said, but getting apartments up early in the development is key.

People can start moving in, as the buildings are finished.

“That way you build momentum,” Lacy said.

The second phase includes putting in a 2.3-acre park in the northwest corner of the site that will connect with the Major Taylor Trail, which runs from the Dan Ryan Woods south to Whistler Woods. Lacy hopes the park and landscaping will make the location an attractive place to live as construction continues.

At this point, a

12,000-square-foot performing arts and culinary center will comprise the third phase. The center could include art and dance studios, kitchens for culinary classes and a cafeteria.

Lacy said the Far South CDC has a tenant interested in operating the performing and culinary art center, but is not ready to announce the party.

Twelve other buildings with office or commercial use at street level and one- to three-bedroom apartments above are planned. None of those buildings will be more than three stories, Lacy said.

The community doesn’t want “a tower neighborhood,” he said. But the residential component will provide customers to support the businesses that open there.

The project also will benefit from improved public transit to the site, with the extension of the CTA Red Line nearby and a new Pace Pulse line and station, with a heating element and free Wi-Fi, on Halsted.

“We are not used to having one like that on this side of town,” Lacy said.

Pace’s Pulse lines run with fewer stops, use technology that adjusts traffic signal timing to favor buses and may include dedicated bus lanes to make travel faster. An online Pace newsletter, says construction of the Pace Halsted Line is expected to begin in 2025, with the route operating in 2027.

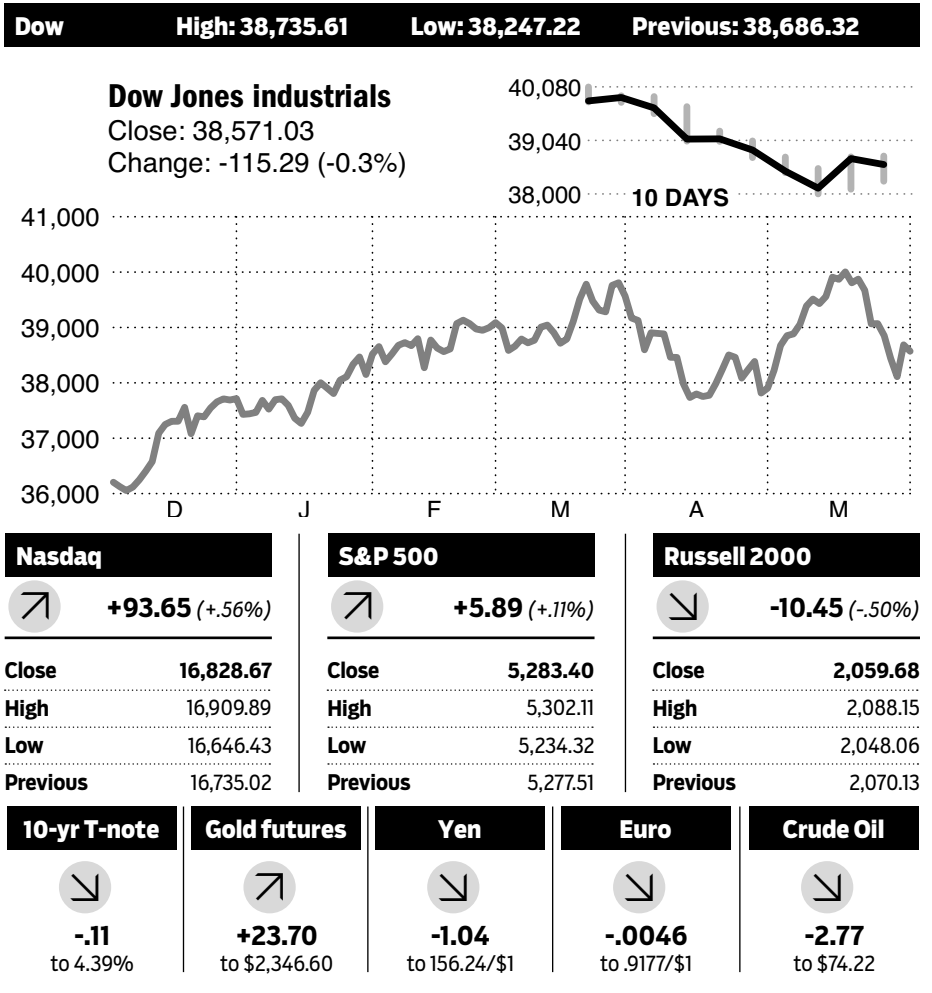
A recreation center with an indoor pool, basketball and tennis courts and bowling alley also was envisioned as part of the project, but that component has been put on hold.

“We are still working through the details to determine whether that would be viable,” Lacy said.

Those kind of facilities are very expensive to build and construction costs keep rising, he said.

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	-1.28	↓	DOW	-.72	↓	DOW	+14.92	↑
NASD	-.54	↓	NASD	+2.93	↑	NASD	+27.21	↑
S&P	-.40	↓	S&P	+1.98	↑	S&P	+23.62	↑

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 24	678	697.75	667.50	672.75	-5.75
		Sep 24	697.75	718.50	689	694	-5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 24	445.75	449	439	443.50	-2.75
		Sep 24	453	456.50	447	449.25	-4.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 24	1204.25	1205.50	1182.50	1184.50	-20.50
		Aug 24	1202.50	1203.75	1180.75	1182.50	-21
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 24	45.52	45.52	44.02	44.14	-1.38
		Aug 24	45.77	45.77	44.27	44.38	-1.40
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 24	364.70	364.70	358.40	359.50	-5.20
		Aug 24	357.50	358.00	353.30	354.20	-3.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 24	76.97	77.52	73.98	74.22	-2.77
		Aug 24	76.73	77.23	73.84	74.09	-2.64
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jul 24	2.645	2.799	2.628	2.756	+.169
		Aug 24	2.716	2.850	2.688	2.804	+.142
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 24	2.4201	2.4400	2.3310	2.3356	-.0818
		Aug 24	2.3926	2.4189	2.3179	2.3229	-.0762

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	102.87	+.68	Exelon Corp	O	37.20	-.35	Mondelēz Intl	O	67.35	-1.18
AbbVie Inc	N	160.19	-.05	Federal Signal	N	87.30	-4.72	Morningstar Inc	O	290.55	+2.30
Allstate Corp	N	164.12	-3.40	First Indl RT	N	46.69	-.43	Motorola Solutions	N	366.40	+1.49
Aptargroup Inc	N	148.16	+.47	Fortune Brands Innov	N	68.97	-1.09	NISource Inc	N	28.61	-.45
Arch Dan Mid	N	61.99	-.45	GATX	N	135.13	-2.83	Nthn Trust Cp	O	83.61	-.63
Baxter Intl	N	34.08	-.01	Gallagher AJ	N	253.03	-.30	Old Republic	N	31.34	-.44
Brunswick Corp	N	81.89	-.64	Grainger WW	N	888.56	-32.90	Packaging Corp Am	N	182.87	-.62
CBOE Global Markets	N	174.99	+2.00	Hub Group Inc	O	43.14	-.01	Paylocity Hldg	O	138.23	-3.94
CCC Intellig Solut	O	11.18	...	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	144.37	-3.10	RLI Corp	N	143.20	-2.78
CDW Corp	O	223.49	-.13	IDEX Corp	N	206.11	-2.53	Ryan Specialty Group	N	56.76	+1.23
CF Industries	N	80.54	+.81	ITW	N	239.87	-2.88	Stericycle Inc	O	59.05	+7.51
CME Group	O	201.75	-1.23	Ingredion Inc	N	116.57	-1.01	TransUnion	N	71.63	-.29
CNA Financial	N	45.59	-.35	John Bean Technol	N	94.72	-.81	US Foods Holding	N	53.02	+1.19
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.73	-.15	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	199.00	-3.07	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	389.91	-5.18
Deere Co	N	368.12	-6.64	Kemper Corp	N	58.82	-1.02	United Airlines Hldg	O	52.72	-.27
Discover Fin Svcs	N	122.81	+.15	Kraft Heinz Co	O	35.10	-.27	US Cellular	N	58.66	+3.20
Dover Corp	N	181.29	-2.53	LKQ Corporation	O	43.07	+.04	Ventas Inc	N	50.03	-.23
Envestnet Inc	N	65.25	-.26	Littelfuse Inc	O	254.56	-2.04	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	15.92	-.30
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	63.22	+.45	McDonalds Corp	N	259.75	+2.53	Wintrust Financial	O	95.78	-2.83
Equity Residential	N	65.42	+.39	Middleby Corp	O	127.25	-1.66	Zebra Tech	O	307.63	-4.71

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
GameStop Corp	28.00	+4.86
AMC Entertainment A	4.81	+.48
Ford Motor	12.19	+.06
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	.54	+.01
Carnival Corp	16.01	+.93
Dell Technologies C	132.03	-7.53
Pfizer Inc	29.31	+.65
AT&T Inc	18.01	-.21
Virgin Galactic Hldg	.91	+.04
Palantir Technol	21.32	-.36
UIPath Inc	11.92	-.34
Bank of America	39.88	-.11
Vale SA	11.82	-.23
Transocean Ltd	5.71	-.49
Nu Holdings Ltd	11.75	-.13
Hewlett Pack Ent	17.95	+.30
Gap Inc	29.03	+.07
Salesforce.com Inc	236.62	+2.18
Verizon Comm	40.98	-.17
Itau Unibanco Hldg	6.06	+.07
Exxon Mobil Corp	114.45	-2.81
Barrick Gold	17.42	+.33
Snap Inc A	15.32	+.30
Amcpr plc	10.21	+.04

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Crown Electricnities	.12	+.02
Faraday Fut Intlntg	.63	+.04
Avalon GloboCare Cp	1.23	+.94
Microbot Medical Inc	1.38	+.38
Ascent Solar Tech	.15	+.03
Tesla Inc	176.29	-1.79
FuelCell Energy	.00	+.10
Adv Micro Dev	163.55	-3.35
Bio-Path Holdings	3.23	+1.17
Nikola Corp	.53	+.02
Verb Technolgy Co	.20	+.03
American Airlines Gp	11.53	+.03
Apple Inc	194.03	+1.78
Marathon Digital Hld	19.58	+.06
Nvidia Corporation	1150.00	+53.67
Selina Hospitality	.08	-.01
Intel Corp	30.29	-.56
Rivian Automotive A	11.40	+.48
Paramount Global B	12.80	+.89
Plug Power Inc	3.45	+.12
Cue Health Inc	.06	-.01
SoFi Technologies	6.77	-.13
Affirmed NV	7.33	+2.98
Amazon.com Inc	178.34	+1.90

FOREIGN MARKETS		
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3078.49	-8.3/-
Stoxx600	519.85	+1.7/+3
Nikkei	38923.03	+435.1/+1.1
MSCI-EAFE	2376.32	+15.0/+
Bovespa	122031.58	-66.5/-
FTSE 100	8262.75	-12.6/-
CAC-40	7998.02	+5.2/+1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	174.42	+.46
Alphabet Inc A	173.17	+.67
Amazon.com Inc	178.34	+1.90
Apple Inc	194.03	+1.78
Berkshire Hath B	414.79	+.39
Nvidia Corporation	1321.90	-.65
Eli Lilly	831.26	+10.91
Exxon Mobil Corp	114.45	-2.81
JPMorgan Chase	201.82	-.81
MasterCard Inc	443.19	-3.88
Meta Platforms Inc	477.49	+10.66
Microsoft Corp	413.52	-1.61
Novo Nordisk AS	135.62	+.34
Broadcom Inc	1150.00	+53.67
Taiwan Semicon	154.95	+3.91
Tesla Inc	176.29	-1.79
Unitedhealth Group	497.44	+2.07
Visa Inc	270.38	+.08
WalMart Strs	65.82	-2.06

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	5.26	5.25
6-month disc	5.16	5.17
2-year	4.81	4.88
10-year	4.39	4.50
30-year	4.54	4.65

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$2346.60	\$2322.90
Silver	\$30.641	\$30.297
Platinum	\$1022.80	\$1042.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.50
Discount Rate Primary	6.00
Fed Funds Target	5.25-5.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg	0.51

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	896.8610
Australia (Dollar)	1.4980
Brazil (Real)	5.2240
Britain (Pound)	1.7814
Canada (Dollar)	1.3646
China (Yuan)	7.2423
Euro	91.977
India (Rupee)	83.146
Israel (Shekel)	3.6669
Japan (Yen)	156.24
Mexico (Peso)	17.7255
Poland (Zloty)	3.93
So. Korea (Won)	1374.57
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.32
Thailand (Baht)	36.61

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	IN \$	%RTN
American Funds AMCPa m	41.51	+.04	+23.5
American Funds AmrcnBala m	33.76	+.03	+15.2
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	33.80	-.23	+20.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA	m65.22	+.06	+20.0
American Funds OptInClBdrA	m 68.27	-.05	+11.0
American Funds FdtInvsA m	79.47	-.05	+27.2
American Funds GfAmrcA m	70.81	+.07	+30.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	55.21	-.01	+11.2
American Funds IncCamrcA m	24.62	+.04	+21.7
American Funds NwPrcmVsa m	61.21	+.19	+21.0
American Funds WsMtnVsa m	61.60	-.16	+21.0
Baird AggregateBdnstl	9.65	+.05	+3.3
Dodge & Cox Incl	12.46	+.08	+4.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStkl	52.71	-.06	+16.6
Dodge & Cox Stkl	256.13	-0.71	+16.6
Fidelity 500dxlnsPrm	189.84	+.23	+25.2
Fidelity BCGrowth	203.92	+.18	+42.6
Fidelity Balanced	29.94	+.10	+29.4
Fidelity Contrafund	19.47	-.13	+19.7
Fidelity ExMktldxnPr	80.33	-.41	+19.2
Fidelity GlobalexUSidx	14.82	+.09	+14.4
Fidelity GroCo	38.20	+.37	+35.7
Fidelity IntlInxInstlPrm	51.00	+.17	+16.2
Fidelity TlMktldxnPrm	144.97	+.06	+24.6
Fidelity USBdldxnPrm	10.18	+.06	+21.2
PIMCO IncI2	10.52	+.03	+7.8
PIMCO IncInstl	10.52	+.03	+7.8
PIMCO TlRetlns	8.45	-.05	+3.1
Schwab SP500idx	81.34	-.05	+28.1
Vanguard 500idxAdmrl	488.65	+.60	+25.2
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	46.69	+.11	+15.2
Vanguard DivGrvny	38.37	-.04	+12.3
Vanguard EclAdmrl	89.81	-.48	+18.0
Vanguard GrclAdmrl	116.81	+1.23	+18.0
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.97	-.68	+8.5
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	13.43	+.03	+2.8
Vanguard IndxInxs	435.78	+.54	+25.2
Vanguard IndxInxsPlus	335.78	+.54	+25.2
Vanguard MdCpdxAdmrl	400.87	-2.01	+17.5
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	173.16	+.31	+26.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.18	+.01	+5.6
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	107.78	-.65	+17.5
Vanguard TgrTtr2020F	27.72	+.10	+10.5
Vanguard TgrTtr2025F	19.16	+.06	+13.9
Vanguard TgrTtr2030F	37.26	+.12	+14.3
Vanguard TgrTtr2035F	23.40	+.07	+16.6
Vanguard TgrTtr2040F	41.86	+.12	+18.2
Vanguard TgrTtr2045F	28.59	+.08	+19.8
Vanguard TgrTtr2050F	47.88	+.12	+19.8
Vanguard TgrTtr2055F	59.47	+.13	+20.0
Vanguard TBMIdxAdmrl	9.47	+.05	+2.3
Vanguard TBMldxInxs	9.47	+.05	+2.3
Vanguard TlnSldxAdmrl	33.06	+.16	+14.2
Vanguard TlnSldxInxs	132.22	+.65	+14.2
Vanguard TlnSldxInv	19.76	+.09	+14.2
Vanguard TlMSldxAdmrl	126.78	+.05	+24.3
Vanguard TlMSldxInxs	126.80	+.05	+24.3
Vanguard WlngtAdmrl	75.47	+.19	+14.3
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	61.19	+.13	+8.5
Vanguard WslyncrAdmrl	82.29	-.27	+15.1

NATION & WORLD

Mexico awakes with joy, fear, jitters

First woman elected president faces split nation, market crash

By María Verza and Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Hours after declaring victory, Mexico's newly elected president, the first woman to win the job, faced a market meltdown Monday and a tough path toward reconciling a country deeply divided by outgoing President Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

Claudia Sheinbaum has promised to continue the political course set by her populist predecessor despite widespread discontent with persistent cartel violence, the weakening of democratic institutions and fears among investors that an already hostile environment might become much, much worse.

Hours after the election results were announced, the Mexican peso dropped over 4% in value to close at 17.71 to \$1.

And the Mexican stock exchange took a dive to close down 6%.

With words like “capital flight” and “black Monday” flying around financial markets, quick action to calm markets was urgently needed.

But the Sheinbaum team's immediate reaction appeared muddled; it announced — and then quickly canceled — plans for her to hold a news conference.

López Obrador appeared determined Monday to push through his highly divisive constitutional changes — many of which opponents fear will fatally weaken Mexico's democracy —



President-elect Claudia Sheinbaum waves Monday at the Zocalo, Mexico City's main square, after her win. MARCO UGARTE/AP

before he leaves office Sept. 30.

The Morena party that López Obrador founded and in which he remains far more personally popular than Sheinbaum, appeared to be on track to win the two-thirds majority needed in Congress to change the Constitution. López Obrador has already laid out 20 constitutional changes he plans to submit, including the elimination of independent oversight agencies and stricter limits on private investment.

That worries foreign investors. López Obrador has already cracked down on private and foreign investment in the energy sector and now wants to ban new industrial sites in any area

of Mexico suffering water stress — essentially the whole, economically vibrant north of the country.

But other political provisions also worry and divide Mexicans.

“The climate of political polarization has gotten worse during the current administration,” Moody's Analytics Director Alfredo Coutiño wrote in a report Monday. “The country is significantly divided and will require the new president's political leadership to restore national unity.”

Sheinbaum appeared conscious of that, but it was unclear how she might go about it.

“Even though the majority of the people backed our project, our duty will always

be to look out for each and every Mexican, without distinctions,” the president-elect said in her victory speech after long-delayed initial vote counts gave her a crushing margin of victory, higher even than the one López Obrador won in 2018.

With about 78% of votes counted, Sheinbaum had 59% of votes, about twice as many as her nearest competitor, Xóchitl Gálvez, who got around 28%.

For the moment, López Obrador struck a note more celebratory than vengeful, although throughout most of his six-year term he has piled far more contempt on journalists and opponents than on the country's drug cartels, which he has not confronted.

“This is something really historic,” López Obrador said of the election of the first woman to Mexico's presidency. “We are living through exceptional, extraordinary, glorious times.”

President Joe Biden issued a statement congratulating Sheinbaum on her “historic” election, saying: “I look forward to working closely with President-elect Sheinbaum in the spirit of partnership and friendship that reflects the enduring bonds between our two countries.”

Sheinbaum quickly replied in a statement that “I am convinced that we will continue to collaborate in benefit of our peoples and our countries, as the

neighbors, partners and friends that we are, with the respect that our sovereignties deserve.”

The bilateral relationship has been complicated by López Obrador's refusal to acknowledge that Mexican cartels produce the synthetic opioid fentanyl that kills tens of thousands of Americans annually. Under his administration, however, Mexico has proved more than willing to try to prevent migrants from reaching the U.S. border, a valuable contribution for the Biden administration.

It is not clear whether Mexico's anti-drug cooperation — which suffered under López Obrador — will improve under Sheinbaum. López Obrador repeated his pledge Monday to allow Sheinbaum room to govern, without trying to rule from behind the scenes after he leaves office.

Sheinbaum, a climate scientist and former Mexico City mayor, has vowed to continue López Obrador's policies, and in her victory speech Monday gave little sign of how she will make her own mark on the presidency.

The elections were widely seen as a referendum on López Obrador, who has expanded social programs but has largely failed to reduce cartel violence in Mexico.

The 61-year-old Sheinbaum is unlikely to enjoy the kind of unquestioning devotion that López Obrador has had.

Sheinbaum stressed the struggle it took for a woman to reach the presidency.

“I do not arrive alone,” she said. “We all arrived, with our heroines who gave us our homeland, with our mothers, our daughters and our granddaughters.”

Biden expected to block migrant surges at border

Presidential order to curb protections for asylum-seekers

By Hamed Aleaziz and Zolan Kanno-Youngs
The New York Times

President Joe Biden is expected to sign an executive order Tuesday allowing him to temporarily seal the U.S. border with Mexico to migrants when crossings surge, a move that would suspend longtime protections for asylum-seekers in the United States.

Biden's senior aides have briefed members of Congress in recent days on the forthcoming action and told them to expect the president to sign the order alongside mayors from south Texas, according to several people familiar with the plans.

“I've been briefed on the pending executive order,” said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, who has criticized Biden for not bolstering enforcement at the border earlier in his presidency. “I certainly support it because I've been advocating for these measures for years. While the order is yet to be released, I am supportive of

the details provided to me thus far.”

The order would represent the single most restrictive border policy instituted by Biden, or any modern Democrat, and echoes a 2018 effort by President Donald Trump to block migration that was assailed by Democrats and blocked by federal courts.

Although the executive action is almost certain to face legal challenges, Biden is under intense political pressure to address illegal migration, a top concern of voters in a presidential election year.

The decision shows how the politics of immigration have tilted sharply to the right over the course of Biden's presidency. Polls suggest growing support, even inside the president's party, for border measures that Democrats once denounced and Trump championed.

The order would allow border officials to prevent migrants from claiming asylum and rapidly turn them away when border crossings exceed a certain threshold. Government officials this year discussed allowing Biden to shut down the border if there

were an average of 5,000 border crossings in a week, or 8,500 in a single day, but those involved in the negotiations cautioned that the threshold was not finalized and could change. White House officials have been focused on a trigger that would empower Biden to shut down the border.

On Sunday, border agents made more than 3,500 apprehensions of migrants crossing the border without authorization, according to a person with knowledge of the data. The numbers Sunday were in line with recent trends of crossings at the southern border.

The restrictions will likely not apply to minors who cross the border alone, according to an official briefed on the order.

The executive action will likely mirror a measure in a failed bipartisan bill from this year that had some of the most significant border security restrictions that Congress had contemplated in years. The bill would have provided billions in funding for the border, including the hiring of thousands of asylum officers to process claims.

But Republicans thwarted the bill in February, saying



Concertina wire is deployed Feb. 24 along the Rio Grande, which separates the United States and Mexico, near Shelby Park in Eagle Pass, Texas. CHRISTOPHER LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

it was not strong enough. Many of them, egged on by Trump, were reluctant to give Biden a legislative victory in an election year.

Biden's aides believe the executive order can provide Democrats another data point to cite when arguing to voters that they have sought solutions at the border while Republicans were more focused on using it as a political issue.

“While congressional Republicans chose to stand in the way of additional border enforcement, President Biden will not stop fighting to deliver the resources that border and immigration personnel

need to secure our border,” Angelo Fernández Hernández, a White House spokesperson, said in a statement Monday.

He did not confirm the plans but said the administration was exploring “a series of policy options, and we remain committed to taking action to address our broken immigration system.”

Administration officials have said that executive action was not their preference — and that they believe any order would face a legal challenge.

“Legislation is what is needed,” Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro

Mayorkas said last month.

“Executive action will be challenged,” he added. “I am confident in that. And then the question will be what is the outcome of those proceedings? Legislation is a more certain delivery of solution.”

In a sign of how much the politics on the issue have changed, Biden, as a candidate in 2019, excoriated Trump's policies in a debate.

“This is the first president in the history of the United States of America that anybody seeking asylum has to do it in another country,” Biden said at the time. “That's never happened before.”



Demonstrators call for the hostages' release Monday at the U.S. Embassy branch in Tel Aviv, Israel. ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Israel declares 4 more hostages dead in Gaza

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Four more hostages kidnapped on Oct. 7 were declared dead by the Israeli military — including three older adults seen in a Hamas video begging to be released.

Monday's announcement heightens pressure on the Israeli government to agree to a U.S. cease-fire proposal that could secure the return of the hostages still held in Gaza and end the eight-month war.

About 80 hostages in Gaza are believed to be alive, along with the remains of 43 others.

Since the Biden administration announced its cease-fire proposal Friday, Israel has seen some of its largest protests calling on the government to bring them home. Smaller protests took place nationwide. Although Biden said the proposal was Israeli, the Israeli leadership has appeared to distance itself from the plan, vowing to keep conducting military

operations against Hamas until the militant group is destroyed.

All four of the men declared dead Monday night — Nadav Popplewell, Amiram Cooper, Yoram Metzger and Haim Peri — were kidnapped and taken into Gaza still alive, according to the Hostages Forum, a grassroots group representing the hostages' families.

“It is time to end this cycle of sacrifice and neglect,” the group wrote in a statement following the announce-

ment. “Their murder in captivity is a mark of disgrace and a sad reflection on the significance of delaying previous deals.”

The group called on the government to immediately approve the cease-fire plan.

Three of the men declared dead Monday had female relatives who were released during an exchange of hostages for Palestinian prisoners in November.

Cooper, Metzger and Peri were all 80 or older. Popplewell was over 50.

Paris aiming for sustainable Games

Leaders say plan to cut carbon footprint not perfect just yet

By John Leicester and Peter Prengaman
Associated Press

PARIS — Of all the decisions that Paris Olympics organizers made about where to hold each sport, sending surfing competitions to the other side of the world — in the Pacific waters of Tahiti — provoked the strongest reactions. Tahitians and others railed against the building of a new viewing tower on Teahupo'o reef because of fears it would hurt marine life. But organizers say it wasn't just the world-class waves that lured them to the French territory 9,942 miles away. Paris Olympic officials had set an ambitious target of halving their overall carbon footprint compared with the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Games.

Tahiti's surfing reef is too far offshore for fans to see the action clearly from the beach, so organizers say they calculated that most would watch on television instead of taking flights, a major source of carbon emissions. And fewer spectators, they said, would require little new construction, another key emissions source.

"We actually did the math," said Georgina Grenon, director of environmental excellence for the Paris Games. "There was less impact in Tahiti compared to other metropolitan areas."

Tahiti's selection provides a window into Games organizers' approach to hitting their goal of reducing emissions, the driver of climate change. It also underscores an inherent tension in the drive for sustainability: There are tradeoffs, and reducing emissions doesn't necessarily mean preserving the environment.

Organizers' goal is to limit



Workers build the stands April 1 for the upcoming Olympic Games on the Champ-de-Mars just beside the Eiffel Tower, in Paris. Olympics organizers say they'll continue to adapt and adjust sustainability plans as they go. **THOMAS PADILLA/AP**

emissions to 1.58 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent for the July 26-Aug. 11 Games and Paralympics that follow. That's still a lot of pollution — equal to that of about 1.3 million economy passengers flying one way from New York to Paris on Boeing 787 jets, according to myclimate, a climate and sustainability consultancy.

It's a lot less, however, than the footprint of previous Games.

Organizers say they're thinking about the Games' future, not just the planet's. Fewer cities are volunteering to spend billions on infrastructure that sometimes falls into disuse. Paris and the next host, Los Angeles in 2028, were the only cities left in the race when picked in 2017. For organizers, hosting less-wasteful Games is key, along with including more inclusive, youth-oriented events such as skateboarding.

Paris is under additional

pressure to be a sustainable model: The city hosted the 2015 U.N. climate talks that resulted in the Paris Agreement, the most significant international climate accord to date. Delegates agreed the world should limit average global temperature rise to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit above that of the 1850s, and ideally cap it at 2.7 degrees — a goal looking increasingly unattainable.

Independent experts say Paris appears to be decarbonizing in the systematic ways businesses do: Calculate total emissions, then start cutting, including myriad small CO2 savings that add up significantly. Organizers targeted reductions across three categories: construction, transportation and operations.

"They seem to be taking a very thoughtful approach," said Adam Braun of Clarasight, which builds carbon-planning software for companies. "They are

trying to do something that is indicative of how many organizations will be holding themselves accountable."

The biggest break from previous Games is in construction. Organizers say 95% of facilities are existing or will be temporary. Two new structures were deemed unavoidable: The Olympic Village, to house athletes and later become housing and office space, and the aquatics center in Paris' disadvantaged northern suburbs.

Using wood, low-carbon concrete and salvaged materials helped reduce emissions by 30% compared with traditional methods, Grenon said.

Reductions in operations include food. The average meal in France — restaurant- or home-prepared — produces about 4.4 pounds of CO2, said Philipp Würz, the Games' catering head. Paris aims to halve that by

sourcing 80% of ingredients locally, cutting transport emissions and offering spectators 60% plant-based foods.

Winning minds as well as taste buds could take work.

"Locally grown food, and supporting local farmers, are beautiful things," tennis player Victoria Azarenka said. But "when people are doing these big gestures, I'm not fully convinced of the impact."

Another emissions-savings source is energy. Energy will represent only 1% of emissions, organizers said. They intend to use 100% renewable power from wind and solar farms, plus solar panels on some venues.

Stadiums and temporary venues will get power from the grid instead of diesel generators, which produce a lot of CO2. Giant electrical plugs at venues will remain post-Games, removing the need for generators at future events.

Reducing transportation-related emissions is arguably Paris' biggest challenge. Tourism officials expect 15.3 million visitors for the Olympics and Paralympics, including 1.9 million from outside France, with at least 850,000 taking long-haul flights.

In Paris, there are low-carbon transport options — cycling routes, Metro trains, buses and other public transit — to all venues.

But the inability to control how people get to the Olympics, or any big event, raises questions about whether humanity can afford such get-togethers at the cost of further climate damage.

In a statement, organizers said the Games presented "a unique opportunity to encourage partner businesses to adopt more responsible practices."

For emissions it can't cut, Paris plans to compensate — a practice called offsetting. Planting trees, for example, could help take CO2 out of the atmosphere that the Games put in. But offset markets aren't well regulated, and investigations by news organizations have found some projects to be fraudulent while others miscalculated the quantity of emissions captured.

Organizers say they'll continue to adapt sustainability plans as they go, including those in Tahiti. The metal judging tower, which replaced the aging wooden one Tahiti previously used to host surfing competitions, was scaled back in size in response to concerns about environmental harm, organizers say. Finished earlier this year, the tower will be dismantled after the Games. It will be erected and used again when Teahupo'o holds world surfing events.

"We say that sustainability is a collective sport," Grenon said. "Will everything be perfect? No, right? We cannot say that. We're still working very, very hard to go as far as we can."



A painting depicting China's 1989 pro-democracy crackdown in Beijing's Tiananmen Square is shown May 30 at a playhouse in London. **KIN CHEUNG/AP**

Overseas communities keep Tiananmen memories alive

By Kanis Leung and Tian Macleod Ji
Associated Press

HONG KONG — As the 35th anniversary of Beijing's Tiananmen Square crackdown neared, Rowena He, a prominent scholar of that bloody chapter of modern China's history, was busy flying between the United States, Britain and Canada to give a series of talks. Each was aimed at speaking out for those who cannot.

The 1989 crackdown — in which government troops opened fire on student-led pro-democracy ralliers, resulting in hundreds, if not thousands, dead — remains a taboo subject in mainland China. In Hong Kong, once a beacon of commemorative freedom, the massive June 4 annual vigil that mourned the victims for decades has vanished, a casualty of the city's clampdown on dissidents since huge anti-government protests in 2019.

She was still reeling from the loss of her academic position after Hong Kong authorities rejected her visa renewal last year, widely seen as a sign of the financial hub's decline in intellectual freedom. Despite

the exhausting schedule of talks, the former protester in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou in 1989 viewed this as her duty.

"We cannot light the candles in Hong Kong anymore. So we would light it everywhere, globally," He said.

As Beijing's toughened political stance effectively extinguished any large-scale commemorations within its borders, overseas commemorative events have grown increasingly crucial for preserving memories of the Tiananmen crackdown. Over the past few years, a growing number of talks, rallies, exhibitions and plays on the subject have emerged in the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia and Taiwan.

These activities foster hope and counteract the aggressive efforts to erase reminders of the crackdown, particularly those seen in Hong Kong. In 2021, the city's police charged three leaders of the group that organized the vigil with subversion, citing a 2020 sweeping national security law that has all but wiped out public dissent. Later, the group voted to disband.

Tiananmen-related statues were also removed from universities.

Last week, under a new, home-grown security law, Hong Kong police arrested seven people on suspicion of alleged sedition over their posting of social media content about commemorating the Tiananmen crackdown.

On Tuesday, the park that used to hold the vigil will be occupied by a carnival held by pro-Beijing groups.

To preserve memories of the event, a museum dedicated to the Tiananmen crackdown opened last June in New York. A blood-stained shirt and a tent used by student protesters are among the exhibits.

A similar museum operated by vigil organizers was shuttered in Hong Kong in 2021.

Its board chair, Wang Dan, said overseas memorial events are crucial because mainland Chinese and Hong Kongers can see overseas memorial activities online: "It can have an effect in mainland China because young people there all know how to use VPNs to circumvent internet censorship."

Fauci pushes back on GOP attacks in US House hearing

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert until leaving the government in 2022, was back before Congress on Monday, calling "simply preposterous" Republican allegations that he'd tried to cover up origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A GOP-led subcommittee has spent over a year probing the nation's response to the pandemic and whether U.S.-funded research in China may have played any role in how it started — yet found no evidence linking Fauci to wrongdoing.

He'd already been grilled behind closed doors, for 14 hours over two days in January. But Monday, Fauci testified voluntarily in public and on camera at a hearing that quickly deteriorated into partisan attacks.

Republicans repeated unproven accusations against the longtime National Institutes of Health scientist while Democrats apologized for Congress besmirching his name and bemoaned a missed opportunity to prepare for the next scary outbreak.

"He is not a comic book super villain," said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., saying the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic had failed to prove a list of damaging allegations.

Fauci was the public face of the government's early COVID-19 response under then-President Donald Trump and later as an adviser to President Joe Biden. A trusted voice to millions, he also was the target of partisan anger and choked up Monday as he recalled death threats and other harassment of himself and his family, threats he said still continue.

The main issue: Many scientists believe the virus



Former public health official Dr. Anthony Fauci testifies Monday to the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic in Washington. **MARIAM ZUHAIB/AP**

most likely emerged in nature and jumped from animals to people, probably at a wildlife market in Wuhan, the city in China where the outbreak began. There's no new scientific information supporting that the virus might instead have leaked from a laboratory. A U.S. intelligence analysis says there's insufficient evidence to prove either way — and a recent Associated Press investigation found the Chinese government froze critical efforts to trace the source of the virus.

Fauci has long said publicly that he was open to both theories, but that there's more evidence supporting COVID-19's natural origins, the way other deadly viruses including coronavirus cousins SARS and MERS jumped into people. It was a position he repeated Monday as Republican lawmakers questioned if he worked behind-the-scenes to squelch the lab-leak theory.

"I have repeatedly stated that I have a completely open mind to either possibility and that if definitive evidence becomes available to validate or refute either theory, I will readily accept it," Fauci said.

Republicans also have accused Fauci of lying to Congress in denying that his agency funded "gain of function" research — the practicing of enhancing

a virus in a lab to study its potential real-world impact — at a lab in Wuhan.

The definition of "gain of function" covers general research and especially risky experiments to "enhance" the ability of potentially pandemic pathogens to spread or cause severe disease in humans. Fauci stressed that he was using the risky experiment definition, saying "it would be molecularly impossible" for the bat viruses studied with EcoHealth's funds to be turned into the virus that caused the pandemic.

The House panel also blasted health measures taken to slow spread of the virus before vaccines helped allow a return to normalcy. Ordering people to stay 6 feet apart meant many businesses, schools and churches couldn't stay open, and subcommittee chairman Rep. Brad Wenstrup, R-Ohio, called it a "burdensome" and arbitrary rule, noting that in his prior closed-door testimony Fauci had acknowledged it wasn't scientifically backed.

Fauci responded Monday that the 6-foot distancing wasn't his guideline but one by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before scientists had learned that the new virus was airborne, not spread simply by droplets emitted at a certain distance.

Baseless allegations a Trump staple

But analysis shows
amping doubts now
campaign backbone

By Karen Yourish
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The New York Times

Former President Donald Trump has baselessly and publicly cast doubt about the fairness of the 2024 election about once a day, on average, since he announced his candidacy for president, according to an analysis by The New York Times.

Although the tactic is familiar — Trump raised the specter of a “rigged” election in the 2016 and 2020 cycles too — his attempts to undermine the 2024 contest are a significant escalation.

Trump’s refusal to accept the results of the 2020 election had historic consequences. The “Big Lie” — Trump’s false claim that the election was stolen from him — led to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and two of four criminal indictments against him, as well as his second impeachment.

But Trump had planted seeds of doubt among his followers long before Election Day, essentially setting up a no-lose future for himself: Either he would prevail, or the election would be rigged.

He has never given up that framing, which no evidence supports, even well after the end of his presidency. And as he seeks to return to the White House, the same claim has become the backbone of his campaign.

Long before announcing his candidacy, Trump and his supporters had been falsely claiming that President Joe Biden was “weaponizing” the Justice Department to target him. But it took until March 2023 for Trump to settle on a new accusation: that the multiple legal challenges related to Trump’s business and political activities constituted a



Supporters of then-President Donald Trump protest in Phoenix on Nov. 5, 2020, two days after Election Day. ADRIANA ZEHBRAUSKAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

“new way of cheating” in order to “interfere” in the 2024 election. He has made versions of that accusation more than 350 times.

“This is a rigged deal, just as the 2020 election was rigged, and we can’t let them get away with it,” Trump said on Nov. 18, 2022, three days after announcing his 2024 candidacy. His comments were in response to Attorney General Merrick Garland’s appointment of a special counsel to supervise the Justice Department’s criminal investigations related to the events leading up to the Jan. 6 riot and Trump’s decision to keep classified documents at his Florida resort.

By last summer, Trump had honed the language and made it a staple of his stump speech: “They rigged the presidential election of

2020, and we’re not going to allow them to rig the presidential election of 2024.”

The Times has documented more than 500 campaign events, social media posts and interviews during the 2024 cycle in which Trump falsely accused Democrats or others of trying to “rig,” “cheat,” “steal” or otherwise “influence” the next election — or of having done so in 2020.

Trump has adapted the specifics of his accusations with each of the three election cycles. But in each case, his pattern of discourse has followed the same contours. He sows doubt about the legitimacy of the election, and then begins to capitalize on that doubt by alluding to not necessarily accepting the election results — unless, of course, he wins.

This rhetorical strategy —

heads I win, tails you cheated — is a beloved one for Trump that predates even his time as a presidential candidate. He called the Emmy Awards “a con game” after his television show “The Apprentice” failed to win in 2004 and 2005. And before he officially became the Republican presidential nominee in 2016, he began to float the possibility that the primary contest was, as he said, “rigged and boss controlled.”

By May of that year, Trump spoke plainly about why he had stashed the argument away. “You’ve been hearing me say it’s a rigged system,” he said, “but now I don’t say it anymore because I won.”

Late that summer, with his sights set on the November general election, Trump tested out a new line,

contending that “the media” was “rigging” the election in favor of Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee. His assertions intensified in October after a recording surfaced of him speaking in vulgar terms about women.

“I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election — if I win,” Trump said at a rally in 2016, three weeks before Election Day. And although he would end up winning the Electoral College and the presidency, his failure to secure the popular vote led him to form a Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity to “prove” that rampant voter fraud was to blame.

The COVID-19 pandemic gave him a new rallying cry, centered on election integrity: Mail-in ballots were “dangerous,” “fraught with

fraud” and were being used to “steal” and “rig” the election, he said.

About six weeks before Election Day in 2020, Trump refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power: “We want to make sure that the election is honest, and I’m not sure that it can be.”

This time, it was half a year before Election Day 2024 — and after more than a year of pushing the “election interference” line about the criminal charges against him and repeatedly warning that Democrats are “cheating” — that Trump again placed conditions on his acceptance of election results.

“If everything’s honest, I’ll gladly accept the results,” he said in a May 1 interview with The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. “If it’s not, you have to fight for the right of the country.”

NEWS BRIEFING

SKorea plans to curb peace deal with North over recent outbursts

From news services

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea announced Monday that it will suspend a rapprochement deal with North Korea to punish it over its launches of trash-carrying balloons, even after the North said it would halt its balloon campaign.

Over several days, North Korea flew hundreds of balloons to drop trash and manure on South Korea in an angry reaction to previous South Korean civilian leafletting campaigns. On Sunday, South Korea said it would take “unbearable” retaliatory steps in response, before North Korea abruptly said it would stop flying balloons across the border.

On Monday, South Korea’s presidential national security council said it has decided to suspend a 2018 inter-Korean agreement, aimed at easing frontline animosities, until mutual trust between the Koreas is restored, according to the presidential office.

The security council said the suspension would allow South Korea to resume military drills near the border with North Korea and take effective, immediate responses to provocations by North Korea. It said a proposal on the suspension will be introduced at the Cabinet Council on Tuesday for approval.

Observers say South Korea needs the deal’s suspension to restart blasting anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts, K-pop songs and outside news from border loudspeakers. They say such broadcasts have previously stung in the rigidly controlled North, where most of its 26 million people are not allowed official accesses to foreign news.

The 2018 agreement, reached during a brief period of reconciliation

between then-liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, require the Koreas to cease all hostile acts against each other, including propaganda broadcasts and leafletting campaigns.

But the accord doesn’t clearly state that civilian leafletting should also be banned. That has allowed South Korean activists to continue to fly balloons to drop anti-Pyongyang leaflets, USB sticks with South Korean dramas and world news, and U.S. dollars in North Korea. Enraged over such leafletting campaigns, North Korea previously fired at incoming balloons and destroyed a South Korean-built, unoccupied inter-Korean liaison office in the North.

The 2018 deal has already been in the danger of collapsing. Tension spiked after North Korea’s spy satellite launch last November prompted both Koreas to take steps in breach of the accord — South Korea resuming frontline aerial surveillance and North Korea restoring border guard posts.

Experts say North Korea’s balloon campaign is meant to trigger a divide in South Korea over its conservative government’s tough policy on the North.

Since 2022, North Korea has dramatically ramped up its weapons tests in what analysts call an attempt to bolster its nuclear capability and increase its leverage in diplomacy with the U.S.

Castration legislation: A person found guilty of a sex crime against a child in Louisiana could soon be ordered to undergo surgical castration, in addition to prison time.

Louisiana lawmakers gave final approval to the bill Monday that would



Pallets of potable water: After two water main breaks, Atlanta firefighters unload bottled water Monday to distribute to residents at a fire station in the city’s Midtown neighborhood. A swath of the city remained under an order to boil water before drinking. One pipe was fixed Saturday, and the other geyser was halted around sunrise Monday. JEFF AMY/AP

allow judges the option to sentence someone to surgical castration after the person has been convicted of certain aggravated sex crimes — including rape, incest and molestation — against a child under 13.

A handful of states — including California, Florida and Texas — have laws allowing for chemical castration as a punishment. In some of those states, offenders can opt for the procedure. The National Conference of State Legislatures said it is unaware of any states that allow judges to impose surgical castration outright.

For more than 16 years, judges in Louisiana have been allowed to order those convicted of such crimes to receive chemical castration — though that punishment is rarely issued.

The bill received overwhelming approval in both of the GOP-dominated chambers. Votes against the bill mainly came from Democrats, but a Democratic lawmaker wrote the

measure. The legislation heads to conservative Gov. Jeff Landry.

Farage to run: Pro-Brexit, anti-immigration campaigner Nigel Farage stepped back into front-line British politics Monday, announcing that he will take the helm of the right-wing party Reform U.K. and run for Parliament in the July 4 election. This will be his eighth attempt to win a seat in the House of Commons. His previous tries all failed.

The announcement, a headache for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, came days after Farage said he would not be a candidate because it was more important to support his ally Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential election in November.

Georgia passes ‘Russian law’: The speaker of Georgia’s parliament on Monday said he signed into law a measure that has drawn weeks of protests by critics who say it will curb media freedom and jeopardize the

country’s chances of joining the European Union.

Speaker Shalva Papuashvili acted after the legislature overrode a veto of the bill by President Salome Zourabichvili.

The measure requires media, nongovernmental organizations and other nonprofit groups to register as “pursuing the interests of a foreign power” if they receive more than 20% of their funding from abroad.

Opponents denounce it as “the Russian law” because it resembles measures pushed by the Kremlin to limit independent news media, nonprofits and activists.

Cash dropped for juror: A juror was dismissed Monday after reporting that a woman dropped a bag of \$120,000 in cash at her home and offered her more money if she would vote to acquit seven people charged with stealing more than \$40 million from a program to feed children during the pandemic.

Prosecutors said the money went for luxury cars,

jewelry, travel and property.

Before allowing the trial to continue with more closing arguments Monday, U.S. District Judge Nancy Brasel questioned the remaining 17 jurors and alternates, and none reported any unauthorized contact. Brasel sequestered the jury as a precaution.

Russian sabotage plots: Poland has arrested 18 people over the past six months on various allegations of pursuing hostile activities or planning sabotage on behalf of Russia and neighboring Belarus, and at least one was involved in an alleged plot to assassinate Ukraine’s president, the interior minister said Monday. Polish, Belarusian and Ukrainian nationals are among those arrested, according to Internal Security Agency communiques.

Separately, a Ukrainian and a Belarusian man went on trial on charges of having been members of a Russian espionage ring preparing railway sabotage in Poland.

ARTS & LIVING



Singer Paul Robeson confers with accompanist Helen Thierry before singing to delegates of the Congress of Partisans of Peace on April 20, 1949, at the Salle Pleyel in Paris. **JEAN-JACQUES LEVY/AP**

LARGER THAN LIFE

‘Man of the People’ celebrates Paul Robeson, an unsung giant



Rick Kogan

Fame fades. Names and accomplishments, no matter how large and striking, can become buried in history’s dust, reduced to but a whisper, if that, across the years.

“Paul Robeson is an under-appreciated giant of the 20th century,” says Lasana Kazembe, assistant professor of education at Indiana University in Indianapolis, a performer, poet, and the co-creator of the new “Paul Robeson: Man of



An overflow crowd on Sept. 23, 1949, is unable to gain entrance to Baker’s Hall on Chicago’s Near North Side during a concert appearance by Robeson. **PAUL CANNON/AP**

the People,” a new jazz poetry opera. “There is a learning gap concerning Mr. Robeson. There is a lot of work I, we, have to do to bring his story to a new generation and to remind older generations about this man.” This show premieres here

on Friday but was seeded long before, when Kazembe was growing up in the Englewood neighborhood and attending Paul Robeson High School. “So, yes, I knew the name but it was not until I began college that I started to dig deeply into the life of this

remarkable man,” he says. As he traveled the academic road to a doctorate, he would learn plenty. Born April 9, 1898, Robeson was the son of a runaway slave who had become a minister. He became an All-America football player at Rutgers University, where he won a dozen varsity letters and was the school’s valedictorian; he played professional football in what would become the NFL; was a lawyer after attending Columbia Law School; spoke and sang in 20 languages; and became, thanks to innate acting ability and his rich bass-baritone voice, a world-renowned singer and actor, most famous for his Harlem Renaissance roles in Eugene O’Neill’s “The Emperor Jones” and “All God’s Chillun Got Wings” and in the stage and screen version of “Showboat,” in which he unforgettably, definitively sang “Ol’ Man River”; he recorded 300-some songs, and on and on. The lofty term “Renaissance man” seems wildly insufficient.

Robeson was a towering figure and was also “brave enough to speak out, becoming a pioneering voice in the struggle against racism and social injustice,” says Kazembe. But Robeson’s international activism made him a target. He raised money for Welsh miners, lobbied the federal government to integrate major league baseball and pass antilynching legislation. He supported the Republican cause during the Spanish Civil War and voiced support for the Stalinist Soviet Union. The FBI began to dog him and in time he was branded as a public enemy, a Soviet apologist. He would be blacklisted, his reputation eroded. As a stark monetary example, in 1947, he made \$100,000 as a performer. Five years later that income was diminished to \$6,000. From 1950 to 1958, his passport was revoked and work was limited. He had previously performed in large venues — at Comiskey Park and in Orchestra Hall — but was, in

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REVIEW ‘STOKELY: THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION’ ★★★

An unfinished story of an uncompromising radical

Kelley’s biographical play delves into the journey of activist Stokely Carmichael, both the man and the fighter for change

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

The activist Stokely Carmichael played a major role in both the civil rights movement and the Black Power movement, something that could not said about either Martin Luther King Jr., or Malcolm X. Thus although less famous than those two men, Carmichael’s biography, involving as it does time spent with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Black Panther Party, offers a unique linkage between those iconic pillars. That, I think, is what

is most interesting about Nambi E. Kelley’s “Stokely: The Unfinished Revolution” and also the most, dramaturgically unfinished. Kelley’s admiring and promising new biographical play, which premiered Sunday night at Chicago’s Court Theatre, spends most of its 90 minutes looking at Carmichael’s childhood in Trinidad and Tobago, his youth in Harlem and his education at Howard University, extrapolating from the frequent bitterness of those formative years the potency of his later activism. His epic young

life certainly offers Kelley a lot of material: Carmichael was imprisoned (and brutally so) in Mississippi following the 1961 Freedom Rides when he was only 19 years old and still a college freshman. By the time he was in his mid-20s, he was being demonized by the white power structure (and some establishment Blacks) with a force that arguably exceeded any other figure from that era. Few Black Americans in history have been used to terrify white people in the way that the likes of Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan used Carmichael. As Kelley portrays him, Carmichael (later Kwame Ture) felt abandoned by his mother and determined to separate from a father with

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Melanie Brezill, Kelvin Roston Jr., Anthony Irons and Dee Dee Batteast in “Stokely: The Unfinished Revolution” at Court Theatre. **MICHAEL BROSILOW**

CELEBRITIES

Douglas pays visit to southern Israel

From news services

Actor Michael Douglas on Sunday paid a solidarity visit to an Israeli kibbutz that was hit hard in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that sparked Israel's war against the Islamic militant group.

Douglas met with members of Kibbutz Be'eri and visited burned-out homes destroyed in the Oct. 7 attack. Be'eri was among the hardest hit communities, with roughly 100 people killed and 30 others taken hostage.

Douglas said he met families of hostages and visited the scene of a music party where over 300 people were killed.

He also met with Israel's president, Isaac Herzog, who presented the actor with an Israeli dog tag necklace and small pin of a yellow ribbon — symbols of solidarity with the dozens of hostages who remain in Hamas captivity.

"It's a very difficult time. You sense the deep shock of this whole experience," Douglas said, expressing hope that the hostages would be released soon.

Douglas is the latest in a line of American celebrities and politicians who have visited Israel and toured the southern area near the Gaza border since Oct. 7.

Lopez cancels summer tour: Jennifer Lopez has canceled her 2024 North American tour, representatives for Live Nation confirmed.

"Jennifer is taking time off to be with her children, family and close friends," they said in a statement.

The tour was to be her first in five years, in support of her latest album, "This Is Me... Now" and its companion film.

The tour was scheduled to kick off on June 26 in Orlando, Florida, and conclude in Houston on Aug. 31. Live Nation



Michael Douglas has visited an Israeli kibbutz that was hit hard in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack. MIKE COPPOLA/GETTY 2023

shared that attendees who purchased tickets through Ticketmaster will be automatically refunded.

Lopez offered her own statement to fans on her OntheJLo website and newsletter, writing, "I am completely heartsick and devastated about letting you down. Please know that I wouldn't do this if I didn't feel that it was absolutely necessary."

She continued: "I promise I will make it up to you and we will all be together again. I love you all so much. Until next time..."

A person close to Lopez confirmed that sales were not a factor in the cancellation decision.

The news comes amid reports that Lopez and her husband, Oscar winner Ben Affleck, who wed in 2022, are struggling in their marriage and believed to be living apart. Neither Lopez nor Affleck has publicly commented about reports of a split.

Lauper announces farewell tour: Cyndi Lauper is embarking on her three-month farewell tour this fall, the pop-music legend announced Monday.

The "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" and "Time After Time" singer will kick off her final tour Oct. 18 in Montreal and wrap up Dec. 5 in Chicago. The 23-date tour will hit major cities across the United States. Special guests joining Lauper will be announced later.

The general ticket sales begin Friday.

June 4 birthdays: Actor Bruce Dern is 88. Singer Michelle Phillips is 80. Actor Parker Stevenson is 72. Actor Keith David is 68. Singer El DeBarge is 63. Actor Julie White is 63. Actor Scott Wolf is 56. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 55. Actor Noah Wyle is 53. Actor Russell Brand is 49. Actor Angelina Jolie is 49. Model Bar Refaelli is 39.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Adult child concerned about depressed mom

Dear Amy: My 83-year-old widowed mother is depressed, and I don't know how to help.

She refuses to see a therapist and sees drugs as a crutch. She has always been a very private person, is generally distrustful of doctors, and would never let down her shields to a stranger.

I have told her that I am not a therapist, but she has lately begun to confide in me about things that, even as an adult, I shouldn't be hearing.

Depression runs in the family. I have seen a therapist in the past and am on medication, so I understand and empathize, but it's getting to the point where I dread seeing her, and yet I know that I'm her only lifeline.

How do I help her?
— *Worried*

Dear Worried: People sometimes start to reveal long-repressed or suppressed trauma very late in life, when — for a variety of reasons (medical, emotional, and cognitive) — their defenses are down. Studies of WWII survivors have shown that the strong and stoic "Greatest Generation" have experienced nightmares, remembered traumatic events and suffered from depression very late in life.

Quoting from one study: "In aging individuals, the classical symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) may not be manifest, yet considerable distress may occur in the face of re-awakened memories of traumatic experiences."

Therapy helps. Medication helps. And yet many

elders are resistant to the idea of treatment in the ways your mother is.

My first suggestion is that you should resume in-person (or telehealth) therapy right away, in order to process this burden, which is a trigger for you.

I urge you to seek healthy ways to be open and present for your mother, while resisting the temptation to try to provide answers or your own brand of therapy for her.

Being in the moment with her is a special and challenging kind of witnessing. You stroke her hand. You say, "Mom, I'm so sorry. I'm so very sorry." You sit quietly, and if you're able, you stay quietly in the moment with her, letting her speak.

I wonder if you might be able to urge your mother toward treatment by asking her if she would consider doing this "for" or with you.

Dear Amy: I got married (at 30) to a man who had two children. The girl was 7, the boy was 2.

We were together for 16 years before divorcing, and although I have a close bond to the now 53-year-old former step-daughter, I have never been successful in having a bond with the son.

Now, 30 years after my divorce from his father, I received an invitation to his daughter's high school graduation party. I am flummoxed and am unsure about how to respond to this gesture. I do not know this young woman and have never been included in their lives. Should I just send a nice card?

— *On the Fence*

Dear On the Fence: Yes, just send a nice card. There is never a downside to sending a nice card.

The graduate's aunt (the former step-daughter you've stayed close to) might have encouraged her brother and his daughter to make an effort to get to know you a little bit.

Some people might accuse this girl of "trolling for gifts," but my theory is that the high school graduation celebration is often the first party young people have inviting privileges to which includes a wider circle than their immediate friends.

Dear Amy: "Sad Future Bride" had no men in her life to walk her down the aisle and her mother didn't want to do it either.

My niece was recently wed. She was an older bride marrying for the second time, and I was pleased to see their processional. She entered alone, moving slowly down the aisle with her eyes on her groom who waited for her at the half-way point. There they joined hands and continued together to the front.

I thought about the symbolism of their entry: two people alone, meeting halfway, and traveling the rest of the way together. Sounds like the definition of a marriage, doesn't it?
— *Wedding Witness*

Dear Witness: This is great. I hope it catches on.

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different ambitions for his son. She clearly sees her subject as a force of nature and, in the actor Anthony Irons, she has an ideal partner.

Irons has distinguished himself as a Chicago actor for years but this is perhaps the best work of his career here (and I've seen plenty of it). Building on the idea of a pressurized young activist, the actor's body never is still for a second as the political energy galvanizing Carmichael's brain extends out, it feels, to the tips of his fingers and edges of his toes. Irons always is a present-tense actor, a performer who lives in the moment and makes you feel like anything can happen, an ideal quality for a play about the past, especially one with only a small cast. Irons is very ably supported by an exceptionally experienced ensemble, including Kelvin Roston Jr., superb as King, Wandachristine as May Charles (Carmichael's mother), Dee Dee Batteast and Melanie Brezill, an actress who invariably brings emotional resonance.

The show is superbly directed, too. Not only does Tasia A. Jones keep the short scenes moving on Yeaji Kim's sculpted set, she fuses one to the other

with palpable ease, rarely resorting to blackouts and never wasting a moment.

Carmichael moved to Guinea in 1969 and rejected the Panthers on the grounds that they formed alliances with white radicals. For the final decades of his relatively short life (he died from prostate cancer in 1998, claiming at the time that the FBI had given it to him), Kwame Ture devoted himself to the pan-African movement and the All-African People's Revolutionary Party. Inevitably, perhaps, he became drawn into sectarian controversy, and he was widely criticized for staying silent as the president of Guinea, Ahmed Sékou Touré, militarized his socialist ideals and executed political rivals. Carmichael was uncompromising in his Marxism and was an ally of Fidel Castro. He was said to always answer the phone with "Ready for the Revolution!"

That's a lot for a 90-minute play and you certainly can't fault Kelley from mostly staying out of the tricky decades in Guinea. That said, the piece needs a sharper authorial point of view, given the reams of biographical information easily available about Carmichael. The most interesting question to my mind is whether Carmichael was ahead of his time; many of his ideas

have moved now into the mainstream progressive movement, especially when it comes to big city mayors.

Most Americans understand the differences in the philosophies of King and Malcom X; Carmichael, arguably, started out like King, became more like Malcom X, and then became yet more internationalist and radical. Aside from "Hell no, we won't go," one of Carmichael's more famous, and more reductive, remarks was "In order for nonviolence to work, your opponent must have a conscience. The United States has none."

So what's a fair assessment of Carmichael's legacy now, especially given that Touré was also not known for his conscience? I think the key to Kelley's piece as she moves forward is to show us more of the how and why he changed, and whether that really was for the good of the planet and its warring souls, not to mention for Carmichael himself.

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When: Through June 16
Where: Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.
Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Tickets: \$56-\$88 at 773-753-4472 or courttheatre.org



Melanie Brezill, Kelvin Roston Jr., Dee Dee Batteast, Wandachristine and Anthony Irons in "Stokely: The Unfinished Revolution" at Court Theatre. MICHAEL BROSILOW

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time, relegated to small churches, factories and ballrooms, many on our South Side.

Still he never stopped speaking out but even during the height of the civil rights movement his perceived "anti-American" sentiments made him persona non grata, as organizations such as the NAACP never embraced him. His health and spirit would eventually break and he would die in 1976,

with Harry Belafonte among his 12 pallbearers.

There are a number of fine books that chronicle Robeson's life. I am partial to Martin Duberman's biography. Kazembe has read that and many others — and knows why educator and civil rights leader Mary McLeod Bethune famously referred to Robeson as "the tallest tree in our forest."

"I have written about iconic figures before," Kazambe says. "But this was likely the most gifted man of his time."

The show had its world premiere with a

performance Friday at The Cabaret in Indianapolis, where Kazembe recently finished a two-year stay as its artist-in-residence. Though there had been talks about perhaps having a performance at the Apollo Theater in New York City, schedules never meshed but Kazembe is excited to bring it to his hometown.

Kazembe spent more than three years crafting the six movements of the production. "It has 44 musical concepts," he says. "Eight new poems and five new songs."

Last year he sent his libretto to Ernest Dawkins, the esteemed Chicago saxophonist/composer and founder/director of the Englewood Jazz Festival (now in its 25th year), which he sees as "a training ground for young musicians. ... That's one of our missions: Mentor young musicians into professional musician status."

Dawkins was impressed with Kazembe's work and said, playfully, "Just leave the music to me."

And so, what is expected to be a two-hour long

("no intermission," says Kazembe) multimedia show will take place at Hamilton Park District. Kazembe and Dawkins will perform, as will vocalist Goldie Ingram and a 10 piece orchestra, embellished by hundreds of projected images, silent video of Robeson and other creative elements.

Admission is free, with no reservations or tickets required.

And if you are curious, Hamilton Park is named for Alexander Hamilton, a wildly talented human whose life and times

blasted into the country's consciousness with the immensely popular musical "Hamilton." There is also a Hamilton elementary school on the North Side.

Paul Robeson High School, by the way, closed and was demolished in 2018.

"Paul Robeson: Man of the People" is 6 p.m. June 7 in the Fieldhouse at Hamilton Park District, 513 W. 72nd St.; free, www.choosechicago.com

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What to watch TUESDAY

June 4, 2024

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Clipped

Hulu ■ New Series

Few sports scandals have reached the level of public outrage as former Clippers owner Donald Sterling and the leaked audio recordings from his personal assistant and mistress, V. Stiviano, did. Based on the hit ESPN 30 for 30 podcast *The Sterling Affairs*, this new limited series brings to life everything that went on behind the scenes during one of the most outrageous and infamous scandals of the century, which happened to coincide with the long-deemed “cursed” Clippers’ best season. Starring Ed O’Neill as Sterling, Laurence Fishburne as coach Doc Rivers and Cleopatra Coleman as Stiviano.

Let the Canary Sing

Paramount+

This film from award-winning documentarian Alison Ellwood explores the remarkable life, career and cultural impact of musician Cyndi Lauper. According to Lauper, “Over the years I’ve been asked to do a documentary about my life and work, but it never felt like the



‘Star Wars: The Acolyte’

CHRISTIAN BLACK

right time. Until now. When I first met Alison Ellwood, I knew right away I could trust her to tell my story honestly, ... and she succeeded at that.”

MLB Baseball: Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees

TBS, 6 p.m. Live

Ryan Jeffers and the Minnesota Twins face Juan Soto and the Yankees in the Bronx, New York, for Game 1 of a three-game series.

Beat Shazam

FOX, 7 p.m.

Teams of teachers play the musical guessing game to take home the \$1 million prize in the new episode “School’s Out!”

America’s Got Talent

NBC, 7 p.m.

In tonight’s two-hour episode, the auditions continue as variety acts featuring contestants of all ages try for the chance to win \$1 million. There are more Golden Buzzers than ever before, each sending one lucky act directly to the live shows to compete for America’s vote.

Star Wars: The Acolyte

Disney+, available beginning at 8 p.m. ■ New Series

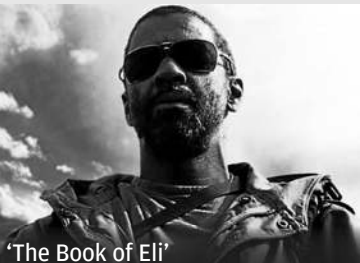
This latest live-action entry in the *Star Wars* franchise is set during the final days of the High Republic era (approximately 100 years before the events of the 1999 feature film *Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace*). An investigation into a shocking crime spree pits respected Jedi Master Sol (Lee Jung-jae) against Mae (Amandla Stenberg), a former Padawan learner from his past who is now a dangerous warrior. As more clues emerge, they travel down a dark path where sinister forces reveal that all is not what it seems. Manny Jacinto, Dafne Keen, Jodie Turner-Smith and Carrie-Anne Moss are also among the cast. The first two episodes drop this evening.

Password

NBC, 9 p.m.

Celebrity guest Johnny Knoxville and Jimmy Fallon pair up with contestants and face off over two games. Players from each team guess secret passwords using only one-word clues for a chance to win up to \$25,000.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



EVERETT COLLECTION

Big Lies in a Small Town (2022, Suspense) Rhonda Dent, Kristina Paras **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Black Widow (2021, Action) Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh **FX, 6 p.m.**

Field Day (2023, Romance-comedy) Rachel Boston, Benjamin Ayres **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Escape Room: Tournament of Champions (2021, Horror) Taylor Russell, Logan Miller **SYFY, 6:30 p.m.**

Juice (1992, Crime drama) Omar Epps, Tupac Shakur **VH1, 6:30 p.m.**

Her Deadly Night in Paris (2023, Suspense) Shifra Zuckerman, Charly Dô **LMN, 7 p.m.**

The Dark Knight Rises (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer **AMC, 7 p.m.**

The Fast and the Furious (2001, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker **E!, 7:30 p.m.**

Two Tickets to Paradise (2022, Romance-comedy) Ashley Williams, Ryan Paevey **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

The Venice Murders (2023, Suspense) Sophie Hopkins, Darcy Grey **LMN, 9 p.m.**

The Book of Eli (2010, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman **AMC, 10 p.m.**

The Meg (2018, Science fiction) Jason Statham, Li Bingbing **TNT, 10:30 p.m.**

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TV Q&A What’s ‘Jeopardy!’ policy for sitting?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: I noticed the recent “Jeopardy!” winner Grant DeYoung was using a stool. I’m wondering why, since in all my years of viewing “Jeopardy!” I have only seen this now.

A: Apparently there is a long-standing, low-key policy that the show allows seats. The show posted on the social media platform X that “the option to sit is available to all our players!” — no questions asked. DeYoung is one of several contestants of late to use a seat; he reportedly wanted it because of back arthritis that made it hard to stand for extended periods.

Q: “Yellowstone” used to air after “60 Minutes” a few months back. Will it continue sometime?

A: The Western drama is produced for the Paramount Network (not to be confused with Paramount+). Its corporate sibling, CBS, ran episodes of “Yellowstone” to fill time when most of its regular shows were shut down by the industry strikes. There have been four-and-a-half seasons of the series so far, all available for streaming on Peacock. Production on the second half of the fifth season has begun, with telecasts coming in November on Paramount Network. It appears that star Kevin Costner is not a part of the remaining Season 5 episodes, due to an array of production conflicts, among them Costner’s work on “Horizon: An American Saga.” That multipart movie epic will have its first installment in theaters in late June.

Q: Stephanie Kurtzuba has played a police captain on “Blue Bloods.” However, I am positive she played a sergeant a few seasons before that (back when Jamie had made sergeant



Ken Jennings hosts “Jeopardy!,” which has a policy that allows players to sit during the show. JEOPARDY PRODUCTIONS INC.

also). Am I crazy?

A: You are not. Kurtzuba first played police Sgt. Paula McNichols back in 2019 and in more recent seasons has been playing the promoted Capt. McNichols. By the way, “Blue Bloods” will be back this fall with the remaining episodes of its final season. Those of you who have told me about your dismay about its ending (or at the cancellation of CBS’ “So Help Me Todd”) can tell the network at cbs.com/showfeedback.

Q: I remember a black-and-white film I would guess from the early ’70s or perhaps ’60s. The storyline centered on a somewhat impoverished young boy, maybe 8 to 10 years old, living in the projects. The young boy has occasionally been bullied by neighbor kids but befriends a stray cat. It had a scene I have never forgotten. What is the name of it?

A: You remembered a touching film called “J.T.,” starring Kevin Hooks. (I won’t spoil the scene you remembered for people just discovering the film.) It originally aired in December 1969 as part of “CBS Children’s Hour” and became a holiday mainstay for many. One place you can find it now is YouTube. Hooks went

on to star in the movie “Sounder” and the series “The White Shadow,” among other productions, and became a successful director, including of a “Sounder” remake.

Q: Are any of the Kenny Rogers “Gambler” movies available? I remember one where TV Western stars showed up. But nobody seems to be streaming these.

A: There are five “Gambler” movies that aired from 1980 to 1994: “The Gambler” (also known as “Kenny Rogers as the Gambler”), “Kenny Rogers as the Gambler: The Adventure Continues,” “Kenny Rogers as the Gambler Part III: The Legend Continues,” “The Gambler Returns: The Luck of the Draw” and “Gambler V: Playing for Keeps.” “Luck of the Draw” was the one featuring a host of old Western stars. Two of the streamers listing all five are Peacock and Tubi. Some were two-part presentations, with each part listed separately.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (June 4): This year energizes your heart. Your career flowers with steady discipline. Adjust around summertime team transitions, before winning an autumn professional prize. Collaborating to resolve winter challenges leads to a sweet domestic springtime with family.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Funding could arise from unexpected sources. Check with your network for interesting opportunities. Share what you want.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Enjoy yourself. All work and no play makes a person dull. Mix it up. Dress to impress and go have fun with someone interesting.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Find a private place for planning and organization. You're especially imaginative. Write your ideas. Sketch and note the possibilities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Teamwork can make magic. Put your heads together to solve a problem. Work it out patiently. Discover unexpected solutions. Together, you're unbeatable.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Your work is gaining attention. Polish your presentation before sharing. Take changes in stride. Adapt gracefully. With communication and care, gain a professional prize.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Seek out solutions to a challenging puzzle. Explore your options. Test your ideas before launching in public. You're gaining wisdom with each discovery.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Collaboration can reap golden rewards. Work together to take advantage of an unexpected opportunity. Luck reveals a valuable prize, ripe for the plucking.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Discuss common passions, interests and commitments. Invent fun possibilities with your partner and develop them into reality. Persuade with sweet enticements. Collaboration flowers.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Physical action gets satisfying results. Your work is gaining respect. Practice your moves. Score extra points with a natural connection.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Prioritize fun, romance and playfulness. Grab a spontaneous opportunity to reconnect with someone interesting. Learn from children. Savor your favorite flavors, games, sports and arts.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Enjoy domestic comforts and beautification projects. Work from your favorite chair. Rearrange the furniture. Cook homemade treats and share the delicious results with family.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Great ideas spark like wildfire. Take note! You're especially creative. Advance communication projects. Talk about what you love.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn
(Argyle Sweater is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this panel from 2018.)



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

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

The opening heart lead went to East's ace and East returned the four of hearts to the 10, jack, and nine. West found the best continuation of the king of hearts. South was not concerned about an over-ruff, but he saw that there would be no good continuation if he ruffed low in dummy. Should he continue with the ace and another spade, the defense could win and lead a club. There would be no way to get out of dummy and he

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♥

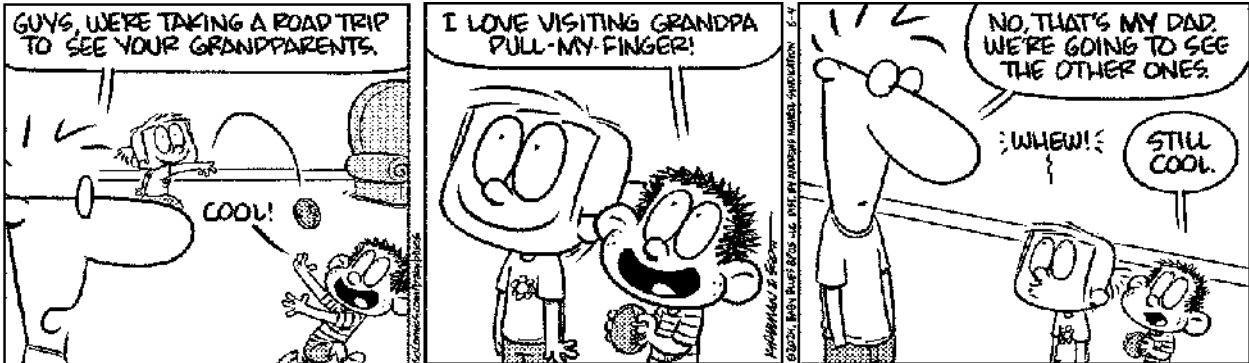
would have to give the defense a diamond trick for down one. South had to assume that the diamond king was inside. South ruffed the third round of hearts with dummy's ace and continued with a low spade to his queen as East ducked his king. A second spade would again leave him vulnerable to a club lead from the defense, so he was forced to take the diamond finesse right away. He led the queen of diamonds and ran it when West played low. It would not have helped West to cover the queen. South now led a second spade. East won with the king and led a club to dummy's ace, but South cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, felling the king from West and setting up the suit. He could safely draw the last trump and claim his contract. Nicely done!

— Bob Jones
Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson



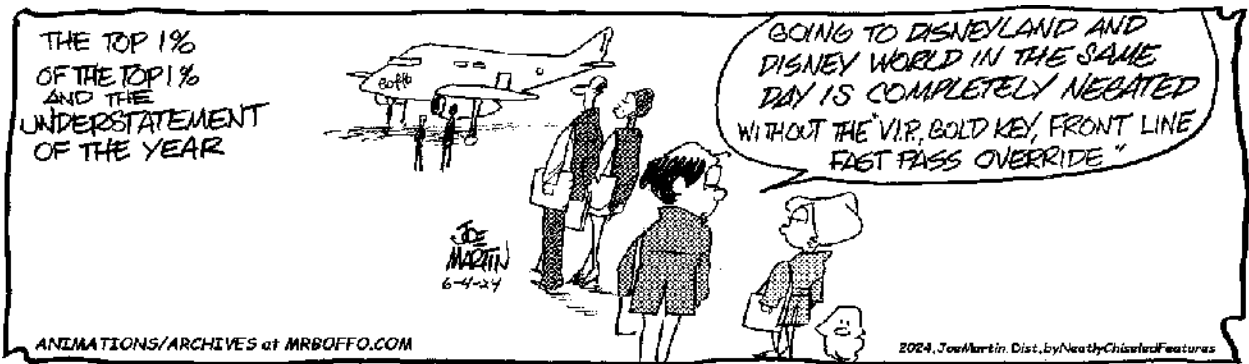
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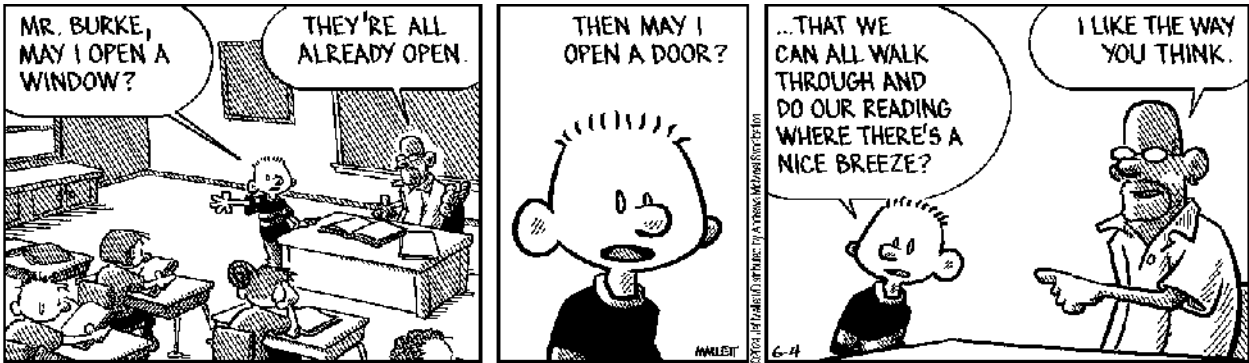
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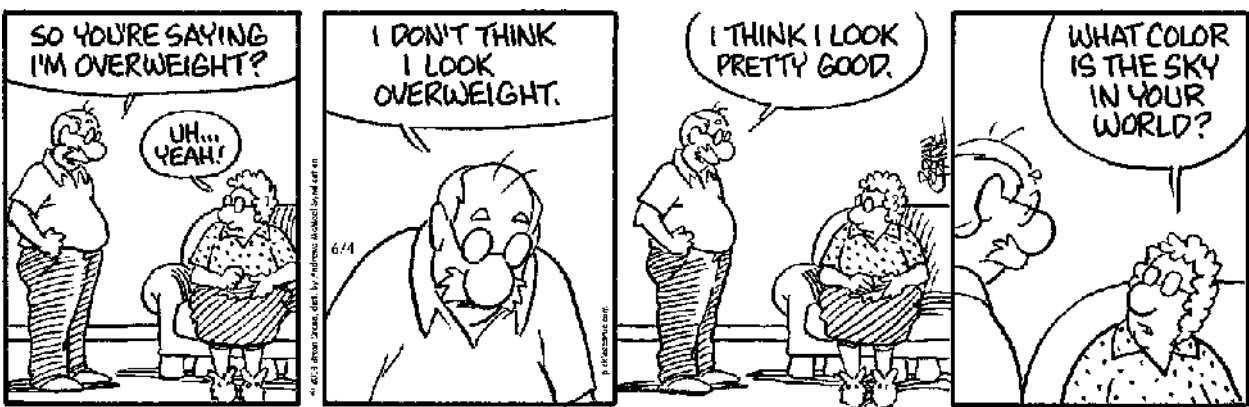
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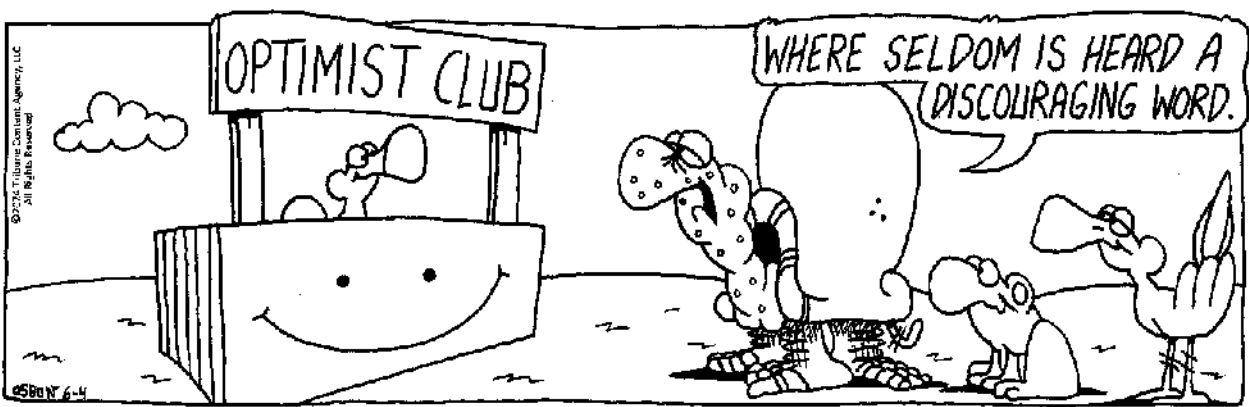
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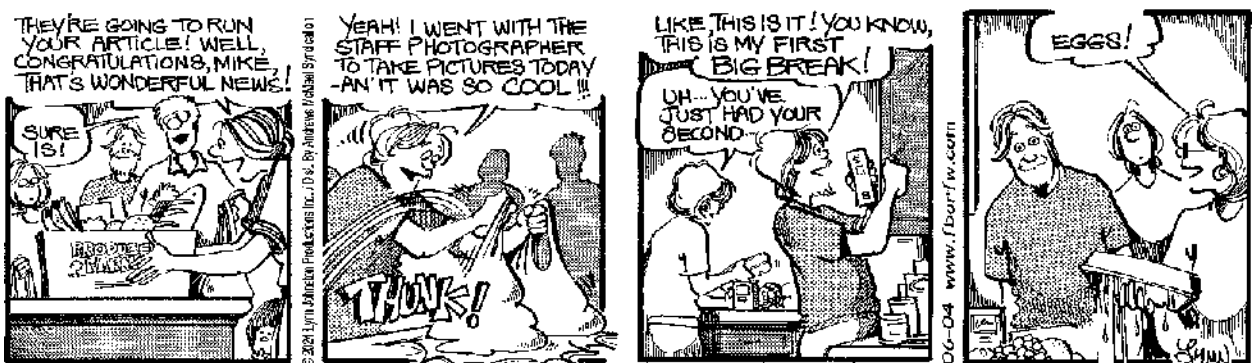
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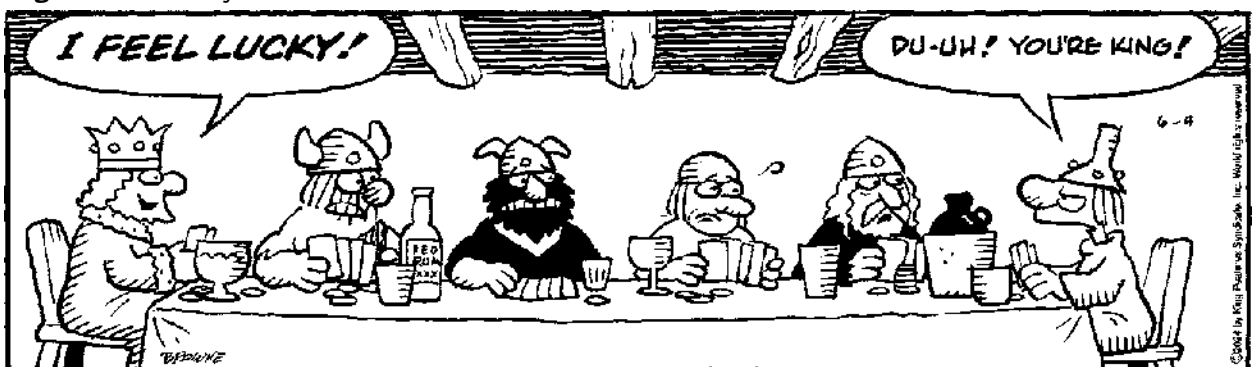
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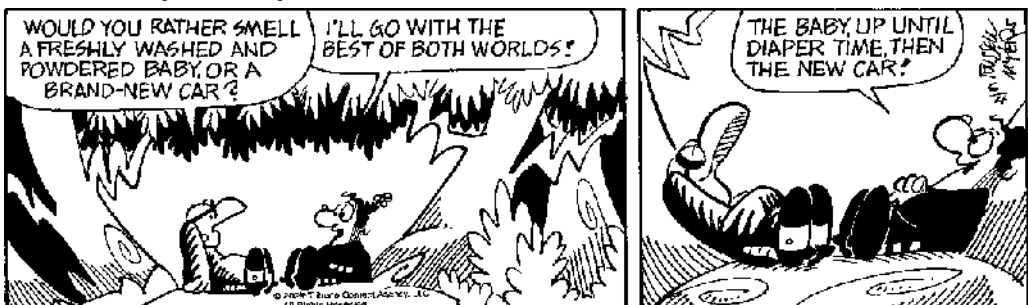
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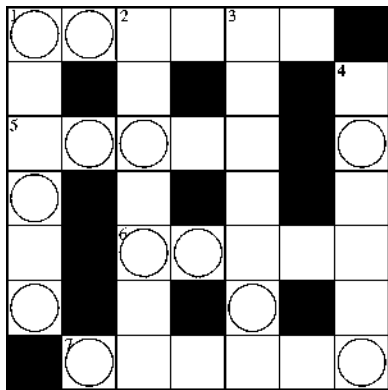
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- A) Ashcan School
B) Cubism
C) CoBrA
D) Hudson River School

Monday's answer: Robert Fulton.

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Jumble Crossword



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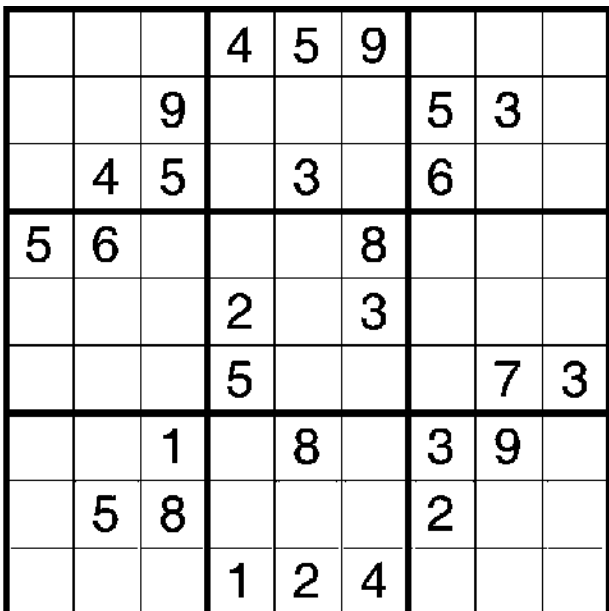
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By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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5	3	6	9	1	8	7	2	4
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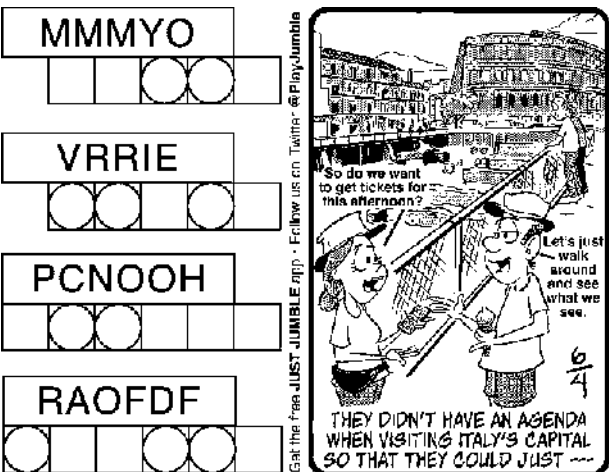
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Monday's solutions

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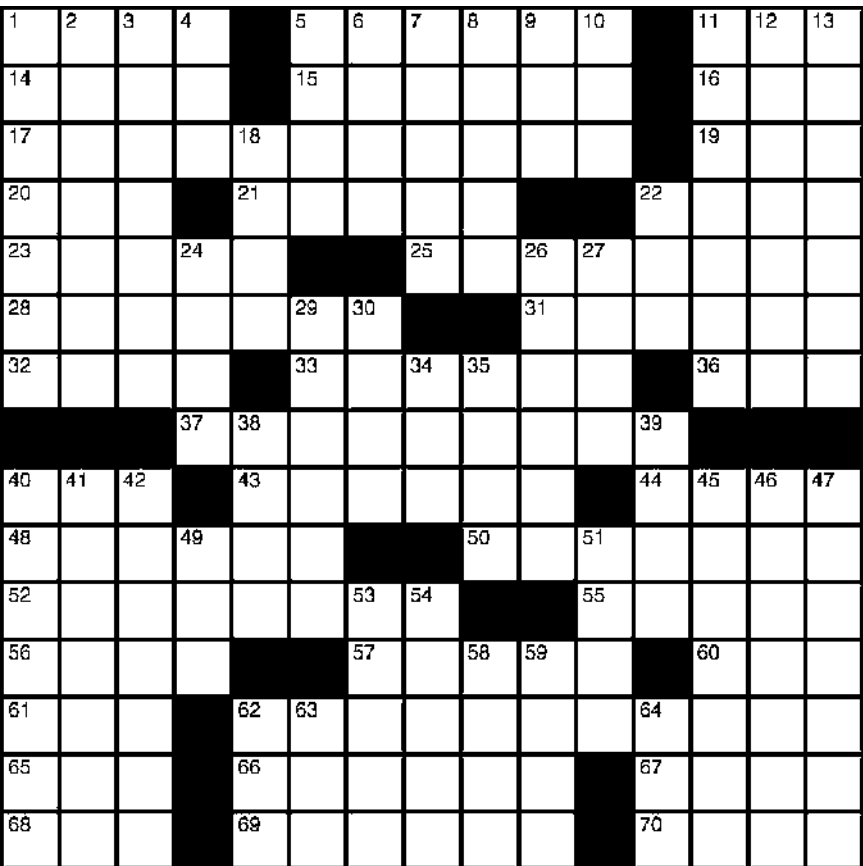
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Jumbles: GUPPY JOIST UNWISE EIGHTY
Answer: The young canine campers were having fun setting up their — PUP TENTS

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Pool or polo
5 Groups of troops
11 Understood, as a joke
14 Persian Gulf country that borders Armenia
15 Noggin
16 NPR host Shapiro
17 Vegetable patch pest
19 "Mm-hmm"
20 Lawyer's org.
21 Unwilling (to)
22 Band bookings
23 Native Costa Ricans, informally
25 Feline who lives indoors
28 Anthem heard in Nova Scotia
31 Olympic gymnast
32 Vanity Fair publisher
33 Tooth's outer layer
36 Neither's partner
37 Workplace companion

Monday's solution



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- 40 Cable network with many reruns
43 "Good enough"
44 Job inspection org.
48 Baltimore ballplayer
50 Walked stealthily
52 New York City rodent that went viral in 2015
55 Mixes
56 School support orgs.
57 Coral producer
60 Combat sport, briefly
61 Ad-: improvise
62 Really fun person, or an apt descriptor of 17-, 25-, 37-, and 52-Across?
65 Subj. for some new immigrants
66 Zoo section with birds
67 Actress Russo
68 —/her pronouns
69 Prime-time soap opera set in Texas
70 Commotions

Down

- 1 Unit of explosive force
2 Coffee bean variety
3 Seed-filled percussion pair
4 Stop
5 — Domini
6 Civil rights activist
7 Calendar viewing option
8 Washington neighbor
9 Former quarterback
10 Salt, in French
11 Judy Garland or Cher

- 12 Herb in Italian seasoning
13 Bettor's adviser
18 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
22 Precious stone
24 Not fooled by
26 Applied to
27 Storage tower
29 More adroit
30 Deep blue dye
34 Off-torn knee pt.
35 Rx items
38 Seoul-based athleisure brand
39 Billy —
40 Brings down
41 "The Great — Baking Show"
42 Quite large
45 Read quickly
46 Spanish brother
47 Revenue source for magazines
49 Parts of lbs.
51 "SportsCenter" network
53 Earth Day time
54 Add up to
58 Harp-shaped constellation
59 Celebratory shouts
62 Cushion
63 Filmmaker DuVernay
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Cubs shortstop Dansby Swanson throws his helmet after striking out during the first inning against the Marlins at Wrigley Field on April 21. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CITY SERIES WHITE SOX AT CUBS

Hole story: Dig-out time

A brief history of the rivalry, from ‘bitter dregs’ to booing Jordan



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

The Cubs and White Sox begin the battle for the Cross-town Cup on Tuesday night at Wrigley Field, renewing a rivalry that started in 1906.

From the first intracity World Series to the A.J. Pierzynski-Michael Barrett fight to Eloy Jiménez’s game-winning home run at Wrigley, it has been one long, strange trip.

Here’s a CliffsNotes version of some of the key moments of the last 118 years:

1906: In the first and last World Series between the teams, the Sox club nicknamed the “Hitless Wonders” prevailed 8-3 in Game 6 to clinch a 4-2 series victory.

“With the game one-sided from the start and almost a hope-

less battle for the Nationals, the contest would have been robbed of its interest to a neutral,” the Tribune reported. “But there were no neutrals among the 20,000 baseball-mad spectators. Realizing only the most unexpected of events could rob their heroes of the hard fought for honors, the thousands whose sympathies were with the Sox turned the affair into a jubilee of noise. ... Nothing like it ever before was seen on a baseball field. To the losers were the bitter dregs of unexpected defeat.”

Or, as Sox broadcaster John Schriffen might say after a rare win: “Taste the bitter dregs of unexpected defeat, losers.”

1922: After the final game of the annual Cubs-Sox exhibition series, safe-blowers broke into the Comiskey Park offices and cracked open a safe in search of \$28,871 in gate receipts, according to the Tribune.

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Michael Jordan reacts after hitting a two-run double during the Windy City Classic against the Cubs at Wrigley Field in 1994. VAL MAZZENGA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CITY SERIES
White Sox at Cubs
Wrigley Field
Tuesday: Chris Flexen (2-5, 5.50) vs. Shota Imanaga (5-1, 1.86)
Wednesday: Erick Fedde (4-1, 3.12) vs. Jameson Taillon (3-2, 2.84)
■ Both games 7:05 p.m., NBCSCH/Marquee

As Cubs’ struggles continue, these 3 players need to step up

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

1B Michael Busch

The Chicago Cubs learned the hard way last year how challenging it can be to overcome a bad extended stretch and still make the postseason.

Just like in 2023, the Cubs finished May going 10-18 in the month, and after dropping their sixth consecutive series following the Cincinnati Reds taking two of three games over the weekend at Wrigley Field. They need to quickly turn things around before digging another hole they spend the rest of the season recovering from.

For a veteran-filled team in manager Craig Counsell’s first year at the helm, the Cubs should be better than the 29-31 record they take into Tuesday’s series opener against the White Sox. The Cubs, who have lost eight of their last 10 games, own a minus-12 run differential this season despite how well their starting pitchers have performed. They need the offense to get going, namely a few players in particular.

A scorching three weeks to start the season, which featured five consecutive games with a home run, are still largely buoying Michael Busch’s overall season numbers.

When taking a closer look at his performance, Busch’s offensive production has cratered in the last six weeks. In his last 36 games, Busch is batting .186 with a .298 on-base percentage and .314 slugging percentage. He’s tallied seven extra-base hits in that span while posting a 38% K%. Busch showed how having another dynamic lefty slugger in the lineup can enhance the Cubs’ offense, and he displayed tantalizing upside to begin the season.

But with center fielder Pete Crow-Armstrong back up and manager Craig Counsell expected to find him more playing time this season than during his first stint in the majors, and with Cody Bellinger’s versatility, those at-bats will in part come from Busch’s

Turn to Cubs, Page 3

MEDIA

Bulls, Blackhawks, White Sox sign on to new TV home



Bulls TV announcers Stacey King, left, and Adam Amin broadcast a playoff game in 2022 in Milwaukee. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox have a new broadcast home for their next seasons with Monday’s announcement that the Chicago Sports Network will launch in October.

The network said in a news release that all three teams’ games will be available through “traditional cable providers, streaming services and free, over-the-air broadcast” and “will reach a widely expanded Midwest footprint, including most of Illinois and parts of Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin, pending league approvals.”

The network offered limited details in the wake of the announcement, and its owner-

ship now faces a short runway to get a new media company off the ground in time for the Bulls and Hawks seasons in the fall.

There are plenty of questions to answer before then. What type of auxiliary programming will be offered? What purchases — such as satellite antenna or cable subscription — would fans need to make in order to watch their teams? And who will be on the air as game commentators, pregame and postgame hosts and sideline talent?

Bulls broadcasters Adam Amin and Stacey King are expected to retain their roles for the 2024-25 season, while a source said on-air talent for the Hawks “is not yet confirmed.”

The Chicago Sports Network (CHSN) said it has begun the hiring process for staff and will






announce distribution and media agreements as they are finalized throughout the summer.

The network will be produced in partnership with Nashville, Tenn.-based Standard Media. Jason Coyle, formerly president of the Stadium network, was named CHSN president.

“As we set out to design the network, we began and ended every discussion with the simple question: What is best for our fans?” Coyle said in a statement. “What is the best approach to distribution? How can we push the limits of both in-game and studio production? We plan to serve our fans on as many platforms and in as many markets as our rights allow.”

The teams’ contract with NBC

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Team	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 CUBS	SOX 7:05 p.m. Marquee	SOX 7:05 p.m. Marquee	@CIN 6:10 p.m. Marquee	@CIN 6:10 p.m. Marquee	@CIN 3:10 p.m. Marquee
 WHITE SOX	@CUBS 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	@CUBS 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	BOS 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	BOS 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	BOS 3:10 p.m. NBCSCH
 SKY	NY 7 p.m. The U		@WAS 6 p.m. The U		ATL 4 p.m. CW-26
 FIRE					Next game June 15 @TOR
 RED STARS					BAY (at Wrigley) 6:30 p.m. Ion

BOYS TRACK

High and mighty: Reaching the top

Marshall's plan results in state title. And what about the celebratory flips? Just the spur of the moment.

By Rick Armstrong
Aurora Beacon-News

It's certainly no secret to West Aurora track coach Cortney Lamb. Plenty of good athletes walk the halls of the high school where he works on West New York Street. Achieving success often depends on convincing those athletes to come out for his sport.

A case in point?

Consider the journey of junior Kewon Marshall.

Sorry, make that Class 3A high jump state champion Kewon Marshall.

The 6-foot-1 Marshall last week-end cleared 6 feet, 8 ¼ inches on his second attempt to win the event at Eastern Illinois in Charleston.

That feat — and the Class 2A state titles won in the 400 and 800 by Aurora Central Catholic senior Patrick Hilby, a Wisconsin recruit — highlighted the area's perfor-

mances at O'Brien Field.

After the medal ceremony at midfield, Marshall celebrated by doing a series of flips that covered nearly the length of the football field.

"It was just the spur of the moment," Marshall said. "All the excitement hit once I got off the stand."

He had been joined there by teammate Terrence Smith, a 6-4 junior who took a sixth-place medal in the event by clearing 6-4 ¾.

Both high-flying athletes are also teammates for the Blackhawks in football and basketball.

"Terrence and I have been good friends since fourth grade playing travel basketball," Marshall said. "We always push each other beyond our limits. We know we're capable of doing so."

Marshall and Smith competed in track as freshmen, then opted

to focus on travel basketball during the spring as sophomores. But it's not like Lamb and his staff didn't know what they had.

"We battle AAU quite a bit in the spring," Lamb said. "Most of our athletes are multisport guys, and we try to work around AAU. Track is often the second or third sport for them."

"Kewon jumped in one or two meets for us freshman year and placed second to a state medalist at indoor conference. He was a natural."

It's why Lamb and his staff, which this spring included Paul Kieffer for the first time as an assistant for the high jump and pole vault, kept trying to sell the talented duo on the sport.

"Cortney knew I had high jumped in high school," said Kieffer, a longtime varsity basketball assistant. "Kevon and Terrence are both natural athletes. They just needed a little work on form."

Marshall opened the indoor season by winning conference with a personal-best jump of 6-10

¾, breaking the indoor meet and program record established by 2018 graduate Camron Donatlan, a three-sport athlete and two-time outdoor high jump state champion for West Aurora.

"I hate to keep comparing him to Cam, but there are similarities," Lamb said.

Marshall also qualified for state in the long jump but scratched from Friday's prelims in that event.

"Long jump is not his favorite thing, but he was being a team guy scoring points for us at the sectional," Lamb said. "He was focused on high jump at state."

Donatlan's 7-foot outdoor record still eludes Marshall.

"I can clear it if I get my form down correctly," Marshall said. "I've gotten close, just not close enough."

Early indoor success this past season inspired him.

"I realized I was going to be doing big things," Marshall said. "I've always had hops — got my first dunk in a game freshman year playing against Joliet West."

Next on his list? Earning all-conference in football and basketball.

Marshall caught 13 passes for 217 yards last season, including big-game catches against Yorkville and playoff opponent Edwardsville. He also saw spot duty at defensive end.

"He's one of those kids who could play in a lot of spots," West Aurora football coach Nate Eimer said. "A great athlete who should be even more involved this year."

In basketball, Marshall emerged early as a valuable sixth man, often sparking a team that graduated nine seniors with his energy.

"He can rebound, defend," West Aurora boys basketball coach Michael Fowler said. "He's an athlete who can finish at the rim. We want him on the floor and will need him every game."

There's definitely promise, especially after track season.

"Winning state has shown me that anything is possible," Marshall said. "But the only thing it changes for me is more recognition."



Marist's Ethan Kuziela (5) reacts in the first game against York during the state championship match Saturday at Hoffman Estates. BRIAN O'MAHONEY/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Higher voltage

Kuziela reaches new heights as Marist captures its first state title since 2019

By Jeff Vorva
Chicago Tribune

Marist's Ethan Kuziela is like a whole new person.

He opened last season at 5-foot-10 and backed up star right-side hitter/setter Christian Teresi. As a senior this year, Kuziela closed his high school career as a 6-foot-6 setter and right-side hitter.

And helped his team win a state championship.

"This feels pretty good," Kuziela said, beaming afterward. "After last year, I could only imagine playing in the front row and knocking the heck out of the ball. It's awesome."

The RedHawks put an exclamation point on their awesome season Saturday night, rolling past York 25-21, 28-26 in the boys volleyball state championship match at Hoffman Estates.

Kuziela, an Illinois Wesleyan recruit, tallied five kills, 13 assists, three digs and two block assists for Marist (39-2). Teresi, the Ohio State commit, added nine kills, 12 assists and four digs. Nathen Toth totaled six kills and five aces, Luke Brannigan had six kills and Rorey Donnelly had nine digs.

Jack Bute paced York (37-5) with eight kills and Ben Brown followed with seven.

It's the fourth state championship and the first since 2019 for Marist, which came in ranked No. 2 in the nation in the latest

USA Today/American Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

The RedHawks reached the final match of the season by defeating two-time defending state champion Glenbard West 28-26, 26-24 in a wild semifinal held earlier in the day.

Toth led with 16 kills. Teresi added eight kills and 17 assists. Kuziela had four kills and 17 assists.

Teresi already provided grace with his setting and power with his hitting. With newfound height, Kuziela developed similar skills, giving the team more problems for opponents to worry about.

"Ethan doesn't have a lot of hitting experience, but you would never guess that because his hitting is awesome," Toth said. "Having two setters who can hit — it's hard to defend against that."

Kuziela's growth spurt wasn't expected, but he's reached new heights with the extra height.

"Last year, I was too short to play right side, and this year, I was able to play it," he said. "The doctor said I would top out at 6-1 or 6-2, but I passed that. It's definitely been a big jump."

And there's supposedly some room to grow.

"The growth plates are still open, but I don't know," Kuziela said. "I personally think I'll stop growing, but maybe I can squeeze

maybe an inch or two more."

Marist coach Jordan Vidovic wasn't sure how Kuziela and his emerging frame would work out.

"It started to look like an option and we just rode with it," Vidovic said of letting Kuziela swing away.

"He had some tough conversations with me this year. I'll tell you, just on the mental end."

"I wish he had one more year so we could play together," Kuziela said. "But it didn't work out."

It also appears Marist is going to stay at No. 2 in the nation. Loyola won California's Division I championship in mid-May. Could a No. 1 ranking in the country be in the cards next year?

"Absolutely," Kuziela said. "With who is coming back, they don't need the seniors. They're all good."

Jeff Vorva is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.

GIRLS SOCCER

New Trier freshman saves the best for last

By Matt Le Cren
Chicago Tribune

New Trier freshman Annie Fowler is not like most goalkeepers.

Take penalty-kick shootouts, for example. They are the bane of many goalies.

"Personally, I love PKs," Fowler said. "I really love them."

She's also really good at them, as she demonstrated Saturday during the Class 3A state championship game at North Central College in Naperville.

After making 11 saves during 100 minutes of regulation and two over-times, Fowler stopped two of the last three PK shooters to help the Trevians edge St. Charles North 4-3. It was New Trier's seventh state championship under coach Jim Burnside, who broke the state record for career wins in a 1-0 supersectional victory over Lyons and has a 611-93-51 record.

Burnside has never had a freshman goalkeeper like Fowler.

"She has the poise," Burnside said. "She has the attitude. She's special that way."

The Trevians (25-2-4) won the shootout 5-4 in six rounds. The first three shooters for each team made their kicks, with Sybil Evans, Charlotte Dellin and Josie Noble connecting for New Trier, while St. Charles North (18-3-5) got tallies from Laney Stark, Kyra Treanor and Juliana Park.

New Trier's Addy Randall, who scored twice in regulation, then sent her shot off the crossbar. But Fowler responded by stopping Kayla Floyd without even leaving her feet. After New Trier's Honor Dold and St. Charles North's Kaitlin Glenn converted in the fifth round, the shootout was tied at 4-4, necessitating sudden death.

Eleni Kanellos made her kick to give the Trevians a 5-4 lead. Fowler then dove to her left to stop Chloe Kirsten to clinch the title, although Fowler didn't realize it until all of her teammates started sprinting toward her.

"I didn't know it was one (round)," Fowler said. "I thought we had to go through all five again, so I was a little caught off guard. I was like, 'Whoa,' and the adrenaline started pumping and we got the result we wanted."

Fowler's performance came as little surprise to her teammates, who have seen it time and again, just not in front of so many spectators.

"We call her our little monkey," New Trier's Clara Deliduka said. "She's just constantly insane just from her energy. When we're practicing PKs, she's saving all of them. You get up there and you're like, 'I don't want Annie to practice against me because I know she's going to save it.'"



New Trier goalkeeper Annie Fowler makes a save during the Class 3A state semifinal against Edwardsville in Naperville on Friday. TROY STOLT/PIONEER PRESS

How does Fowler do it?

"She just loves predicting, and I think (a shootout) is a great 1v1 situation for her," Deliduka said. "She's awesome with the 1v1s."

That's not the only thing that makes Fowler stand out. She's poised beyond her years, as she showed near the end of regulation after a controversial call went against her. The Trevians were clinging to a 2-1 lead when Fowler was called for carrying the ball.

The North Stars were awarded a rare indirect free kick in the penalty area just 10 yards in front of New Trier's net. With all 11 New Trier players lined up on the goal line, Floyd tapped the ball to Stark, who ripped a shot under the crossbar for her second goal of the game with 1:06 remaining.

The call mystified many in attendance.

"I had never seen it either," Fowler said. "They allowed it the last game. It was crazy. It was surprising, and it maybe brought down my spirits a little bit, but I have the best teammates in the world. They brought me up, and though maybe it wasn't the call we were looking for, my team was just excited we got to spend 20 more minutes with each other. That's how we kind of thought about it."

Burnside declined to comment about the call but did praise Fowler's maturity.

"She is a person who puts the last play behind her, and that is the greatest strength for a goalkeeper," Burnside said. "That's what she does."

The Trevians stay composed throughout a season that ended with a 19-game unbeaten streak, including wins in their final 10 matches. As good as players like Fowler were individually, no one took all of the credit for that success.

"I've played with a lot of great people, especially this group," Fowler said. "These defenders, I would trust them with my life."

WHITE SOX

Status of rehabbing Robert being evaluated

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — White Sox outfielder Oscar Colás got a good view of the progress Luis Robert Jr. has made during his rehab assignment.

“He looks ready,” Colás said through an interpreter Sunday morning at American Family Field, the day Colás returned to the Sox from Triple A. “I had the chance to play with him with Charlotte, and physically he looks good and from the injury he looks good too.”

Robert has played five games with the Knights as he works his way back from a right hip flexor strain.

“He’s done well,” Sox manager Pedro Grifol said Sunday morning.

“He went to get a couple of balls in the gap, too, that (Charlotte manager Justin Jirschele) said there was no hesitation, nothing.”

Grifol said Friday the Sox would reevaluate Robert’s status after the weekend. The team was off Monday and begins the Wrigley Field portion of the City Series on Tuesday.

When Robert headed to Charlotte last week, Grifol said he wanted “to make sure he’s 100% healthy and doing the things he’s capable of doing without any hesitation at all.”

Robert is 2-for-20 with one home run, three RBIs and three runs for the Knights after going 1-for-7 with one home run and one RBI in three games with the Arizona Complex League White Sox.

He went 0-for-5 with two strikeouts Friday against the Worcester Red Sox and 1-for-5 with two RBIs on Saturday. He played center field in both games. He went 0-for-3 with a run as the designated hitter Sunday.

Robert is 6-for-28 (.214) with two doubles, two home runs and four RBIs in seven games with the Sox this season. He last played for them on April 5, when he suffered the injury in the ninth inning while running the bases on a double. He went on the IL the next day.

The Sox lineup also is missing third baseman Yoán Moncada (left adductor strain), designated hitter Eloy Jiménez (left hamstring strain) and left fielder Andrew Benintendi (left Achilles tendinitis).



Luis Robert Jr. celebrates after hitting a home run against the Tigers on March 30 at Guaranteed Rate Field. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Cubs catcher Michael Barrett punches White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski after Pierzynski plowed into Barrett at home plate to score on May 20, 2006, at U.S. Cellular Field. **PHIL VELASQUEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Sullivan

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Sox traveling secretary Harry Grabinger “at first said the cracksmen got less than \$100,” the report said. “Later he admitted the amount stolen would reach \$1,000, and still later that it was ‘something more than \$2,000.’ He denied the entire receipts had been stolen.”

A photo accompanying the Tribune story showed Miss Lillian Casey, then secretary to Sox owner Charles Comiskey, sorting through files scattered on the floor by the alleged “bandits.” Casey was also my grandmother. I can only hope she was in on the heist.

1966: In a midseason charity game at Comiskey Park, Cubs manager Leo Durocher and Sox manager Eddie Stanky faced off for the first time in Chicago before a crowd of 47,064. The Sox won 5-4 on home runs by Pete Ward and Tommie Agee, but the Stanky-Durocher matchup was the highlight.

“Durocher went to the coaching lines in the Cubs sixth, and the Sox bench — at the given signal of Stanky — showered him with baseballs before the inning began,” the Tribune reported. “Leo retrieved four of them and threw them high into the seats. Sox General Manager Ed Short proclaimed: ‘He’ll get a bill for \$12.’”

Throwing baseballs at the opposing manager never should be condoned, though it certainly would add some spice to the first

Pedro Grifol-Craig Counsell matchup Tuesday.

1981: After a players strike interrupted the season, the Sox and Cubs marked the return to baseball on Aug. 7 with a 0-0 tie in an exhibition game at Comiskey. The Cubs won the next day’s exhibition at Wrigley in what was dubbed Mayor Byrne’s Charity Series. The Sox were held scoreless for the first 14 innings of the two games, in case anyone thought this year’s offense was lame.

Originally the teams considered playing in July at Soldier Field because neither Comiskey nor Wrigley could be used with the players on strike. The problem was the right-field fence would have been only 210 feet from the plate because the baseball field would have been shoehorned into the football stadium. The current Cubs and Sox lineups surely would benefit from a move into a shoehorned Soldier Field.

1994: For the first and maybe only time in Chicago, Michael Jordan was booed.

Jordan, then a Sox prospect on his way to start a new career at Double-A Birmingham, played for the Sox in an exhibition game at Wrigley. “I heard a lot of ‘rookie’ calls, but I was able to block that out,” Jordan said of Cubs fans’ reaction.

“This is just the sort of respectful reaction reserved for authentic baseball players in actual baseball games, not larking celebrities in a benefit social, so it must be considered a compliment,” Tribune columnist Bernie Lincicome wrote.

Jordan wound up with a single, a double, two RBIs and an error in a 4-4 tie. It was as close as he would come to playing on a major-league field.

1997: The teams’ first meeting since 1906 in games that actually mattered took place in June at new Comiskey Park when inter-league play began. According to the Tribune, WGN’s telecast of Game 1 with Sox announcers Ken Harrelson and Tom Paciorek was the station’s highest-rated Sox telecast of the season to date, up 136% over the season average. The Game 2 WGN telecast with Cubs announcers Harry Caray and Steve Stone was the highest-rated Cubs telecast of the season, 74% above the average.

Whether this week’s telecasts on Marquee Sports Network and NBC Sports Chicago can climb the ratings ladder with these two struggling teams is doubtful. The 15-45 Sox have lost 11 straight and are on pace for the worst record in modern major-league history. The 29-31 Cubs have lost 22 of 34 to fall two games under .500.

2006: The greatest moment in Cubs-Sox history occurred on May 20, 2006, at U.S. Cellular Field as Cubs catcher Barrett punched Pierzynski after a play at the plate to spark an all-out brawl.

“The way I look at it is, if I’m out walking down the street and somebody knocks me down and I get back up and he’s standing over me or coming back at me again, what are you going to do?” Barrett said two days later.

Nothing has come close to that

incident since, though the presence of Sox outfielder Tommy Pham suggests the Cubs might want to tread carefully. “I’ll never start anything but I’ll be prepared to finish it,” Pham said Sunday after being taunted by Milwaukee Brewers catcher William Contreras following a play at the plate.

“There’s a reason why I do all kinds of fighting in the offseason because I’m prepared to f— somebody up.”

Schiffen apparently is ready to jump in.

2019: The “Thanks, Cubs” game became a part of Cubs-Sox lore when former North Side prospect Jiménez cranked a two-run home run off Pedro Strop for a 3-1 Sox win at Wrigley. Sox broadcaster Jason Benetti’s home run call included the in-your-face phrase, “Thanks, Cubs,” a suggestion the Cubs had gifted the Sox a superstar in the 2017 trade that sent Jiménez and Dylan Cease to the South Side for José Quintana.

With the polarizing Schiffen having replaced Benetti and Jiménez on the injured list for the umpteenth time, an appropriate response from Cubs fans might now be: “You’re welcome.”

2024: The Hitless Wonders team that beat the Cubs in the 1906 World Series batted .230. Amazingly, the 2024 Cubs ranked 26th in the majors through Sunday with a .228 average, while the Sox were last at .214.

If the ‘06 World Series was the pinnacle of the 118-year-old rivalry, this year’s City Series could be considered the bitter dregs.

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playing time if the 26-year-old doesn’t get going. Busch has started only one of the last four games and was limited to two pinch-hit opportunities during the weekend series versus the Cincinnati Reds.

He enters the White Sox series having drawn a walk in five consecutive games, including both pinch-hit plate appearances, perhaps a sign he is starting to trend in the right direction. The Cubs need improved consistency from the rookie.

Catcher tandem

The Cubs came into the season with the type of veteran-to-youngster transition tandem behind the plate with Yan Gomes and Miguel Amaya.

The Cubs weren’t banking on Gomes, who turns 37 next month, to fully replicate last year’s 20 doubles, 10 home runs, 95 OPS+ and 63 RBIs, the latter of which were his most since 2014. Nor was the organization expecting Amaya in his first full big-league season to produce at an offensive level among the best at his position. But what the Cubs have been getting offensively from their two catchers is untenable regardless of an unfavorable Batting Average on Balls in Play (BABIP). Counsell has made clear they need more from Gomes (.154/.173/.244) and Amaya (.186/.252/.271).

At this point, even just “not great” would be a big upgrade over the black hole of production the Cubs are getting from that spot. Gomes’ and Amaya’s combined .478 OPS is ahead of only the White Sox’s catchers OPS this season; league average is .706 at the position. And within their lack of slugging, the duo have struggled to get on base with their combined .218 OBP, tied with the White Sox for 29th. Gomes has recorded just one walk in 81 plate appearances and owns a 39.5% K%.

Gomes and Amaya, who is out of minor-league options, have roughly a month to turn things around before the Cubs must pursue an outside upgrade at catcher.

SS Dansby Swanson

Bad luck is part of baseball and no one on the Cubs has been more negatively affected than third baseman Christopher Morel.

But Dansby Swanson is right behind him in that department, owning a .186 BABIP since May 1. He’s been hitting the ball too during this stretch, even while dealing with a knee injury that required him to go on the injured list. His 35.6% Hard Hit% is third on the Cubs dating to the start of last month behind only Morel and Ian Happ. Swanson needs to put the ball in the air more (24.4 FB% in his last 19 games), but it seems his plan at the plate is giving him chances to succeed.

Not deviating from what is allowing him to generate solid, though unlucky, contact, will be important in helping hits start to fall for Swanson.

Network

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Sports Chicago, which has held the rights for all three teams since 2004, is set to expire in October. NBCSCH will continue to air the remainder of the 2024 Sox season.

Launching a regional network is a common trend in professional

sports, with more than 30 teams from the New York Yankees to the Portland Trail Blazers starting their own standalone broadcast companies over the past two decades. Some attempts have been more successful than others: The then-Charlotte Bobcats gave up after a year, the Kansas City Royals never debuted their proposed network and the Houston Rockets

have floundered through several rocky trials.

The success of a franchise-affiliated regional network fluctuates depending upon market, accessibility and team success. The concept isn’t new in Chicago, where the Cubs serve as the cornerstone of Marquee Sports Network with additional broadcast offerings for the Sky, Red Stars

and regional programming such as the Chicago Hounds rugby team and local college and high school games.

CHSN could differ from Marquee in one key feature if the network follows through on Monday’s announcement: over-the-air (OTA) accessibility.

Viewers can access OTA broadcasts via a satellite antenna, elim-

inating the need for a cable or streaming subscription. Although CHSN’s announcement did not specify how many games might be offered OTA, it introduced the possibility for fans to access part of the Bulls, Hawks and Sox seasons without a subscription.

Tribune reporter Phil Thompson contributed.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	42	19	.689	—	—	8-2	W-5	18-8	24-11
Baltimore	38	20	.655	2½	+5½	8-2	W-1	21-12	17-8
Boston	30	30	.500	11½	3½	4-6	L-1	13-17	17-13
Tampa Bay	29	31	.483	12½	4½	4-6	W-1	17-18	12-13
Toronto	28	31	.475	13	5	5-5	L-1	14-14	14-17

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	39	20	.661	—	—	7-3	L-1	20-7	19-13
Kansas City	36	25	.590	4	+2	4-6	W-1	22-10	14-15
Minnesota	33	26	.559	6	—	7-3	W-1	16-13	17-13
Detroit	29	30	.492	10	4	6-4	W-1	14-15	15-15
Chicago	15	45	.250	24½	18½	0-10	L-11	10-21	5-24

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	34	27	.557	—	—	7-3	W-3	21-11	13-16
Texas	29	30	.492	4	4	5-5	W-2	14-13	15-17
Houston	26	34	.433	7½	7½	4-6	L-1	15-17	11-17
Oakland	24	37	.393	10	10	4-6	L-1	13-16	11-21
Los Angeles	21	38	.356	12	12	2-8	L-5	7-21	14-17

BOX SCORES

PHILADELPHIA 3, MILWAUKEE 1

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turang 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.298
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	1	.311
Alcides lf	4	0	1	0	2	.313
Nelames ss	4	0	0	0	2	.255
Frellick rf	3	0	0	0	1	.253
a-G.Sanchez ph1	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Hoskins dh	2	1	1	1	0	.243
Bausers 1b	2	1	1	0	1	.213
Ortiz 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.289
Perkins cf	3	0	2	0	1	.247
TOTALS	29	1	5	1	8	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	0	.234
Realmutto c	4	0	0	0	1	.267
Harper 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.271
Bohm 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.298
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.240
Castellanos rf	3	1	0	0	0	.612
Dahl lf	3	2	2	1	0	.267
Pache lf	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Sosa ss	3	0	1	1	0	.305
Rojas cf	3	0	2	1	0	.233
TOTALS	30	3	7	3	1	

a-lined out for Frellick in the 9th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 4, Philadelphia 4. **HR:** Hoskins (10), off Wheeler; Dahl (1), off B.Wilson. **RBIs:** Hoskins (28), Sosa (16), Rojas (19), Dahl (1), SS: Hoskins (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 2(Contreras 2); Philadelphia 1 (Schwarber). **RISP:** Milwaukee 2for 4; Philadelphia 2for 3. **Runners moved up:** Turang. **GIDP:** Contreras, Turang. **DP:** Philadelphia 2(Realmutto, Harper; Sosa, Stott, Harper).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Koenig	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.05
B.Wilson, L, 3-2	5½	6	3	3	1	1	3.35
Milner	1½	1	0	0	0	0	2.97

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler, W, 7-3	7	5	1	1	3	6	2.23
Hoffman, H, 8	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.01
Alvarado, S, 10-11	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.08

Pitches-Strikes: Koenig 5-5; Wilson 91-56; Milner 15-9; Wheeler 19-17; Hoffman 8-7; Alvarado 10-7. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Koenig 3-0; Wilson 12-6; Milner 2-1; Wheeler 7-4; Hoffman 1-0; Alvarado 0-0. **Batters Faced:** Koenig 3; Wilson 24; Milner 4; Wheeler 26; Hoffman 3; Alvarado 3. **Inherited runners-scored:** Milner 1-0. **Umpires:** HP, Sean Barber; 1B, Alan Porter; 2B, Ryan Blakney; 3B, Jim Wolf. **Time:** 2:10. **A:** 43,553(42,901).

PLAYER STATS, MAY 20204

HOME RUNS	G	HR	SLG
Aaron Judge	28	14	.918
José Ramirez	28	11	.686
Corey Seager	25	11	.660
Kyle Tucker	28	11	.598
Gunnar Henderson	26	8	.526
Josh Naylor	26	8	.454
Jo Adell	26	7	.389
Rafael Devers	28	7	.571
David Fry	21	7	.505
Bryce Harper	26	7	.583
Ryan Jeffers	25	7	.536
Shohei Ohtani	24	7	.591
Marcell Ozuna	27	7	.563
Juan Soto	28	7	.574
Giancarlo Stanton	24	7	.478

HITS	G	H	R	AVG
Luis Arráez	26	44	16	.389
Abraham Toro	28	39	19	.315
Maikel García	27	36	22	.305
Ezequiel Tovar	26	36	17	.308
Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	25	35	13	.357
Aaron Judge	28	35	28	.361
Bobby Witt Jr.	28	35	26	.315
William Contreras	28	34	19	.301
Anthony Volpe	28	34	19	.293

STOLEN BASES	G	SB	CS	OBP
Elly De La Cruz	27	14	2	.298
José Caballero	24	11	4	.333
Brenton Doyle	26	10	1	.343
Bryson Stott	25	9	0	.379
Shohei Ohtani	24	8	0	.385
David Hamilton	19	7	1	.393
Julio Rodríguez	29	7	2	.320
Jesse Winker	26	7	2	.313
Bobby Witt Jr.	28	7	2	.373

STRIKEOUTS	SO	ERA	G	BB
Dylan Cease	47	4.08	6	7
Chris Sale	45	0.56	5	2
Luis Gil	44	0.70	6	12
Seth Lugo	43	1.79	6	9
Tyler Glasnow	42	3.48	5	9
Jack Flaherty	40	2.84	5	5
Travis Kluwe	39	2.37	5	5
Zack Wheeler	39	2.72	6	12
Garrett Crochet	38	0.93	6	5
Shane Bieber	38	4.84	5	4

VICTORIES	W	L	ERA	BA
Luis Gil	6	0	0.70	.109
Seth Lugo	5	0	1.79	.188
Carlos Rodón	5	1	3.67	.233
Chris Sale	5	0	0.56	.193

SAVES	SV	IP	BF	SO/9
Emmanuel Clase	9	13.0	45	9.69
Johan Durán	8	13.0	55	8.31
Ryan Helsley	8	9.0	40	6.00

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS *through Sunday's games*
BATTING AVERAGE G AB H R AVG
Soto NYY 61 233 75 46 .322
Perez KC 59 216 68 24 .315
Witt KC 61 243 76 52 .313
Rutschman Bal 54 224 68 30 .304
Peña Hou 59 230 68 33 .296
Vierling Det 53 177 52 26 .294
Westburg Bal 53 198 58 30 .293
Guerrero Tor 58 223 65 26 .291
Paredes TB 56 206 60 24 .291
Mountcastle Bal 52 203 59 31 .291

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 21; K.Tucker, Houston, 19; Henderson, Baltimore, 19; Soto, New York, 17; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 16; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 15; Stanton, New York, 14; Seager, Texas, 13; A.García, Texas, 13; 3 tied at 12. **RBIs:** J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 57; Soto, New York, 53; Judge, New York, 47; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 42; Henderson, Baltimore, 42; Witt, Kansas City, 42; Perez, Kansas City, 41; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 40; A.García, Texas, 40; K.Tucker, Houston, 40. **Pitching:** Lugo, Kansas City, 9-1; Skubal, Detroit, 7-1; Gil, New York, 7-1; Rodón, New York, 7-2; Bello, Boston, 6-2; L.A.Ilen, Cleveland, 6-3; Bassitt, Toronto, 6-6; R.Blanco, Houston, 5-1; 5 tied at 5-2.

BALTIMORE 7, TORONTO 2

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	5	0	1	0	0	.267
Rutschman c	5	0	1	0	0	.301
Mountcastle 1b5	0	0	0	0	1	.284
O'Hearn dh	3	1	1	0	0	.270
Santander rf	4	2	2	2	1	.223
Westburg 3b-2b4	0	1	0	1	1	.292
Cowser cf	4	1	1	1	0	.236
Hays lf	4	2	2	3	1	.205
Norby 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.000
Urias 1b	1	1	1	1	0	.239
TOTALS	38	7	10	7	6	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schneider 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.245
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	1	.284
Guerrero 1b	1	2	1	0	0	.295
Vogelbach dh	4	0	1	0	1	.213
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	0	.236
Springer rf	4	1	2	0	1	.211
Varsho lf	3	0	1	1	0	.215
a-Clement ph	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Kiner-Falefa 3b4	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Kiermaier cf	3	0	0	0	2	.206
TOTALS	35	2	8	2	5	

a-popped out for Varsho in the 9th. **E:** Henderson (7), Bichette (6). **LOB:** Baltimore 5, Toronto 6. **2B:** Cowser (12), Henderson (7), Bichette (10), 3B: Varsho (3). **HR:** Santander (11), off Gausman; Hays (2), off Gausman; Urias (3), off Burr; Guerrero (6), off Rodriguez. **RBIs:** Santander 2(33), Cowser (26), Hays (39), Urias (6), Varsho (31), Guerrero (27), SB: Westburg (6), O'Hearn (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 3(Norby, Mountcastle, Cowser); Toronto 3(Kiner-Falefa 2, Schneider). **RISP:** Baltimore 1for 7; Toronto 0for 6. **Runners moved up:** Cowser. **GIDP:** Vogelbach. **DP:** Baltimore 1(Norby, Henderson, Mountcastle).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez, W, 6-2½	7	2	1	0	4	3	2.28
Cano, H, 14	1½	0	0	0	0	0	2.67
Akin	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.28

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman, L, 4-4	6½	6	6	6	1	3	4.60
Little	1	2	0	0	1	10.13	
Burr	1½	2	1	1	0	2	2.70

Inherited runners scored: Cano 2-0,
Burr 1-0.

Umpires: Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Tony Randazzo; Second, Alex Tosi; Third, Alex MacKay.

Time: 2:30. **A:** 23,842(39,150).

Inherited runners-scored: Cano 2-0, Burr 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Tony Randazzo; Second, Alex Tosi; Third, Alex MacKay. **Time:** 2:30. **A:** 23,842(39,150).

TEAM STATS BY PITCHING ROLE

STARTER	ERA	W	L	HR	K9	AVG
Philadelphia	2.74	30	10	33	9.04	.210
NY Yankees	2.78	29	12	40	9.01	.210
Kansas City	3.10	25	16	32	8.57	.228
Baltimore	3.12	22	11	31	8.83	.225
Boston	3.25	19	17	31	8.56	.226
LA Dodgers	3.33	26	14	37	8.79	.224
Seattle	3.39	22	22	46	8.32	.217
Texas	3.50	16	20	34	8.33	.231
Chi Cubs	3.55	13	15	36	8.53	.241
Pittsburgh	3.64	16	19	45	7.65	.244
Atlanta	3.64	20	14	28	8.92	.237
Detroit	3.71	13	18	37	8.88	.239
Washington	3.91	17	20	29	7.88	.259
Toronto	3.91	18	23	39	8.64	.260
Cincinnati	4.09	17	19	39	7.71	.246
San Diego	4.09	19	23	45	9.14	.242
Milwaukee	4.14	11	15	40	8.02	.251
Cleveland	4.24	21	15	48	8.48	.255
St. Louis	4.26	18	19	40	8.19	.254
Tampa Bay	4.38	12	19	45	8.65	.253
Arizona	4.43	16	20	35	7.73	.261
Minnesota	4.44	20	18	54	9.00	.255
San Francisco	4.47	15	20	33	8.01	.265
NY Mets	4.49	8	21	32	7.67	.237
LA Angels	4.52	14	29	42	8.24	.243
Houston	4.69	19	20	43	8.46	.249
Miami	4.83	12	25	36	8.22	.254
Oakland	4.95	13	28	38	6.99	.267
Chi Wh. Sox	5.21	11	29	49	8.55	.249
Colorado	5.29	10	25	40	6.13	.277

RELIEVER	ERA	W	L	HR	K9	AVG
Cleveland	2.42	18	5	11	9.75	.195
NY Yankees	2.87	13	7	15	8.06	.251
LA Dodgers	3.07	12	9	25	8.20	.207
Atlanta	3.14	13	10	21	8.47	.244
Oakland	3.42	11	9	19	8.90	.235
Milwaukee	3.46	25	8	28	8.64	.235
Minnesota	3.53	13	8	20	9.44	.222
Boston	3.57	11	13	21	8.92	.243
Seattle	3.62	12	5	17	9.33	.217
Philadelphia	3.64	11	9	15	9.69	.241
Baltimore	3.65	15	9	19	8.47	.213
Houston	3.66	7	14	23	8.93	.230
Cincinnati	3.72	9	14	23	9.52	.227
San Diego	3.75	13	7	23	8.73	.230
Washington	3.76	10	11	17	8.15	.239
St. Louis	3.80	10	10	23	8.85	.248
NY Mets	3.92	16	14	24	10.82	.232
Detroit	4.12	16	12	21	8.14	.234
Arizona	4.25	11	12	23	7.39	.256
Tampa Bay	4.26	17	12	33	8.25	.239
Miami	4.33	9	14	21	8.30	.249
Chi Wh. Sox	4.39	4	16	29	8.71	.250
San Francisco	4.42	11	17	27	9.40	.245
Pittsburgh	4.44	14	13	20	9.79	.232
Kansas City	4.44	11	9	16	9.61	.266
Chi Cubs	4.45	16	16	25	9.66	.240
Toronto	4.56	10	7	33	7.60	.242
Texas	4.79	13	10	24	9.10	.234
LA Angels	4.85	7	9	28	8.67	.228
Colorado	5.02	11	12	23	7.30	.278

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Boston vs. #5 Dallas
G1: Thursday at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
G2: Sun, June 9 at Boston, 7 p.m.
G3: Wed., June 12at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
G4: Fri, June 14 at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
x-G5: Mon., June 17 at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
x-G6: Thu., June 20 at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
x-G7: Sun., June 23 at Boston, 7 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	8	0	1.000	—
New York	4	2	.778	1½
Atlanta	7	3	.571	3½
Chicago	3	4	.429	4½
Indiana	2	9	.182	7½
Washington	0	8	.000	8
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	6	2	.750	—
Las Vegas	4	2	.667	1
Seattle	5	3	.625	1
Phoenix	4	5	.444	2½
Dallas	3	4	.429	2½
Los Angeles	2	6	.250	4

MONDAY'S GAMES

no games scheduled

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Connecticut, 6p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Dallas, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Washington, 6p.m.
New York t Atlanta, 6:30p.m.

SUNDAYS RESULTS

Connecticut 69, Atlanta 50
Phoenix 87, Los Angeles 68
New York 104, Indiana 68
Minnesota 87, Dallas 76

TEAM SCORING

basketball-reference

TEAM	PTS/G	FG%	2P%	3P%	FT%
CON	80.8	.436	.491	.279	.758
NYL	86.1	.453	.546	.320	.838
MIN	86.4	.459	.503	.386	.787
SEA	84.5	.440	.481	.322	.819
ATL	77.1	.408	.433	.350	.792
PHO	80.4	.401	.444	.347	.811
LVA	86.5	.420	.473	.339	.839
CHI	79.3	.419	.451	.316	.706
DAL	82.6	.450	.482	.333	.828
IND	77.4	.415	.470	.315	.797
LAS	77.3	.431	.474	.354	.719
WAS	74.4	.405	.448	.335	.773

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

WORLD SERIES

At OGE Energy Field at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex, Oklahoma City
Double Elimination; x-if necessary
MONDAY'S RESULTS
G11: Florida 9, Oklahoma 3
G12: Texas 1, Stanford 0
Stanford eliminated

TUESDAY'S GAME

G13: Texas vs. Stanford, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

G9: Florida 6, Alabama 4
G10: Stanford 3, UCLA 1 1

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-3)
Wednesday-Friday

GYMNASTICS

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Finals at Dickies Arena, Fort Worth, Tex. Women

All-Around
1. Simone Biles -- 119.75
2. Skye Blakely -- 113.85
3. Kayla DiCello -- 110.8
4. Suni Lee -- 110.65
5. Jordan Chiles -- 110.4
6. Hezly Rivera -- 110.35
7. Jade Carey -- 109.3
8. Leanne Wong -- 108.65
9. Tiana Sumanasekera -- 108.55
10. Joscelyn Roberson -- 108.2

Balance Beam

1. Simone Biles -- 29.6
2. Suni Lee -- 29.1
3. Skye Blakely -- 28.65
4. Hezly Rivera -- 27.95
5. Madray Johnson -- 27.45

Floor Exercise

1. Simone Biles -- 30.3
2. Kayla DiCello -- 27.8
3. Tiana Sumanasekera -- 27.5
4. Jade Carey -- 27.3
4. Leanne Wong -- 27.3
4. Joscelyn Roberson -- 27.3
Uneven Bars
1. Simone Biles -- 29.05
2. Jordan Chiles -- 29
3. Skye Blakely -- 28.85
4. Suni Lee -- 28.8
5. Hezly Rivera -- 27.95
Vault (One Vault Score)
1. Simone Biles -- 30.8
2. Skye Blakely -- 29.4
3. Jade Carey -- 29.1
4. Kayla DiCello -- 28.75
5. Jordan Chiles -- 28.55

Men

All-Around

1. Brody Malone -- 172.3
2. Frederick Richard -- 170.25
3. Khoi Young - 169.55
4. Yul Moldauer -- 168.2
4. Shane Wiskus -- 168.2
6. Paul Juda -- 167.15
7. Donnell Whittenburg -- 167
8. Cameron Bock -- 166.85
9. Colt Walker -- 166.8
10. Asher Hong -- 165
Floor Exercise
1. Frederick Richard -- 29.5
2. Yul Moldauer -- 29.3
3. Landen Blixt -- 28.65
4. Shane Wiskus -- 28.6
5. Paul Juda -- 28.45

High Bar

1. Brody Malone -- 29.5
2. Frederick Richard -- 28.8
3. Cameron Bock -- 27.6
4. Khoi Young -- 27.3
5. Jeremy Bischoff -- 27.25
Parallel Bars
1. Yul Moldauer -- 30.8
2. Khoi Young -- 29.8
2. Colt Walker -- 29.8
4. Asher Hong -- 29.5
5. Brody Malone -- 29.45
5. Shane Wiskus -- 29.45
Pommel Horse
1. Stephen Nedoroscik -- 30
2. Patrick Hoopes -- 29.25
3. Brandon Dang -- 29.05
4. Brody Malone -- 28.1
5. Cameron Bock -- 28
Still Rings
1. Alex Diab -- 29.45
2. Brody Malone -- 29.25
3. Asher Hong -- 29.05
4. Donnell Whittenburg -- 28.95
5. Javier Alfonso -- 28.6
Vault (One Vault Score)
1. Khoi Young -- 29.65
2. Donnell Whittenburg -- 29.05
3. Shane Wiskus -- 28.6
3. Frederick Richard -- 28.6
5. Asher Hong -- 28.55
Vault (Two Vault Score)
1. Donnell Whittenburg -- 28.825 average
2. Tate Costa -- 26.825average

HORSE RACING

BELMONT STAKES

Saturday at Belmont Park, Elmont, N.Y.

PP. HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ODDS
1. Seize the Grey	D. Wayne Lukas	Jaime Torres	8-1
2. Resilience	Bill Mott	Junior Alvarado	10-1
3. Mystik Dan	Kenny McPeck	Manny Hernandez Jr.	5-1
4. The Wine Steward	Mike Maker	Brian Franco	15-1
5. Antiquarian	Todd Pletcher	John Velazaeuz	12-1
6. Dornoch	Danny Gargan	Luis Saez	15-1
7. Protective	Todd Pletcher	Flyert Gaffalione	20-1
8. Honor Marie	Whit Beckman	Therion Geroux	12-1
9. Sierra Leone	Chad Brown	Flavien Prat	9-5
10. Mindframe	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr.	7-2

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
G1: May 22, Florida 3-0.
G2: May 24 at N.Y. Rangers 2-1 (OT).
G3: May 26, N.Y. Rangers 5-4 (OT).
G4: May 28 at Florida 3-2 (OT).
G5: May 30, Florida 3-2.
G6: June 1 at Florida 2-1.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edmonton 4, Dallas 2

G1: May 23 Edmonton 3-2 (2OT).
G2: May 25 at Dallas 3-1.
G3: May 27 Dallas 5-3.
G4: May 29 at Edmonton 5-2.
G5: May 31 Edmonton 3-1.
G6: June 2 at Edmonton 2-1.

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Florida, vs. Edmonton

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

G1: Saturday at Florida, 7 p.m.
G2: Mon, June 10 at Florida, 7 p.m.
G3: Thur, June 13 at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
G4: Sat, June 15 at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
x-G5: Tue, June 18 at Florida, 7 p.m.
x-G6: Fri, June 21 at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
x-G7: Mon, June 24 at Florida, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

123RD FRENCH OPEN

Monday at Stade Roland Garros; Paris; outdoors. Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND

#1Novak Djokovic d. #23Francisco Cerundolo, 6-1, 5-7, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Time: 4:39.	Djokovic	Cerundolo
Aces	2	3
Double faults	6	2
First serves in %	67%	65%
Win % on 1st serve	69%	61%
Win % on 2nd serve	50%	63%
Max serve speed	130mph	126mph
1st serve avg speed	119mph	111mph
2nd serve avg speed	95mph	90mph
Receiving pts won	56/746	68/783
Recv pts won on 1st sv	37/95	38/123
Recv pts won on 2nd sv	19/51	30/60
Break pts oppor.	11/46	19/83
Break pts converted	6/11	4/19
Total points won	171	158
Winners	52	68
Forced errors	44	74
Unforced errors	46	45
Net points won	36/54	25/35
Love games	3	3
Ground strokes	611	660
Overhead shots	1	0
Passing shots	8	20
Volley shots	28	7
Drop shots	18	16
Lob shots	5	6

#4Alexander Zverev d. #12Holger Rune, 4-6, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6(2), 6-2.
#11 Alex de Minaur d. #5Daniil Medvedev, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.
#7Casper Ruud d. #12Taylor Fritz, 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND

#2 Aryna Sabalenka d. #22 Emma Navarro, 6-2, 6-3.
#4 Elena Rybakina d. #15 Elina Svitolina, 6-4, 6-3.
#12Jasmine Paolini d. Elina Avanesyan, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.
Mirra Andreeva d. Varvara Gracheva, 7-5, 6-2.

WTA OPEN DE PUGLIE

Monday at Circolo del Tennis Bari; Bari, Italy; outdoors. Red clay

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

You Xiaodi d. #7Marina Bassols Ribera, 6-0, 6-3.
Ipek Oz d. Yulia Starodubtseva, 6-2, 6-1.
Irina Bara d. Elvina Kalieva, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Louisa Chirico d. Francisca Jorge, 6-3, 6-3.

AUTO RACING

LATE SUNDAY: NASCAR CUP SERIES ENJOY ILLINOIS 300

At World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway; Madison, Ill. Lap length: 1.25 miles

FN	ST	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	2	Austin Cindric	F	240	56
2	6	Denny Hamlin	T	240	42
3	7	Brad Keselowski	F	240	40
4	5	Tyler Reddick	T	240	36
5	12	Joey Logano	F	240	39
6	18	Austin Dillon	C	240	33
7	4	Christopher Bell	T	240	50
8	20	Carson Hocevar	C	240	32
9	21	Justin Haley	F	240	28
10	13	Kyle Larson	C	240	27
11	9	Ty Gibbs	T	240	30
12	16	Ross Chastain	C	240	25
13	17	Chase Elliott	C	240	32
14	26	Chris Buescher	F	240	23
15	11	William Byron	C	240	27
16	35	Todd Gilliland	F	240	21
17	23	Chase Briscoe	F	240	24
18	28	Daniel Hemric	C	240	19
19	36	Zane Smith	C	240	18
20	24	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	240	17
21	8	Bubba Wallace	T	240	16
22	27	Noah Gragson	F	240	15
23	31	Daniel Suárez	C	240	14
24	3	Ryan Blaney	F	240	29
25	1	Michael McDowell	F	239	21
26	22	Erik Jones	T	239	11
27	33	John H. Nemechek	T	239	10
28	14	Alex Bowman	C	239	9
29	32	Ryan Preece	F	239	8
30	25	Derek Kraus	C	239	7
31	30	Harrison Burton	F	239	6
32	15	Corey LaJoie	C	239	5
33	34	Cody Ware	F	238	4
34	19	Martin Truex Jr	T	237	3
35	10	Kyle Busch	C	139-a	2
36	29	Josh Berry	F	109-a	1

RACE STATISTICS

Winner's average speed: 107.106 mph.
Time: 2 hours, 48 minutes, 3 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 3.844 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 32 laps.
Lead Changes: 16 among 10 drivers.

Lap Leaders: M.McDowell 0-40; C.Bell 41-48; T.Gilliland 49-54; K.Busch 55-69; C.Bell 70-95; M.Truex 96; A.Cindric 97-114; C.Bell 115-143; A.Cindric 144-176; J.Logano 177; C.Bell 178-193; B.Keselowski 194-210; K.Larson 211-217; R.Blaney 218-220; C.Bell 221; R.Blaney 222-238; A.Cindric 239-240

UFL

USFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	9	1	0	.900	265	180
x-Michigan	7	3	0	.700	228	189
Memphis	2	8	0	.200	188	290
Houston	1	9	0	.100	158	233
XFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-St. Louis	7	3	0	.700	260	202
x-San Antonio	7	3	0	.700	192	153
DC	4	6	0	.400	209	251
Arlington	3	7	0	.300	247	249
x-clinched playoff spot						

WEEK 10

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Arlington 32, DC 31
Memphis 19, Houston 12

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY'S GAME

USFL: Michigan at Birmingham, 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

XFL: San Antonio vs. St. Louis, 6 p.m.

UFL CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Semifinals winners in St. Louis, 4p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Eastern	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	10	3	5	35	42	27
Cincinnati	10	3	3	33	23	16
New York City FC	9	5	2	29	24	17
New York	8	3	5	29	29	22
Charlotte FC	7	6	4	25	18	18
Toronto FC	7	7	3	24	26	26
Columbus	6	2	6	24	21	13
Philadelphia	4	4	8	20	27	23
Nashville	4	5	7	19	20	22
D.C. United	4	6	7	19	25	31
Orlando City	4	7	5	17	16	24
CF Montréal	4	7	5	17	23	35
Atlanta	4	8	4	16	22	21
Chicago	3	8	6	15	17	29
New England	3	10	1	10	11	27

WESTERN	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	9	2	6	33	36	19
Los Angeles FC	9	4	3	30	28	19
Minnesota United	8	4	3	28	27	20
LA Galaxy	7	3	7	28	31	25
Vancouver	7	5	4	25	24	19
Austin FC	6	6	5	23	21	25
Houston	6	6	4	22	18	18
Colorado	6	7	4	22	29	31
Portland	5	7	5	20	32	32
Seattle	4	6	6	18	19	19
St Louis City	3	4	8	17	23	25
FC Dallas	3	8	4	13	17	24
San Jose	3	11	2	11	24	39

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Chelsea hires Maresca as new coach



Enzo Maresca, a former assistant to Pep Guardiola, was hired as Chelsea head coach on Monday, just weeks after leading Leicester back to the Premier League. The 44-year-old Italian signed a five-year deal as the replacement for Mauricio Pochettino, who left by mutual consent at the end of the season, and is Chelsea’s fourth permanent manager since the club came under American ownership midway through 2022. Maresca is four years into a coaching career that has included two spells at Manchester City. He was first a reserve-team coach for the 2020-21 season and then for the 2022-23 season was the assistant to Guardiola. Maresca also coached at Parma in Italy and he has just spent a year at Leicester, which he led to the second-tier Championship title and an immediate return to the Premier League. Maresca has established a reputation for playing the kind of attractive, possession-based football preached by Guardiola, who has won six league titles in seven years at City. Pochettino followed Thomas Tuchel and Graham Potter at Stamford Bridge, but only lasted one season in charge.

Vikes give Jefferson record extension



Justin Jefferson became the latest player to cash in on the league-wide push for elite pass catchers. Matching the historic start to his career, Jefferson will be paid — for now — like no one else at his position. The Vikings and their superstar wide receiver agreed Monday to a four-year extension, the richest contract in NFL history for a non-quarterback. Jefferson, who turns 25 later this month, will get \$110 million guaranteed in the deal that’s worth as much as \$140 million, with more than \$88 million due at signing. “We ain’t stopping here,” Jefferson posted on Instagram along with a video package of highlights and shout-outs in honor of the contract. “There’s more to be done.” Jefferson, who has the most receiving yards in league history through a player’s first four seasons, missed seven games last season with a hamstring injury and still reached 1,074 yards. The 2022 AP NFL Offensive Player of the year was the 22nd overall pick in the 2020 draft out of LSU. There are currently 15 quarterbacks with higher average annual values than Jefferson.

Hall of Fame lineman Allen dies at 52



Larry Allen, one of the most dominant offensive linemen in the NFL during a 12-year career spent mostly with the Cowboys, died suddenly on Sunday while on vacation with his family in Mexico. He was 52. A six-time All-Pro, Allen was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2013. The former Sonoma State lineman was drafted in the second round by the Cowboys in 1994 — the year before the last of the franchise’s five Super Bowl titles. The Cowboys were coming off consecutive Super Bowl wins when they drafted Allen. He was surrounded by Pro Bowl offensive linemen but didn’t take long to get noticed, eventually making 11 Pro Bowls. Allen spent his final two seasons closer to home with the 49ers. Then, true to his personality as a player, Allen retired to a quiet life in Northern California with his wife and three kids. “He was a HOF offensive lineman that dominated opponents regardless of the position played,” Cowboys Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman wrote on social media. “Off the field, he was a gentle giant that loved his family.” —Associated Press



Connor McDavid celebrates during the Oilers’ Western Conference finals-clinching victory against the Stars on Sunday. The Oilers will take on the Panthers in the Stanley Cup Final, which begins Saturday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

STANLEY CUP FINAL EARLY LOOK

They’re living the ‘dream’

Title matchup set: Oilers to face off vs. Panthers

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Matthew Tkachuk is about to renew some acquaintances. Connor McDavid is going back to where his NHL career started. The Stanley Cup Final matchup is set: The Panthers, back in the title round for the second consecutive year and seeking their first championship, will take on the Oilers — a team looking to return to hockey’s mountaintop for the first time since 1990. The Oilers wrapped up the Western Conference on Sunday night, eliminating the Stars with a 2-1 victory to end that series in six games. The Panthers won the Eastern Conference on Saturday night, topping the Rangers 2-1 to also finish off a six-game series. Game 1 of the Cup final is Saturday night in Florida. The Panthers are in the title series for the third time; the Oilers are seeking their sixth Cup in what will be their eighth trip to finals. Edmonton hasn’t played for the Cup since losing a seven-game series to the Hurricanes in 2006. And the Oilers have a chance to end a bizarre streak, given hockey’s meaning and deep ties to Canada — no team from a Canadian city has won the Stanley Cup since the Canadiens in 1993. “Unbelievable,” Oilers forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins said in a televised on-ice interview Sunday night, as fans in Edmonton celebrated the clincher over the Stars. “Best fans in the league. It’s incredible to do it, to get to the next level in front of these fans. Obviously, we’ve got a ton of work to do. We’re playing a good team.” There is serious star power on both

sides. The Panthers have Tkachuk, Aleksander Barkov, Sam Reinhart and Sergei Bobrovsky among their leaders. The Oilers have McDavid, Leon Draisaitl, Zach Hyman and Nugent-Hopkins among theirs. Tkachuk joined the Panthers in a trade from the Flames in 2022 and famously got into the ties that bind — or don’t bind — hockey in Alberta at his introductory news conference with the Panthers, saying “I hate Edmonton, but I hate Tampa more now.” This season’s playoff run for Tkachuk and the Panthers started with the Lightning, a five-game win. It’ll end with the Oilers, and Tkachuk will surely be welcomed back to Alberta less than warmly. “Nothing better than playing hockey in June,” Tkachuk said. McDavid’s first Stanley Cup Final game will be in the building where he officially pulled on an NHL sweater for the first time. He was the No. 1 pick in the 2015 draft, one held in the building that the Panthers call home. Commissioner Gary Bettman was there to greet him with a handshake and a few words of congratulations when he took the stage that night — “this is awesome,” Bettman told him — and in a couple of weeks, Bettman will hand either McDavid or Barkov the Stanley Cup for the first time, the moment that captains in the NHL want to enjoy most. “Feels like a dream, honestly,” McDavid said. There’s going to be a slew of names that get etched onto the Cup for the first time when this series is over, since hardly anyone on either side has previously been part of a championship. For the Panthers, Vladimir Tarasenko won it with the Blues in 2019 and Carter Verhaeghe won it with the Lightning in 2020. For the Oilers,

Corey Perry won it with the Ducks in 2007 — and is now back in the title round for the fourth time in five years, with a fourth different franchise. He lost with the Stars in 2020, Canadiens in 2021 and Lightning in 2022. “It’s unbelievable, being back in the finals,” Tarasenko said. Neither coach has won the Cup either. The Panthers’ Paul Maurice has coached 1,978 games in the NHL, third-most in league history. The Oilers’ Kris Knoblauch has officially coached 87 games, tied for 275th-most in league history. He filled in as coach for the Rangers in six other games in 2021, called up from the team’s American Hockey League affiliate because then-Rangers coach David Quinn and his staff were sidelined by COVID-19 protocols. The Panthers won both games against the Oilers this season, 5-3 at home on Nov. 20 and 5-1 in Edmonton on Dec. 16. Knoblauch took over as coach after 13 games this season when the Oilers fired Jay Woodcroft following a 3-9-1 start; the only opposing coaches Knoblauch didn’t beat this season were Maurice and the Lightning’s Jon Cooper, going 0-2-0 against both. “Last year, after we finished the Carolina series, trying to find the right word ... pandemonium is not the right word, but the energy level postgame was through the roof,” Maurice said, comparing this year’s East title win to last season’s victory in that round. “Slightly subdued this year relative to that. It was lots of happy people. But maybe we’ve got a little more experience. And I feel that way, even on the bench. It wasn’t insanity. When the buzzer went, it was excitement, and rightfully so. We worked pretty hard.” The hardest challenge of them all starts in Sunrise on Saturday night.

NBA FINALS

Mazzulla’s unique style keys Celtics

By Kyle Hightower | Associated Press

BOSTON — When Celtics guard Derrick White stood in the corner behind the 3-point line late in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals as teammate Jaylen Brown drove into the lane, drew defenders and flipped a pass toward him, White felt prepared for the moment. That’s because Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla had simulated scenarios just like it throughout the season. “It starts in practice with them championship stations that Joe loves to do,” White recalled. “It starts there and then just continue to trust one another.” White trusted that Brown would make the correct basketball play. He did, and it ended with White connecting on a tie-breaking 3 that ultimately secured the Celtics’ place in the NBA Finals and a matchup with the Mavericks. The play may also be a perfect example of how in his second year as coach, Mazzulla has managed to help the Celtics recover from the disappointment of a season that ended on the cusp of the Finals a year ago, to a run this season that again has them four wins away from capturing the franchise’s 18th championship.



Celtics player Jrue Holiday says coach Joe Mazzulla, above, “brings a spark and some weird energy” to the bench. MICHAEL CONROY/AP

White’s shot, Mazzulla said, is a microcosm of the kind of a team culture he’s tried to cultivate over the past two years. One that puts details first. “Things that you can’t take for granted,” said Mazzulla, who at age 35, is the youngest head coach to reach the NBA Finals since Bill Russell (also 35) did it in 1969. “Sometimes it’s as small as getting the ball inbounds. But just try to pick little things, that we see on a nightly basis that can impact winning and can affect losing. And, we just practice them over and over again until they’re second nature.” What’s equally become central to the Celtics’ success this season is the buy-in to an egoless, team-first philosophy in which individual credit is secondary on a roster loaded with current and past All-Stars like Jayson Tatum, Brown and Jrue Holiday, along with White, 7-footer Kristaps Porzingis, and a deep bench. Meanwhile, Mazzulla has also benefited from working alongside a coaching staff he was able to choose this offseason. That’s something he didn’t have last season after being thrust into a job he didn’t expect to have following predecessor Ime Udoka’s suspension just days before the start of training camp. Lead assistant Charles Lee and Sam Cassell have helped Mazzulla tweak a system build around 3-point shooting and defense, which saw the Celtics rank first and third, respectively, in offensive and defensive rating. Those rankings have remained the same this postseason for a team that is 6-0 on the road and 3-0 in close-out games. But as much as Mazzulla and his staff have been driven home their philosophies via X’s and O’s, they’ve also continued to focus on the mental aspects of the game. Last season it was in film sessions that began with Mazzulla showing the team images of sand castles, which he used as a metaphor that even the best castles get washed away by the daily tide — requiring them to be rebuilt. It was something Tatum said was “a little cheesy” but “something we bought into.” Mazzulla’s tactics were on display again during a blow-out win back in March over the Suns. He went viral after he sprinted to contest the Suns’ Royce O’Neale’s practice basket heading into a timeout. “I saw a guy going in to get a shot and he hadn’t made one and I didn’t want him to feel good about himself going to the bench,” Mazzulla explained at the time. “That’s the bench rule. ... If I’m going to ask the guys to contest, staff’s going to do the same thing.” Mazzulla said later that instances like that are the foundation of their team culture. “We can laugh about it. But at the end of the day I think you have small moments in your organization to set the temperature of what you want to be about,” Mazzulla said. “We did that last year and thinking back that’s an important thing that mindset that we try to bring. ... That we want our opponents to constantly be uncomfortable.” Holiday acknowledged that Mazzulla’s style is unique, but one that he’s come to appreciate during his first season with the Celtics. “You go with it. You go through the craziness,” Holiday said. “I think maybe it’s controlled madness. I think it’s definitely his way of preparing us and I feel like preparing himself. And I feel like it’s been working. It’s fun. It’s different. ... Joe definitely brings a spark and some weird energy.” For Mazzulla, it’s about forming the kind of bonds that may ultimately bring the Celtics another championship. “I think, one of the best gifts ... why I got into coaching is building relationships with guys,” he said. “When I left college to go to the NBA, most people were, like, hesitant about that because NBA guys get a negative rap as to being able to build relationships with them. But I felt like it was, ‘There’s a lot there.’”