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To hear cicadas sing, enthusiasts travel from near and far



THE TRILL OF IT ALL

By Adriana Pérez and Rebecca Johnson | Chicago Tribune

During an afternoon stroll around Morton Arboretum, Maria Malayter's Apple Watch buzzed twice with an unusual notification. The screen warned her of a "loud environment" with sound levels reaching 90 decibels as cicadas chorused on the treetops. Exposure to such levels for over 30 minutes can cause permanent hearing damage, hence the watch notification. Yet Malayter, and many others, have visited the arboretum in recent weeks seeking the cicada songs, and a reminder of childhood.

"Cicada concert!" she said gleefully. "And it's a loud day, I heard."

The mating calls, which in unison can reach decibels comparable to a jet engine or lawnmower, are perhaps one of the insects' most recognizable features. For some, it's overwhelming, and annoying.

But others find the din from this spring's historic emergence to be a soothing lullaby, an offbeat jam session or a scientific peculiarity worth traveling to hear firsthand. From downstate Illinois to Lake County, enthusiasts, artists and researchers have spread out far and wide to immerse themselves in the intense and diverse songs of cicadas.

The Northern Illinois Brood emerges every 17 years, and the Great Southern Brood comes

Four photos show adult cicadas molting from their nymphal shells on a tree along the North Branch of the Chicago River in Skokie on May 30. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

out every 13 years. In central Illinois, both broods have emerged adjacent to one another for the first time since 1803, presenting a unique opportunity to compare their tunes.

Malayter had been hoping to hear them closer to home in her Aurora backyard. But the city cut down her trees as part of a strategic removal program to curb the spread of emerald ash borers, an invasive and destructive beetle species.

"I was wondering if I'd see any (cicadas), and there were none," she said. So she grabbed a friend and headed east. "I started driving, and

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Death sparks calls for justice

Family mourns boy fatally shot in chest on Near West Side

By Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

Dozens of people gathered Wednesday on the Near West Side to remember and mourn 7-year-old Jai'Mani Amir Rivera, who was fatally shot inside the gates of the apartment complex where he had been going to visit a friend.

The loss of the child drew attention this week in a city just beginning another summer and grappling with the violence the season usually brings.

People towing red, blue and silver balloons, some with pictures of Spider-Man, slowly joined a crowd in the 2300 block of Jackson Boulevard in the scorching heat. Others hoisted signs and pictures of the child into the air as the crowd called "Justice for Jai'Mani" and let the balloons fly.

Though activists had made the media aware of the vigil earlier in the day, grieving family members asked for their privacy. Some attendees shouted at reporters to leave. One organizer said the family had "not disagreed" with the move to put out a press release.

The family vowed that they would seek justice for Jai'Mani, who was shot in the chest shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday as he walked out of his apartment to visit a next-door neighbor.

Jai'Mani's aunt Vanessa Rivera eventually made a statement, remembering her nephew as an outgoing kid who had been looking forward to starting football.

"We didn't lose a gang member on the streets, we lost a 7-year-old kid," Rivera said. "The person that took my

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State GOP chair steps down amid infighting

By Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

Embattled state GOP Chairman Don Tracy resigned Wednesday, ending his more than three-year run and furthering a chaotic period of leadership for a political organization bordering on irrelevancy just weeks before Republicans gather in nearby Milwaukee to renominate former President Donald Trump at their national convention.

Tracy's resignation comes just two days after Illinois Republican leaders deposed Mark Shaw of Lake Forest as the state GOP's vice chair over controversies stemming from his unsuccessful effort at last month's state convention to leverage his party position and role as a paid Trump adviser into the post of Republican National Committeeman from Illinois.

In his resignation letter, Tracy said his decision was in part because he spent more time dealing with infighting among fellow Republicans than fighting Democrats.

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Willie Mays loved Wrigley. On Tuesday, it loved him back.



Paul Sullivan

A gorgeous sunset served as a backdrop to the Wrigley Field video board Tuesday night during the announcement of the death of baseball icon Willie Mays.

It was the sixth inning of a game between the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants, and thanks to modern technology, many in the crowd of 36,297 already were aware the Hall of Famer had died that day at age 93, having read the news on their smartphones.

Giants manager Bob Melvin learned about it before the first pitch but did not inform his players, so starter Logan Webb heard the news when he was going out to pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning. Cubs public address announcer Jeremiah Paprocki made the statement as an image of Mays was shown on the board.

"It was kind of hard (to pitch) at first," Webb said. "I took my hat off and I was kind of looking at the scoreboard and just thinking about him. I kind of looked at (plate umpire Todd Tichenor) and I was like, 'I think you need to stop the (pitch) clock' because I had to take a moment to think about it, be prideful for the jersey I was wearing and the hat I was

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Sluggers Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants, left, and Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs chat before a game at Wrigley Field in 1965. **UPI**



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Cook County unveils \$218M budget gap

By A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is projecting a \$218 million budget gap next year, largely driven by raises she granted to county employees and the resulting growth in needed pension payments.

While Preckwinkle's finance team said this week it's "a little too early" to say how that gap will be closed, they also projected the county is on track to end 2024 with a surplus of about \$367 million, according to figures released as part of the county's midyear forecast.

County policy is to avoid covering ongoing expenses with one-time revenues and instead use extra money to address one-time costs in coming budgets or long-term liabilities.

The \$218 million gap, while higher than the last three years, represents a tiny slice of this year's \$9.26 billion budget. The shortfall was small enough for Preckwinkle to again promise to avoid layoffs, program cuts or tax hikes next year to make up the difference.

"I won't lose sleep over that," Preckwinkle told

reporters of the gap on Tuesday. "We've seen worse."

The expected surplus at the end of this year is driven in part by inflation, which is fueling higher sales tax receipts and investment income. CountyCare, the county-run Medicaid health plan, is expected to bring in \$504 million more dollars than anticipated. Improved collections on insurance claims at Cook County Health are also expected to boost the health system's surplus as well, officials said.

But a 5% cost of living increase for county employees — both union and non-union — kicking in next June is driving up expenditures. Those raises will cost an estimated \$94 million, budget director Kanako Ishida Musselwhite said, while associated health expenses will cost an additional \$10 million, and pension payments will also rise by \$36 million.

Despite those raises and additional retention bonuses for certain roles, the county's struggles to fill vacancies continue. About 4,000 positions remain empty across county government, roughly the same amount as last year. Most are at the Cook County

Health, which runs the flagship Stroger and Provident hospitals, several clinics, and has been the lead health care provider responding to the migrant mission.

Despite struggles to hire, CCH is a bright spot in the forecast: for the first time since Preckwinkle took office in 2010, the health fund is not forecasting any revenue shortfalls or cost overruns in 2025.

Of the \$1 billion the county received from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act, about \$200 million propped up county operations. The rest, more than \$800 million, was set aside for 73 community programs. That includes the county's guaranteed income pilot, medical debt elimination, violence reduction, and several transportation and infrastructure projects.

So far, just \$275 million of those community programming dollars have been spent. \$319 million has been obligated — meaning the county has legal agreements in place — but \$212 million has not. All \$212 million must be obligated before the end of this year and spent by the end of 2026, or risk being taken

back by the feds.

"There is a fiscal cliff," Preckwinkle acknowledged, but she said the county has been planning for it, establishing a \$166 million reserve fund last year to provide continued funding for certain ARPA-funded programs after 2026.

The county also has an "equity fund that could be used to help support some of these programs. So there are lots of options available to us. We've told our departments and bureau chiefs that they should be looking for external sources of support for these initiatives starting right away, given the fact that we know that the federal resources come to an end at the end of 2026," Preckwinkle said.

Of the 73 community projects launched thanks to ARPA dollars, 45 of the project leaders heading them up said they anticipated their programs would keep running after 2026. The county is surveying community members this summer about which ARPA-initiated projects they believe should continue.

A virtual public hearing on the preliminary forecast will be held July 17 at 6 p.m.

Tracy

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"When I took on this full-time volunteer job in February, 2021, I thought I would be spending most of my time fighting Democrats, helping elect Republicans, raising money to pay for more Party infrastructure, and advocating for Party unity. Unfortunately, however, I have had to spend far too much time dealing with intra party power struggles, and local intra party animosities that continued after primaries and County Chair elections," Tracy wrote in the letter.

"In better days, Illinois Republicans came together after tough intraparty elections," Tracy continued. "Now however, we have Republicans who would rather fight other Republicans than engage in the harder work of defeating incumbent Democrats by convincing swing voters to vote Republican."

Tracy said his resignation was effective upon the election of a new chairman or "no later than July 19," which is the day after the Republican National Convention ends. He authorized a three-member committee to search for his replacement.

Tracy held the party chairmanship since February 2021. An attorney from Springfield and a co-owner of his family's wealthy food distribution business, he was narrowly elected by a moderate coalition of the Republican State Central Committee over Shaw to replace then-GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner's handpicked chairman, Tim Schneider, who Shaw helped push out.

Tracy was chosen as the first state Republican

chairman from outside the Chicago area since 1988. Though previously an unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 2014, he was viewed as coming from the donor class of the party rather than having a strong background in rank-and-file political organizing.

That image proved to be his downfall as the GOP suffered continued political losses that led Democrats to control all three branches of state government and saw its suburban base sharply eroded in the populous collar counties. Republicans have lost a sizable share of suburban residents as the party that once embraced fiscal conservatism and social moderation has shifted sharply to more social conservatism and moved the GOP's geographic base to less-populated rural downstate Illinois.

Tracy failed to find ways to harness the rural populism that was an outgrowth of Trump's dominance of the party. He also didn't help party candidates distance themselves from Trump's unpopularity in the suburbs, the region which has traditionally been the key for Republican success statewide.

Ultimately, it was the controversies that engulfed Shaw at the state GOP convention in Collinsville that led to Tracy's resignation.

Shaw obtained an unauthorized delegate badge that entitled him to vote for himself for national committeeman, but he was twice rejected for the post by an overwhelming floor vote of delegates.

Urged to drop out of the national committeeman's race, Shaw later acknowledged he threatened to kick



Illinois GOP Chairman Don Tracy speaks at an event in Rosemont on Feb. 9.
JOHN J. KIM/
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

the "ass" of another state central committee member. Shaw also faced criticism for handing out drink tickets promoting his own RNC candidacy to a hospitality room dedicated to pushing support for Trump.

With various Republican county chairs and state central committee members urging Tracy to remove Shaw from the vice chairmanship, Tracy took no public position and said he was powerless to force Shaw out. Critics said that made Tracy look weak and they also accused him of siding with Shaw by questioning whether he was being treated unfairly.

In his letter, Tracy said the sacking of Shaw was "without due process" and "portends a direction of the state party I am not comfortable with."

Tracy's handling of the Shaw controversies reopened long-standing concerns about Tracy's leadership abilities after having survived a "no confidence" test among state central committee members in May 2023.

In his letter, Tracy said his decision to resign had been made prior to a Tribune arti-

cle detailing concerns from party insiders about his leadership.

But he erroneously wrote that "no one from the Tribune called me about this article, which I did not learn of until (Wednesday) morning."

A state GOP spokesman said Tuesday that Tracy "can't chat today" to respond to a Tribune inquiry about party leadership moves.

Tracy also had faced criticism as an inadequate spokesman for the state party, often dodging reporters at GOP events and, when speaking to them, repeating national Republican talking points rather than addressing the substance of questions.

A similar pattern was evident at state central committee meetings, said one source familiar with the inner working of party matters. The source said Tracy showed up "literally" reading from a script and, if something happened off-script, he would "have to take a break."

Even before Tracy's announcement, efforts to replace him had been brewing. Two potential successors who have been frequently mentioned are Aaron Del Mar, a former Cook County GOP chair from Palatine, and state Sen. Jason Plummer of Edwardsville. Both are members of the state central committee.

In addition to Tracy's resignation and Shaw's ouster as vice chair, the state GOP's finance chairman, suburban businessman Vince Kolber, stepped down following last month's state convention. Kolber finished third for national committeeman, a post that eventually went to Dean White, a businessman from St. Charles.

WILL COUNTY

Executive vetoes landfill consultant hire

By Michelle Mullins
Chicago Tribune

Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant has vetoed a County Board resolution that hired the former Republican chair of the DuPage County Board as a consultant to study the county's landfill expansion.

County Board Chair Judy Ogalla, a Republican from Monee, said she will ask the board to vote to override the veto next month. The board needs 14 votes to override a veto.

The County Board voted June 4 to issue a three-month contract for \$15,000 to Robert J. Schillerstrom by a 12-6 vote. The six no votes came from board Democrats, who said that staff was already handling information related to landfill expansion. Four members were absent.

Bertino-Tarrant said in her veto message the county already has two consultants and full-time staff working on solid waste planning and landfill expansion to meet the needs of residents and guide the landfill committee.

"The hiring of a third

consultant, at this time, would be duplicative," the veto message said.

Bertino-Tarrant said she acted to prevent a waste of taxpayer funds.

"I have faith in our staff. I have faith in our consultants," Bertino-Tarrant said.

Ogalla said the board's Landfill Committee wants to be able to have a consultant when it cannot get information it needs from staff. Members can also learn what questions they need to ask to become more knowledgeable about the landfill project, she said.

The Landfill Committee was formed within the past year, and no one that serves on the committee is an expert, Ogalla said.

Schillerstrom was on the DuPage County Board, which operated two landfills, and can help make the Will County Landfill Committee more robust, Ogalla said.

"I believe they need to have outside information, outside perspective," she said. "I do think we need this."

Schillerstrom was on the DuPage County Board from 1998 to 2010. He was chair of

the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority from 2015 to 2019. In 2009, he announced he was running for governor, but withdrew from the race about six months later and endorsed Jim Ryan.

"No one really knows about this man's expertise, outside of the fact he was chairperson of a county with a landfill," Bertino-Tarrant said.

Ogalla said the contract was a nominal fee and expressed frustration that it was vetoed. She said the County Board as the legislative branch is in charge of passing resolutions and policies.

"I shouldn't have to override something that was voted on 12 to 6," she said. "I'm tired of being vetoed."

Recently, Bertino-Tarrant has vetoed several board resolutions, nearly all of them having to do with the board's rejection of the 143rd Street widening project through Homer Glen. Preliminary engineering on the widening project began in 2009, and the county has spent more than \$6.2 million on engineering, design costs

and utility relocation.

The board supported the project on at least 10 separate occasions, but voted to halt the widening project earlier this year after residents began to protest. Bertino-Tarrant said the resolutions she vetoed were because the county board was trying various ways to circumvent her original veto.

Bertino-Tarrant said Ogalla has expressed her frustration to her.

Bertino-Tarrant said as the county executive, she has the authority to veto the board's actions, and the County Board has the authority to override the veto.

The Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division is anticipating the landfill will be at capacity by 2034, officials said.

The county needs to decide if it continues to operate the Prairie View landfill in Wilmington, whether it should expand upwards or outwards or whether a new location for a landfill needs to be investigated, Bertino-Tarrant said.

The permitting process can take many years.

CHICAGOLAND

Head of unit reviewing wrongful convictions plans to step down

By Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

The recently-appointed head of a unit that reviews potential wrongful convictions for the Cook County state's attorney's office plans to step down in July, according to a source close to the administration.

Michelle Mbekeani, who has worked in the office since 2018 as a legal and policy adviser, was named head of the rebranded Conviction Review Unit in December following the controversial tenure of Nancy Adduci, who previously led the unit.

Mbekeani will depart in July to prepare for the birth of her child and because she did not plan to stay on after Kim Foxx's tenure ends later this year, the source said, adding that her planned maternity leave would have reached nearly to the end of the term.

The Conviction Review Unit investigates claims of innocence and makes recommendations for remedies to Foxx, whose office has vacated more than 250 convictions. It's unclear in what direction the incoming state's attorney will take the unit, a key initiative of Foxx's.

The unit's leadership drew scrutiny under Adduci because of her role prosecuting defendants accused of shooting and killing Chicago police Officer Clifton Lewis in 2011. The state's attorney's office in June dropped charges against two of the three suspects amid accusations from defense attorneys of misconduct on behalf of the police and prosecutors who handled the case, including Adduci.

Lewis was shot and killed by two masked men in

December 2011 while working a second job as security at a West Side convenience store. Cook County prosecutors charged Tyrone Clay, Alexander Villa and Edgardo Colon in a case that dragged on for more than a decade.

In motions filed to the court, defense attorneys accused Adduci and her co-counsel of deliberately trying to withhold evidence by using personal email addresses — not subject to disclosure under public record laws — in communications with the Chicago Police Department. They previously filed a motion asking a judge to levy sanctions.

Mbekeani also drew scrutiny during her short tenure heading the unit because of a business venture she launched as a law student. The enterprise, called Period, offers legal help to people who are incarcerated, according to a description of the project by the University of Chicago Law School. Her involvement elicited criticism from some who believed it to be a conflict of interest with her current position at the state's attorney's office.

A Cook County judge in January took the unusual step of banning her from his courtroom over the business venture and her statements about it, according to an order from the court.

"Based on the testimony from the hearing of January 8th and in addition to her prior statements made in court and to the media, this court makes the following finding: that a per se conflict of interest exists on the part of ASA Mbekeani given her commitment and duty to represent the interests of victims of crime and their families while contempo-

raneously serving as the Registered Agent, Director, President and CEO of a corporation that works on behalf of defendants and defense attorneys on post-conviction cases," Judge Michael McHale wrote in the order. "In light of this per se conflict, ASA Mbekeani is hereby removed from this case."

The state's attorney's office hit back, calling the complaints "unfounded."

"Casting doubt on Michelle's commitment and integrity leads to significant delays in our work, which have severe consequences — not only prolonging the wrongful incarceration of innocent individuals but also impeding the healing and closure needed by victims and their families," the office said in a statement.

In her prior policy-focused role at the state's attorney's office, Mbekeani lobbied for legislation prohibiting police officers from using deception when interrogating minors. She was previously an attorney at the Sargent Shriver Center on Poverty Law and earned her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 2014.

"I am deeply honored to lead the Conviction Review Unit, a culmination of my life's work thus far in criminal justice reform," Mbekeani said in a news release upon being appointed to the role. "My experiences, from advocating for wrongfully convicted individuals and their rights to initiating groundbreaking legislative reforms, have uniquely prepared me for this role. I am committed to upholding justice, addressing historical inequities, and ensuring that our legal system represents fairness and integrity for all."



Lake County Marine Units officers, Illinois Conservation Police and Antioch Fire Department personnel investigate a boat parked at the Sandbar Bar and Grille that was involved in a collision with a jet ski that left two dead Tuesday. **JOE SHUMAN/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

2 teens die in Lake Marie jet ski crash

By Clifford Ward and
Deanese Williams-Harris
Chicago Tribune

Authorities were continuing Wednesday to investigate a Chain O Lakes accident near Antioch that killed two teenage girls whose jet ski collided with a cabin cruiser.

The Tuesday evening crash killed a 16-year-old girl from Lake Forest, Calif., who was piloting the jet ski, and her passenger, a 13-year-old Long Grove girl. The identities of the girls are not expected to be formally released until Thursday, following autopsies by the Lake County Coroner's Office.

The girls apparently were related, Deputy Chief Christopher Covelli of the Lake County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday. Preliminary investigation indicates that they should have yielded to the boat, he said.

The accident happened at about 5:15 p.m. on Lake Marie, near the channel that leads to Grass Lake and north of the Elime Road

peninsula, police said.

The jet ski was headed north at a high rate of speed when it collided with a 21-foot cabin cruiser that was traveling west on the lake, piloted by a 55-year-old Antioch man, authorities said.

The girls, who were wearing life jackets, were thrown from the jet ski and were pulled from the water by the four people aboard the cabin cruiser. They rendered aid immediately and brought one of the girls to shore, while a passing boat brought in the other victim, police said.

The girls were brought to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where they were pronounced dead. No one on the cabin cruiser was injured.

The crash happened so quickly that it appears the cabin cruiser had almost no opportunity to react to the jet ski, Covelli said. Investigators are still determining who owns the jet ski. It is not a rental, he said.

Under state boating laws, people 12 and older are

allowed to pilot boats and jet skis, but are required to complete an eight-hour water safety course. Investigators do not know yet whether the older girl was certified, or her level of experience, Covelli said.

Safe boating laws specify which craft should yield to avoid a collision, based on their relative position. In Tuesday's incident, the wave runner should have yielded the right of way, he said.

Although the Chain O Lakes is a popular and busy destination for boaters during the warm weather months, fatal collisions involving watercraft are rare, Covelli said. Drownings are more common, he said.

The accident happened on a Tuesday — usually a quieter day for boating, he said. The Sheriff's Office Marine Unit patrols the Chain O Lakes, splitting enforcement duties with the Illinois Conservation Police, and police typically see heavier traffic on weekends.

"Our Marine Unit is definitely busy," Covelli said.

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Artist Stephen Bradley spent a week making cicada-based art during a residency at Sangchris Lake State Park in Rochester. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Cicadas

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I could hear them through my car windows.”

People from neighboring and faraway states, even from other countries and continents, have also traveled to Illinois to hear cicadas sing. In and around Springfield, tourists hailed from Japan, Belgium and Ireland, according to the city’s travel and tourism office.

Visitors at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, about 25 miles west of downtown Chicago, have come from Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida, California, Germany and Canada. A father-daughter duo road-tripping from Madison was delighted to catch the midafternoon cacophony at the arboretum after an earlier pit stop in Lake Geneva, where they said cicadas were only about half as loud.

“It was too close to pass up,” said Ali Kane, a real estate agent who studied entomology in college, with her father Patrick in tow.

“We’re playing it by ear,” said Kane, who was wearing iridescent, dangly cicada earrings.

Mechanics of cicada songs

Insects, unlike humans and some birds, don’t have voice boxes. They use their body parts as instruments to



Bradley, a former professor of visual arts, shows off some of his work.

produce sound.

Male cicadas have a membrane with ridges called a tymbal, which Katie Dana, an affiliate with the Illinois Natural History Survey, said will buckle and produce loud sounds. She said it works almost like a flexible straw — the expanding and contracting of the plastic makes the characteristic crackling noise.

The abdomens of male cicadas are also hollow, Dana said, which helps amplify the volume.

They can employ either their “song” or “alarm” call, she said. If they’re grabbed by a predator — say a fish or a raccoon — they’ll let out a sound Dana described as “screaming.” Their song to attract females is a bit different, and takes the form of a call and response, she said.

“It’s kind of a little dance where the males will sing, and the females will hear that and fly in closer to the males,” Dana said.

Female cicadas then flick their wings, which she said

produces a song in response to the males. The more calls and responses, the closer the females get to the males until they mate.

When periodical cicadas emerge from their shells, Dana said they’re quite soft and squishy. It takes a few days for the males to fully harden and start singing. As more cicadas join the ranks, they get louder and louder, particularly in “chorus centers.”

There are no firm rules for what makes a good chorus

center — when adults congregate to mate, leading to concentrated song and activity — Dana said, but cicadas tend to prefer older neighborhoods with undisturbed soil and trees, which is why they aren’t seen as often in the city. Males often gather on one tree to amplify their signal, causing a louder noise in certain places.

“If you take an individual (periodical) cicada and listen to it, it’s pretty quiet ... but a brood can sound over 100 decibels,” Dana

said. “The reason they’re that loud is there’s so many of them singing at the same time.”

A last hurrah

The country roads from a Monticello gas station to Springfield are lined by a tranquil sea of agricultural fields, punctuated by dense, old woodlands that have been trilling and buzzing with the songs of periodical cicadas in recent weeks. The Springfield area is the epicenter of the cicada emergence this year because it is the only place in the country where both broods are coming out in the same region.

At Sangchris Lake State Park, a few minutes southeast of Springfield, Stephen Bradley, a former professor of visual arts, carried a green-lidded critter keeper toward his cabin. A sound like pattering rain accompanied the loudly chorusing treetop cicadas.

Summer humidity hung in the air, but the sky was clear.

The sound was coming from other cicadas that Bradley was catching and placing gingerly onto a makeshift drum. As they crawled around and buzzed, their movements vibrated through the drum and a contact mic, playing gentle beats over an amplifier.

“I’m also an experimental musician, looking at collaboration with critters,” he said.

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nephew’s life is going to pay for that.”

After the confusion about whether the media was invited to observe the proceedings, Rivera, the boy’s aunt, told those gathered that if they wanted to help, they could donate water or other supplies for the funeral.

Organizers offered a \$15,000 reward to anyone with information about Jai’Mani’s death and called on neighbors to assist law enforcement with the investigation.

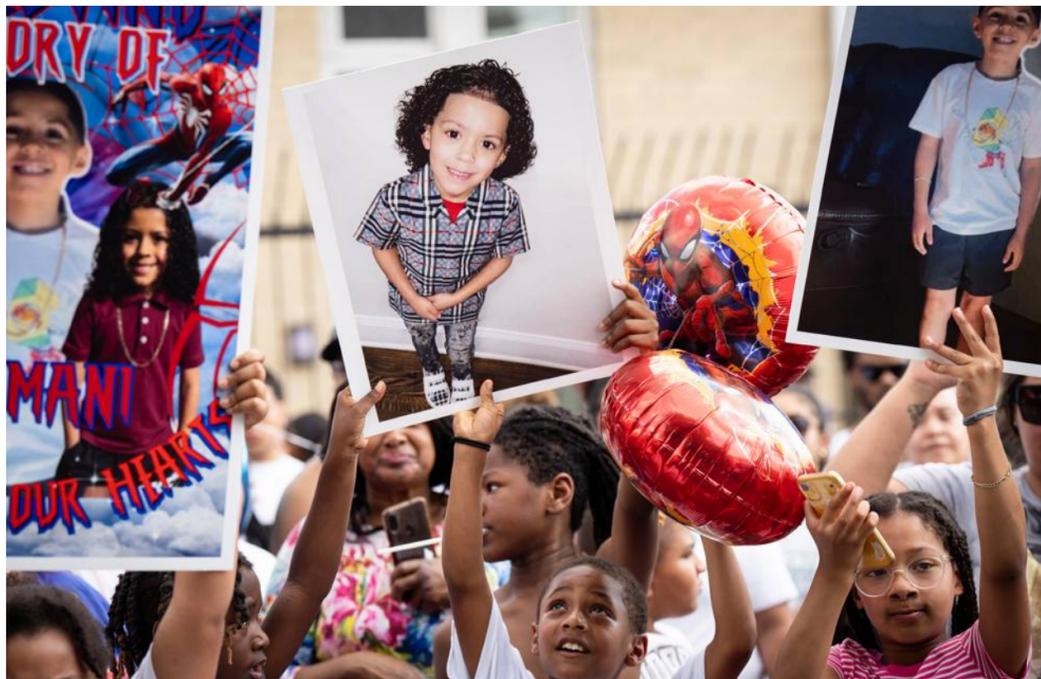
One man who identified himself as a cousin of the family had written, “I love you lil’ Primo. Sorry I never got the chance to meet you” on a red balloon in the shape of a heart.

Chicago police Superintendent Larry Snelling said this week he did not believe the boy had been targeted.

Responding officers found him lying on the sidewalk, applied pressure to his chest and rushed him to Stroger Hospital in their squad car, but he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival, Snelling said.

Snelling said the boy was leaving his apartment to visit a next-door neighbor when he was struck by a “random” bullet fired from “a really good distance” away.

A Chicago Police Depart-



Kids gather during a vigil Wednesday for Jai’mani Amir Rivera, 7, who was killed in a shooting outside the Oakley Square Apartments in Chicago’s Near West Side. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

ment source, familiar with the investigation but not authorized to speak publicly, said the bullet was fired from a rifle.

“The random shooting of this 7-year-old is unacceptable,” the superintendent told reporters Tuesday evening outside Stroger Hospital. “We really have to think about who we are as a society when our kids are being shot in the street. We’ve

come off a violent weekend. We know that when we see the levels of heat that we’re seeing right now, that there’s an uptick in violence because there are people out all times of night, tempers flare. But this is unacceptable.”

“This wasn’t a situation where the parents didn’t know where their child was,” Snelling added. “This child was walking out of his residence and was struck by

random gunfire.”

Mayor Brandon Johnson described the shooting as “ungodly behavior,” but stressed his administration’s focus on addressing the root causes of violence.

“As our detectives and our Police Department continue to investigate this tragic shooting of this baby, we will hold individuals accountable for the crime, for the torment and the torture that they have

caused in this city,” Johnson said. “This is not just simply about our response to a tragedy, this is about our response to polic(ies) that have created conditions that have made it impossible for families to feel comfortable raising their children in Chicago.”

Jai’Mani was shot just a few blocks east of where 5-year-old Reign Ware was killed less than a month ago.

After Tuesday’s shooting, other residents of the Oakley Square apartment complex told reporters that gunfire in the area can feel indiscriminate at times and that they have become increasingly fearful for their safety.

“Whenever they see their targets, they shoot,” Sequinna Coakley said. “Your grandmother could be out here, your mother could be out here. Your daddy, sister, brother, it doesn’t matter.”

Another neighbor, Ethiopia Jackson, said she’d heard gunshots in the Oakley Square apartment complex for the past several days. Neighbors mentioned a shooting on June 10 that left an 18-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the leg.

Police officers and sergeants could be seen reviewing video footage at the gated entrance to the complex and walking in and out of an east-facing entrance to the apartment building late Tuesday afternoon, where crime tape blocked large sections of the parking lot and sidewalk.

Through last Friday, the city had seen nearly 50 fewer homicides in 2024 than the same time last year. Still, the city saw a violent Father’s Day weekend with seven homicides and 45 shooting victims in 35 incidents, according to police.

Tribune reporter Sam Charles contributed.



Negin Almassi leads a cicada class for Forest Preserve of Cook County staff at River Trails Nature Center on May 15 in Northbrook. Almassi is heading the Magicicada Soundmap Project, which uses community scientists to record the cacophonous mating calls made by cicadas. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Cicadas

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"I've been here by myself, pretty much just absorbing, inventing things, interacting with the cicadas," he said. It was a final artistic indulgence, a last intellectual hurrah, after his recent retirement and upcoming move to North Carolina.

After a week and a half, leaving the state park would be bittersweet, he said.

"(I've been) taking naps here every day. I'll leave my door open," he said. "And I travel with the cicadas as they're singing, doing their chorus. I find it very relaxing."

From the park's west-facing Hickory Point campsite, Bradley broadcasted a live feed of the singing cicadas between noon and dusk one day as part of his project Calling All Ears Collective, a platform for entomologists, sound artists and the curious to connect with the acoustic intricacies of this year's cicadas. After his visit, Bradley will share his field recordings with artists and use his sound compositions to create a curated show with a percussionist friend for Wave Farm Radio.

"Our time here is very brief, and we need to do everything we can to protect our critters," he chuckled as a cicada landed on his shirt, "and love and appreciate them. ... I want people to be able to listen to the cicadas and know that this is a real rare moment"

All roads lead to Illinois

Karen Power has traveled from her hometown of Cork, Ireland, to remote



Montreal-based audio artist Alex Lane records cicada mating calls from a tree at Lincoln Memorial Garden and Nature Center in Springfield on June 3. Lane and filmmaker Matthew Wolkow identified the calls as coming from what they believe to be the different cicada broods. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

locations in the Amazon jungle, Antarctica, the Namib Desert and more, to escape human noise and make music blended with natural soundscapes.

This month, her art brought her to Illinois.

At Illinois State University in Normal, Power organized a walk to hear from local residents about how cicada sounds were altering their environment and to hear how the insects' calls bleed into other noises.

"Nothing exists in isolation," she said, adding that listening carefully is a way of acknowledging, respecting and learning from other forms of life.

Power said she feels there is no distinction between music and other sounds. And folks annoyed or worried by the volume of cicada choruses, might not think twice about attending a loud concert or going

clubbing.

"(I'm) offering people the time and space to change their perspective and to kind of lean into what it is they're hearing and allow themselves to be shaped by it, rather than repelled by it," she told the Tribune a few days before her trip.

While at the university, Power said she planned to put on a musical performance using field recordings from other parts of the world and to record cicada songs for pieces she wants to compose with other musicians.

"I'm just hoping to be changed by this experience. And I hope that my mic survives ... I can't wait to be overwhelmed," she said.

"I would love it if more species would do this, try and put us in our place a little bit," Power said. "There are all kinds of relationships on this planet. We're just one

tiny and insignificant part of that."

At the state capital's Lincoln Memorial Garden and Nature Center, Matthew Wolkow pressed play on an online recording of an individual courtship song from a *Magicicada septendecim* — one of the three species of 17-year cicadas from the Northern Illinois Brood.

Close by, a female cicada responded with a "wing flick" signal. Wolkow pointed to a tree a few feet away, where the responding insect must have been perched. He had an amused smile on his face.

"This tree is very magical," said Wolkow, a Canadian filmmaker from Montreal and Bradley's project co-ordinator, as sound designer and mixer Alex Lane held what looked like a boom mic up to the tree.

That's because distinct

calls from a few different species and maybe even both the 17-year and 13-year broods were coming from its branches, they said, adding they'd need confirmation from scientists.

Before the cicadas emerged in late May, many scientists said they expected the broods to be adjacent but not overlap in Illinois. Even if there are some areas of overlap, Wolkow was told, it would be hard to find them because they would be small areas.

And it can get so loud it becomes hard to separate the choruses and calls of different species.

"When it gets to about 90 (decibels), there's a point where your brain is oversaturated with information," Wolkow said. "Here, it rarely even reaches 80 decibels, but with the variety, the diversity and the thickness of sound, so far, it's like the best place."

Listening closely

For his documentary on this year's double periodical cicada emergence, Wolkow asked scientists and artists he interviewed: "What will it sound like in 221 years?"

The question invites reflection on how humans are shaping the environment around them as they build, expand and remove trees under which cicadas spend most of their lifetimes. Scientific data on periodical cicadas is limited to their 13- and 17-year cycles, Lane said, so there are gaps in distribution maps that must be accounted for. Did they move since their previous emergence? Or were they just not documented in certain places last time?

By encouraging careful

listening, Negin Almassi, resource management training specialist at the Forest Preserves of Cook County, is leading a volunteer effort to map the range and abundance of 17-year periodical cicadas across the county based on the intensity of their sounds.

"What's special about them is that the cicadas we're hearing this year are giving us a window into what's happened in the last 17," Almassi said. "That means that (conditions) aligned for them in these places."

For instance, cicadas will have emerged where trees have remained healthy and soil undisturbed. The soundmap project has also asked volunteers to pay attention to other sounds, such as how other animals might have changed the frequency of their signaling while cicadas chorus loudly. That attentiveness has also attuned them to human noise pollution.

"One of the first things that this project has shown me is how much I tune out airplanes, and how ubiquitous and loud they actually are," Almassi said. "You get used to your acoustic environment."

The environmental educator also recently led a few "Cicada Soundwalks" near the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center in Lemont alongside the Midwest Society for Acoustic Ecology. Like the listening session that Power led at Illinois State, sound walks are meant to help folks slow down and tune in to the sounds of nature they often ignore.

"Figuring out what to identify as music versus noise, that's the question," Almassi said.



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On foot for freedom

Marchers walk along the lakefront from the Margaret T. Burroughs Beach at 31st Street toward McCormick Place during the Chicago Walk for Freedom honoring Dr. Opal Lee on Wednesday. Now a national holiday, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States.

Pallet company in West Town is a complete loss after massive fire

By Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

An extra-alarm fire engulfed and destroyed a West Town pallet company during the Tuesday evening rush, despite scores of firefighters and equipment summoned to the scene.

The fire that covered the neighborhood in black smoke and suspended nearby Metra service, erupted at the pallet company at 2029 W. Hubbard St. around 5:50 p.m. after the facility had closed for the day, Chicago Fire District Chief Jim McDonough told reporters Tuesday evening near the still-smoldering scene.

Aided by strong winds, the fire consumed the building and about 20,000 pallets stored within it, McDonough said, calling the structure “completely lost.”



Firefighters work to extinguish an extra-alarm fire at a pallet company in the 2000 block of West Hubbard Street on Tuesday in Chicago. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Public records list the business as Commercial Pallet.

No employees were injured, but two firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling the blaze, officials said.

A 4-11 alarm triggers one of the largest responses the department can signal, summoning vast amounts of firefighting personnel,

equipment and the fire commissioner. Fire officials also called for a hazardous materials response due to the fire being near a fertilizer facility, though officials later said neighboring buildings only suffered minor damage.

Flames were visible from the intersection of North Damen Avenue and West Hubbard, into the evening.

On Juneteenth, one man’s unwavering quest for reparations

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

Below the blazing sun on Juneteenth, Howard Ray flagged down cars stopped at a red light by a corner in Chicago’s Austin neighborhood. He stepped into the street and waved, clipboard in hand.

“We’re working on a petition,” he started.

A few rolled down their windows, intrigued. Most nodded politely before driving away.

It’s the reality for a somewhat radical campaign — a petition to end all property taxes for Chicagoans descended from enslaved Africans. Ahead looms an Aug. 5 deadline to collect 100,000 signatures, which would place the referendum on the ballot. As of Wednesday, he’s only amassed a few hundred.

Perhaps it is improbable. Yet Ray’s one-man quest is

tinged with hope, grounded in a mission that he believes will outlive him. A movement, he said, that stretches beyond a signature count.

“It’s about putting it out there,” Ray, 54, said Wednesday.

He ambled back to a folding table, strewn with pens and colorful flyers.

“People talk about reparations,” Ray said. “We’re actually doing it. We’re not talking, we’re doing it. This is something that we’re putting into action.”

The petition, dubbed Reconstruction Era Reparations Act Now, or ReRan, calls for 3 cents from Chicago and Cook County sales tax to be allocated to a reparations fund for every transaction. The fund would then cover the property taxes of those with enslaved ancestors. With enough signatures, ReRan would become a nonbinding referendum on the Cook County

ballot Nov. 5.

Ray said the grassroots initiative is a critical step in addressing systemic racial inequality in Chicago. As the city’s Black population drops, eliminating property taxes could prevent displacement and pave the way to generational wealth, he added.

“We’re trying to preserve our neighborhood, the identity of Chicago, which includes the descendants of enslaved people and Black people,” Ray said. “Property tax is a mechanism that’s destroying our homes.”

Reparations efforts in Chicago have made recent strides. On Monday, Mayor Brandon Johnson launched a task force to examine the implementation of a reparations program for Black Chicagoans. The announcement cited specific areas of harm, including housing, health, education, mass incarceration and policing.

Evanston began a groundbreaking reparations program in 2022 which provides direct cash payments to Black residents. Ray, a longtime community advocate, said he took inspiration from Evanston’s program. The West Side native has shuffled through several civil service jobs and now works in real estate. He began ReRan after a failed bid for the 37th Ward alderman last year.

“I love people. I think I’m a soldier of God, for humanity, for Earth,” Ray said. “I got great parents, they taught me a lot of things. I just want to give that back, and hopefully other people can have that same experience.”

While policies stem from lawmakers, grassroots efforts are at the core of the reparations movement, according to Kamm Howard, the executive director of Chicago-based

nonprofit Reparations United. Community work like Ray’s allows officials to gauge public opinion on issues, he said.

“Lawmakers are moved by how many voices are speaking to an issue,” Howard said. “Very seldom do we have a lawmaker or legislator who wants to move the reparations issue. Many of them have to be forced or convinced.”

Howard, who has worked with Ray in the past, said he admires and supports his commitment to the cause. He too points to property taxes as a driving force of racial inequality.

“We can’t stop pushing for things that may seem radical or unattainable, just because they’re radical,” Howard said. “We have to push forward.”

Ray’s father, Howard Ray Sr., ever-present in his son’s advocacy endeavors, sat quietly in a folding chair

beside him Wednesday. He watched his son approach a pedestrian across the street.

“We’ve been waiting for something like this for a while,” Howard Ray Sr. said simply. His great-grandparents were slaves.

Even with his parents at his side, Ray concedes that the petition’s future is uncertain. And other aspects of the proposed policy remain unclear, such as how Chicagoans would prove their ancestry.

Ray reflected on the daunting task ahead of him. Still, he likened his efforts to a prayer: unseen but unwavering.

“People pray about cancer,” Ray said. “Sometimes prayers don’t happen right away, but it goes into the universe, and then maybe 50 years later, a young person becomes the greatest scientist of all time and cures cancer. And so that prayer has been answered.”

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Ethiopia Jackson, right, hugs Samiram Dyson, 11, on Tuesday near the scene where 7-year-old Jai'mani Amir Rivera was killed in Chicago's Near West Side. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Violent crime in Chicago remains a crisis, plain and simple. There is no higher priority for you, Mr. Mayor.

Even for a city inured to horrific violence, the shooting death of Jai'mani Amir Rivera Tuesday afternoon was a shock. On a hot day, the 7-year-old was walking to a neighbor's house when a bullet from an assault-style rifle shot from a distance struck him in the chest. If he'd left his house five minutes earlier or later, presumably Jai'mani would be with us still. Such is the randomness of life and death in a city where the bullets fly all too often.

Police Superintendent Larry Snelling hesitated to confirm the killing was gang-related, although he did say police had no reason to believe Jai'mani was targeted. At this early stage, Jai'mani appears to have been an unintended victim of someone shooting at someone or something else. Finding the cause, of course, does not bring this dead Chicago child back to life.

Mayor Brandon Johnson and Snelling briefed reporters afterward, and both appeared shaken by what happened. The act was so appalling that even Johnson, who most of the time cites systemic reasons for why so many in this city have so little regard for human life, called for some level of personal responsibility for these all-too-common outrages.

He said we've "reached a breaking point in this city," and spoke well from there. "This is about course correcting ways of life of some individuals in this city who've caused terror, trauma and torment," he said. "We hold individuals accountable."

As well we should.

Making Chicago safer — particularly parts of the city like Jai'mani's neighbor-

hood in the shadow of the United Center — requires an array of strategies and resources, some of them law-enforcement-related and others more proactive, such as the violence-interruption groups that are winning meaningful funding support from private and nonprofit sources.

Johnson, when he is forced to discuss his unacceptably crime-ridden city, talks most often about how more "investment" in such neighborhoods will reduce violence. For sure. But accountability and consequences — severe ones in the case of those who would shoot at 7-year-old Chicagoans — have to be part of any solution. Perhaps Johnson at last is seeing that reality in Jai'mani's death.

Rhetoric goes only so far, though. When it comes to reducing crime in Chicago, what Johnson and Snelling are doing so far isn't working no matter how frequently they point to statistics showing homicides and shootings are down from last year.

By any common-sense measure, this is not a remotely "safe" city. Residents believe crime is by far the top issue on Johnson's plate. Many of them, we're sure, roll their eyes when they hear the mayor and his police chief brag about a modestly lower murder rate when we're not even halfway through the year and just beginning the traditionally violent summer months, which look set to be especially hot this year.

Even before Tuesday, Chicago had suffered through a Father's Day weekend in which more than 70 were shot and eight were killed by gunfire. Was there any

acknowledgement of that on Monday by the mayor? Not a word.

The first order of business in attacking the No. 1 issue for Chicagoans is to treat violent crime as a crisis. The mayor should resist the urge to repeatedly cite statistics that soft-pedal the unacceptable reality. He's not the first mayor to turn to stats to try to convince Chicagoans that they should feel safe on city streets. But he won't be any more successful doing so than his predecessors were. We hope he'll stop.

The second priority is to admit that the strategies being deployed right now mostly aren't working. The public would be far more reassured if city leaders acknowledged the obvious — this is a crisis; it's not getting better — and pledge convincingly to change course. Policing is a part of this needed change, of course. But, as Snelling correctly says, the cops can't solve this problem alone.

On Tuesday, Snelling came as close as he has since assuming the top job to accusing Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office and the local judiciary of making matters worse.

"When we arrest people for violent crimes, we have to prosecute them," he said, to many people's surprise. "We have to keep them off the street. We cannot allow offenders to go back on the street. This is not only frustrating to the Chicago Police Department; it is not only frustrating when we know we've arrested someone who's committed a violent act and they're right back out again; it's frustrating to members of our community."

The prevailing progressive ethos of second, third and fourth chances for violent criminals is wearing thin on a public grown more than tired of feeling vulnerable as they walk city streets. Thankfully, we'll have a new state's attorney soon, and whether Democrat Eileen O'Neill Burke or Republican Bob Fioretti, they will need to work far more effectively with Chicago police.

Johnson said "we're not pointing a finger at anybody," on Tuesday. Yes, by all means, point some fingers, Mr. Mayor. Start with the street gangs that are the source of much of the worst violence. If no one is to blame, then it's impossible to hold anyone accountable.

In addition, Johnson on Tuesday chided those who resist his tax-and-spend solutions. "It's unfortunate we have people fighting my administration against the investments we are working to make," he said, and then weirdly announced that "our parks are open." The naïvete that Chicago's park system, as expansive and impressive as it is, is somehow part of a solution to gang violence isn't reassuring to an anxious public seeking answers.

Budgetary realities are a fact of life, whether for households, businesses or municipal governments. You have to do your best with what you have available. And, regardless of the fate of Johnson's broader agenda, the mayor badly needs a short-term approach to deal with the violent crime crisis, even if his longer-term approach of giving would-be criminals a better alternative to their lifestyle eventually comes to fruition.

ABOUT HERTZ AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Despite efforts by central planners to force Americans into electric vehicles, the overwhelming majority of consumers still prefer gasoline-powered cars. Failing to recognize that reality can be bad for business.

In 2021, the rental car company Hertz made a much-ballyhoed investment in electric vehicles. Company officials said they would purchase 100,000 Teslas to add to its rental fleet. At a reported \$4.2 billion, it was the largest electric vehicle order ever. What a difference three years makes. Hertz is now in the process of offloading 20,000 EVs from its inventory. That's around one-third of its entire EV lineup.

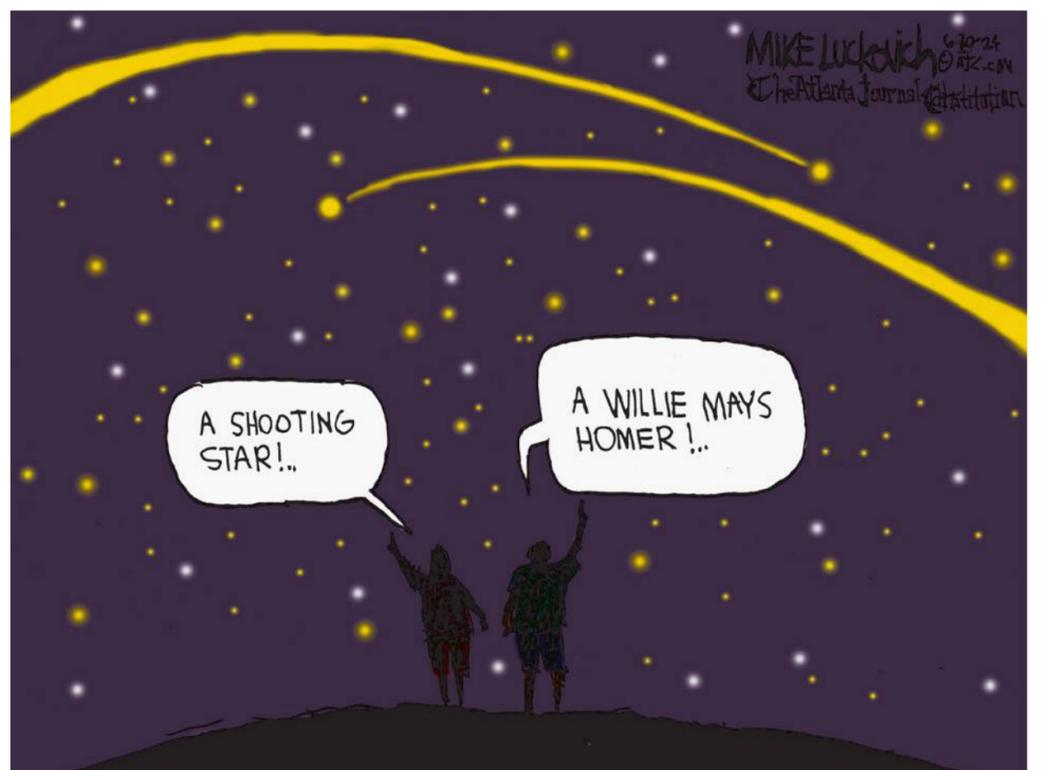
Hertz has a division that sells used rental cars to consumers. Its price on used Teslas is around \$25,000. Most are Model 3 sedans from 2022 and 2023. That's a great deal for anyone in the market for a used EV. But that market is shrinking. ... It doesn't take a Ph.D. in economics to understand what's happening. In response to government dictates, car companies have ramped up production of EVs. But demand isn't keeping pace. Hence, the drop in price.

Most drivers want gasoline-powered vehicles. For one, they're more convenient to refuel. Drivers can be in and out of a gas station in five minutes. Gas stations are ubiquitous, having been built up with private investment for decades. People with home chargers can avoid this dilemma, but they're expensive and require a garage or other dedicated parking space. By definition, travelers aren't staying at their homes, so they have to find public chargers. That's not how most people want to spend their vacations or work trips.

Shortly after it announced its EV purchase three years ago, Hertz's share price topped \$35. It recently traded for under \$3.10. There's nothing wrong with companies producing and selling EVs. But the market is a far better arbiter of consumer tastes and wants than bureaucrats.

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Former President Donald Trump departs after speaking at Trump Tower in New York on May 31. DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Will Trump ever leave the RNC?

By Frank Donatelli

As the first president to attempt to overturn an election, Donald Trump has a history of not going away, especially when there's a dollar to be made.

For Republicans, Trump's refusal to leave presents an unsettling question for their future: Will he keep an iron grip on the Republican National Committee if he loses in November?

Trump effected a takeover of the RNC just a few months ago. This in itself is not unusual, as the party's nominee frequently gains power over the organization during their run. Trump's takeover was a bit different, though. He helped oust the previous RNC chair after she was deemed insufficiently loyal, even after dropping her real last name to please him. His new hand-selected team immediately fired more than 60 senior staffers.

The RNC and the DNC are critical to their respective party's long-term success. These two organizations help direct the money flow to candidates and build up the bench and political infrastructure that can result in electoral victory and longevity. They also craft and enforce presidential selection rules for each state, helping to manage and control battles for future nominations.

A wise party leadership also takes a big tent approach, allowing different ideologies and personalities to bloom. The high points of the Republican rule under Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush saw a vibrant RNC, one that

helped reverse decades of failure at the state and national level.

One important point to attaining these objectives is for the losing presidential candidate (or departing president) to decamp from the party leadership, leaving it to new entrants to set the party's direction. But Trump appears to be taking a very different and, for Republicans, more disturbing route. Unfortunately, what we are seeing is the RNC run as a family business and not for the benefit of any other Republicans.

We saw this very quickly after Trump was convicted in New York. Most Republicans clutched their prayer beads and paid him the necessary homage by condemning the Manhattan trial. One who didn't was a former governor and very popular Senate candidate from Maryland, Larry Hogan. Hogan, who may be the only GOP candidate in 2024 who can capture a Senate seat in a deep blue state, made a neutral statement about respecting the rule of law, which was too much for the leader of the law-and-order party. RNC Co-Chair Lara Trump, Trump's daughter-in-law, claimed Hogan "doesn't deserve the respect" of any Republican or apparently RNC support, despite the fact that he is a Republican nominee in Maryland. Another RNC official and senior Donald Trump adviser, Chris LaCivita, opined, "You just ended your campaign."

Such are the bonds of loyalty in the Republican Party of Trump. His recent

half-hearted statement of support for Hogan in his Senate race doesn't change any of this.

What are the Republicans getting for this loyalty? Trump raised a lot of money, but he did it by being convicted of a felony. It's a tough way to raise funds, but he faces three more criminal trials, so maybe he can do even better.

When asked how much the RNC will spend on Trump's legal fees, Lara Trump demurred, "We'll wait and see what is necessary in the future." Important to note: She did not rule out the idea. It's only a question of how much and when donor money will pay for his lawyers, who so far have lost a criminal trial, plus two civil actions costing Trump hundreds of millions in penalties and fines.

I am reminded of a comment years ago from Patrick Ewing, then president of the National Basketball Players Association, when explaining the players' salary demands: "We might make a lot of money, but we spend a lot of money too."

If Trump loses the election, is there any reason to believe he would leave the RNC and allow the party to focus on improving Republican candidates' prospects in future elections? Sadly, squatting there offers him too many advantages.

He could use it as a platform to claim the 2024 election was stolen and pay for an elongated fight with donors' money. He could also continue to have his family members profit from

fundraising opportunities and large salaries.

But the most important reason to keep the RNC is what is most important to Trump — revenge and control. From that perch, he believes, maybe correctly, he can pick the next nominee of the party, assuming he is finally ready to throw in the towel himself. All would be beholden to him — "Little" Marco Rubio, "Pious" Tim Scott and "Lynin'" Ted Cruz. In some ways, it would be better than being president. Theoretically, he could radically alter the presidential selection process, even abolishing state primaries and caucuses and effectively assume the power of picking the nominee. Why not? After keeping control, the toothless RNC won't object.

But then again, would another loss by Trump in 2024, after Republican losses in 2018, 2020 and 2022, finally put some backbone in other Republican leaders? For all these years, the RNC has been in an abusive relationship with the former president, always fearful of angering him and risking banishment from his chaotic inner circle.

If insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting different results, perhaps this time, the party might finally come to its senses and move in a new direction.

Frank Donatelli is a former deputy chair for the Republican National Committee and was a senior adviser to President Ronald Reagan.

Patients contribute tissue for research. Why are they still powerless?

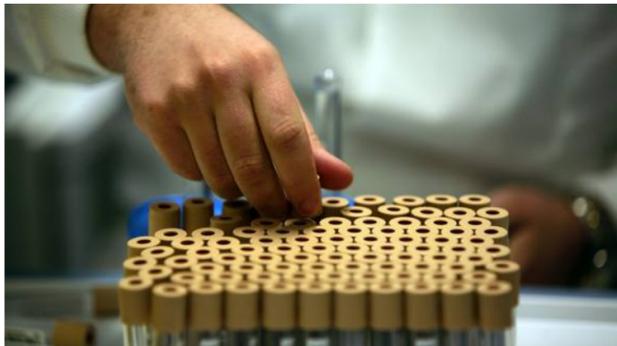
By Annette Bakker

Imagine receiving the shattering news that your daughter has cancer. Suddenly, you're battling for her life. In the midst of treatment, you're asked to sign a flurry of consent forms for her tissue to be donated for scientific research.

Seeking to help others devastated by the same cruel disease, you agree. But in a twist, you're never told how her tissue samples are actually being used — or if they ever get used at all.

You wouldn't be alone. I lead the Children's Tumor Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to fighting a rare genetic disease called neurofibromatosis, or NF. There's no cure for the condition, which causes tumors to grow on nerves. The families I work with are desperate for treatments. That's why they sign the many lengthy "informed consent" documents presented to them at hospitals, asking for permission to use tissue taken for research. But they have no control over how those samples are eventually used. Often, specimens simply collect dust on shelves.

The same thing happens frequently to older cancer patients and those battling other diseases. Many have undergone a biopsy or provided another tissue sample for the purpose of testing or treatment. They often wrongly assume that their samples will be used to aid research and so sign out of a



Blood samples taken from volunteers are labeled and ready to be stored in Stockport, England. CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY 2007

wish to help others.

Unlike organ donation, the market for "biomaterial" is largely unregulated. Hospitals typically provide it to what are known as biobanks, storage facilities that enter into partnerships with hospitals to gain access to tissue.

While health care providers must obtain patient consent for donations, they're not required to tell patients that their tissues may be stored in a biobank — or that researchers may never have access to their samples.

Currently, biobanks often impede medical progress by hoarding specimens. I know firsthand that a lack of access to tumor samples and cell lines is a major problem for NF research. I regularly encounter obstacles in

helping researchers obtain these materials. While biobanks require skilled oversight and are expensive to maintain, biobank directors often employ unreasonable excuses for creating "tissue silos" and refusing to share samples and data: the cost of international shipping, complex regulatory rules and arbitrary institutional restrictions. But patients aren't informed of any of these impediments when they're asked to donate.

Even when biobanks do provide specimens to researchers, they typically choose those with whom they have strong personal relationships or who can help them publish in prestigious publications. That means researchers in many fields lack access to tissue that would vali-

date their hypotheses.

Things are especially difficult for researchers in the life sciences industry, particularly those at smaller biotech companies. Small bioscience firms and startups are pursuing groundbreaking research on a wide range of diseases, but without personal connections at biobanks, they frequently lack the ability to access samples that could help them develop cutting-edge treatments.

Most cancer patients want to support research, even if they don't stand to benefit directly. But it's deeply unfair to take someone's tissue or bone marrow without telling them how such tissue will be used — or giving them a say in who gets to use it.

Beyond basic ownership, patients should have more input on how their biomaterial is used. They should be able to decide for themselves which researchers receive their specimens — or consult with trusted patient organizations to make such decisions. They should also have the option to donate only to nonprofit biobanks, or to stipulate that access to their material shall not be restricted at all.

Moreover, it's imperative that patients have access to any relevant data on discoveries made with their tissues. Providing them with such information would enable them to personally understand how their decision to donate

supports medical research.

While some biobanks tout a commitment to valuing patient input, these proclamations are little more than window dressing in practice. To give patients a real say in the tissue donation process, we need patient committees for biobanks at large hospitals. Numerous studies have found that public involvement in biobanks bolsters long-term medical research and ensures more samples end up in laboratories.

Patient advocacy groups have a critical role to play as well. My own organization has invested time and effort in finding biobanks that put patients first. We collect NF patient tissue samples and store them at a commercial biobank in Frederick, Maryland, and Indiana University's biobank in Indianapolis — both sites guarantee broad researcher access and consult patient committees. But because NF is so rare, these banks have only a limited number of available samples — so research is still hindered by "biobank politics."

Patients deserve transparency and influence when it comes to how their own tissues are used for research. Empowering them to make informed decisions will help accelerate medical progress for the greater good.

Annette Bakker is president of the Children's Tumor Foundation.

OPINION

Silence must be torture for Israel critic Noam Chomsky



Ron Grossman

Noam Chomsky's yearlong silence has been mystifying to his legion of readers, including those of us who take a perverse joy in muttering: "There he goes again!"

The world-renowned American linguist, famous for his politically dissident criticism — he once said that "if the Nuremberg laws were applied, every post-war American president would have been hanged" — hasn't shared his thoughts about the Israel-Hamas war.

A Brazilian newspaper recently outed Chomsky, reporting that he had suffered a stroke last June that left him struggling to speak. His Brazilian wife confirmed last week that he was placed in a Sao Paulo hospital, where he is under the care of a speech therapist, among other specialists.

For Chomsky, who solved the age-old riddle of human speech, what could be more tortuous than being unable to talk?

He is a giant in the scholarly field of linguistics. In fact, other linguists divide the discipline's history into B.C. and A.C.: before and after Chomsky.

Even though Chomsky, a Jew, has a habit of bad-mouthing Israel in a cheap-shot bid for headlines, I reluctantly recognize him as a native speaker of the ivory tower's arcane dialect who can also write jargon-free political commentary.

The Onion, of all things, captured the scope and intensity of his reflections on contemporary issues with the 2010 parody story "Exhausted Noam Chomsky Just Going To Try And Enjoy The Day For Once."

"I just want to lie in a hammock and have a nice relaxing morning," the satirical tabloid imagined Chomsky saying, describing him as "an outspoken anarcho-syndicalist academic."

Chomsky is celebrated for finding a flaw in the existing theory of language, which had assumed that language is a product of experience recorded on the blank slate of the mind.

He asked: If that is so, how does experiencing a ball and then seeing other balls generate the concept of "ball"? And how



Noam Chomsky during a news conference in Gaza City on Oct. 20, 2012. HATEM MOUSSA/AP

does the mind differentiate that concept from experiences that generate the concept of "book"?

I recall an afternoon I spent with Chomsky three decades ago. One of the essential skills for a journalist is making an interviewee comfortable. On that occasion, I was unsure if I should present myself as a reporter or a former academic. Then I spotted a volume on his shelf, "Hebrew: The Eternal Language."

"A copy of that book sits on my shelves," I said.

As his father, an educator, wrote it, Chomsky talked for hours thereafter. I reluctantly was forced to set aside my misgivings.

He patiently explained his conclusion

that the mind isn't a blank slate. It has a built-in mechanism — "generative syntax," he dubbed it — that makes humans the only species that can speak.

He explained he came by his distrust of communism, capitalism and pretty much everything in between from an uncle who ran a New York newspaper stand that was a hangout for dissidents.

"First, (my uncle) was a follower of (Leon) Trotsky, then an anti-Trotskyite," Chomsky said, referring to the Russian revolutionary. "He also taught himself so much of (Sigmund) Freud that he wound up a lay psychoanalyst with a penthouse apartment."

Linguists generally know a bunch of languages. I can mangle six or seven. But

in addition to English, Chomsky explained that he knew only Hebrew. But on that slim foundation, his fertile mind formulated a theory other linguists can't imagine living without.

According to the Brazilian newspaper, rather than being placed in a rehabilitation program, Chomsky prefers moving to an oceanfront apartment where he could look out at the waves and hear them beating on the shoreline.

Considering his contributions to the scientific study of language and his journalism that has endeared him to so many, I think he has earned the right to make the choice. Don't you?

Ron Grossman is a Tribune reporter.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Recording of justices unethical?

Regarding the article "Alito, Roberts secretly taped, differ on role of religion, law" (June 12): It was enlightening to read the secretly recorded comments of Justice Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts on the role of the U.S. Supreme Court in forcing America to be a "Christian" nation.

The final paragraph quotes an ethics scholar who disapproved of the secret recording used to obtain this information. This tut-tutting appears ridiculous when one considers the "ethics" displayed by Alito and fellow Justice Clarence Thomas who have accepted luxury vacations and the equivalent of vast amounts of monetary rewards from conservative billionaires.

Evidently, ethics apply only to reporters, not to Supreme Court justices.

— Tom DeCoursey, Oak Park

Example of America's failure

The U.S. Supreme Court has overturned a federal ban on bump stocks, ruling that the ban is not legal. And gun rights advocates are talking about this "win" like it's perfectly logical and fair. If any other product killed and injured as many children as guns do, it would be pulled from the market in a heartbeat. But guns are legal with few restrictions. Gun manufacturers and gun dealers are not held accountable for the unspeakable damage their product inflicts on tens of thousands of people each year.

America's failure to reduce the manufacture and sale of the No. 1 killer of our children is a true tragedy. The morality of America's gun culture is despicable.

— Judy Weik, Oak Park

Trump won't help with ban

I read with morbid fascination the attempt by the Tribune Editorial Board to suggest that ex-president and convicted felon Donald Trump might do the right thing and suggest that deadly modifications to semi-automatic rifles with bump stocks be banned ("Trump banned bump stocks before. One word from him now, and they'd be illegal," June 18). Nothing in his history indicates that he does anything meritorious except when forced. His motivation is always: "How will this benefit me, personally?"

Perhaps if Trump saw a fundraising opportunity to funnel money his way, he might cynically state that he opposes bump stocks. Even the supposed political advan-

tage of appealing to so-called independent voters is no call to action in Trump's transactional mind. He openly courts the all-or-nothing voters eager for the benefit of unmitigated weaponry because that's how he got elected back in 2016. In their view, the freedom to kill at will is an unfortunate byproduct of their liberty to own deadly weapons.

Trump will not say a word to offend those voters.

— Christopher Cudworth, North Aurora

Placing gun profits over lives

Thank you to Michael Ramirez for the excellent editorial cartoon (June 18) on the Supreme Court's bump stock ruling. It expresses our outrage for a deplorable decision.

The Supreme Court's message is loud and clear: Gun industry profits are more valuable than people's lives.

— Vicki Joseph, Chicago

Consequences of moral stand

Almost 60 years ago, thousands of American university students marched concerning our government's activities in Vietnam, including at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. They risked many things to follow their moral compass, regardless of the personal consequences.

Likewise, Liz Cheney, when she was a U.S. representative, knew full well that she would not be reelected in the highly conservative state of Wyoming should she maintain her stand concerning then-President Donald Trump and the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Both the antiwar demonstrators and Cheney were willing to stand up for their beliefs, regardless of the consequences.

Thus, I feel for the university protesters who have not been given their earned diplomas. If they really believed in what they were doing, then I hope they are willing to suffer the consequences.

"Regardless of the consequences" is the true mark of someone who fully believes body and soul in whatever they are doing.

— Bruce Sutar, Hanover Park

Biden's silence on Sudan

President Joe Biden's silence about Sudan is seriously aggravating and emblematic of the problems he faces with gathering genuine support. In short, Sudan is facing a civil war that has displaced millions of people and may have already killed at least 100,000 people. Yet, Biden has not spoken out on this

conflict for a year.

I don't want a president who holds his tongue on serious moral issues just because it doesn't fit into the administration's political plans. Just as with Barack Obama's administration, there is a serious aversion to addressing issues that arise outside their desired goals. Whether it was our weak efforts in Libya and Syria or the complete lack of desire to analyze the progress of the war in Afghanistan, the descendants of the Obama administration now in the Biden administration are loath to jump into foreign policy problems for which they haven't prepared or didn't expect.

I don't want a president who I feel I have to monitor to make sure they have the right stance on serious moral issues. I don't want to read about civilians caught in the crossfire in Sudan or Myanmar and not hear my government make a peep.

I want to know that when atrocities are happening, especially when we used to support one side as we did in Sudan before the war, that my president will be proactive in condemning the clearly condemnable. I want to know that my government is making the incredibly easy steps of denouncing violence and investing serious political capital into fighting for peace.

Whether it's Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine or Gaza, I truly don't think it's a massive ask to demand that our government ensure that innocents don't die, especially not in my name. If we have the power to help halt violence or support those on whom violence is being inflicted, and we don't use every last drop of that power to halt the violence, then I do believe we become partially responsible for the outcome.

Just because the United States has decided, does not mean that it was inherently the right choice. It is not the case that we can do no wrong.

— Ethan Feingold, Chicago

Supporting access to education

Illinois U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin reintroduced bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development (READ) Act for an additional five years. Reauthorizing the READ Act would provide a vital first step toward ensuring education is globally accessible.

Roughly 260 million children do not have access to quality education globally as a result of economic insecurity, gender discrimination and increased barriers resulting from COVID-19 and current global conflicts.

A child's formative development is greatly threatened without secure, equal access to quality educational opportunities. In low- and middle-income countries,

up to 70% of 10-year-olds are unable to read a simple text. Thus, marginalized and vulnerable children who are particularly affected by inadequate education services are not provided the resources they need to obtain economic security and build healthy, secure futures.

Education plays a foundational role in a child's long-term success. The United States plays an essential role in improving global educational opportunities and addressing barriers to children's access to school by providing resources and strategy that promote international aid partnerships.

In 2017, the READ Act was signed into law to promote educational development programs that ensure all children are able to have equal access to quality education. As a result of the READ Act, programs tailored toward expanding access to education have reached more than 122 million children.

Durbin and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida introduced legislation to reauthorize the READ Act for an additional five years. Reauthorizing the READ act would be transformative in allowing the growth and development of international programs for education, increasing its accessibility and quality.

The Senate passed the reauthorization of the READ Act in November. Support efforts are vital to ensure the House passes the READ Act. Education, as a key tenet of international policy, is crucial in reducing poverty, increasing economic growth, promoting gender equality, and ensuring the long-term security of individuals and communities.

— Kayla Bruckert, Chicago

Cheered by Wilson's values

What a breath of fresh air! Willie Wilson's op-ed "Lessons from my father on love" (June 13) says so many things that need to be said about the necessity of strong fathers in the home, faith and hard work.

Frankly, I was surprised to see this in the Tribune and hope this is a sign of a shift away from the "anything goes" philosophy that has been the Opinion section's hallmark for quite a while now.

The values stressed by Wilson are necessary for a strong society and should be supported.

— Dianne Kinzer, Springfield

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Mays

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wearing, knowing that Willie did the same. Then they played the ‘Say Hey’ song.”

The crowd applauded, Ian Happ stepped into the box against Webb, and the game went on.

Wrigley Field, Fenway Park in Boston and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles are the only three remaining MLB parks Mays played in. He was a frequent visitor to Wrigley in his long and storied 22-year career, but his appearances were always special to fans. Some superstars you loved to hate, but Mays was the kind of player everyone loved to watch, even though he had the reputation as a so-called “Cub killer.” He hit 92 of his 660 career home runs off Cubs pitching, with a perfectly round .1000 OPS in 358 games, his highest against any team.

Mays was even more lethal at Wrigley Field, where he had a .342 average with 54 home runs and a 1.077 OPS.

“I always liked playing the Cubs in Chicago,” Mays told the Tribune in 1986. “I think I hit 50 or 60 home runs here. Playing in the dirt and grass was always better. If there had been artificial turf all through my career like today, I couldn’t have played 22 years because of shin problems. Maybe 15 or so, but that’s all.”

How many times did Mays beat the Cubs and then show up in the WGN-Ch. 9 booth with announcer Jack Brickhouse to talk about the game on “The 10th Inning” postgame show? It seemed like every series when we were kids. Mays was a friend of Brickhouse, who was behind the mic on “The Catch,” Mays’ unbelievable over-the-shoulder grab that robbed Cleveland’s Vic Wertz in the 1954 World Series and is considered one of the greatest moments in baseball history.

A 12-time Gold Glover, Mays defined the center-field position and didn’t need to carry an index card to see where to post himself, as do many of today’s outfielders. He was even entrusted to call pitches from center field back in the day.

“The things he did we’ll never see again,” Giants outfielder Mike



The inimitable Willie Mays — minus cap, of course, — flashes across the plate with a run for the San Francisco Giants in the fifth inning on Aug. 15, 1959, at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

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Yastrzemski said after Tuesday’s game. “I truly believe he was such a talented player and played the game as purely as anybody could. To be able to watch that on film ... I’m glad there was film for it, because it’s something that is going to be watched and studied for the rest of time.”

Mays’ combination of power, speed and hitting for average made him a unicorn in his era. Until age 40, Mays struck out 90 or more times only twice and never more than 92 times despite playing almost every day and hitting for power like no one had since Babe Ruth.

He ended his career with a .302 batting average, but if he had retired before 1972 his career numbers would be even more impressive. Mays hit a combined .232 with 14 home runs in his final two seasons. He was dealt from the Giants to the Mets in 1972 and was a shell of himself, as was evident by some defensive miscues during the 1973 World Series at age 42.

Still, Mays played with such a flair it was impossible not to like and appreciate him on a baseball field. Off the field, he was criticized by Jackie Robinson for not doing enough for the civil rights movement. But in baseball writer John Shea’s biography of Mays, “24: Life Stories and Lessons from the Say Hey Kid,” Mays said he did what he could do without asking to be put in the

spotlight.

“A lot of people didn’t know what I did at the time because I didn’t raise no hand,” Mays said. “I just did what I had to do for that particular person at the time. I didn’t tell anyone to follow my lead. You follow your own lead. I’ll help you get to where you want to go, but you’ve got to do it yourself.”

The Willie Mays people will remember will be the graceful athlete whose ebullience and personality helped the game and the nation.

“Willie Mays, just by being Willie Mays and playing his heart out and by being happy doing it, made a real contribution to melting the iceberg of at least more overt forms of racism,” former President Bill Clinton said in “24.”

As the Giants and St. Louis Cardinals play at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday to celebrate the history of the Negro Leagues, Mays’ presence will be felt. It was supposed to be a tribute to Mays and his peers. Now the Rickwood game will serve as a sort of memorial to perhaps the greatest player the game has seen.

“He’ll be watching over the game,” Yastrzemski said. “It’s definitely one of those times to reflect on the important things in life. He had such an impact on this game and obviously on so many people. To be able to be involved in a celebration for him is an incredibly humbling experience.”

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Death Notices

Bakris, Dr. George L.

Dr. George L. Bakris - beloved husband, father, grandfather, and physician- fell asleep in the Resurrected Lord on June 15, 2024 at the age of 72. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of over 40 years (Demetria), children (Athena (Matt) and Louis (Despina), and grandchildren. George leaves behind a legacy that extends beyond his family and local community, and spans the globe. For more information, visit www.burnskish.com

Bansfield, Mary S.

Mary S. Bansfield, Age 93, Beloved wife of the late Robert M. Loving mother of Laura (the late Frank) Partridge, Louise (Augustin) Villegas, Robert (Janice) and Beth (Larry) Rutherford. Cherished grandmother of Lisa Marie (Brian) Gumm, Melissa (Daniel) Watkins, Steven Villegas, Robert Jr. (Norine) Bansfield, Joseph Bansfield, Timothy Bansfield, Jordan Rutherford, Alex (Maggie) Rutherford, Ben (Jordan) Rutherford, Sam Rutherford and Luke Rutherford. Dear great grandmother of Alexandra and Isabella Watkins. Fond sister of Sami (the late Richard) Casler, the late Ann (the late Neil) Thomas and the late Monica Sramek. Visitation Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 10 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of the Woods Church 6955 N. Hiawatha Ave., Chicago, IL. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, checks may be made and mailed to Parkinson’s Foundation, Attn: Midwest Chapter, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. Please note in tribute to Mary S. Bansfield. Or visit parkinson.org/donate and choose Tribute Gift. Arrangements by **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, Chicago, IL. For funeral info call 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Barrett, Michael

Michael James Barrett, 87, native of Mount Jubilee, Bangor Eris, Co. Mayo, Ireland; loved father of Mary, Brenda (PJ McKermitt), Michael, John (Lori), Martin & fond father to Bridie’s sons, Patrick and Kurt. Cherished grandfather of Michael, Kaitlin, Brittany, PJ, Ciaran, Liam, Ronan, Ryan and Devin; great grandfather of Mateo; fond grandfather to Siobhan, Olivia, Marcus and Sean; dear brother to Anthony and the late Harry, Thomas, John, Mary Scanlon, Martin and Paddy; brother-in-law to Nora Barrett and Kathi Barrett; and beloved Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud 64-year member of Ironworkers Local 1. Visitation Friday from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at Cooney’s Funeral Home, 625 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge, Illinois. Prayers at 9:30am Saturday at the funeral home proceeding to St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago for a 10:00am Funeral Mass. Interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Funeral information and condolences at www.cooneyfuneralhome.com or (847) 685-1002.

Berman, Richard A.

Richard A. Berman, 80, Rockford, died Thursday, June 13, 2024. Born May 14, 1944, Chicago, son of the late David and Josephine (nee DiGiacomo) Berman. Survived by Alice (nee Sherfy) wife of 55 years. Practiced Workers’ Comp defense law for 40 years at Williams McCarthy. Survivors include his wife Alice, daughters Lynn Keyes (Tad) and Amy Berman (Todd McLaughlin), two granddaughters, and his siblings Janet Berman and Michael Berman. Pre-deceased by his parents and sister Geraldine Arbach. Visitation 6:00 – 8:00 Friday, June 21 at Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 2nd Avenue, Rockford. Celebration of Life 11:00 Saturday, June 22 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2821 N. Bell School Road, Rockford. Full obituary at https://www.olsonfh.com

Bolan, Cristen Caitlin

Cristen Caitlin Bolan, age 53, of Deerfield, IL. Devoted daughter of Chloe Bolan and Michael (the late Sandra) Bolan. Loving sister of Kelly (David) Chevalier, Michael (Andi) Bolan, Melissa (Paul) Meyer, and Erin (Judd) Hines. Adoring aunt of Sam, Bo, and Buckley (Rebecca) Chevalier; Connor, Cody, and Chase Bolan; Abigail, Jack, Peter, Luke, Ben, and Regina Meyer; Maureen, Carrie, and Jimmy Hines. Visitation Friday, June 21, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Services, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, June 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at Divine Mercy Parish at Sacred Heart Church, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery in Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.



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Lois Georgia Coxworth Gallagher, age 95, was born on January 18th, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois to John and Rosalie Pagoria. She graduated from Thornton Township High School, Thornton Community College and ultimately Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor’s in nursing in 1951. She earned her masters in Public Health from University of Illinois in 1980. After undergrad, she worked at the University of Chicago hospital as a floor nurse. She later worked as a public health nurse and eventually became head of the Park Forest Health Department. Prior to attending Johns Hopkins, she met Robert Coxworth and after a long courtship, they wed in 1951. She soon began raising a family and became a mother to five children. After Robert Coxworth passed away in 1989, she remarried Jack Gallagher in 1999. They lived happily together until his death in 2014. While being a devoted mother, Lois also found the time and energy to be active in the community in a myriad of ways. She was a founding member of South Suburban Access to Care over 30 years ago, its continuing mission to provide healthcare for the uninsured. She also devoted her spare time to League of Women Voters advocating for women’s and family issues at the ballot box, including the Equal Rights Amendment. Her work at the Flossmoor Library board reflected a longstanding belief in the value of reading and education for everyone, especially children. She also was a global traveler to Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, always seeking new experiences. A lifelong passion for the arts, both music, painting and reading were things she passed on to her family.

Preceded in death by first spouse Robert Coxworth, spouse Jack Gallagher, survived by brother Richard Pagoria (Jan), daughter Lisanne Carlson (Richard), sons Robert Coxworth (Debbie), James Coxworth (Angela), Ian Coxworth (Donna) and Neal Coxworth (Genevieve) as well as grandchildren Kate Coxworth, Ted Coxworth, (Jesse), Joram Coxworth, John Coxworth (Rinako), Lissa Dewar (Cris), Tess Balzer (Brett), Ross Carlson (Rachel), Grace Coxworth, Beckett Coxworth as well as 9 great grandchildren.

A memorial service to be will held at 11:00 on June 29 at The Clare, 55 East Pearson, Chicago, IL 60611

Graveside interment at Assumption Catholic Cemetery, 19500 Cottage Grove Avenue, Glenwood, IL 60425.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, www.alz.org, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

McNicholas, Dominick V.

Dominick McNicholas, 89. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ellen nee Cardiff, loving father of Michael (Helene), and James (Maureen). Devoted grandfather of Ellen (James) Smith, Michael (Katelynn), Christine, Meghan, Kaitlin, and Emily McNicholas. Great grandfather of Theodore, Abigail, and William Smith, and Michael McNicholas. Fond brother of John (Angela), and the late Michael (the late John), Thomas (the late Maureen). All of Ireland. Visitation Friday at St. Issac Jogues Church, 8149 Golf Road in Niles, from 10:00am to 11:00am. Mass beginning at 11:00am. Entombment private. Native of Gowel Charlestown County Mayo Ireland. Member of Carpenters Local 13 for 70 years and Knights of Columbus. A founding member of the Irish American Heritage Center, Shamrock American Club, and the Roscommon Association. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Irish American Heritage Center in Dominick’s name would be appreciated. For information, (847)685-1002.

Nowak, Joanne P.

Joanne P. Nowak, Loving wife of Walter; Loving mother of Susan (Richard)Wasiusk, Michael (Eva), Lynn, Vicki (Bill) Jennings; Loving grandmother of TJ, Jim, Jon, Joe, Christina (Frankie) Salas, Emily (Brent) Broadbent, and Katelyn. Loving great grandmother of Jayce and Bennett. Dear daughter of the late James & Estelle Bor; in lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital would be appreciated. Visitation Sunday, June 23rd, 3:00 – 8:00pm at **The Oaks Funeral Home**, 1201 E Irving Park Road (at Prospect) Itasca and Monday, 8:00 am until time of Funeral, 9:30 am to Saint Peter the Apostle Church, 551 N. Rush St, Itasca. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Saint Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or oaksfh.com

Semmelman, Andrew

Andrew Semmelman passed away in the early hours of April 5, 2024, at the Sheridan of Green Oaks. He was born on June 20, 1931, in Libertyville, Illinois, and attended Lake Forest High School, where he met his lifelong love, Audrey Henriksen. Andrew served in the Korean War. Upon returning, he attended Lake Forest College and then went on to earn his law degree from the University of Illinois. He served as a police magistrate judge, hearing local cases in a courtroom on the second floor of the Lake Forest police and fire department building. He started a general practice law firm in the late 1960’s where he worked until his retirement in 2017. Andy was an accomplished athlete, avid sports fan and a true outdoorsman. Andrew believed in giving back to his community and was an active participant of the local Rotary Club and a devoted member of Saint Mary’s Church. Andy was a loving father and grandfather, he was open minded, had a wonderful sense of humor and was the one to go to for thoughtful advice. He was slow to anger and quick to forgive and always supportive of his children’s goals and aspirations. Andy was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, J. Audrey Semmelman. They were completely devoted to each other. They had many friends and enjoyed entertaining and were able to travel together until late in life, experiencing many adventures around the world. He is survived by his children, David (Beth) Semmelman, Peggy (Ron) Timm, Drew (Hillary) Semmelman; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. There will be a celebratory memorial mass on July 20, 2024 at 11:30am at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest followed by a reception at the Gorton Center from 1:00-4:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to the Lake Forest Rotary Club or your favorite charity. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home**, Lake Forest www.wenbanfh.com or (847)234-0022.



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ON JUNE 20 ...

In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the “Black Hole of Calcutta”; most died.

In 1782 Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

In 1837 Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863 West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893 a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, the U.S. cruiser Charleston captured the Spanish-ruled island of Guam.

In 1905 playwright and screenwriter Lillian Hellman was born in New Orleans.

In 1909 actor Errol Flynn was born in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

In 1940 actor John Mahoney, a member of Chicago’s Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble, was born in Manchester, England.

In 1942 Beach Boys founder and songwriter Brian Wilson was born in Southern California.

In 1943 race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1963 the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a hot line between the two superpowers.

In 1967 boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali’s conviction ultimately was overturned by the Supreme Court).

In 1975 the Steven Spielberg shark thriller “Jaws” was first released.

In 1979 ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza’s national guard.

In 1988 the Supreme Court unanimously upheld a New York City law making it illegal for private clubs to generally exclude women and minorities.

In 1990 South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

In 1991 German lawmakers voted to move the seat of the national government back to Berlin.

In 1993 the Chicago Bulls won their third NBA title in a row as they defeated the Phoenix Suns in Game 6 of their championship series, 99-98.

In 1994 former NFL star and television personality O.J. Simpson pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to the killings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

In 1996 the Clinton administration announced it would veto the re-election of U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Also in 1996 Westinghouse Electric agreed to buy Infinity Broadcasting for \$3.9 billion.

In 1997 the tobacco industry agreed to a massive settlement in exchange for major relief from mounting lawsuits and legal bills. Also in 1997 the summit of industrialized nations opened in Denver, with Russia taking its place as the new eighth partner.

In 1999, as the last of 40,000 Yugoslav troops rolled out of Kosovo, NATO declared a formal end to its bombing campaign against Yugoslavia. Also in 1999 golfer Payne Stewart won his second U.S. Open title, by one stroke over Phil Mickelson.

In 2001 Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, then called police. (Yates was convicted of murder, had her conviction overturned, and later was found not guilty by reason of insanity in a retrial.) Also in 2001 American Lori Berenson was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison by a Peruvian court for collaborating with leftist guerrillas. Also in 2001 Billy Collins was named the 11th U.S. poet laureate.

In 2003 wildfires fueled by high winds burned 250 homes in southern Arizona.

In 2007, Sammy Sosa, playing for the Texas Rangers after a year out of baseball, hit his 600th home run, making him the fifth player to reach the milestone.

Sochacki, Lorraine M.
Lorraine Sochacki (nee Kucal) passed away on June 13, 2024, at the age of 94. Lorraine was the beloved wife of the late George Sochacki; dear mother of Mary Ann Sochacki and Diane (Richard) Yatteau; loving and proud grandmother to Emma Yatteau. Born in Chicago, Illinois as the beloved daughter of the late Stanley I. and Marie Kucal (nee Bykowski). Many who knew Lorraine referred to her simply as "mom". Visitation: Friday June 21 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at **Cruz-Sojka Funeral Home**, 1427 W. Chicago Ave. Chicago, followed by a mass of Christian burial at Holy Innocents Church 743 N. Armour St. Chicago IL at 12:00 PM. Interment: St Adalbert Catholic Cemetery Niles IL. Donations may be made in Lorraine's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
312-666-2673 www.cruz-sojkafh.com

Specks, Marcia Idelle
Marcia Idelle Specks died on June 15, 2024 at Artis Senior Living of Wilmette at the age of 98. She was born May 15, 1926, in Chicago Illinois, the daughter of Herman and Minnie Greenburg. Marcia graduated from Von Steuben High School in Chicago. Following graduation from Von Steuben, she attended South Park College and Northwestern University and became an accomplished speech therapist. She married Granvil Specks in Chicago and celebrated 65 wonderful years of marriage to him. They raised two children, traveled the world and were inseparable. Marcia and Granvil became world renowned collectors of German Expressionist art. Much of that art currently resides in a dedicated wing of the Milwaukee Art Museum bearing their names. She was also intimately involved in the production of "Eyewitness" which was nominated for an academy award in the short documentary category. She is survived by two children -- Gary (Andrea) and Jill -- three grandchildren (Vicki, Cara and Jeffrey)-- and one great grandchild (Taylor). She pre-deceases her husband Granvil who died in 2013 and her brother Philip who died in 1993. Marcia lived a full and fulfilling life. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Services Private.

Swimmer, James 'Jim'
James "Jim" Swimmer, 93, passed away on June 18, 2024; beloved husband and best friend of the late Rolla (nee' Wainer) for 67 wonderful years; loving father of Jan (Michael) Caron and Judi; cherished grandpa of Melanie (Jon) Yermack, Hillary and Stephanie Caron; adored great-grandpa of Noah and Sophie Yermack; much loved brother of the late Al (Grace Omens); loved brother-in-law of the late Arnold (Dorora) Wainer and the late Roy (Enid) Wainer; dear uncle and friend of many. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.act.alz.org. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Chapel service, Friday, June 21, 2024, 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For the link to view the service and shiva information : www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520.

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Under the Assumed Name of: **MELROSE ALL-IN-ONE CONSTRUCTION** with the business located at: **291 SILVER LANE MELROSE PARK, IL 60160**

The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **CHRISTOPHER ROBERT VAN ALSTINE & NICOLAS FRANK VAN ALSTINE 291 SILVER LANE MELROSE PARK, IL 60160 6/20, 6/27, & 7/4/24 7653884**

ASSUMED NAMES

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Under the Assumed Name of: **Little Sweetpeas Vintage Store** with the business located at: **4948 Irving Park Rd Chicago, Illinois, 60641**

The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Denise Davidson 6157 N. Sheridan Rd. Apt 9F Chicago, Illinois, 60660 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/2024 7646597**

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Under the Assumed Name of: **Variant Vintage** with the business located at: **550 CHESTNUT ST, APT 208 WINNETKA, IL 60093**

The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Michelle Larson 550 CHESTNUT ST WINNETKA, IL 60093 6/6, 6/13 & 6/20/2024 7646602**

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
June 20, 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/procurement, 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: **1236026: Columbus Ave. at Maplewood Ave.-Railroad Grade Separation from Western Ave. to Kedzie Ave.-CREATE GS11 (eProcurement)**
DEPARTMENT: **Department of Transportation**
TYPE: **Construction**

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NOTICE OF ADDENDUM: **Addendum # 1 will be e-mailed to all bidders on the Bid Opportunity Take-Out list**

SPECIFICATION NO: **1236026**
RFQ NO: **10300.1**
BID OPENING DATE: **June 25, 2024**
REVISED BID OPENING DATE: **July 17, 2024, Per Addendum #1**
TIME: **11:00 a.m., Central Time**

CONTACT: **Luis Bejar, Senior Procurement Specialist**
Email: Luis.Bejar@cityofchicago.org
Pub: 6/20/2024 7652840

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DESCRIPTION: **Wireless Communication Equipment, Component Parts And Fiber Optic Equipment (Rebid)**
DEPARTMENT: **Office of Public Safety Administration**
TYPE: **COMMODITIES**

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SPECIFICATION NO: **1262545B**
RFQ NO: **10361**
BID OPENING DATE: **July 8, 2024**
TIME: **11:00AM., Central Time**
QUESTION DUE DATE: **June 27, 2024**

CONTACT: **Kenya Harrison-Bonner Senior Procurement Specialist**
Email: Kenya.Harrison-Bonner@cityofchicago.org
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Notice is hereby given that the opening date heretofore advertised as Thursday, June 20, 2024 has been extended to Thursday, June 27, 2024 no later than 3:30 P.M. for the following items:

Req No.: B220P00219R,
Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide inspection, servicing, maintenance and repairs of electric and electric-hydraulic elevators for a period of up to three years with two one-year options.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE

For additional information, please contact Chris Lahcivie, Senior Procurement Administrator, clahcivie@transitchicago.com.
The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
June 20, 2024
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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Senior Safety Specialist (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: June 21, 2024 through July 5, 2024. Examination Date: July 25-26, 2024. Location: MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Senior Safety Specialist practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, plans and coordinates the safety program throughout the District. Salary: \$100,761.18 per year

Supervising Buyer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: June 14, 2024 through June 28, 2024. Examination Date: July 27, 2024. Location: Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHIAS), 3857 West 11th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Supervising Buyer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under direction, supervises the day-to-day procurement activities of Buyers and/or Senior Buyers in the Acquisition Division. Salary: \$112,470.80 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2024:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2024 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

BARRINGTON

Identified also as Area(s) 01, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is July 31, 2024.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 20th day of June, 2024.

FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
6/20/24 7653736

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NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. (Chicago time), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly as described in the Invitation to Bid by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 AM on the stated bid opening date below for:

CONTRACT 24-602-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS			
Estimated Cost	Group 1:	\$123,950.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 2:	\$ 62,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 3:	\$156,200.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 4:	\$ 56,700.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 5:	\$ 77,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 6:	\$ 31,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 7:	\$ 72,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 8:	\$225,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 9:	\$ 63,500.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group 10:	\$ 60,000.00	Bid Deposit
TOTAL		\$927,350.00	
Bid Opening:	July 9, 2024		

CONTRACT 24-612-21 ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS			
Estimated Cost	Group A:	\$ 450,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group B:	\$1,177,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group C:	\$ 433,000.00	Bid Deposit
Estimated Cost	Group D:	\$ 300,000.00	Bid Deposit
TOTAL		\$2,360,000.00	
Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference:	Thursday, June 27, 2024, 1:00 pm Chicago Time, via ZOOM Link		
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix K, Appendix C, Appendix V, and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.			
Bid Opening:	July 9, 2024		

CONTRACT 24-624-12 MAIN STREET BRIDGE EXPANSION JOINT REPLACEMENT (RE-BID)			
Estimated Cost:	\$200,000.00	Bid Deposit:	NONE
Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference:	Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 10:00 am Chicago Time, via ZOOM Link		
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix V, and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.			
Bid Opening:	July 16, 2024		

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrdd.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at www.mwrdd.org (Doing Business -> Procurement & Materials Management -> Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following email: contractdocs@mwrdd.org or call 312-751-6643.

All Contractors for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1et.seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois June 19 & June 20, 2024 Tribune #7652471

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES

INVITATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING FIRMS TO OBTAIN A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR: CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99 - NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Board of Education of Cicero School District 99 announces a request for proposal for environmental consulting services that will be available beginning Thursday, 6/20/2024, for a comprehensive environmental assessment of Daniel Burnham Elementary School Building and Site located at 1630 South 59th Avenue Cicero, IL 60804.

PROJECT SCHEDULE The District is investigating the potential of building a new early childhood center to serve the north side of the school district. Currently, the preliminary concept would include the demolition of the existing Daniel Burnham Elementary School, a three-story masonry building, and the design and construction of a new, single-story early childhood center located at 1630 South 59th Avenue Cicero, IL 60804.

PROJECT SCHEDULE The open RFP submission period will be from Thursday 6/20/2024 to Thursday, 7/11/2024. At the conclusion of the RFP submission period, submittals will be opened and the District will review responses.

Interested firms will be able to download the RFP at the Cicero School District 99 website at: https://www.cicero99.edu (click on "public bidding"). The RFP will be released by 2:00pm CDT on Thursday, 6/20/2024. Qualifications must be submitted by 2:00pm CDT on Thursday, 7/11/2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Vision Benefits for the City of Chicago (the "City" or the "Lead Agency"), the Chicago Park District, and City Colleges of Chicago.

The dates are subject to change by the City. Furthermore, the terms, conditions, and information in the original RFP are subject to change by the City. All such changes will be made public via an Addendum document at the above link.

Telephone inquiries are not permitted. Specification Number: CBO-2024-01 Pub. 6/18, 6/19 & 6/20/2024 7652578

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Installation Development - An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed construction of an Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA) facility and wash building at the Philip H. Sheridan U.S. Army Reserve Center (Sheridan USARC).

The Draft EA and the proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) are available for review on the following website: https://a1.usgov.gov. SHERIDANEANDFNSI. The document is also available at the following public libraries:

Highwood Library and Community Center (102 Highwood Ave, Highwood, IL 60040) Highland Park Public Library (494 Laurel Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035) Lake Forest Library (360 E Deerpath Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045)

Public comments on the Draft EA must be received no later than July 20, 2024 and can be mailed to:

Headquarters 88th Readiness Division ATTN: Lisa Gulbranson 506 Rooder Circle (Environmental Division) Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4017

Public comments can also be emailed to lisa.gulbranson.ct@army.mil. 6/20/24 7651258

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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



AccuWeather Outlook: Partly sunny and humid with a t-storm. Not as warm in the northern suburbs and downtown; hot in the south. Warm in the western suburbs. A t-storm in spots tonight; however, dry in the south.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Day: Night: High: 88 Low: 67 Warm with some sun; an afternoon t-storm POP: 55% Winds: NE 6-12 mph	Day: Night: High: 92 Low: 73 Some sun, hot and humid POP: 15% Winds: E 4-8 mph	Day: Night: High: 96 Low: 74 The temperature near the record of 97 POP: 25% Winds: WSW 10-20 mph	Day: Night: High: 88 Low: 66 A thunderstorm in spots in the morning POP: 40% Winds: W 8-16 mph	Day: Night: High: 88 Low: 67 Mostly sunny POP: 15% Winds: NNE 7-14 mph	Day: Night: High: 92 Low: 70 Hot; a couple of afternoon thunderstorms POP: 70% Winds: SSW 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™

1	5	7	6	3	1	0
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RealFeel Temperature®

81	89	94	94	89	79	79
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Thursday Activities

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
Golfing Index

6	6	6	6	6	1	6
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Fishing Index

6	6	6	6	6	0	6
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CHICAGO ALMANAC

Wednesday Temperatures
O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	93
Low	77
Normal high	82
Normal low	62
Record high	102 (1953)
Record low	43 (1980)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Wednesday

Location	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Aurora	91	73	83	60
Gary	91	77	81	61
Kankakee	92	75	83	62
Lansing	95	76	81	61
Midway	94	78	82	64
Romeoville	91	75	83	62
Valparaiso	92	75	83	62
Waukegan	92	75	78	57

Wednesday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Wednesday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.13"
Month to date	1.48"	1.47"	2.67"
Year to date	16.75"	14.43"	17.40"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Wednesday

Pollen as of 6/10

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Low	High	Absent	High

Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index
Wednesday's reading

Moderate

Thursday's forecast

Moderate

Primary pollutant

Ozone

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

	Thu.	Fri.
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:16 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise	7:47 p.m.	8:52 p.m.
Moonset	3:36 a.m.	4:22 a.m.

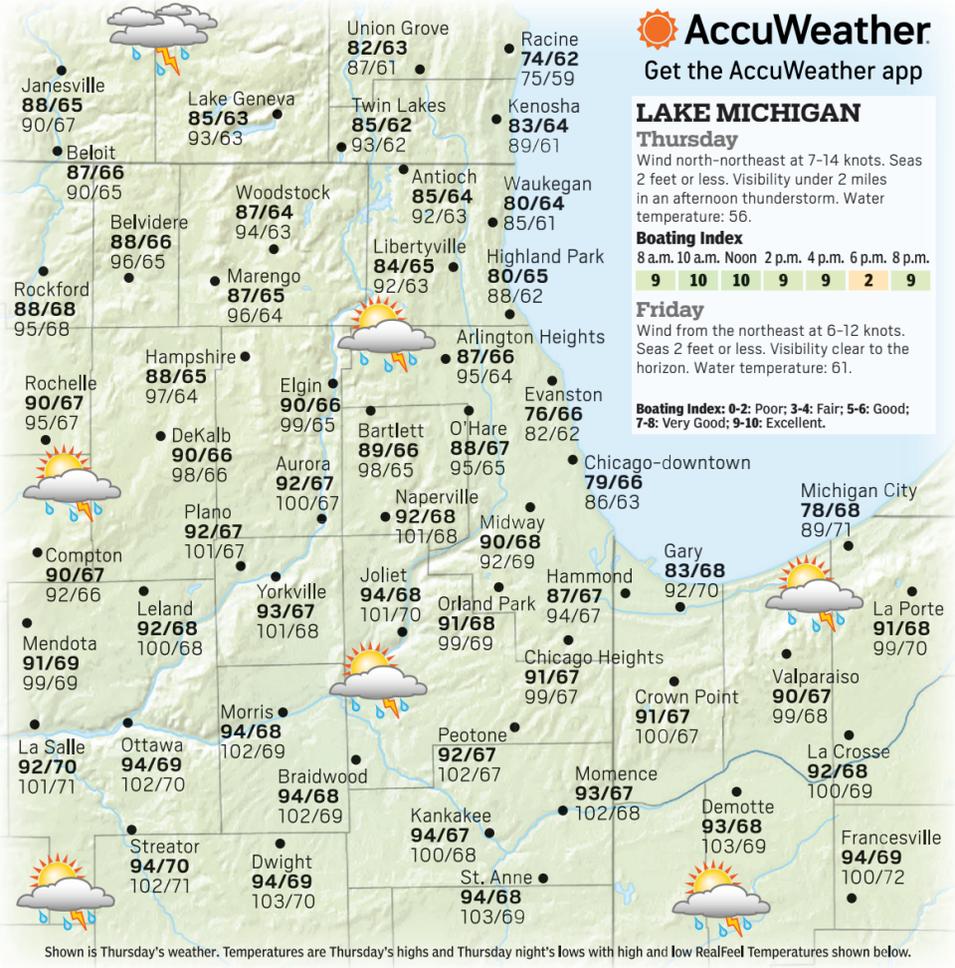
Full Last New First

Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 13
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Thursday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:43 a.m.	9:07 p.m.
Venus	5:34 a.m.	8:49 p.m.
Mars	2:27 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
Jupiter	3:47 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Saturn	12:36 a.m.	11:59 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: not visible Mars: 4:45 a.m. Jupiter: 4:45 a.m. Saturn: 4:45 a.m. Mercury: 8:45 p.m.



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LAKE MICHIGAN

Thursday
Wind north-northeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility under 2 miles in an afternoon thunderstorm. Water temperature: 56.

Boating Index
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

9	10	10	9	9	2	9
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Friday
Wind from the northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 61.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent.

WEATHER HISTORY

A drought caused problems for farmers in Starkville, Ga., on June 20, 1862. The drought destroyed the oat crop. The wheat crop was much poorer than normal.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: How long do the vertical rays of the sun stay in the Northern Hemisphere?

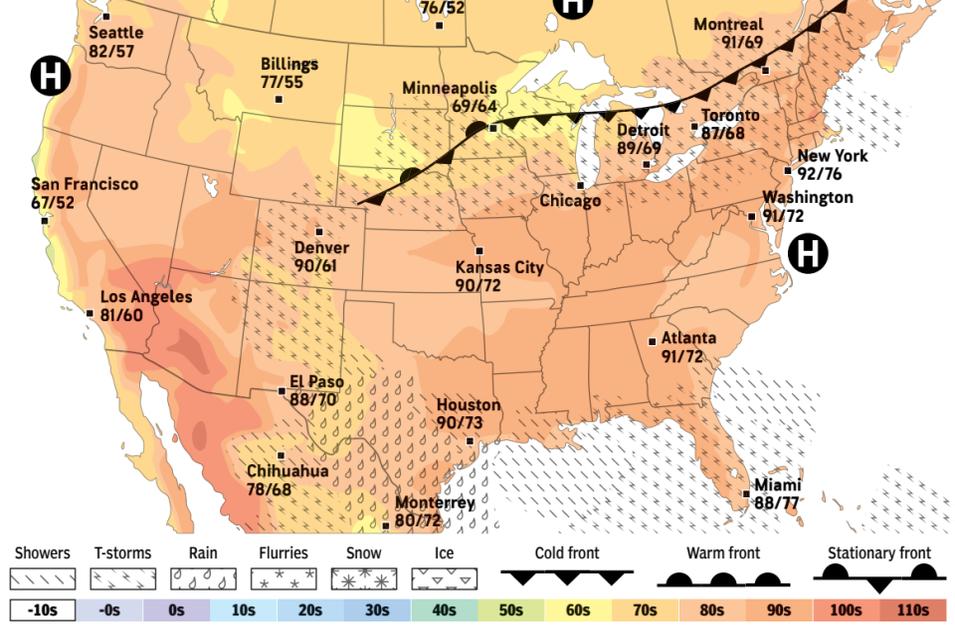
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



Legend: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Cold front, Warm front, Stationary front

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	84/70/c	89/72/c
Albany, NY	96/74/t	88/67/t
Albuquerque	88/67/pc	79/65/s
Amarillo	82/68/pc	83/70/pc
Anchorage	65/50/s	69/53/pc
Asheville	85/62/pc	87/64/s
Aspen	76/53/t	74/47/t
Atlanta	91/72/s	93/73/s
Atlantic City	81/70/pc	84/70/s
Austin	88/71/sh	91/71/t
Baltimore	91/67/pc	97/71/s
Billings	77/55/pc	80/55/c
Birmingham	93/71/s	93/72/s
Bismarck	74/56/pc	69/59/t
Boise	90/59/pc	94/60/s
Boston	94/73/t	83/64/t
Brownsville	93/80/t	92/79/t
Buffalo	90/71/t	85/68/t
Burlington, VT	94/68/t	79/61/t
Charleston, SC	89/72/pc	89/75/pc
Charleston, WV	94/67/s	95/69/s
Charlotte	89/68/pc	92/72/c
Chattanooga	93/71/s	95/72/s
Cheyenne	81/58/t	77/59/t
Cincinnati	91/72/s	96/74/s
Cleveland	92/70/t	88/71/t
Colorado Spgs	81/59/t	85/64/pc
Columbia, MO	93/71/s	94/72/s
Columbia, SC	90/67/pc	92/72/s
Columbus, OH	94/73/s	96/74/s
Concord	99/67/t	79/61/t
Corpus Christi	92/81/t	92/77/t
Dallas	91/76/pc	94/77/s
Daytona Beach	88/75/t	90/76/t
Denver	90/61/t	87/60/c
Duluth	65/51/pc	61/53/c
El Paso	88/70/t	93/74/pc

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	77/54/pc	77/54/sh
Fargo	81/63/pc	78/63/t
Flagstaff	87/55/s	85/54/s
Fort Myers	92/73/t	92/76/t
Fort Smith	91/72/s	96/73/s
Fresno	94/65/s	99/72/s
Grand Junction	91/67/t	84/61/t
Great Falls	74/49/pc	72/47/t
Harrisburg	96/70/s	100/75/s
Hartford	99/72/t	95/70/t
Helena, MT	79/53/c	83/53/t
Honolulu	87/75/sh	87/74/sh
Houston	90/73/sh	90/76/t
Int'l Falls	74/47/s	71/53/c
Jackson, MS	93/71/s	96/70/s
Jacksonville	87/74/t	88/74/pc
Juneau	67/51/c	63/51/c
Kansas City	90/72/s	92/72/pc
Las Vegas	105/80/s	107/81/s
Lexington	96/73/s	96/72/s
Lincoln	89/70/t	93/75/pc
Little Rock	94/72/pc	94/75/s
Los Angeles	81/60/pc	82/61/pc
Louisville	97/78/pc	98/79/s
Macon	91/65/pc	91/72/s
Memphis	91/73/s	94/76/s
Miami	88/77/t	90/80/t
Minneapolis	69/64/t	76/70/t
Mobile	93/73/t	96/72/s
Montgomery	92/69/s	95/73/s
Nashville	94/72/s	96/73/s
New Orleans	87/79/pc	91/75/s
New York City	92/76/s	94/74/t
Norfolk	85/69/pc	88/75/s
Oklahoma City	87/72/pc	91/71/pc
Omaha	85/71/t	91/75/pc
Orlando	89/74/t	90/76/t

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. POP: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	83/77/c	83/76/c
Algiers	81/59/s	81/60/s
Amsterdam	71/57/c	67/56/r
Ankara	92/62/pc	88/59/s
Athens	96/82/s	95/78/s
Auckland	59/50/pc	60/48/c
Baghdad	119/86/pc	120/87/pc
Bangkok	97/82/t	97/82/t
Barbados	88/81/pc	89/80/sh
Barcelona	74/64/sh	75/63/s
Beijing	93/72/pc	81/69/c
Beirut	87/77/s	87/75/s
Berlin	74/61/pc	83/59/t
Bermuda	81/73/pc	80/72/s
Bogota	65/50/sh	66/49/sh
Brussels	68/60/sh	67/57/r
Bucharest	102/68/s	93/65/s
Budapest	90/66/c	95/70/s
Bueno Aires	59/56/s	66/61/s
Cairo	101/78/s	102/78/s
Cancun	87/78/t	81/78/t
Caracas	89/78/t	89/77/t
Casablanca	76/58/s	79/60/s
Copenhagen	67/53/c	66/58/pc
Dublin	66/55/pc	64/49/sh
Edmonton	71/44/pc	74/44/s
Frankfurt	78/62/sh	75/56/c
Geneva	71/61/t	72/54/r
Guadalajara	76/66/t	81/62/pc
Havana	88/75/t	89/76/c
Helsinki	69/51/pc	71/46/s
Hong Kong	92/84/t	92/84/t
Istanbul	88/73/s	87/71/s
Jerusalem	94/71/s	92/70/s
Johannesburg	67/42/s	63/41/c
Kabul	88/66/s	84/61/c
Kingston	91/79/r	90/82/pc

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BUSINESS

WAUKEGAN

State AG sues over hospital demolition

Raoul says mental health facility and construction contractor 'jeopardized public health' with potential asbestos exposure

By Clifford Ward
News-Sun

State Attorney General Kwame Raoul has filed a lawsuit against a Waukegan mental health hospital and its construction contractor alleging the companies improperly handled asbestos during a demolition project.

The suit, filed Monday in Lake County Court, seeks a court order to make the owner/operator of the Lake Behavioral Center file a plan to decontaminate the site and safely conclude demolition.

The lawsuit comes in the wake of a federal action in May, where the U.S. Department of Labor cited the demolition subcontractor, KLF Enterprises of Chicago, for more than 30 alleged safety and health violations.

The Illinois attorney general's lawsuit also revolves around work on three buildings at the hospital campus that are no longer in use,

but are connected to the main building. The suit contends that the contractors failed to properly inspect for asbestos before beginning demolition, and also failed to properly dispose of material containing the dangerous material.

"The owners and operators of Lake Behavioral Hospital and the contractors they hired for this demolition have jeopardized public health by exposing people to dangerous materials containing asbestos," Raoul said. "The asbestos must be remediated, and I am committed to ensuring that the defendants are held accountable for creating this hazard and for preventing any further harm to the public's health and the environment."

Inhalation of asbestos fibers can cause fatal illnesses, including lung cancer and mesothelioma. Demolition at the site was halted in November, with one building demolished, one partially demolished and



Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's lawsuit comes in the wake of a federal action against the contractor for alleged safety and health violations.

EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

the third untouched.

In addition to KLF Enterprises, the suit also names L Covington LLC, the owner/operator of the hospital, and Reed Construction, which is the general contractor.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office assisted with the suit.

"Everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy community," State's Attorney Eric Rinehart said. "The release of asbestos at the Lake Behavioral Hospital poses an environmental hazard and is deeply concerning."

TINLEY PARK

Village ban on kratom draws ire of businesses

By Samantha Moilanen
Daily Southtown

Tinley Park passed an ordinance Tuesday to prohibit the sale, distribution and use of kratom, prompting objections from businesses and advocates, but granted a 12-month amnesty period for businesses primarily profiting from kratom sales, and a six-month period for those selling it as an accessory.

The ordinance when fully implemented would ban all novel synthetic and psychoactive drug products.

Kratom is an herbal substance from Southeast Asia commonly used for pain relief, mood enhancement and withdrawal symptoms.

The ordinance prohibits the sale of psychoactive substances but does not restrict their possession. The board tabled discussion in May after being presented with a petition opposing the new regulations.

Several Tinley Park business owners advocated for regulations that protect consumers while preserving their ability to sell the substance.

Jessica Hamouri, owner of Smokey Top, a vape and tobacco shop in Tinley Park, said the ban would cause her to lose 40% of her business.

Hamouri said her shop barely survived the pandemic, and now she fears for her store's future.

"If this ban goes through, it's significantly going to hurt all of our businesses," Hamouri said.

Charles Wu, CEO of Chi'tiva stores that sell Delta-8 and member of the Illinois Hemp Business Association, said he attended the meeting to advocate against the inclusion of generic language.

"Although the ban is against Kratom, we are concerned that the ordinance, as written, contains overly broad language that might affect a wide range of consumer products available in Tinley Park including certain types of CBD, delta hemp products, cough syrups, pain killers, energy drinks that all incorporate varying levels of synthesis as part of the manufacturing process," Wu said.

Wu advocated for strict regulations on the hemp industry that do not ban the sale of all psychoactive or synthetic drug products.

"This must be done right without favoring corporate monopolies or starting a new war on drugs that targets small businesses and minorities in Illinois," Wu said. "We do not support a ban on the industry."

Village Board members said residents' safety is their top priority.

John Shinholser, a recovered addict since 1982, who founded the McShin Foundation, dedicated to aiding individuals in addiction recovery, told Tinley Park officials about kratom's role as a tool in addiction recovery.

"You don't realize the damage you're going to do," Shinholser said. "Kratom is a gateway drug into recovery for tens of thousands of people right now."

One Tinley Park resident shared a photograph of her 22-year-old son who she said died from a seizure induced by kratom.

Village Board members agreed more guidance is needed from state lawmakers before regulatory legislation can be passed at the municipal level.

"It's unfair to put this on a local municipality," village Clerk Nancy O'Connor said.

The Orland Park Village Board passed a similar ordinance in May, banning kratom, tianeptine, Delta-8, and other novel synthetic and psychoactive drug products. About 2 million Americans used kratom in 2021, according to the FDA.

Advocates say the substance could reduce dependence on highly addictive painkillers, offering a potential alternative for medication-assisted therapy in treating opioid addiction. However, in recent years, lawmakers have been passing regulations due to growing concerns that the unregulated plant product could be abused for its mild euphoric qualities.

Kratom does not have any uses approved by the Food and Drug Administration. In 2018, the FDA found high levels of heavy metals, including nickel and lead, in some kratom products. That same year, a salmonella outbreak, affecting 41 states including Illinois, was linked to kratom.

As of February, 22 states and the District of Columbia regulate kratom, according to the Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association.

A bill in Springfield proposes the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, which aims to establish safety regulations for the sale and use of kratom products.

Several proponents regulations over a ban referenced this proposed legislation, Tinley Park Mayor Michael Glotz said the board must make its decision based on the information available, rather than legislation that has not yet left the House.



Workers install foundation forms for new footings during a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday at the Gary/Chicago International Airport for its new \$12 million hangar. JOHN SMIERCIAK/POST-TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Gary airport breaks ground on \$12 million hangar project

By Carole Carlson
For the Post-Tribune

The Gary/Chicago International Airport's extended runway, customs facility and proximity to Chicago played a big role in landing its newest tenant.

Jeremy Montesano, who owns Wingtip Aviation in Valparaiso, has signed a 20-year lease on a new hangar for its private charter jet operations.

Officials held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the \$12 million, 47,000-square-foot hangar under construction on the airport's east end Tuesday. It's expected to be completed in May 2025.

Montesano said his company will fly only long-range jets from Gary. He said Wingtip also has a nearby hangar at Midway Airport and at the Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling. It will also maintain its Valparaiso operation.

"The combination of our full-service aviation management portfolio and the recently lengthened runway will increase the attraction for larger aircraft and enable future growth," Montesano said.

At about 9,000 feet in length, Gary has the second-largest runway in the Chicago area behind only O'Hare International. The runway opened in 2015 at a cost of about \$174 million.

Montesano said the Gary hangar will employ between 25-30 workers and it will rely on the airport's fixed based operators — Gary Jet Center and B. Coleman Aviation — for fuel.

Montesano, who's also a pilot, said Wingtip flies 13 long-range jets.

"Today is a phenomenal day. I'm excited to flip some dirt today," said Gary Mayor Eddie Melton who called it a sign that "Gary is open for business."

Melton said the city is poised to become the epicenter of opportunity and growth because of its international airport, and deep-water port at Buffington Harbor.

During his time in the state legislature, Melton said Gov. Eric Holcomb told him



Jeremy Montesano, president of Wingtip Aviation, from left, Gary Mayor Eddie Melton and U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan, D-Highland, share a laugh during the ceremony.

Gary was one of his priorities.

The state provided \$1.3 million in funding for the hangar through Holcomb's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) grant program.

"Investments such as this help to promote the type of long-term investment that attracts further capital while supporting jobs and economic development in our area," said Tai Adkins, president of the Gary City Council.

U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan, D-Highland, said Gary is undergoing a remarkable transformation.

"I'm proud of the trades' effort of skill labor that built this with their hands and hearts," he said.

"It will create a ripple effect of economic development and be a symbol of the revival of Gary Indiana. Today, we are on the cusp

of a new era."

Airport authority member Millicent Macon said growth at the airport is critical to support jobs in the region. She ticked off the airport's improvements in the past decade including the 2015 runway expansion, the 2018 opening of the customs facility, the 2020 opening of the United Parcel Service cargo business, the 2022 approval of the airport's master plan, and last year's purchase of the Griffith-Merrillville Airport.

She estimated the hangar project would provide 80 to 100 construction jobs. The authority hired two Gary companies — Pangere Construction and C. Lee Construction — for steel framing and foundation work. Airport executive director Dan Vicari said mechanical, plumbing, electrical and other contracts will be awarded as construction progresses.

Poll: Many Americans OK with killing medical debt

Forgiveness type gets higher support than for college loans

By Cora Lewis and Linley Sanders
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Janille Williams wants to buy a house someday — but first, he has to pay down tens of thousands of dollars in medical debt.

“I was hospitalized for a blood infection for three months more than 10 years ago, and the bill was for more than \$300,000,” said Williams, 38, a Fairbanks, Alaska, resident who works as a retail sales manager for AT&T. “I was in the middle of changing jobs, the only time in my life I haven’t had health insurance.”

When the bill went to collections, the debt was eventually lowered to about \$50,000, he said, an amount that was still not feasible for him to pay.

Medical debt forgiveness, a priority for some lawmakers and advocates, would make a substantial difference to Williams’ credit report and stop the calls from collections agencies.

“They don’t give you a choice in the hospital. ‘If you leave, you’ll die,’ they told me. I didn’t feel like dying,” Williams said. “I don’t think anyone should have to go into financial ruin to live.”

Many Americans agree, according to a new poll from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. According to the survey, about half of Americans say it’s extremely or very important for the U.S. government to provide debt relief for those who have yet to pay off medical treatments.

Especially since the pandemic, an increasing number of states and cities — including Connecticut, New York City, New Orleans and Chicago — are implementing their own versions of medical debt forgiveness. The Biden administration recently announced a proposed rule that would wipe consumer medical debt off most credit reports.

The poll found that support for medical debt forgiveness is particularly high in cases where a patient experienced health care fraud. About two-thirds of U.S. adults support medical debt forgiveness if the

individual has, for example, been wrongfully billed for services. But majorities of Americans favor relief in other situations, too, such as when the patient has made on-time payments toward an existing loan for 20 years, has large amounts of medical debt compared to their income, or is experiencing financial hardship.

About 6 in 10 people with debt from medical bills favor medical debt forgiveness if the person has large amounts of debt compared to their income, compared to about half of people without medical debt.

Although reducing student loan debt has been a focus for President Joe Biden, the poll found that Americans are more likely to say medical debt relief should be a government priority. About 4 in 10 U.S. adults said it’s extremely or very important for the U.S. government to provide student debt relief.

Lesley Turner, an associate professor of public policy at the University of Chicago, who helped craft the poll, said the survey captures a divide regarding who deserves debt relief. “If you need to go to the emergency room because of a major health issue, that is much less of an active choice than the decision to go to college,” she said.

Chipmaker Nvidia rises to top spot of all firms

By Tripp Mickle and Joe Rennison
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Move over, Microsoft and Apple. The stock market has a new king.

On Tuesday, Nvidia leapfrogged two of tech’s most storied names to become the world’s most valuable public company, according to data from S&P Global. Its ascent has been powered by the boom in generative artificial intelligence and surging demand for the company’s chips — known as graphics processing units, or GPUs — which have made it possible to create AI systems.

There was no change Wednesday as the stock market was closed because of the federal Juneteenth holiday.

Nvidia’s rise is among the fastest in market history. Just two years ago, the company’s market valuation was over \$400 million. Now, in the span of a year, it has gone from \$1 trillion to more than \$3 trillion.

On Tuesday, Nvidia rose 3.6%, lifting its market value to \$3.34 trillion. Microsoft and Apple both fell, ending the day trailing the Silicon Valley chipmaker.

Years before other big chip companies, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang bet that GPUs would be essential to building AI, and he tailored his company to accommodate what he believed would be tech’s next big boom.

His big bet is paying off. By some measurements, Nvidia controls more than 80% of the market for the chips used in AI systems.

Apple crossed \$1 trillion in August 2018 and became the first \$3 trillion company last June. Microsoft also took nearly five years to climb from \$1 trillion to \$3 trillion.

But Nvidia’s investors are betting more on its potential than on its current profits. Microsoft and Apple generate more than \$85 billion in annual profits, while Nvidia generates \$42.6 billion.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Assaults spur hold on avocado checks

MEXICO CITY — Two employees of the U.S. Agriculture Department were assaulted and temporarily held by assailants in the Mexican state of Michoacan, prompting the U.S. government to suspend inspections of avocado and mango shipments, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico said Tuesday.

Ambassador Ken Salazar said in a statement that the assault occurred while the employees were inspecting avocados in Michoacan. He said they were no longer being held.

U.S. officials had confirmed the pause in inspections Monday citing security concerns. Because the United States also grows avocados, Agriculture Department inspectors work in Mexico to ensure exported avocados don’t carry diseases that could hurt U.S. crops. — *Associated Press*

Apple shuts down pay later service

NEW YORK — Apple is discontinuing its buy now, pay later service known as Apple Pay Later barely a year after its initial launch in the U.S., and will rely on companies who already dominate the industry like Affirm and Klarna.

It’s an acknowledgment from a company known for producing hit products that building a financial services business from scratch as Apple has been doing for several years is difficult and highly competitive.

Apple Pay Later launched with fanfare in March 2023 as a way for iPhone customers to split purchases of up to \$1,000 into four equal payments with no fees or interest. But it was only available where Apple Pay was accepted whereas similar companies had deeply integrated themselves into millions of merchant websites. — *Associated Press*



A spoiled orange hangs on a branch June 13 in Mogi Guacu, Brazil. The country is the world’s largest orange juice exporter. **ANDRE PENNER/AP**

Market for orange juice sours

High prices may persist due to disease, extreme weather events constraining supplies

By Dee-Ann Durbin and Tatiana Pollastra
Associated Press

MOGI GUACU, Brazil — Orange juice prices have always been volatile, falling when bumper harvests create an oversupply of oranges and rising when frost or a hurricane knocks out fruit trees.

But the record-high prices the world is seeing for OJ right now may be on the table for a while, since the diseases and extreme weather ravaging orange groves in some top-producing countries aren’t easily resolved problems.

This year’s harvest in Brazil, the world’s largest exporter of orange juice, is likely to be the worst in 36 years due to flooding and drought, according to a forecast by Fundecitrus, a citrus growers’ organization in Sao Paulo state.

“The concern isn’t just that the price of juice is going up. The concern is not having the juice,” Oscar Simonetti, an orange farmer in Mogi Guacu, Brazil, said.

In the U.S., Florida’s already diminished orange production fell 62% in the 2022-2023 season after Hurricane Ian further battered a crop that was struggling due to an invasive pest called the Asian citrus psyllid, which can kill trees. Drought also cut Spain’s orange production last year.

Scarce supplies have sent prices soaring. In the U.S., a 12-ounce can of frozen orange juice concentrate cost an average of \$4.27 in April, 42% more than during the same month a year earlier, according to government figures.

In the United Kingdom, where the British Fruit Juice Association says supplies are at 50-year lows, the price of fresh orange juice rose 25% over the past year, according to consumer research company Nielsen.

Those price increases are turning off inflation-weary consumers. Orange juice consumption has fallen 15% to 25% in major global markets — including the U.S. and the European Union — over the last year, according to Rabobank, a Dutch bank that focuses on food and agriculture.

Jonna Parker, a principal for fresh food client insights at market research company Circana, said consumers are increasingly getting their morning fruit intake from energy drinks, smoothies and other

beverages besides orange juice.

“The price gets high and people consider other alternatives,” she said.

Global orange juice consumption was already declining due to competition from other drinks and public concern about the amount of sugar in fruit juices. If that trend continues, it should help balance supply with demand and keep prices from rising much further, Rabobank said. But it expects limited supplies will keep prices elevated for some time.

In some markets, orange juice is disappearing from shelves altogether. Late last year, McDonald’s in Australia removed orange juice from its menu in favor of an “orange fruit drink” containing 35% orange juice. The company cited short supplies.

Tokyo-based Morinaga Milk Industry Co. expects to stop shipping its Sunkist brand orange juice — which uses juice from Brazil — by the end of June because of low juice supplies from Brazil, a company spokeswoman said.

Some companies are considering using alternatives to oranges in their products.

Coldpress, a British juice company, introduced a mandarin juice product in February, citing the high price of regular juicing oranges.

Unruly passenger faces record \$81,950 fine

By Remy Tumin
The New York Times

An American Airlines passenger who kicked and spit at flight attendants and passengers and attempted to open the cabin door before she was secured to a seat with duct tape has been sued by the Federal Aviation Administration for \$81,950, the largest fine issued by the agency for unruly behavior.

The passenger, Heather Wells, 34, of San Antonio, was traveling first class from Dallas to Charlotte, North Carolina, on July 7, 2021, when about an hour into the flight she ordered whiskey and became agitated and said she “wanted out” of the plane, according to a lawsuit filed June 3 in U.S.

District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Wells began running toward the back of the plane, where she dropped to her knees in the aisle and began “talking incoherently to passengers, before crawling back toward the main cabin,” the lawsuit said.

When a flight attendant responded, Wells “became verbally aggressive and told the flight attendant that she would ‘hurt him’ if he didn’t get out of her way,” according to the court document.

She then pushed him and moved to the front of the plane where she “lunged ... attempted to grab” the cabin door, “all the while screaming ... profanities.”

That was when two flight attendants and a passenger tried to restrain Wells, who

struck one of the flight attendants in the head, the lawsuit said.

They were able to restrain her with duct tape and flex cuffs and place her on a seat.

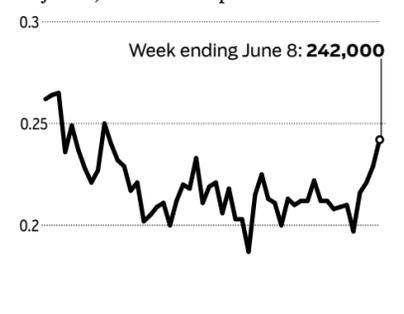
But she continued to “kick and spit and attempted to bite and head butt,” which “necessitated” Wells to be further restrained with tape, including on her mouth, according to the suit.

Wells told KENS TV news in San Antonio that she was having mental health issues and apologized in a statement.

“I know that it was not rational and I was not actually in any external dangers but at the time I was genuinely afraid for my life,” the statement read. “Words can’t express how sorry I am for the fear I caused and the people I hurt.”

Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in thousands per week



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor
TNS

Fake news still has a home on Facebook

'Liberal troll' keeps ahead of crackdown, shifts to culture wars

By **Stuart A. Thompson**
The New York Times

On the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, Christopher Blair's fake news empire was humming along.

Blair had been earning as much as \$15,000 in some months by posting false stories to Facebook about Democrats and the recent 2020 election, reaching millions of people each month.

But after a mob of Trump supporters attacked the U.S. Capitol, his growing enterprise came to an abrupt halt. Facebook seemed to recognize its own role in fomenting an insurrection and tweaked its algorithm to limit the spread of political content, fake and otherwise.

Blair watched his engagement flatline.

"It just kind of crashed — anything political crashed for about six months," he said.

Today, though, Blair has fully recovered, and then some.

His false posts — which he insists are satire intended to mock conservatives — are receiving more interactions on Facebook than ever, surging to 7.2 million interactions already this year compared with 1 million in all of 2021.

Blair has survived Facebook's tweaks by pivoting away from politicians and toward culture war topics like Hollywood elites and social justice issues.

When actor Robert De Niro appeared outside a Manhattan courthouse last month to criticize former President Donald Trump, for example, Blair dashed off a false post claiming that a conservative actor had called him "horrible" and "ungodly." It received nearly 20,000 shares.

The pivot has been so successful that Blair has seen an array of competitors



Christopher Blair, seen June 4, runs a satirical Facebook group from his home in Maine. **GRETA RYBUS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

spring up, many also calling their posts "satire." They have copied his content and used artificial intelligence tools to supercharge their work.

"After what happened on Jan. 6, there was some progress, and then almost immediately that progress was rolled back," said Paul Barrett, a law professor at New York University who studies online disinformation. "I think we're actually more vulnerable to this today than we were in spring of 2021."

A spokesperson for Meta, which owns Facebook, responded by highlighting the company's misinformation policy and its efforts to combat falsehoods by limiting the spread of certain low-quality content.

Blair, 52, a former construction foreperson, is an avowed liberal.

He doesn't see his work as fake news. He has long defended himself, including in profiles in The Washington Post and The Boston

Globe, as a comedian who trolls conservative Facebook users into believing news that they should clearly question. He compares his work with that of Sacha Baron Cohen, a British comic who frequently dupes conservative Americans in an attempt to ridicule them.

Blair uses a small satire label on each image he posts to Facebook.

But his headlines are often indistinguishable from many of the falsehoods that are posted to the social network.

Facebook allows satirical pages, whether or not they use a satire label. But the term has also become a popular defense for fake news operators, who typically disclose they are satire only in an obscure section of their Facebook pages, or sometimes omit it entirely.

"It's a cat-and-mouse game," said David Lazer, a professor at Northeastern University who has studied disinformation. "Wherever there's a loophole in

enforcement, it's going to be a place that activity will go."

Facebook's attempts to limit the spread of political content left Blair and his contributors searching for a new approach.

"We used to kill Hillary Clinton every Saturday in the most ridiculous ways," said Joe LaForm, 48, a truck driver who identifies as a liberal and has contributed to Blair's Facebook page.

"You know, she'd get run over by a monster truck at a monster truck rally."

"We stopped doing that," he added, because of Facebook's attempts to limit the spread of political content.

Blair now posts dozens of false stories to the social network each week on his main account, which has more than 320,000 followers and more than 225,000 likes. He populates his posts with a colorful cast of celebrities: actors like Tim Allen and Whoopi Goldberg or musicians like Jason Aldean and Kid Rock. He often stages them in dramatic but

entirely fictitious feuds over culture war topics.

A post from April, claiming that Beyoncé was criticized for "playing dress-up" by releasing country music, received more than 50,000 shares and 28,000 comments.

"If it's somebody on the right, I reward them. If it's somebody on the left, I punish them," Blair said in a phone interview. "It's my method."

This was not the only pivot Blair had to make.

After Facebook started down-ranking posts that linked to low-quality websites, Blair started posting only images and memes. Now, when a post seems to be a hit, he will add the link as the pinned comment.

"I know exactly what happened, in every situation, and why," Blair said of the ups and downs of publishing on Facebook. "I'm constantly adjusting."

Today, Blair is facing stiffer competition from pages that use AI tools to

write fake stories about the celebrities and culture war issues he has highlighted. NewsGuard has identified nearly 1,000 websites that use AI tools to write unreliable news articles, up from 138 one year ago.

That competition includes SpaceXMania, a competing network of Facebook pages with at least 890,000 followers.

"My material, my cast of characters, my keywords, my hot buttons — they take everything," Blair said of the recent plagiarism. "They put it into an AI program, and it just spits out headlines. There's nothing original about any of it."

When Blair wrote a false story recently about Harrison Butker, an NFL player who garnered national attention for his conservative views on women, SpaceXMania quickly followed suit with stories of its own about Butker — earning hundreds of thousands more comments than Blair.

The operator behind SpaceXMania is based in Pakistan and identifies himself by the name Shabayer, according to Facebook messages with Blair that he shared with The New York Times. He has cited Blair as a "role model" for his startup, according to the messages.

"I'm a liberal troll social justice warrior serving satirical nonsense with a mission," Blair said. "He's selling fake news to American conservatives from Pakistan for profit."

A representative for SpaceXMania initially responded to an email but stopped responding after a reporter sent questions.

Many of SpaceXMania's articles were written entirely by AI tools like ChatGPT, according to a Times analysis that used software to detect AI-written text.

"He's probably the most effective at using my stuff," Blair said. "He's trying to get away from the AI, but he never will."



A woman walks past a Gucci store window in the Via Montenapoleone district in Milan, Italy. Global luxury sales soared 24% in the 2021-23 period over 2019 levels. **LUCA BRUNO/AP 2020**

Study: Flat global luxury sales loom after Q1 dip, price hikes

By **Colleen Barry**
Associated Press

MILAN — The post-pandemic surge in global sales of luxury handbags, shoes and apparel is set to stall this year amid a creativity crisis and price hikes as brands shift focus to the biggest spending customers, a study by the Bain consultancy said Tuesday.

Bain is forecasting flat worldwide luxury sales in 2024 following a slight first-quarter dip, according to the study commissioned by the Altgamma Foundation, an association of Italian luxury brands. The consultancy cited political uncertainty during a presidential election year in the United States as well as economic uncertainty in China that has brought on a phenomenon of "luxury shaming."

Beyond socioeconomic factors and rising geopolitical tensions, the slowdown is also partly "self-inflicted," said Bain partner Claudia D'Arpizio.

She cited a "creativity crisis," in the sector, as a number of major fashion houses are transitioning creative directors, and

toward a new focus on the super-wealthy customers, at the expense of the aspirational middle class and Gen-Z youngsters who fueled growth before the pandemic.

"There is a lack of clarity for many of these brands," D'Arpizio said. "This is a supply-driven industry. When you have the brands really in tune with customer needs, it usually reacts quickly."

She said some "tweaks" are needed on strategy and price points, adding that "you can't grow without the middle class and younger generations."

Among major fashion houses, Gucci and Moschino have made runway debuts of their new creative directions, while the first Valentino collection by the new creative director hits the runway in September. Chanel has the position to fill after the incumbent resigned this month.

While inflation is one element of price hikes, D'Arpizio said brands are also refocusing on the estimated 6 million to 8 million consumers at the top of the pyramid as they search for

better profit margins. At the same time, there has been less rejuvenation in the offerings.

Steep price increases for items that don't show significant innovation, and feel like something they have seen before, leaves customers "upset and puzzled."

Flat global luxury sales forecasts follow a pent-up post-pandemic spending surge that pushed sales during the 2021-23 period up 24% over 2019 levels.

Last year, sales of personal luxury goods grew by 4% to about \$388 billion from \$375 billion in 2022, due largely to a resurgence of U.S. and Asian tourism to Europe fueling purchases. Add in luxury travel, fine art, cars and yachts, the vast global luxury market expanded to \$1.6 trillion last year — highlighting a trend toward experiences over tangible goods.

Japan is a bright spot as the return of foreign tourists with the yen at the lowest level to the U.S. dollar in 20 years, while Europe continues strong trends due to tourist spending and an increase in local consumption, especially in French and Italian cities.

Washington Post leaders take heat over past British actions

By **David Bauder**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New leaders of The Washington Post are being haunted by their pasts, with ethical questions raised about their actions as journalists in London that illustrate different press traditions in the United States and England.

An extraordinary trio of stories over the weekend by The New York Times, NPR and the Post itself outline alleged involvement by Post publisher Will Lewis and Robert Winnett, his choice as a new editor, in wrongdoing involving London publications as much as two decades ago.

The Post said Monday that it had brought back its former senior managing editor to oversee the newspaper's coverage of the matter.

Lewis took over as publisher earlier this year, with a mandate to turn around the financially-troubled newspaper.

He announced a reorganization earlier this month where the Post's executive editor, Sally Buzbee, stepped down rather than accept a demotion.

The coverage revealed Lewis' sensitivity about questions involving his role in a phone-hacking scandal that rocked the British press while he was working there.

Lewis has maintained that he was brought in by Rupert Murdoch-owned newspapers to cooperate with authorities to clean up after the scandal. Plaintiffs in a civil case have charged him with destroying evidence, which he has denied.

The public revelation of phone hacking in 2011 led to the closure of Rupert Murdoch's News of the World tabloid and sparked a public inquiry into press practices that curbed some of the worst excesses.

The British press has



Pedestrians pass the One Franklin Square Building, home of The Washington Post, whose leaders' past practices in Britain are making news. **PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP 2019**

long been considered free-wheeling in its pursuit of scoops, willing to tolerate behavior frowned upon by its American counterparts. For example, when Lewis and Winnett worked at The Daily Telegraph in 2009, they cooperated on stories about politicians' extravagant expense-account spending. They paid for data that revealed the spending, a reporting practice that would be considered an ethical breach in the U.S.

The Times reported Saturday that Lewis and Winnett worked on stories in the 2000s that appeared to be based on fraudulently obtained phone and business records.

Both the Times and Post reported on a 2002 story article about British politicians who had sought to buy a Mercedes-Benz vehicle described as the "Nazi's favorite limousine," based on information obtained by an actor who had faked a German accent to call a manufacturer who gave it to him.

The Post story delved into Winnett's relationship with John Ford, the actor whose "clandestine efforts" helped uncover stories that included private financial dealings by former Prime Minister Tony Blair. He was allegedly adept in "blagging," in which a person misrepresents themselves to persuade

others to reveal confidential information. That's illegal under British law unless it can be shown the actions benefit the public.

Headlined "Incoming Post editor tied to self-described 'thief' who claimed role in his reporting," it was among the newspaper's most popular stories Monday. Winnett was chosen by Lewis to take over the Post's newsroom after the presidential election.

In announcing that Cameron Barr, who left his position last year, would supervise the reporting, the Post said that "the publisher has no involvement or influence on our reporting."

NPR's story details several of these issues, along with Winnett's supervision — when he worked at the Sunday Times in London — of a reporter, Claire Newell, who was hired as a temporary secretary in the U.K. Cabinet office, giving her access to sensitive documents that made their way back to the newspaper.

Jeff Bezos, the billionaire owner of the Post, will ultimately decide whether this an internal morale storm that he and the institution can weather. Lewis, a former publisher of The Wall Street Journal, is trying to assure Post staffers that he will live up to the ethical standards of U.S. journalism.

NATION & WORLD

Putin, Kim revive defensive alliance

Pyongyang garners Moscow's favor for recent military aid

By Choe Sang-Hun and Paul Sonne
The New York Times

SEOUL, South Korea — President Vladimir Putin of Russia and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un revived a Cold War-era mutual defense pledge between their nations Wednesday, signing a new agreement that calls for them to assist each other in the event of “aggression” against either country.

The Russian president, in a briefing after the two leaders signed the document, did not clarify whether such assistance would require immediate and full-fledged military intervention in the event of an attack, as the now-defunct 1961 treaty specified. But he said that Russia “does not exclude the development of military-technical cooperation” with North Korea in accordance with the new agreement.

The pact was one of the most visible rewards Kim has extracted from Moscow in return for the dozens of ballistic missiles and over 11,000 shipping containers of munitions that Washington has said North Korea has provided in recent months to help support Putin's war in Ukraine.

It also represented the furthest the Kremlin has gone in throwing its weight behind North Korea, after years of cooperating with the United States at the United Nations in curbing North Korea's nuclear and missile program.

“This is a truly breakthrough document, reflecting the desire of the two



Russia's Vladimir Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong Un are seen Wednesday on South Korean television. AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

countries not to rest on their laurels, but to raise our relations to a new qualitative level,” Putin added. Neither North Korea nor Russia immediately released the text of the new agreement.

Putin denounced the United States for expanding military infrastructure in the region and holding drills with South Korea and Japan. He rejected what he called attempts to blame the deteriorating security situation on North Korea, which has carried out six nuclear test explosions since 2006 and tested intercontinental ballistic missiles that could reach the United States.

“Pyongyang has the right to take reasonable measures to strengthen its own defense capability,

ensure national security and protect sovereignty,” Putin said, referring to the North Korean capital.

Kim called the pact a “most powerful agreement” and praised the “outstanding foresight” of Putin, “the dearest friend of the Korean people,” state-owned Russian news agency RIA Novosti said.

The pledge of mutual assistance is likely to further alarm Washington and its allies, particularly South Korea, because it could not only provide further support for Russia's war in Ukraine but also undermines efforts to curb North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

Putin's remarks recalled the 1961 treaty of friendship

and mutual assistance between North Korea and Russia under which the two countries were obliged to “immediately extend military and other assistance” with all means at their disposal, should one of them find itself at war. That treaty became defunct after the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

Putin is the first major head of state to visit North Korea since the pandemic, highlighting its importance to Russia: It is one of the few like-minded countries able and willing to supply Moscow with badly needed conventional weapons.

Kim gave Putin a red-carpet welcome early Wednesday in Pyongyang.

His energy-starved

government flooded downtown Pyongyang with bright lights as the two leaders were driven in the same car — the Russian-made Aurus limousine that Putin gave Kim last year — to the state guesthouse.

Despite sweltering heat, huge crowds were mobilized to a welcoming ceremony for Putin in the main square of Pyongyang later Wednesday. The crowds waved paper flowers and the national flags of the two nations as Putin arrived.

As negotiations began, Putin touted a new strategic partnership document that the two leaders had signed at the summit.

“We greatly appreciate your consistent and unwavering support for Russian

policy, including with regard to Ukraine, in light of our fight against the imperial policy the United States has pursued over decades in relation to the Russian Federation,” Putin told the North Korean leader.

Putin has received artillery shells and missiles from North Korea to help fuel his drawn-out war in Ukraine, according to American and South Korean officials, though both Russia and the North have denied any arms transfers. For his part, Kim covets Russian help in easing his country's oil shortages, improving its weapons systems and undermining Washington's attempts to strangle its economy with international sanctions.

The pledge of mutual assistance announced Wednesday presents a threat to the global push for the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons. Moscow once joined the United States in imposing U.N. sanctions on countries such as North Korea and Iran over their nuclear programs, but those days seem to be over.

“I don't think he'll ever sign up to that again,” said Michael McFaul, a former U.S. ambassador to Russia and the director of Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, referring to Putin. “I think he's decided we're the enemy, the liberal international order that the United States anchors is over, and he wants to see its destruction.”

Weeks before Putin's trip, Russia used its veto power at the U.N. Security Council to disband a panel of U.N. experts that helped to enforce sanctions aimed at making it more difficult for North Korea to develop its nuclear arsenal.

Israeli leadership at odds on elimination of Hamas

Military spokesman dismisses concept as unattainable goal

By Joseph Bererman and Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army's chief spokesman on Wednesday appeared to question the stated goal of destroying the Hamas militant group in Gaza in a rare public rift between the country's political and military leadership.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted Israel will pursue the fight against Hamas, the group running the besieged Gaza Strip, until its military and governing capabilities in the Palestinian territory are eliminated. But with the war now in its ninth month, frustration has been mounting with no clear end or postwar plan in sight.

“This business of destroying Hamas, making Hamas disappear — it's simply throwing sand in the eyes of the public,” Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the military spokesperson, told Israel's Ch. 13 TV. “Hamas is an idea, Hamas is a party. It's rooted in the hearts of the people —

whoever thinks we can eliminate Hamas is wrong.”

Netanyahu's office responded by saying that the country's security Cabinet, chaired by the prime minister, “has defined the destruction of Hamas' military and governing capabilities as one of the goals of the war. The Israeli military, of course, is committed to this.”

The military quickly issued a clarification, saying it was “committed to achieving the goals of the war as defined by the Cabinet” and that it has been working on this “throughout the war, day and night, and will continue to do so.”

Hagari's comments, it said, “referred to the destruction of Hamas as an ideology and an idea, and this was said by him very clearly and explicitly,” the military statement added. “Any other claim is taking things out of context.”

There have already been open signs of discontent over the handling of the war by Netanyahu's government, a coalition that includes right-wing hard-liners who oppose any kind of settlement with Hamas.

Months of internationally mediated truce talks, including a proposal floated

this month by President Joe Biden, have stalled.

Benny Gantz, a former military chief and centrist politician, withdrew from Netanyahu's wartime Cabinet earlier this month, citing frustration over the prime minister's conduct of the war.

Israel attacked Gaza in response to Hamas' Oct. 7 cross-border attack into southern Israel, which killed some 1,200 people and took 250 hostage.

Israel's war effort initially enjoyed broad public support, but in recent months wide divisions have emerged. While Netanyahu has pledged “total victory,” a growing array of critics and protesters have backed a cease-fire that would bring home the roughly 120 hostages still in Gaza.

Inside Gaza, the war has killed more than 37,100 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between combatants and civilians. The war has largely cut off the flow of medicine, food and other supplies to the Palestinians, who are facing widespread hunger.

The United Nations said Wednesday that its humanitarian workers were once



Palestinians mourn a relative killed in the Israeli bombardment of the Nuseirat refugee camp Wednesday at al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir al-Balah in central Gaza. SAHER ALGHORRA/AP

again unable to pick up aid shipments at the Kerem Shalom border crossing from Israel because of a lack of law and order.

In recent weeks, Israel's military has concentrated its offensive in the nearby city of Rafah, which lies on the border with Egypt and where it says Hamas' last remnants are holding out.

More than half of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people had earlier taken shelter in Rafah to escape fighting elsewhere in the territory, and the city is now nearly empty as the Israeli military carries out airstrikes and ground operations.

The Israeli military says it has killed over 500 militants and inflicted heavy damage on Hamas' forces, but officials expect the operation to continue for at least several more weeks.

Israel also has taken over an 8-mile corridor along Gaza's border with Egypt, including the Rafah border crossing.

Footage circulating on social media shows the crossing blackened and destroyed, with only the former passenger terminal remaining intact. Before Israel moved into the area, the crossing was used to deliver humanitarian aid and to allow Palestinians to

leave the territory.

The head of the Rafah municipality, Ahmed al-Sufi, said Wednesday that Israeli strikes have destroyed more than 70% of the facilities and infrastructure.

He accused Israeli forces of systematically targeting camps in Rafah, adding that entire residential areas in one neighborhood have been destroyed.

In a separate incident, 11 people were killed in an Israeli airstrike in Rafah, said Dr. Saleh al-Hamas of the nearby European Hospital. There were no further details, and the Israeli military had no immediate comment.



Army Staff Sgt. Gordon Black was convicted Wednesday in Vladivostok, Russia. Black, 34, was also fined \$115. AP

Russian court sentences US soldier to nearly 4 years in prison

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A court in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok on Wednesday convicted a visiting American soldier of stealing and making threats of murder, and it sentenced him to three years and nine months in prison.

Staff Sgt. Gordon Black, 34, flew to the Pacific port city to see his girlfriend and was arrested last month after she accused him of stealing from her, according

to U.S. officials and Russian authorities.

Russia's state news agencies Tass and RIA Novosti reported that the judge in Pervomaysky District Court in Vladivostok also ordered Black to pay \$115 in damages. Prosecutors had asked for a sentence of four years and eight months in prison.

Black's case occurs amid tensions over Russia's arrests of American journalists and other U.S. nationals as the fighting in Ukraine

continues.

Russia has jailed a number of Americans, including corporate security executive Paul Whelan and Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich. The U.S. government has designated both men as wrongfully detained and has been trying to negotiate their release.

Others detained include Travis Leake, a musician who has been living in Russia for years and was arrested last year on drug-related charges; Marc

Fogel, a teacher in Moscow who was sentenced to 14 years in prison, also on drug charges; and dual nationals Alsu Kurmasheva and Ksenia Khavana.

The U.S. State Department strongly advises American citizens not to go to Russia.

Black was on leave and in the process of returning to his home base at Fort Cavazos, Texas, from South Korea, where he had been stationed at Camp Humphreys with the Eighth

Army, but instead traveled to Russia.

Black's girlfriend, Alexandra Vashchuk, told reporters earlier this month that “it was a simple domestic dispute,” during which Black “became aggressive and attacked” her, then stole money from her.

On Wednesday, she told Russian news outlet Gazeta.ru that she considers the sentence “quite humane” and described Black as “violent and unable to control himself.”

ELECTION 2024

Arab envoy in Trump's family orbit

Massad Boulos aids effort to steer votes ex-president's way

By Joey Cappelletti
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — One of Donald Trump's emissaries to Arab Americans is a Lebanese-born businessman who moved to Texas as a teenager, speaks Arabic, English and French, and recently joined the Trump family when his son married the former president's younger daughter.

Massad Boulos has taken on the challenge of trying to convince a politically influential community angry at President Joe Biden that Trump is a better option. But many Arab Americans also note Trump has positioned himself as more pro-Israel than Biden and has made a series of comments and policy announcements that critics blast as Islamophobic.

Trump has long put family members and their relatives in key roles in his campaigns and the White House.

Boulos, whose son Michael Boulos married Tiffany Trump two years ago, is the latest relative to rise in Trump's political orbit as he uses long-standing connections in an effort to build support for the presumptive Republican nominee's 2024 campaign.

Some Trump allies think they can capitalize on dissension within Biden's Democratic base over his support for the Israeli offensive in Gaza.

Several people who have met with Boulos also point to Trump's statements about Arabs and Muslims. While president, Trump banned immigration from several majority-Muslim countries and questioned the loyalty of Muslim lawmakers serving in Congress. Now, as he campaigns for a second term, Trump has at times criticized Biden for being



Tiffany Trump, from left, Michael Boulos and Lara Trump return from a break May 28 at Manhattan Criminal Court in New York. Boulos, the son of Lebanese-born businessman Massad Boulos, married Tiffany Trump in 2022. **JULIA NIKHINSON/POOL**

insufficiently supportive of Israel and has threatened to deport pro-Palestinian protesters he labels as supporters of Hamas.

"I told Massad, 'This isn't about you being Lebanese and me being Lebanese,'" said Osama Siblani, a publisher of the Arab American News in Dearborn, Michigan. "You can't just buy votes. You have to give something substantial to the community. And Trump hasn't done that yet."

Boulos is often complimented for his calm demeanor and humility — qualities not always associated with someone overseeing a billion-dollar conglomerate.

Born in Lebanon, Boulos moved to Texas shortly before attending the University of Houston and obtaining a doctor of jurisprudence degree. Boulos said he participated in Republican politics as a student.

After graduating, he

eventually joined his family's business of three generations and became the managing director and CEO of the conglomerate SCOA Nigeria, which specializes in the assembly and distribution of motor vehicles and equipment.

Boulos has a background in politics in his home country, having run unsuccessfully for a parliamentary seat in Lebanon in 2009. He describes himself as a "friend" of Sleiman Frangieh, a Christian politician allied with the Shiite party and the militant group Hezbollah.

A supporter of Trump from afar since his first campaign, Boulos became more directly involved after meeting Trump at a White House Christmas party in 2019. At the time, Michael Boulos was dating Tiffany Trump.

Massad Boulos has given no recent donations, according to campaign finance

records. But in a trip to Michigan this month, he attended what he described as a "private fundraising event" with House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Mich., and about 50 Arab Americans.

Boulos assisted with the 2020 campaign, but his role has significantly expanded since his son married Tiffany Trump in 2022, especially as Arab American dissatisfaction with Biden presented what Trump allies think is a larger political opportunity.

"One less vote for Biden is a vote for Trump," said Bishara Bahbah, chairman of the group Arab Americans for Trump.

Boulos maintains a "very close working relationship" with the group, Bahbah said.

The group, which says it is independent of the Trump campaign, has established operations in Michigan and Arizona, states identified as priority areas by "people close to Trump," Bahbah

said.

A May meeting held in Troy, Michigan, included Massad and Michael Boulos as well as Richard Grenell, who was Trump's ambassador to Germany and is a key foreign policy adviser to the former president. Approximately 40 Arab American activists from across the country attended.

While Arab Americans for Trump was involved in the event, Boulos said that it had primarily been initiated by Grenell. The gathering received mixed feedback, with some attendees saying it lacked substance and failed to address their concerns regarding Trump.

"Grenell didn't say what they would do, but he kept reminding us that when Trump was president, there was no war whatsoever and that he launched the biggest peace effort in the Middle East. But most Arabs and Muslims don't consider the Abraham Accords a peace

agreement," said Khaled Saffuri, an Arab American political activist who was in attendance.

Grenell tried to call Trump to have him address attendees by phone, according to multiple people at the meeting. The former president did not answer.

Grenell and the Trump campaign declined to comment.

Just over a week later, Boulos returned for another round of engagements. This time, he had several meetings with nearly 50 members of the Arab American community, alongside one-on-one sessions with individuals identified as "high-target" leaders by Mike Hacham, the coordinator for Arab Americans for Trump in Michigan.

Boulos said his efforts so far have been "more of a personal effort to reconnect with friends." He said he typically begins meetings by speaking for close to 20 minutes, laying out the records of the Biden and Trump presidencies. He then takes questions.

Siblani had a nearly two-hour meeting with Boulos, who was accompanied by Bahbah, the chair of Arab Americans for Trump.

Siblani said Boulos argued that things were better for Arab Americans under Trump and that the world saw less conflict and fewer wars during his presidency, suggesting Trump could help resolve the Gaza conflict.

But when Siblani pushed back, he said that Boulos lacked "facts to prove his claim that Trump is better."

"Massad is unable to convince people to come to Trump's side because he hasn't offered anything substantial to the community, except that his son is married to Trump's daughter and he has access," Siblani said. "That is fine, but what we need is policy and what Trump will do."



Phoenix Fire Capt. John Prato demonstrates a cold water immersion therapy June 3. A bag filled with ice and water can quickly lower a person's body temperature. **ANITA SNOW/AP**

With heat rising, paramedics prepare for record high cases

By Dionne Searcey
The New York Times

The heat wave bearing down on large parts of the United States has forced emergency workers to prepare for what could be record-breaking numbers of people in heat distress.

When temperatures rise, it's easy to overheat. When that happens, it's important to cool off fast. Elevated body temperatures can cause brain damage, organ failure and death.

"In heat exhaustion, the goal is to cool as quickly as you can," said Dr. Aisha Terry, an associate professor of emergency medicine and health policy at George Washington University Hospital in Washington and president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "There are definitely some health conditions where we have to be mindful of how quickly we correct the abnormality. This is not one of them."

Here's how emergency medical workers are adapting to the risks.

Are paramedics preparing differently?

Emergency medical

workers and local officials across the country are spreading the word about cooling centers and swimming pools and stocking up on bottles of water to hand out to help offer relief from soaring temperatures and muggy weather.

New cooling methods can be relatively simple: Some emergency vehicles are now equipped with canopies that offer makeshift shade for heat victims who need a bit of relief from the intense sun.

"If they're outside, move them into shade," said Jeffrey Gruenglas, an emergency medical technician in West Barnstable, Massachusetts. "You could put the AC on in the ambulance and then put them in there."

Paramedics in some areas carry ice packs to place in patients' underarm and groin areas as a way of quickly cooling off.

Another effective tactic: Place wet towels across as much skin surface as possible.

In some cities, emergency workers carry blankets to place on the ground. They shift victims there while treating them instead of leaving them on scalding

concrete or asphalt that can cause severe burns.

Have innovative treatments emerged?

Some doctors and researchers are preaching what they call a better, faster way to bring down body temperatures: immersing heat victims in ice water.

In Arizona, Texas and other states, emergency responders are carrying large plastic bags, or even body bags, that serve as ice cocoons. The bags are filled with ice cubes and water and zipped up around patients to near their chest for about 15 to 20 minutes until they cool to safe levels.

The technique has been used for years to cool overheated soldiers or athletes facing heat stroke.

In Phoenix, where record-breaking temperatures last year killed 645 people, fire trucks and ambulances all carry specially designed "immersion bags" to help victims who are overheated.

But even toddler pools filled with ice and water can serve the purpose. The key is to work as quickly as possible to cool victims, doctors said.

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Trump cans planned Chicago stay during Wis. convention

By Michael Gold
The New York Times

MILWAUKEE — When Republicans gather in Milwaukee next month to nominate him for president, Donald Trump planned to stay not in the convention's host city but at a Trump hotel in Chicago, some 90 miles away, according to three people briefed on the former president's logistics.

That changed Tuesday, after reporters for The New York Times and ABC Ch. 7 in Chicago contacted his campaign for comment.

Trump now intends to stay in Milwaukee, two of the people briefed on his logistics said.

Trump has been on the defensive about his views on Milwaukee since news outlets reported last week that he had called it a "horrible" city in a private meeting with House Republicans in Washington. The change in his convention plans avoids a perceived slight to the largest city in Wisconsin, a vital battleground state.

In a local television interview Tuesday, Trump said he was "always planning on staying" in Milwaukee. "I have a beautiful hotel there, a beauty, as good as it gets," he said of Chicago. "But I'm staying here."

And Trump opened his rally Tuesday afternoon in Racine, Wisconsin, by proclaiming his love for Milwaukee, about 30 miles away, which he claimed he selected as the host of the convention. And he repeated his contention that he had only criticized the city over crime and his false claims of voter fraud there in 2020.

"I love Milwaukee. I said we've got to fix the crime, we all know that," Trump told thousands of people gathered to hear him speak. "You've got to make sure the election's honest."



Former President Donald Trump, seen in Racine, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, clarified that he won't stay in Chicago during the Republican convention next month. **SCOTT OLSON/GETTY**

The initial decision for Trump to spend his nights at the Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago was made partly because of his own preference and partly because of security and logistics concerns, according to one of the people with knowledge of the Chicago plan. All of the people insisted on anonymity to discuss sensitive planning arrangements.

Trump has over the years generally preferred to sleep at his own properties while campaigning, and in his 2016 run for president, he sometimes flew hundreds of miles to sleep in his own bed. It also remains possible that Trump's plans could change again before the convention starts July 15.

Alexi Worley, a spokesperson for the Secret Service, directed questions about Trump's lodging to the Republican National Committee. In a statement, she said that the Secret Service would work closely "with law enforcement and public safety partners to adapt security plans as required" to ensure a comprehensive security plan is in place for the convention.

Trump's choice to stay in Chicago would have been all but certain to play into Democratic attacks on him.

Garren Randolph, President Joe Biden's Wiscon-

sin campaign manager, on Tuesday targeted Trump's comments from last week.

"We don't want him here either — Wisconsinites rejected him four years ago and we will again this November," Randolph said.

Over the weekend, the Democratic National Committee put up 10 billboards around Milwaukee to focus on Trump's remarks. On Saturday, Trump denied saying Milwaukee was a "horrible city" in a social media post. "I picked Milwaukee, I know it well. It should therefore lead to my winning Wisconsin," he wrote. "Who would say such a thing with that important State in the balance?"

Trump frequently deems Democratic-led cities as unsafe, even as statistics have shown that violent crime is down across the country after a surge during the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

In a standard pitch at the end of his rallies, he promises vaguely to rebuild American cities. Then he rips them as "falling apart." Trump has made similar comments about Chicago, where Democrats will host their convention in August. His tower in Chicago, a 92-story skyscraper that opened in 2009, was his last major construction project.

Hundreds die over Hajj pilgrimage

Faithful faced days of fierce heat during rites in Saudi Arabia

By **Samy Magdy**
Associated Press

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — Hundreds of people died during this year's Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia as the faithful faced intense high temperatures at Islamic holy sites in the desert kingdom, officials said Wednesday as people tried to claim their loved ones' bodies.

Saudi Arabia has not commented on the death toll amid the heat during the pilgrimage, required of every able Muslim once in their life, nor offered any causes for those who died. However, hundreds of people had lined up at the Emergency Complex in Al-Muaisem neighborhood in Mecca, trying to get information about their missing family members.

One list circulating online suggested at least 550 people died during the five-day Hajj. A medic who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss information not released publicly by the government said that the names listed appeared genuine. That medic and another official who also spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason said they believed at least 600 bodies were at the facility.

Deaths are not uncommon at the Hajj, which has seen at times over 2 million people travel to Saudi Arabia. There have also been stampedes and epidemics through the pilgrimage's history.

Each year, the Hajj draws hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from low-income nations, "many of whom have had little, if any, pre-Hajj health care," according to an article in the April edition of the Journal of Infection and Public Health. Communicable illnesses can spread



A man felled by scorching heat is aided by a member of the Saudi security forces Sunday near Mecca. **FADEL SENNA/GETTY-AFP**

among the gathered masses, many of whom save their entire lives for the pilgrimage and can be elderly with preexisting health conditions, it said.

However, the number of dead this year suggests something caused the fatalities to swell. Already, several countries have said some of their pilgrims died because of the heat that swept across the holy sites at Mecca, including Jordan and Tunisia.

Khalid Bashir Bazaz, an Indian pilgrim, said near the Grand Mosque on Wednesday that he "saw a lot of people collapsing to the ground unconscious" during this year's Hajj.

Temperatures on Tuesday reached 117 degrees in Mecca and the sacred sites in and around the city, according to the Saudi National Center for Meteorology. Some people fainted while trying to perform the

symbolic stoning of the devil.

Many Egyptians said they lost track of their loved ones in the heat and the crowds. More than 1.83 million Muslims performed the Hajj in 2024, including more than 1.6 million from 22 countries, and around 222,000 Saudi citizens and residents, according to the Saudi Hajj authorities.

On Wednesday at the medical complex in Mecca, an Egyptian man broke down when he heard his mother was among the dead. He cried for some time before grabbing his cellphone and calling their travel agent.

"He left her to die," he shouted, referring to the agent. The crowd tried to calm him down.

Security appeared tight at the complex, with an official reading out names of the dead and the nationalities, which included people

from Algeria, Egypt and India. Those who said they were kin of the dead were allowed inside to identify the deceased.

The AP could not independently confirm the causes of death for the people whose bodies were held at the complex. Saudi officials did not respond to questions seeking more information.

The kingdom's ruling Al Saud family maintains a major influence in the Muslim world through its oil wealth and management of Islam's holiest sites. Like Saudi monarchs before him, King Salman has taken the title of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, referring to the Grand Mosque in Mecca, home to the cube-shaped Kaaba that Muslims pray towards five times a day, and the Prophet's Mosque in the nearby city of Medina.

Saudi Arabia has spent

billions of dollars on crowd control and safety measures for those attending the annual five-day pilgrimage, but the sheer number of participants makes ensuring their safety difficult.

Climate change could make the risk even greater. A 2019 study by experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that even if the world succeeds in mitigating the worst effects of climate change, the Hajj would be held in temperatures exceeding an "extreme danger threshold" from 2047 to 2052, and from 2079 to 2086.

Saudi authorities had taken measures to reduce the risk of heat stress, including setting up hydration stations and using water mist sprays to cool the air.

On Tuesday, Saudi officials billed this year's Hajj season a "success," with state media reporting

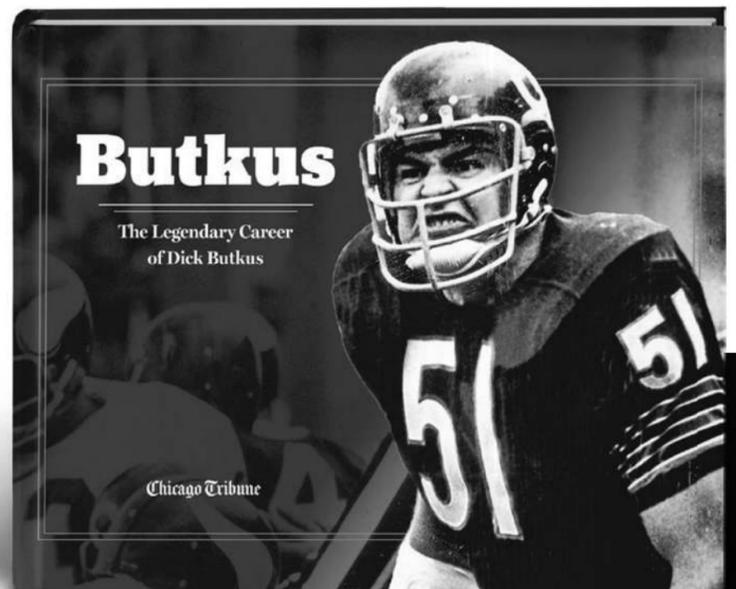
that the health minister, Fahd al-Jalajel, expressed "particular satisfaction with the fact that there were no outbreaks or other public health threats despite the significant number of pilgrims and the challenges posed by high temperatures."

Islam follows a lunar calendar, so the Hajj falls around 11 days earlier each year. By 2029, the Hajj will occur in April, and in the next several years after that it will fall in the winter, when temperatures are milder.

A 2015 stampede in Mina during the Hajj killed over 2,400 pilgrims, the deadliest incident to ever strike the pilgrimage, according to an AP count. The second-deadliest incident at Hajj was a 1990 stampede that killed 1,426 people.

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Modernism sitting in nature

In the Hamptons, architects are finding their clients want something new with million-dollar water views



The waterfront compound of Deborra-Lee Furness Jackman is seen in May in East Hampton, New York. Along the Eastern Seaboard, style is moving away from traditional architecture. ASHOK SINHA/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS



One of the bedrooms in Furness Jackman's home takes advantage of the light and views.

By Craig Kellogg
The New York Times

In the 1980s Sagaponack, a village in the Hamptons, new houses were awash in shingles and classical columns, to the dismay of architect Fred Stelle. "It was raging postmodernism," he said, still sounding bewildered. He took modest architectural jobs expanding old houses with contemporary extensions and bided his time. Finally in 2001, he said, a Manhattan creative director requested a fully modern 2,500-square-foot new house. Then came one client after another. Some are famous like Calvin Klein, Aerin Lauder and Michael Kors, sprinkling stardust on a firm that is housed in a converted potato barn in Bridgehampton. As the business expanded, Stelle added three partners — Viola Rouhani, Michael Lomont and

Eleanor Donnelly. Their firm, Stelle Lomont Rouhani Architects, quietly became known for a brand of beach modernism that sits lightly in nature, with million-dollar water views of sea grass and open skies.

The houses grew, along with the business. "Sometimes they got big," said Stelle, 77, recalling one with 30,000 square feet.

Up and down the Eastern Seaboard, where the pleasures of a sunny day can dissolve into a roiling superstorm in the course of an afternoon, a confluence of laws and constraints point away from traditional architecture. Flood maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dictate construction, low-lying structures must sit atop steel posts to let rushing water surge safely underneath, and local height restrictions leave scant room for an attic, let alone a sloped roof.

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Native landscaping blends in organically

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Native landscaping is part of a popular trend relating to outdoor environments in which the installed landscape is indigenous or native to a particular geographic environment or region.

What this typically allows for is landscape that not only blends more organically with the surroundings but often requires fewer pesticides to maintain.

When considering native landscaping, here are some helpful hints for getting started.

Research to learn which plants are native to your area or region.

Select a landscape specialist with knowledge of native landscaping.

Visit a local nursery to gather information and ask

questions.

Evaluate your soil to understand the ideal location for planting.

Have a water system in place. You will want to avoid areas that accumulate excess water.

Create a landscape plan first, then plant.

Select plantings that allow for succession of bloom or year-round foliage.

Choose a sunny location for your landscape.

Incorporate plantings that will grow both at different widths and heights.

Look to blend both color, shape and size into your native landscape.



Lush native landscaping blends with its surroundings. COURTESY



Quavo is greeted Tuesday by Vice President Kamala Harris at the Carter Center in Atlanta during a summit against gun violence. **ARVIN TEMKAR/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION**

CELEBRITIES

Quavo honors Takeoff with summit

From news services

Migos rapper Quavo's quest to transform his nephew Takeoff's tragic shooting into a force for change convened with a summit against gun violence on what would have been the rapper's 30th birthday.

The inaugural Rocket Foundation Summit was held Tuesday at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Quavo was joined by Vice President Kamala Harris in a fireside chat during the one-day summit, which included panel discussions about gun violence prevention and youth programs.

"Just to look behind me and see that I got the VP and guys like Greg Jackson and other survivors that actually fell victim to the same thing, I know that I'm not alone," Quavo said. "This is my second calling. This is very personal to me. That's what makes my drive and motivation to go even harder."

Quavo's discussion with Harris touched on the impact that community violence intervention can make and the importance of youth support systems in decreasing gun violence.

"To translate that pain and grief into something that is about creating

strength and empowerment in the community — including our young — is pretty extraordinary," Harris said. "You have chosen to use your celebrity and the gifts you have as an artist to talk about and actually work on with action. It's extraordinary. You are an incredible leader. A national leader on this."

Quavo hopes the summit can lead to more partnerships between the foundation and the White House. He's on a mission to ensure that his voice is heard and honor his nephew's legacy.

'Verzuz' to make return: Swizz Beatz and Timbaland are bringing the "Verzuz" series back with a new major platform for viewers to watch musicians face off in a song-against-song battle.

The legendary producers announced Wednesday that "Verzuz" cemented a partnership for independent distribution with the social media platform X.

Swizz Beatz said he's looking forward to the new chapter for "Verzuz," which became popular during the pandemic.

"We can't wait to get back to work," he said.

Timbaland said he's thrilled to expand their

viewership through X, where "Verzuz" will be free to watch. "Our goal has always been to bring 'Verzuz' to the world, which we can now do bigger than ever," he said.

Strait sets record: Country superstar George Strait set a record for the largest ticketed concert in U.S. history when nearly 111,000 fans packed into Kyle Field at Texas A&M to see the star, 72, play.

"I'm ashamed to say this, but this is my first time to ever be in Kyle Field... damn!" he told 110,905 supporters in College Station on Saturday, according to Billboard. "Just invite me back I'll come!"

The previous record was set in 1977 when 107,019 fans came to see the Grateful Dead at Raceway Park in New Jersey.

June 20 birthdays: Musician Brian Wilson is 82. Singer Anne Murray is 79. TV host Bob Vila is 78. Singer Lionel Richie is 75. Actor John Goodman is 72. Bassist John Taylor is 64. Actor Nicole Kidman is 57. Director Robert Rodriguez is 56. Actor Josh Lucas is 53. Singer Chino Moreno is 51. Singer Grace Potter is 41. Actor Mark Saul is 39.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Friend ruminates on 'close' pal's social snub

Dear Amy: I'm having a hard time letting go of being snubbed by a close friend of many years.

My friendship with "Shelley" included our spouses and children. We've celebrated, laughed, shared meals, vacations, worries and mourned together.

Recently, I learned from a mutual friend that we both were excluded from two major celebrations hosted by her family. Other members of my extended family and friend group were invited.

Shelley recently saw me at a different social event, ran up to me and said: "Can you forgive me?" without naming the offense I was to forgive her for.

I said, "Yes," but I'm hurt. She didn't acknowledge my comment, except to say that she's had a lot on her mind. Then she sort of drifted off. It was a bizarre interaction, and the apology felt glib.

Ever since then she's attempted to interact with me at social events, but I've been keeping my distance.

I don't know if I should just move on and simply realize that we are not as close as I thought — or try to discuss it with her.

I appreciate it when you tell people to just get over themselves. Should I get over myself and stop acting like a middle schooler?

— *Snubbed in Seattle*

Dear Snubbed: You are not acting like a middle schooler. You are feeling like a middle schooler.

Decoding this universal transference, I'll explain it this way: When adults fall in love (no matter our age), we feel like a high schooler. When we are snubbed or

excluded, we feel like a middle schooler.

"Shelley" chose a crowded social event to pounce upon you and ask if you could forgive her. This is a genius middle school move because it prevents you from reacting in front of a crowd.

But Shelley forgot something. She forgot to apologize. Isn't an apology supposed to precede a bid for forgiveness?

You should choose to react like an adult, and say to her a version of: "What's going on with you? I am completely in the dark about why you have been excluding me. You've asked me to forgive you, but I don't know what I'm supposed to forgive you for because you haven't explained or apologized. I'd like to clear the air."

Once you've owned your completely legitimate feelings and used your words to describe your perspective, it will be much easier to let go and move on.

Dear Amy: I have been going to the same car mechanic since I moved to a new city four years ago.

I know he's a dad because he has a son, but he has never worn a wedding ring.

The last time I brought my car in, he offered to take it for a spin with me in the car, but I declined.

I've had a crush on this man since I first met him. Should I say so?

— *Wanting in Oregon*

Dear Wanting: I had a crush on the hunky guy who came to renovate my house — and I finally summoned the courage to tell him. We've been married, very happily, for

16 years.

The risk here is that this man might not be available or return your feelings, which might necessitate you changing mechanics.

Dear Amy: I have been a loyal reader of yours for many years. I have enjoyed your commonsense approach and candor. Congratulations on your new life adventure.

One question I have is, what happens to all the questions you have received that are never published? Are they just sitting out there forever, or do you (or someone else) answer them personally?

I can imagine that there are some writers who anxiously await a response to their life issues.

— *Curious in Indiana*

Dear Curious: I can't even begin to count the number of questions I've received over 21 years. I read them all, and I often correspond with people privately.

I don't have a staff — or any outside help — and so my focus has always been on choosing questions that intrigue me, or which describe issues I believe would benefit the widest number of readers.

So yes, the questions sent in to me that I have not answered will be "out there" forever.

This allows me a nice segue to R. Eric Thomas, who is starting a new column called "Asking Eric." You can help Eric by sending your questions to eric@askingeric.com.

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Modernism

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A flat roof maximizes living space below and can host a 13-kilowatt solar array, planters thick with sedum or a mahogany sun deck. Atop a 4,900-square-foot house on Mecox Bay — with interiors by designer Shawn Henderson — the partners gave a Manhattan real estate executive and his wife all three.

On a spit of land between the ocean and a pond, gossamer floor-to-ceiling white curtains by interior designer Julie Hillman billow at open Fleetwood sliding doors, in high-performance glass crystalline rather than tinted "like very dark sunglasses," Lomont, 58, said.

"My houses are all glass, with water vistas to feed your soul," said Deborah-Lee Furness Jackman, the Australian actor.

She worked with the firm for more than six years to replace an unremarkable two-story tear-down in the East Hampton woods. She also acquired and remade a modest midcentury house next door. That house is now stained black, its lot folded into her waterfront compound.

She requested cozy elegance, whimsy and the feeling of a museum gallery in tune with her artistic aspirations. "I walk into any space and I start creating," she said. Her estranged husband, Hugh Jackman, attended the design meetings, but "this was my passion piece," she said.

Furness Jackman admits that she is not good at compromise, but she listened whenever the architects and the designers said, "That won't work." An early version of the layout had two stories, but one day Stelle lopped off the top to produce an unexpectedly elegant single-story pavilion at ground level, above a tall walkout basement with a screening room, an art studio and the garage.



Above: The living room of a home in Sagaponack, New York, features a long expanse of open sliding doors that frame the ocean view. **Right:** The home's dining area flows seamlessly into the outdoor space. **ASHOK SINHA/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Rouhani, 54, said she developed the plan "to incorporate this idea of drama" casual enough for family life.

A visitor might nominate the 15-foot asymmetrical pedestal dining table that Donnelly modeled to scale in Plasticine and then carved full size in blue foam.

After 18 months of development, the massive bleached walnut table, with a steel interior structure reinforcing its 11-foot cantilever, arrived by crane at one end of the sprawling great room, on the main level, and got welded into the floor beams.

"Design is my passion," Furness Jackman said, and "cantilever is my favorite word."

At a property in Water Mill, Rouhani started from scratch and fortified a new design with disastrous weather in mind. Concerned that a beach cottage that once belonged to Christie Brinkley would not survive another storm

like Hurricane Sandy, the architects shifted the replacement house back from the ocean as a further precaution, and LaGuardia Design Group restored the dunes.

When new owners bought the property for \$11.7 million in 2017, they also tapped Stelle Lomont Rouhani and got a free-standing garage topped with a pool house. In charge of the interiors, Donnelly, 51, oversaw the painting of the walls. They are white, though the decor pops with pink and orange accessories.

"There's no rainbow of fruit flavors in our architectural palette," Donnelly said, though she quickly added that color was possible at request.

A cedar house in Amagansett for Canadian interior designers George Yabu and Glenn Pushelberg added exterior zinc-wall panels that are nontoxic, recyclable and reflect heat from the sun.

The couple own homes in other places, but Yabu

said they considered this one their "effortless" primary residence from late spring through October. "The beach is really us, and this time of year we yearn for it," he said.

The upper level thrusts daringly toward the dunes while maintaining a respectful distance of five feet. The men wanted to step out of the lower level directly onto sand, so Stelle advised them to move fast and get approved by the building department, before regulations changed, to keep the new structure "off stilts."

They designed their own interiors, in a creative conversation with the architects that Yabu termed a "love fest."

Now, a dozen years on, Stelle still brings colorful eggs freshly laid by his Araucana hens as a thank-you when he arrives to show the house to prospective new clients. "Architects can be prickly, but he is supernice," Pushelberg said.



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Home & Design

BRINGING LUXURY OUTDOORS

Tips for achieving a high-end resort feel right at home

Elevating your outdoor space into a luxurious retreat that rivals a high-end resort is a dream that many homeowners share. Whether you're renovating your current property, planning a complete transformation, or starting fresh with a custom build, use these tips and design elements to get started.

- Embrace seamless indoor-outdoor living: Create a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces by incorporating features like bi-fold doors or expansive sliding glass doors that open onto a patio or courtyard. This continuous flow enhances your living experience and sets the stage for a resort-like ambiance.

- Go big and bold with backyard landscaping: According to experts, landscaping should provide contrast. "Incorporate modern aesthetics into your backyard with bold and innovative landscaping that includes both hard and soft elements," suggests Kevin Scott, owner and partner of Alair Sanibel, a custom home builder in Southwest Florida.

- Put modern twists on natural elements: Bringing the beauty of nature into your outdoor design will create a calming environment. To maintain a contemporary feel, use materials like stone, wood



Using thoughtful design, you can transform your outdoor space into an extension of your interior space to achieve harmony.

and bamboo in creative ways, such as with modern sculptural planters, sleek wooden decking or minimalist stone pathways.

- Create a cozy "sanctuary": Leili Fatemi, of Leili Design Studio, recommends transforming your outdoor space into an extension of your interiors to achieve harmony. Choose

cozy and comfortable furniture like sofas, lounges, swings and dining sets, and add finishing touches such as pillows, rugs and accessories.

"When selecting outdoor items, opt for weather-resistant materials like wrought iron, teakwood, and outdoor-grade wicker and fabrics that are

100% solution-dyed acrylic for fade- and mildew-resistance," advises Fatemi, emphasizing the importance of easy-care living.

- Introduce water features: Capture the resort-like feel by incorporating water features such as fountains, reflecting pools or small waterfalls.

- Enhance ambiance

with outdoor sound systems: Install high-quality sound systems so you can enjoy convenience and comfort outdoors, whether relaxing or entertaining guests.

- Illuminate with smart outdoor lighting: Consider installing smart outdoor lighting systems that can be controlled remotely

to improve security and safety and to highlight landscaping and architectural features at night.

- Focus on wellness and entertainment: Design outdoor spaces that promote wellness and entertainment. LeTricia Zogheib of Zogheib Necessary Luxury recommends incorporating features like a giant chess set or innovative installations.

"I recently had a client request an outdoor TV installed at the end of his pool that could rise from the ground and rotate for different seating positions," says Zogheib.

- Partner with expert builders: Collaborate with experienced builders specializing in outdoor luxury design. "A reputable builder can ensure that your outdoor retreat is crafted with precision and attention to detail," says Glen Harris III, regional partner at Alair Florida.

To explore how experts can help you create an outdoor living space that rivals the experience of a high-end resort, visit alairflorida.com.

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How clutter affects your mental health

Do you feel overwhelmed or depressed when your house is messy and disorganized?

If so, you're not alone. According to mental health experts, clutter can lead to higher stress levels, relationship issues, trouble focusing, and a diminished quality of life. So, putting forth the effort to clear clutter from your home could help you become happier and healthier.

On the other hand, decluttering can be a daunting task, and if it feels too overwhelming, you might put it off indefinitely. Never fear. Closets By Design has put together a few simple ideas to help you take control of your physical and mental space.

Take care of the kitchen

It's said that the kitchen is the heart of the home. If your kitchen is about to burst from all the stuff crammed in it, that's not a good sign for your heart — literally. Clutter and disorganization can increase the production of the stress hormone cortisol, leading to chronic stress, so make sure your kitchen is as clutter-free as it can be.

Take a good look around the room. Are small appliances crowding the countertops? Maybe cereal boxes are piled on the table, or bags of onions and potatoes are stashed on top of the refrigerator. Find a place in your pantry or cabinets to store all of these things. If you need additional storage space, let the professionals at Closets by Design put together the perfect custom pantry for your needs.

Closets by Design's adjustable shelves allow you to store appliances and cereal boxes of varying sizes, and features like bins, pull-out shelves, dividers, and drawers provide ample



Don't stress about the clutter in the kitchen. Closets by Design can help alleviate the problem with the perfect storage pantry and shelving to meet your needs.



space for other dry ingredients, canned goods or fresh produce. You'll love the way your kitchen feels when you have an organized pan-

try and can clear the clutter from your countertops.

Clean your desk

Whether you're working

from home, studying for an exam, or simply paying monthly bills, it's important to have a clean workspace. As reported by the Mayo

Clinic, "a cluttered environment can make your brain less effective at processing information — and more prone to frustration." Having an organized desk can help you work more efficiently.

Begin cleaning your desk by sorting through any piled-up mail or papers. Throw out junk mail immediately and make files for the paperwork you need to keep. Stash office supplies (like pens, paper clips, and scissors) in decorative cups or jars. When you're ready to take your home office to the next level of productivity, check out the stylish offerings on the Closets by Design website. The custom desks, combined with cabinets and shelving, will transform your existing workspace into the ultimate home office.

Organize your closet

Have you ever gotten into an argument with your partner or roommate

because one person is messier than the other or someone's stuff is taking up too much room? If so, you know that clutter can cause relationship issues, sometimes serious ones. Perhaps more than any other space, the bedroom closet is frequently at the center of the conflict. But you don't have to let a little clutter spoil an otherwise good relationship.

Begin work on your closet by getting rid of clothing the two of you don't wear on a regular basis. Throw away, donate, or sell any items that are worn out, don't fit, or you no longer need. Store clothes that are out of season in plastic bins under the bed or in another room. Use all available space as you begin to put clothes back in the closet. Better still — consult with the experts from Closets by Design who will help you maximize every inch of space in your closet by adding adjustable shelving, slanted shoe shelves, a sliding belt rack, cubbies, jewelry drawers, or other features required for your specific needs. Whether you have a walk-in or reach-in closet, Closets by Design will help you utilize its full potential.

Schedule a free in-home consultation

Since 1982, Closets by Design has been helping customers improve their living spaces by offering high-quality products and exceptional service at a great value. Closets by Design can't promise that its products will improve your mental health, but they can help you reduce clutter in your home. To learn more about all of Closet by Design's stylish and functional designs or to schedule a free in-home consultation, visit closetsbydesign.com or call 1-800-By-Design.

Proximity to doctors and daughter lead couple to Elburn Station

After 27 years in their 4,500 square-foot, two-story home in Batavia, Victor Hernandez and his wife, Lydia, decided it was time to simplify their lifestyle yet remain close to their daughter in Geneva and Lydia's many doctors.

"It was time for us to downsize and, with Lydia's failing health, it was important we find a ranch plan and remain close to her doctors in the Fox Valley area," says Victor. "We wanted to build but it was difficult to find the right property and right builder until we found Elburn Station."

Elburn Station is a 505-acre master-planned Shodeen Homes community of ranch and two-story single-family and low maintenance Village homes just west of Randall Road in Kane County. The community is within walking distance of the Metra Train Station and downtown Elburn and is an AT&T Fiber community boasting 99% connectivity reliability.

"We chose the Palmer ranch plan primarily because Lydia wanted a sunroom with lots of windows," Victor says. "We liked the openness of the plan, the walkout basement, the ability to select what we wanted. It felt like a custom build experience and our homesite was the right size for me to maintain without having to hire someone."

Single-family homes at Elburn Station are priced from the \$380s and range 1,613- to 2,674 square-feet with three or four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, full basements with lookout and walkout options, and two or three-car garages. Low-maintenance Village Homes 1,185- to 2,120-square-foot and include two to four bedrooms, two to 3½ baths, basements and two-car garages with prices starting from the \$340s.



After 27 years in Batavia, Victor Hernandez and his wife, Lydia, moved to a ranch home in Shodeen's Elburn Station. Victor is shown with his "granddog" Charlie on the front porch.

"Everyone involved in building our home, Carol, Debbie, Garrett and Kimberly, were 'Johnny-on-the-spot,'" Victor says. "They were more than excellent and so willing to help. I have recommended Shodeen to so many people. I keep telling Kimberly in customer service that I am going to surprise her and bring her flowers. One day when we were coming back from Lydia's doctor appointment, she fell in the garage. As I was struggling to pick her up, Garrett came to help me. They've all become more than business associates, they've become friends."

Elburn Station includes a 20-acre

community park where Victor says he will explore with his "granddog" Charlie. The park includes soccer and lacrosse fields, pickle ball courts, walking paths, multiple playgrounds, a tennis court, two half-court basketball courts, pavilion and a parking lot. The 18-hole public Hughes Creek Golf Club and restaurant are within minutes and children attend Kaneland District 302 schools, including John Stewart Elementary, Harter Middle School and Kaneland High School.

Shopping, restaurants and other services, such as Northwestern Medicine's Delnor Hospital, are found along nearby Randall Road

as is access to Interstate 88 and the Route 47 exchange.

Elburn prides itself in maintaining its small-town values while supporting its residents and promoting its local businesses.

To tour the model or learn more about building a home at Elburn Station, visit shodeenhomes.com or call 630-549-5019. The model and sales center are at 731 Maplewood Circle in Elburn and hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment only.

Editor's note: Since this article was written, Lydia Hernandez passed away.



Lydia Hernandez

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ASK THE BUILDER

Restoring asphalt driveway can be big project

By Tim Carter

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You might assume, since I write a column about home improvement, that my house is perfect in every way. You'd be wrong. I suffer from a condition where I know how to do 99% of the projects around my house. A deep inner force within me causes me to tackle all of these tasks no matter the size. I often work alone.

For example, seven years ago I decided to install my own new roof. It was a massive undertaking that spanned four months. Smaller projects collect on an ever-growing large honey-do list. Fortunately, my wife has the patience of Job.

My current project is the restoration of my asphalt driveway. While not as daunting as the roof project, it will likely take several weeks. I approach these big jobs much like eating an elephant. You eat an elephant one bite at a time. Slow and steady progress each day is my mantra.

My asphalt driveway is about 22 years old. The original contractor did a very good job of preparing the base under the asphalt. The base is everything. Asphalt is a flexible pavement and derives its strength from the thick, compacted gravel under the mix of stones, sand and asphalt cement surface you drive and walk upon. The original specification for my drive called for larger stones in the mix. These provide added strength. Some stones in my asphalt are as large as peanut M&Ms.

Asphalt driveway restoration requires you to have a grasp of what's known as the adhesive chain. Keep in mind that each product you use, be it bagged asphalt



A large area of Tim Carter's asphalt driveway has crumbled. He has taken steps to prep the area to install a patch. **TIM CARTER**

patching material, crack filler or the final buckets of sealer, all need to stick to the old asphalt if you want the maximum life from them.

This means that your existing asphalt must be perfectly clean before you start any phase of the project. If you apply a piece of masking tape to a dusty surface, you know the tape will not hold well. Even though you use a powerful leaf blower or broom on your asphalt drive, I'm sure

there is still some fine sand dust sticking to the asphalt. This must be removed with a strong stream of water or a pressure washer if you want the best results.

My project (yours may be the same) requires five steps:

- Remove weeds and excess soil from the drive surface and edges.
- Blow large debris from the drive and wash it with water.
- Patch large holes with the correct material.

- Fill all cracks larger than 1/16 inch with crack filler.

- Apply the sealer to all old original asphalt and wait 90 days before applying it to bagged asphalt patch.

Removing weeds and excess soil from the edges of the driveway can be mind-numbing work.

It's necessary for you to remove this soil cover that collects over time so you can seal the edges of the driveway. Weeds growing in cracks must be removed so you can properly fill the

cracks.

I have to repair three areas where the asphalt blacktop paving has deteriorated. One area is about 5 square feet, another is 12 square feet, and the final one is almost 20 square feet. This, in my opinion, is the limit of bagged cold-patch asphalt. If you have bigger areas, you probably should hire a contractor to install hot-mix asphalt as was done originally.

I use a large hammer drill with a flat bit to

help remove the cracked asphalt. The tool chops down through an existing crack with ease. Start at the center of a bad area and work to the edges. Remove all the old paving to a depth of 1.5 to 2 inches. Wet down the hole and direct water to the edges of the hole to remove dust from the old paving. Compact the gravel base with a tamper and follow the directions on the bag of cold-patch asphalt. Be sure the new material is a half-inch higher than the old asphalt before compacting it with the tamper.

Crack filling, in my opinion, is the most important job. If you live where it gets cold, as I do in New Hampshire, you must be diligent about filling all cracks. Water that enters cracks and freezes destroys asphalt in short order. Water expands by about 9% in volume when it freezes, prying apart the asphalt.

Dust removal from the edges of the cracks is imperative. You want the liquid crack filler to bond well to the sides of the crack. I tool the top of the crack filler with a small stick to ensure that the filler is feathered out, creating a waterproof bond with the old asphalt. I broadcast coarse sand on the fresh filler to help provide texture. Once again, follow the instructions to the letter on the label of the filler you use.

Applying the sealer is the last step. I'll blow off my drive one last time to remove any sand or debris that may have accumulated over the restoration process. I only apply the sealer if I know for a fact it will not rain for 24 or 36 hours. I shouldn't have to say this, but read the instructions on the sealer label and follow them to the letter.

GARDEN Q&A

Gradual tree yellowing may go unnoticed

By Tim Johnson

For the Chicago Tribune

Q: We planted a river birch tree in our backyard three years ago and I noticed that the leaves have a strange looking yellow cast to them. When we looked more closely, there were some leaves turning brown too. What can we do to help our tree?

— Burt Davison, North Chicago



River birch showing the initial signs of chlorosis, a subtle paling of the green color of the foliage.

RJ CARLSON/CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

A: From your description, it's likely your tree is suffering from chlorosis, which is a yellowing of green leaves due to a lack of chlorophyll. Symptoms of chlorosis could appear in a few branches or the entire plant. After three years of growth, the tree's roots are likely established in your garden's native soil, which may lack the needed nutrients for the tree. The initial sign of chlorosis can be a subtle paling of the green color of the foliage, which may go unnoticed at first. This off-green color can progress to a general yellowing over the course of a growing season or over several years.

There may be a combination of factors causing your tree to decline. In the Chicago region, some of the most common causes of chlorosis among trees and shrubs include nutrient deficiencies that are related to soil alkalinity (high pH), drought, over watering, poor drainage and compacted soil. Chlorosis will be more pronounced on birches when they are planted in heavy clay, compacted soil and high pH soils, which impede the tree from absorbing iron and manganese. The affected leaves can be stunted and have browning along the edges. Soils that are compacted and poorly drained, roots that have been damaged by construction and drought can affect root growth and contribute to a chloro-

sis problem. Hot and dry weather is hard on trees and can bring on increased chlorosis symptoms later in the season.

River birches generally develop chlorosis in alkaline soils with a pH higher than 6.5. You can have a soil test done to determine the pH of your soil, but it is most likely higher than 7. The tree's roots cannot absorb iron because of the high pH of the soil. Other nutrient imbalances in the soil can cause chlorosis symptoms too. Birch trees also perform poorly in compacted soil because they have shallow root systems, and compacted and heavy soils impede the tree's roots from absorbing nutrients. Heavy watering of your lawn coupled with a heavy, poorly drained clay soil can bring on chlorosis too. It's been a rainy spring so far.

Weather and your cultural practices can affect the development of chlorosis. Birch trees prefer moist soil that is well drained — soils that hold water and stay wet for extended periods of time can cause chlorosis. River birches tend to develop yellow leaves in the summer during hot and dry periods without supplemental watering. These trees will also shed dead leaves in response to these hot and dry periods. To help green up the foliage in the short term, you could have the tree's foli-

age sprayed with chelated iron, but this is not a long-term solution. You could also have the soil around the tree treated annually with elemental sulfur to help lower the pH of the soil at a rate of 1.5 pounds of sulfur per 100 square feet of bed in spring and fall. It may take a couple of years to see any results. There are also other commercial products that arborist firms can use to treat the soil or inject the trees with to green up chlorotic plants. It is difficult to lower the pH of the soil enough to dramatically improve the performance of a birch tree. Results depend on the type of soil you have and its pH level. You will get better results when you start a program of applying sulfur and other soil amendments as soon as you see chlorosis in the leaves.

Since your tree is young and already having issues, you may want to replace it with a different tree that will be more adapted to your site's growing conditions. Selecting the right plant for a garden's growing conditions and design objectives is an important first step for success.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org. Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.



Distorted and brightly-colored leaves on peach and nectarine trees are the result of a fungal disease called peach leaf curl. **SHARON YIESLA/THE MORTON ARBORETUM**

A wet spring encourages fruit leaf fungal disease

By Beth Botts

For the Chicago Tribune

If you have a peach tree, this may not be your year for peach ice cream. After an especially wet spring, many trees are afflicted with peach leaf curl, a fungal disease.

"It's mostly a leaf disease, but it can also affect fruit production," said Spencer Campbell, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum near Lisle. "If a peach tree loses all its leaves, it may be weakened so that it's more susceptible to infection by other diseases." That can lead to another reduced crop next year.

Peach leaf curl is one example of the many fungal diseases that are more common in years with frequent rainfall in spring. "Fungus spores multiply on wet surfaces," he said. "When it rains a lot just when leaf buds are opening, the tender new leaves are especially vulnerable."

Wet springs encourage fungus-caused diseases such as verticillium wilt in maples; anthracnose in sycamores; apple scab in flowering crab apples; rust on roses; and powdery mildew, which affects lilacs, phlox and many other plants. Although peach leaf curl only occurs on peach and nectarine trees, closely related diseases can affect cherries and plums.

Peaches and nectarines aren't grown commercially in northern Illinois because most cultivated varieties are not suffi-

ciently winter-hardy. Still, some homeowners have peach trees, especially the hardy variety Red Haven.

In a wet year, peach leaf curl will likely cause an infected tree's new leaves to be thickened and distorted and brightly colored in pink, red, or purple. Later, as the fungus spores multiply, the leaves take on a gray or powdery appearance until they eventually turn yellow and fall off.

Taphrina deformans, the peach leaf curl fungus, also can infect flowers, developing fruit, and young shoots. "Infected flowers or fruits may fall off before you even notice them," Campbell said.

The spores are spread to other leaves or other trees by wind or rain and will overwinter in a dormant state on the tree's buds and twigs. If the next spring is too dry or too warm, the spores don't get a chance to multiply and the tree may show no symptoms. But the dormant spores may still survive until a year when conditions are right.

It's possible to control peach leaf curl with a fungicide, but the timing is important. It is best to spray in fall, after the leaves drop, or in spring before the buds begin to swell. If you think your tree has peach leaf curl, contact the Plant Clinic to confirm the identification and get advice on using fungicides. Be sure that any product you choose is labeled for fruit trees, and follow the label directions carefully.

Once you notice the symptoms of peach leaf curl in late spring or early summer, it's too late to do anything about this year's flowers or fruit. "At this stage, treatment won't have any effect," Campbell said.

For many fungal diseases, treatment is not necessary, because the diseases don't really do much damage. "Powdery mildew and maple leaf tar spot may be unsightly in a bad year, but the plant will survive," Campbell said.

The best way to fortify all trees and shrubs against fungal diseases is to keep them vigorous and healthy.

Water them in times when rainfall is scarce, as it often is in July and August. "Be sure to water at the base of the tree, not with a sprinkler, so you don't get the foliage wet," Campbell said. Avoid excessive fertilizer, which can push the tree to add too much weak new growth.

If you think a tree has peach leaf curl or any other serious fungal disease, clean up the deformed, fallen leaves, which can harbor fungus spores. Don't put the leaves in the compost pile, where they might survive to spread the disease. Instead, put the leaves out for landscape waste pickup to get them off your property.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (630-719-2424, mortonarb.org/plant-clinic, or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (June 20): Enjoy the lime-light this year. Professional growth follows dedicated actions. Summer disrupts your social scene, leading to an autumn phase of professional flowering. Adapt around winter creative or romantic changes, before springtime fills your home with love and beauty. Shine like the star you are.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. A domestic agenda takes precedence this month, with the sun in Cancer. Enjoy the results from home improvement projects to increase family comfort.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Discover valuable solutions. Write and express your ideas over the next four weeks, with the sun in Cancer. Connect the dots. Profit from your research.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Launch lucrative projects, with the sun in Cancer for a month. Develop a new income stream. Energize existing sources and connections. Discuss profitable possibilities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You're energized for leadership and action, with the sun in your sign. Make the most of it. Take charge for the results you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. You can get especially productive in private under the Cancer sun. The next month favors following through and completing old projects. Make fun plans.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Social participation grows your venture. You have extra team support over the next four weeks, with the sun in Cancer. It's party time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Smile for the cameras. Accept interesting assignments to advance your career and professional status over the next month, with the sun in Cancer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Explore valuable possibilities and new terrain, with the sun in Cancer this month favoring travel, study and research. Investigate potential solutions. Enjoy an adventure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Develop your valuable talents and skills. Grow profitable ventures with your partner over the month, with the sun in Cancer. Share the load and rewards.

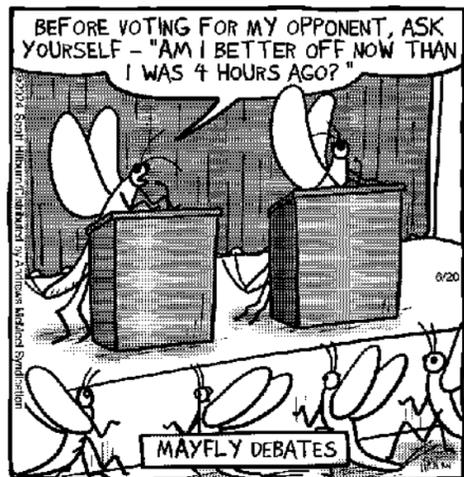
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Listen to intuition to realize romantic dreams. With the sun in Cancer for a month, energize collaborative efforts. Compromise and negotiate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Balance a busy work schedule with time for yourself for a month under the Cancer sun. Energize physical practices for growing strength and health.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. The next four weeks especially favor fun and romance, with the sun in Cancer. Advance a passion project. Charm and be charmed by someone sweet.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

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

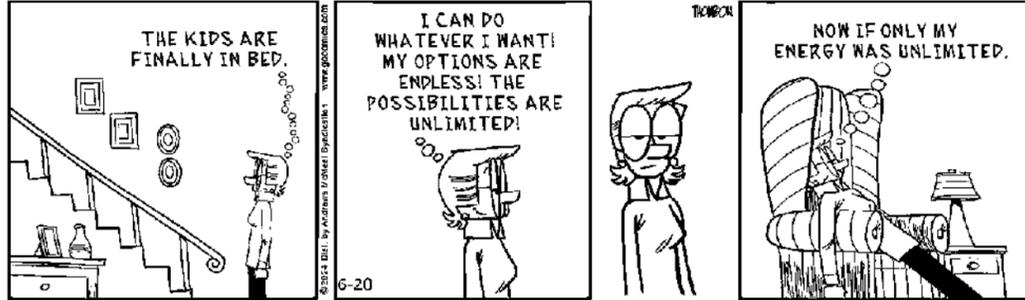
South in today's deal was Jerrold Grossman, from Michigan. Had North overcalled three diamonds, rather than doubling, North-South would have had a chance to reach six diamonds. There are 12 tricks available in diamonds thanks to a successful spade finesse. A slower approach by Grossman might have found the superior diamond fit, but there would have been no chance to reach slam. Grossman showed excellent technique in bringing home four spades.

The opening heart lead went to East's ace, and East continued with the king of hearts. Grossman ruffed in hand and led the jack of spades. West chose to cover with the king – ducking the jack would not have helped the defense – and Grossman won with dummy's ace. Dummy's remaining heart was ruffed with the six of spades, and Grossman cashed his 10 of spades. He crossed to dummy with the king of diamonds and cashed the queen of spades, leaving one trump outstanding. He now had no trumps remaining in either hand. Grossman began running his diamond suit. West could ruff whenever he liked, but he had no hearts remaining. West could do nothing to defeat the contract.

This line of play was a dummy reversal, which is not unusual. What is unusual, however, is to reverse the dummy when playing in a 4-3 trump fit. Well done to Grossman for pulling this off.

— Bob Jones
Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Charles Ettinger and Mike Curtis



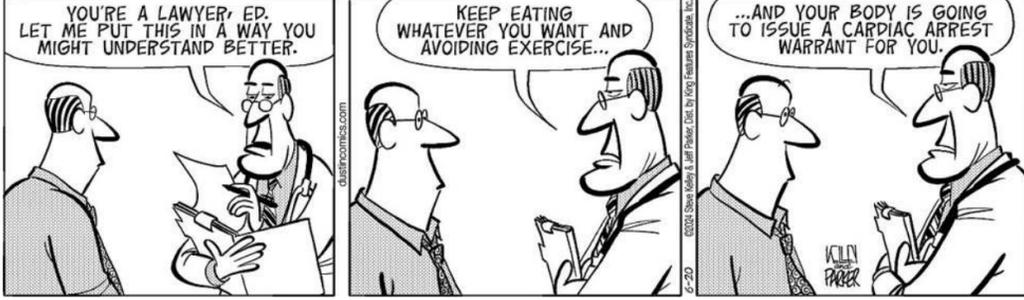
Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



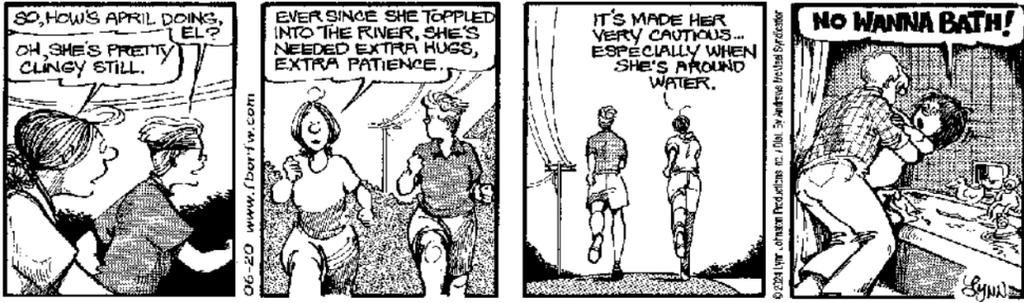
Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



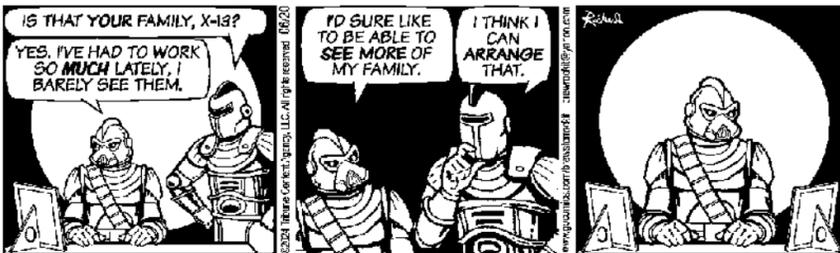
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



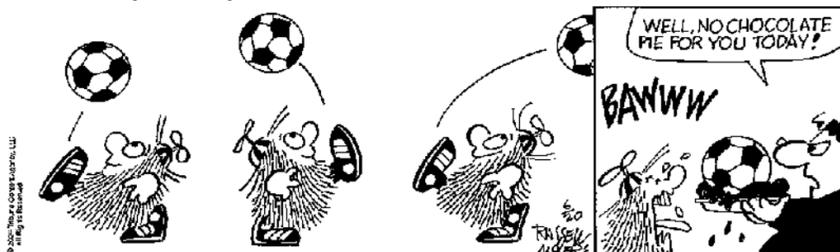
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

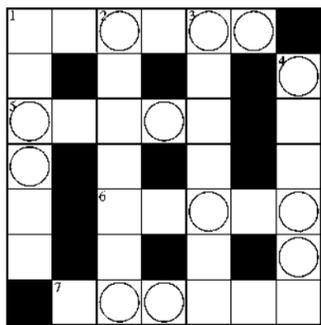
What does a farrier do for a horse?

- A) Designs its saddle
- B) Exercises it
- C) Grooms it
- D) Makes and fits its shoes

Wednesday's answer: Students at the beginner level in karate and taekwondo wear white belts.

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Jumble Crossword

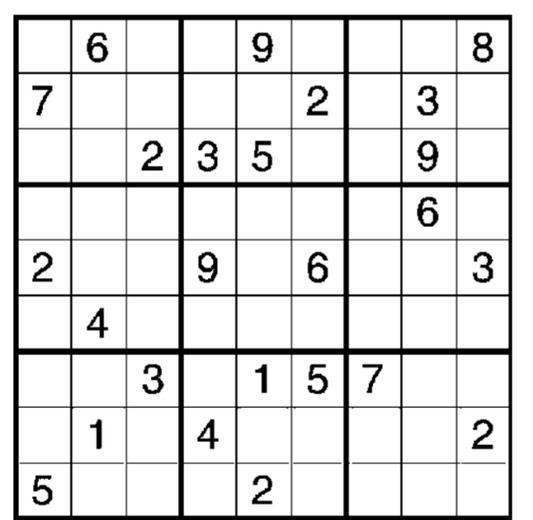


- ACROSS**
- 1. Pastry shop
 - 5. ___ sign
 - 6. Howdy
 - 7. Hoffman film
- DOWN**
- 1. Lament
 - 2. Family ties
 - 3. Work out
 - 4. Willie E. ___

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

BONUS [Grid of circled letters]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4



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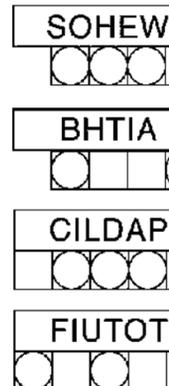
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here

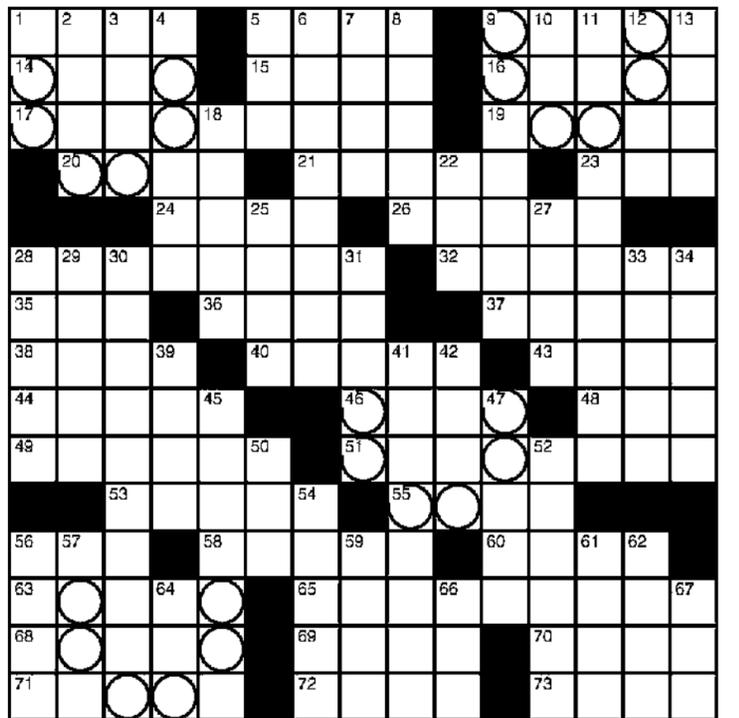


Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: KIOSK ELOPE RATHER GAZEBO
Answer: After the invention of the telescope, people were curious and wanted to — TAKE A LOOK-SEE

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Crossword



Across

- 1 "Such a pity!"
- 5 Caramel custard
- 9 Championship game
- 14 Quick meal
- 15 Country great McEntire
- 16 "Feliz año nuevo" month
- 17 Ballpark figures
- 19 Adulated ones
- 20 Climactic beginning?
- 21 Challenge for 64-Down students
- 23 Garden vessel
- 24 Chromebook maker
- 26 Reclusive one
- 28 Mythological event depicted in a 2017 "Thor" film
- 32 Share on social media
- 35 "Xanadu" rock gp.
- 36 Sainly ring
- 37 Baghdad currency
- 38 Heaps and heaps

Down

- 40 Gross figures
- 43 ___-switching
- 44 Gold-loving king
- 46 Courtroom entry
- 48 Home of the world's tallest building, briefly
- 49 Blind dates, e.g.
- 51 Enhances
- 53 Different
- 55 California wine region
- 56 ___ choy
- 58 Like some change
- 60 JD-to-be's hurdle
- 63 Dogpatch name
- 65 Headwear featured four times in this puzzle
- 68 Baggy
- 69 Like one of Picasso's periods
- 70 Trickster of Asgard
- 71 Cries like a kitten
- 72 Barely noticeable
- 73 All those in favor

- 12 "My Soft Machine" singer Parks
- 13 Played scissors against rock, say
- 18 Book between Jonah and Nahum
- 22 Neither partner
- 25 Notable times
- 27 Awesome
- 28 Paper orders
- 29 Classic TV's "Kate & ___"
- 30 "Thanks for the info"
- 31 Turtlelike Mario Bros. foe
- 33 Nobelist Anwar
- 34 Forest denizens
- 39 Not slack
- 41 Hairstyle with a uniform length
- 42 Streets of Rage game company
- 45 Baseballs and basketballs, but not rugby balls
- 47 Substantial
- 50 Health class topic
- 52 Nabe south of Pasadena
- 54 Bar mitzvah figure
- 56 Application to chapped lips
- 57 Clarinet kin
- 59 Fringe group
- 61 Nautical call
- 62 Swipe
- 64 Subj. for some citizenship applicants
- 66 ___ lime pie
- 67 Poetic contraction

Wednesday's solution



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WILLIE MAYS 1931-2024

Giants legend 'Say Hey Kid' dies

Hall of Famer made 24 all-star teams, ranks 6th all-time in HRs

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

Willie Mays, the electrifying "Say Hey Kid" whose singular combination of talent, drive and exuberance made him one of baseball's greatest and most beloved players, has died. He was 93.

Mays' family and the Giants

jointly announced Tuesday night he had died earlier in the afternoon in the Bay Area.

"My father has passed away peacefully and among loved ones," son Michael Mays said in a statement released by the club. "I want to thank you all from the bottom of my broken heart for the unwavering love you have shown him over the years. You have been his life's blood."

The center fielder, who began his professional career in the Negro Leagues in 1948, had been

baseball's oldest living Hall of Famer. He was voted into the Hall in 1979, his first year of eligibility, and in 1999 followed only Babe Ruth on The Sporting News' list of the game's top stars. The Giants retired his uniform number, 24, and set their AT&T Park in San Francisco on Willie Mays Plaza.

Mays died two days before a game between the Giants and Cardinals to honor the Negro Leagues at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama.

"All of baseball is in mourn-

ing today as we are gathered at the very ballpark where a career and a legacy like no other began," Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "Willie Mays took his all-around brilliance from the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League to the Giants franchise.

"From coast to coast ... Willie inspired generations of players and fans as the game grew and truly earned its place as our national pastime."

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Hall of Famer Willie Mays, considered one of baseball's greatest all-around players, died Tuesday. He was 93. AP/1972

CUBS 6, GIANTS 5



Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks pitches during the first inning against the Giants at Wrigley Field on Wednesday. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Like old times

Hendricks gives Cubs a stellar start, reflects on 'most adversity' of his career

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Kyle Hendricks does not hesitate when assessing his last 2 1/2 months.

The Cubs veteran right-hander has pitched in 271 big-league games, including the postseason. He understands that what the team has needed from him this season hasn't often matched the numbers he's posted on the mound, most notably an 8.20 ERA in 12 games.

"Definitely the most adversity,"

Hendricks told the Tribune. "For sure, performance on the field, it's definitely been the toughest of my career."

Hendricks, 34, spent three weeks in the bullpen in a multi-inning role that predominately saw him called on when the Cubs were losing late to finish out the game. Left-hander Jordan Wicks' oblique strain that caused him to exit his start Saturday and forced him to the 15-day injured list created an opening for Hendricks in the rotation.

After tossing 4 1/3 shutout

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Cubs 1:20 p.m.
Friday, Marquee

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■ White Sox pitcher Cannon falls 1 out short of complete game shutout against Astros. **Page 3**

innings against the St. Louis Cardinals with just two hits and no walks allowed in relief of Wicks, Hendricks continued to roll in his first start since May 17. He took a no-hitter into the sixth inning Wednesday and delivered

his best start of the year, ultimately holding the Giants to one run in 5 1/2 innings in the Cubs' 6-5 win. Hendricks allowed just two hits, one walk and struck out eight, his most in a game since May 16, 2021, at Detroit (also eight).

The offense scored just enough behind a pair of three-run innings to secure the series win. Ian Happ and Dansby Swanson hit the Cubs' first back-to-back home runs of the season in the fourth and Swanson's two-run single in the seventh. Jorge Soler's grand slam in the eighth tested the Cubs (36-39) in another one-run game, but Colten Brewer worked around

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BEARS

Rookie punter Taylor unique

'He totally revamped the position,' says coach

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

Bears coach Matt Eberflus found himself drawn into the show his rookie was performing at a June minicamp practice at Halas Hall.

Fourth-round pick Tory Taylor, the punter who became a fan favorite at Iowa, turned the special teams period into a must-watch event with his ball placement.

"He's like a trick-shot guy," Eberflus said. "It's like, 'Wow!' ... He had a couple on the 1 (-yard line) of course, but the spin he could put on it, really amazing. So it's fun to watch."

Iowa special teams coordinator LeVar Woods watched those talents for four years after recruiting Taylor out of Australia, and he has many stories about the development of a player Bears general manager Ryan Poles called one of the best punters he ever has seen.

Woods spoke with the Tribune about Taylor's transition to American football, some of his most impressive feats and the fanfare he created in Iowa City.

How did you first become aware of Tory in the recruiting process?

Through his group that he works with, his coaches — Johnny Smith and Nathan Chapman — from Prokick Australia. They had reached out about him. We made contact and had a chance to connect via FaceTime, so that was my first introduction to Tory.

Then you went to see him in Australia. What was that experience like and what was your first

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Bears punter Tory Taylor during rookie minicamp at Halas Hall on May 10 in Lake Forest. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

SKY

Will starting Carter solve the Sky's backcourt problem?

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

During the first five weeks of the WNBA season, Chicago Sky fans posed one question: Why isn't Chenedy Carter starting?

The fourth-year guard drew immediate attention in her first 12 games, averaging 12.9 points and 2.3 assists in just under 20 minutes off the bench. When the Sky sank into midgame lulls, Carter could be counted on to poke away errant passes and reignite the offense with breakneck transition plays. And as the team struggled with increasingly stagnant starts — lowlighted by a 10-point first quarter against

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Dallas Wings at
Chicago Sky
11 a.m. Thursday, Marquee

the Washington Mystics — the question built into a clamor as Carter remained a reserve player.

Coach Teresa Weatherspoon answered that call this weekend, moving Carter and guard Lindsay Allen into the starting lineup to replace guard Dana Evans and wing Diamond DeShields on Sunday against the Indiana Fever. And despite losing another game in Indianapolis, the shift made a clear impact on the Sky's tempo from the

opening whistle.

So is this new starting rotation the balm the 4-9 Sky have been looking for?

After drafting Kamilla Cardoso and Angel Reese, the Sky are building for their future with the backcourt as their foundation. General manager Jeff Pagliocca made it clear on draft day that this will require at least one season of development as both players transition to the league and develop key parts of their game, such as outside shooting.

But the backcourt is a different problem, one that goes beyond simple player development. The

Turn to Sky, Page 2



Sky guard Chenedy Carter puts a move on Sun forward Alyssa Thomas at Wintrust Arena in Chicago on June 12. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Team	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
CUBS		NYM 1:20 p.m. Marquee	NYM 1:20 p.m. Marquee, FS1	NYM 6:10 p.m. ESPN	@SF 8:45 p.m. Marquee
WHITE SOX	HOU 1:10 p.m. NBCSCH	@DET 5:40 p.m. NBCSCH	@DET 12:10 p.m. NBCSCH	@DET 12:40 p.m. NBCSCH	LAD 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH
SKY	DAL 11 a.m. Marquee			IND 3 p.m. ESPN	
FIRE			@ORL 6:30 p.m. Apple TV		
RED STARS				@NC 5 p.m. Marquee	

Sky

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Sky have the worst assist ratio (16.4%) and 3-point-shooting production (4.5 per game) in the league. As a result, the guards often settle into static half-court offense and struggle to find Reese and Cardoso with entry passes consistently.

Carter's move into the starting lineup was a promising improvement — she replicated her scoring production, boosting the offense with 18 points and four assists. The Sky also benefited from the presence of Allen, who settled the offense at point guard despite an off-kilter performance from both rookie bigs.

But the loss to the Fever also highlighted why giving Carter more minutes isn't the end-all answer. Despite her consistent scoring, Carter has limitations. She does not take 3s, averaging 0.5 attempts (the lowest of any guard). And at 5-foot-9, moving Carter to the wing vastly decreases the height of the starting unit, creating an automatic mismatch in plenty of defensive matchups.

Even with the lineup changes, a rotational shift won't be enough to fully overhaul the position group. After shuffling roster spots, the Sky still clearly are missing several starter-quality pieces — namely a point guard or a lengthy wing. And that means Weatherspoon and Pagliocca will need to dig deeper for solutions, both this year and in the offseason.

Before anyone starts campaigning for the Sky to solve the guard problem by tanking to take Paige Bueckers in the 2025 draft, that's not an option. The Sky already agreed to a first-round pick swap with the Dallas Wings, which means they have no chance of landing the No. 1 pick outside of a blockbuster trade.

So with that off the table, how can the Sky improve their backcourt?

Facilitation is a key issue. The Sky's best guards — Carter and Marina Mabrey — operate best off the ball. Carter is lethal in transition, while Mabrey has flexed a variety of looks, including post-ups to create shooting opportunities. But neither player is expected to operate as a primary distributor.

The Sky haven't fielded a natural point guard since Courtney Vandersloot's exit after the 2022 season. Evans was supposed to fill the role after waiting three seasons for her opportunity, but this is the second consecutive season in which she failed to defend her starting role. Last year, then-coach/GM James Wade elected to convert Courtney Williams into a point guard at midseason rather than start Evans. This season, Weatherspoon gave Evans 12 games in the starting gig before replacing her with Allen.

A true point guard is a slowly fading facet of a WNBA offense as many teams rely on hybrid guards. For instance, the Connecticut Sun run their backcourt by committee with forward DeWanna Bonner providing a healthy dose of ball progression and distribution. But the Sky lack the versatility of size and shooting to compete using this style of play.

The remaining backcourt players lack one of two qualities: size or shooting. DeShields brings the length and defensive acumen the Sky crave on the perimeter, but nagging injuries continue to limit her scoring and availability. Players such as Allen similarly struggle with offensive production, while the size disadvantages of Evans and Carter stifle their ability to share the court.

Sunday's improvements illustrated a clear formula for how to build success in the backcourt: Improve ball distribution into the paint, let the bigs go to work and capitalize on the spray-out, catch-and-shoot opportunities from behind the arc that are certain to follow. But the deficiencies are clearly too large for a few in-season adjustments to correct.

As the front office aims to build around Cardoso and Reese, the next priority is simple: Provide this frontcourt duo with the backcourt balance necessary to begin stacking winning seasons.



Bears rookie Tory Taylor follows through on a punt during Organized Team Activities at Halas Hall in Lake Forest on May 31. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

Bears

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impression?

Good experience, very unique. Hadn't ever been there. But it was great. He was an awesome young man, fun to be around, very talented, you could see that right away. Sometimes you can't see those things on FaceTime or on video, but I got a chance to see it firsthand and see his leg strength and ability.

What was his transition to American football like?

He had never seen a game, never been on a football field. It just wasn't his life. Once he got here, the first game he ever saw was the first one he played in. I think back to it now, it's like, "Man, that was a very unique time." That was also during COVID during 2020, so everything was weird. So at the time, I don't think I realized how strange it actually was until I look back and think about it now.

What was the process like getting him up to speed on the game?

As soon as he got to the States, when he got to Iowa City, he slept right away because it was a 26-hour trip. And then the first time I got a chance to see him during the daylight in Iowa City, he wanted to go straight to the field and start punting balls. We let him do some work. It was funny, that day, my assistant at the time, who is now a high school coach in Chicago at St. Rita, we were watching. We let Tory just start punting balls.

He would punt one way up in the air, and it would hit at the 5-yard line and roll out at the 1. The next one, he would punt the ball out of bounds at the 1-yard line. The next one, he would accidentally hit the pylon. It was insane. He kept asking me, "Is this good? Is this good? Is this good?" I was like, "This is not good. This is great." Kind of funny.

How did he handle the transition of being in a new place?

He handled it as well as anyone could. If you think back to that time, during the pandemic, it was very different for everybody, very strange in the United States. We probably had four or five cases of positive COVID tests per day during that time of year — I'm talking about here in Iowa City and on our football team. And then you go to his country, in Australia, they had five in the whole country. They were shutting the place down.

It was just different from that standpoint, but then the standpoint of getting here and his entire first season he played in front of no fans and then he really didn't know anything outside of Iowa City from his apartment to practice. That's all he knew because a

lot of things were shut down. The campus was shut down. Everything was remote learning. So he really didn't get a chance to see some of that stuff early on.

From the time he came to you that year to the time he left, how did you see him grow as a punter?

As a punter, he's phenomenal, incredible leg strength, very good touch, especially when you just let him be a natural athlete. One of the things I shared with him, it's so fun watching him. At the time, we had a young snapper, and anytime the snap would be off is when you saw Tory be at his best because he had to react naturally as a natural athlete, with a low or a high snap, rather than a little bit robotic at times early on. But when he was natural, man, he was really, really good.

Just seeing how much work he has put in from a technical aspect and getting to the point where he's comfortable being himself and being the natural athlete he is, he has come light years. And he became a very good leader for us. He was a two-time captain on our team, which is hard to do, especially as a specialist. And he's an absolute fan favorite. This guy will go down as one of the greatest of all time to ever play at the University of Iowa, not only because of his talent and ability but also what kind of person he is.

You talked about that good first practice, but was there a time when you realized just how special he was?

His very first game he ever played was at Purdue in front of no fans, and he had a career day and didn't even know it. He thought he did bad. He had one punt that was not a great punt, but it was acceptable. It was average. His very first one was a 55-yard punt. We were backed up inside our own 10-yard line. That was his first punt. That's hard to do, right?

But I would say just right off the bat, he was outstanding. He had one touchback his freshman year. That's pretty incredible, hard to do. And one ball that was returned his freshman year. As the years went on, people started to learn him and know him and vet his ball placement a little bit better, so the opponent got better. But at the very beginning, they couldn't even come close to him.

What can you tell me about the way he works?

He's very disciplined, very meticulous. He's very focused on his craft, and all he cares about is getting better and winning. That's all he thinks and talks about. The guy put in a ton of time. I know every time I would walk into our position meeting room, the film

would already be up and he'd be studying someone else. He'd be studying Michael Dickson or the punter we were getting ready to face that week. He'd be studying somebody, just trying to learn more and become better at what he does.

What will be the main adjustment in the NFL?

Probably some things in the locker room. The locker room is way different. There are 130 players on our team here. There's not that in the NFL, especially once the season is going. So that part will be definitely different for him.

And I've shared this with him before. When he walks out into Kinnick Stadium here in Iowa City, anybody that sees him, they go crazy. The fans go crazy. They introduce him in pregame warmups, and the fans go nuts. His first punt of every game, we had to use a silent cadence because the fans are going crazy. They're cheering. They're waving Australian flags in the stands.

I told him, "This is not real football. You go in the NFL, once the punter hits the field, everyone is booing. They don't want to see you on the field. They want to see someone else." So I think that is going to be something for him to deal with or something that is slightly different.

What was that fanfare like for him and for you to watch?

It was great. He plays a position where usually people are booing when he walks on the field. A lot of people don't necessarily respect his work from that standpoint. However, for a guy like him — he's such a good person, so charismatic and a fan favorite — that's a lot of fun to see a guy as good as he is be recognized. I think it turned a lot of people into fans of punting. There are all these different T-shirts, chants and cheers people have. He, in my opinion, totally revamped the position and brought awareness to it.

What is he like off the field?

Very reserved, very cool, calm, collected. Not like a big party guy. He cares about his craft, trying to get better. He's a good teammate, good friend, from everything I've heard and seen. He's about his business and wants to be as good as he possibly can be.

Do you have a favorite performance of his?

There are two. The most recent one was his senior year. We played at Wisconsin. It was a cold game. The wind was about 20 mph, and it was a very tricky wind. So it looked like it was coming from the left, and really it was coming from the right. It was swirling all over. And watching their punter warm up and watching Tory warm up, it was

very obvious Tory had mastered the wind and he had figured it out.

He went into that game and he had 10 punts, which is a lot of punts in a game. But he completely controlled field position that day and he dominated the game. He had one punt he would like to take back, but it was more so the shot I called for him than him actually punting. He had a phenomenal game that game. He was Big Ten player of the week. But it was probably a signature performance for him because of the conditions and the game, and we ended up winning the game and he contributed greatly.

The other one I would say is a nationally televised game we played in 2021. We played Penn State at home. It was a huge game. He was lights out. He punted three balls inside the 5-yard line that contributed to us scoring. We had a safety on one of them. The guy was lights out that game.

What was your reaction when the Bears drafted him?

Not to get super sappy on you, but I will never forget where I was, what I was doing when he called to tell me he was going to be drafted. I was literally getting ready to call him and just say, "How's it going this morning? Have you heard anything?" And I looked down in my hand and my phone is ringing, and it's Tory and he's like, "Are you watching? Are you watching?" I said, "Why? What's going on? What happened?" And he said, "The Bears are about to draft me!" And I was like, "What?!"

I was in a sandwich shop in downtown Des Moines, Iowa, and so I ran out. My wife and kids were sitting at the table. We had just ordered some sandwiches, and everyone started going crazy and chanting and cheering. I'm crying. My wife's crying. And we're all cheering for Tory. It was a pretty special moment.

Anything else you want to add?

I would just say, a lot of times you get in sports and particularly pro sports, and people are all about performance and numbers. I think what Tory Taylor is — he's a transcendent type of player, where he's completely revamped the position, completely revamped everyone's thoughts about punting, the importance of field position. All of that stuff is great.

But what stands out the most to me about Tory is he's just a really good human being. He cares about people. He wants people to do well. And he's a great teammate. He'll do anything to not let you down. That's the kind of guy he is. My family — I have three kids and a wife, and they absolutely adore Tory Taylor.

BASEBALL

WHITE SOX



Former White Sox player Micah Johnson leads a creative session with members of the White Sox ACE program to design custom artwork in celebration of Juneteenth. KIMBERLY MARROQUIN/CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Aiming to inspire

Ex-White Sox Johnson, ACE players join for Juneteenth art project

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Micah Johnson didn't hesitate when an opportunity presented itself to collaborate with the Chicago White Sox.

"It was a no-brainer," said Johnson, who played parts of three seasons in the big leagues as an infielder/outfielder — including 2015 with the Sox.

"I know I can't get back on the field and play, but to still be able to have a touchpoint with the game through art and creativity — because I still feel like I have a responsibility to, and desire to onboard the next generation of baseball players and fans to the game."

Johnson connected with members of the White Sox Amateur City Elite (ACE) program to create commemorative artwork in honor of Juneteenth. Johnson said he took the young players' ideas and morphed them into a body of work.

The design — which features an iteration of Johnson's digital character, Aku — is on T-shirts and uniform patches that will be worn by ACE and Team Teflon players this weekend. Several Sox players and members of the coaching staff wore the T-shirt

UP NEXT



Astros at White Sox 1:10 p.m. Thur., NBCSCH

during batting practice before Wednesday's game against the Houston Astros at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"Playing in the major leagues is very hard, very few people have done it," Johnson said. "And if my character can be an emblem for kids to say, 'That's Micah's character, Micah played in the major leagues and he's also doing this,' then my job's done."

The Sox selected Johnson in the ninth round of the 2012 draft out of Indiana. He played in 36 games with the team in 2015, making 32 starts at second base. Johnson hit .230 with four doubles, four RBIs and three stolen bases.

"It's special, this place," Johnson said Tuesday at Guaranteed Rate Field. "I haven't been back since I left in 2015, but being back on the field and walking into the stadium was really special. Brought back a lot of memories of my dreams coming true in 2015."

He landed with the Los Angeles Dodgers that December as part of a three-team trade that brought Todd Frazier to the Sox from the Cincinnati Reds.

Johnson spent 2016 with the Dodgers and 2017 with the Atlanta Braves. He said he discov-

ered art during his time with the Dodgers.

"They gave me a show at Dodger Stadium," Johnson said. "And I went to Atlanta and did another show at the Woodruff Arts Center, which was connected to the High Museum, two places I probably had no business having art in at that time. But I just rode with it."

When he retired from playing, he knew art was what he wanted to do full-time.

"I found that creativity was very much like baseball, it was very process-oriented," he said.

Johnson said his "creative output is across the board."

He also has a connection with Thursday's MLB at Rickwood Field game in Birmingham, Ala.

"While working on this (with the Sox and ACE), I was working on a project with Topps and I painted the first Negro League baseball card set," Johnson said. "It was six cards (Satchel Paige, Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays, Larry Doby, Monte Irvin and Josh Gibson), Topps has released that set of individual cards over the past couple of weeks and this week at the Rickwood Classic, those cards will be unveiled and for sale."

He hopes that projects like the work with the ACE program resonate in multiple ways.

"All I'm trying to do is inspire kids to say, 'If he did it, I can do it,'" Johnson said.

Cubs drop Gomes for veteran catcher

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Tomás Nido quickly settled into his new clubhouse Wednesday morning, his sparse locker stall fitted with fresh Chicago Cubs gear, his mitt, shoes and catcher's mask.

Only 13 hours earlier, that same stall had belonged to Yan Gomes, who was behind the plate in the ninth inning of the Cubs' 5-2 victory Tuesday night against the San Francisco Giants. This sport can be cruel sometimes, and when a team striving to make the playoffs is getting underperforming production at a position, difficult and potentially unpopular clubhouse moves might need to be made.

The Cubs signed Nido and designated Gomes for assignment before Wednesday's series finale — a 6-5 win — ending the veteran catcher's tenure with the organization after 2 1/2 years. Manager Craig Counsell called it a tough decision

because of how Gomes is a great teammate and important person the clubhouse.

"But in the end we just felt like we had to make an attempt at trying to get more production out of the catching spot," Counsell said. "We're just trying to get upgraded and give us more chances to win. It's the whole player for sure matters, the defensive part of it matters. (Nido's) an excellent receiver, and that's important."

Despite his struggles, Gomes remained a well-respected, valuable leader in the clubhouse and with the pitching staff.

"It's just another reminder of how the front offices will always do what they believe is best to win," second baseman Nico Hoerner said. "And sometimes it's someone you like as an individual and sometimes it's a friend of yours and it's just part of it. ... It also provides a perspective on how fast this game does go by and the gratitude for being here and making the most of it."

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two walks in the ninth to secure his first career save.

Hendricks acknowledged he only got to start Wednesday due to injuries to Wicks and Ben Brown, making clear he has not yet earned this opportunity.

"Honestly, it's tough being back in the starting rotation with the circumstances having two young guys go out — you never want to see that," Hendricks said afterward. "I wouldn't be in this spot. We had guys throwing way better than me, guys that were doing their thing and it's super unfortunate for them to go down, but I know they're going to be back soon. They're going to be huge part of this team. I'm super excited about that."

Hendricks received an ovation as he walked off the field in the sixth. His pitch mix had the Giants guessing, and he credited catcher Miguel Amaya for forcing him to throw more curveballs and elevated fastballs to make him less predictable. Hendricks' 14 whiffs Wednesday were his most in an outing in nearly two years.

"The great thing about Kyle is that he never stops trying to figure it out and he's open to changing things, getting better, making adjustments," manager Craig Counsell said Wednesday. "With his accomplishments in his career, it's easy to say 'this is the way I've done it.'"

"That's how you get out of that stuff and how you get to this place and how you keep going."

Hendricks' three weeks in the bullpen provided a different perspective on the game, from the vantage point of where he was watching and the experience of physically and mentally being ready for something different. Prior to the role change, he had pitched in relief just twice — and not in the regular season since 2016.

"It's been honestly a fun challenge for me in that way, you're never in the same spot, it's never the same so you're always seeing the situation as a new situation," Hendricks said. "How am I going to attack this and make it the best I can for me? Just assessing the situation for what it is, trying to go about my process, stay true to who I am and just work hard, obviously. And you've got to do the right things out there to get the results at the end of the day."

Hendricks, 34, is only days away from reaching 10 years of big-league service time next Wednesday. Some Cubs teammates have been asking him when that date was, and Hendricks has been telling them it's sometime next year, though he added wryly with a smile: "They've been making me think about it, unfortunately."

"But when you're in the middle of the season, especially what I've been going through, locking in on the work and really try to be the pitcher I'm supposed to be and contribute to this team and winning ways, it kind of snuck up on me a little bit," Hendricks said. "I've got so many great teammates, they've been bringing it up to me and it's awesome, I really appreciate that."

Even for all of his individual and team accolades since he debuted for the Cubs in 2014, Hendricks said hitting this milestone means a ton to him. He made sure to note how his family has helped him get to this point and the responsibility they have taken on, as well as the coaches and teammates he's played with over the years who have invested time and effort into his career.

"You would never make it this far without all that support,"

Hendricks said. "So, yeah, when something like that comes around, you hear everyone talks about 10 years, everyone making it there, and you really get to sit back and look at everybody else that was involved in that helps you get to that point. And it just means so much to you. I mean, it's beyond my wildest dreams."

Those three weeks of pitching in relief allowed for more introspection on his pronounced, extended struggles to begin the season, in which he owned a 10.57 ERA in seven starts. As Hendricks put it, the good starts are never as good and the bad ones are never as bad. Reflecting and breaking down those outings, however, required honest self-assessment.

"I was making some good pitches that were getting hit still, but at the end of the day, even if you are giving up bleeders, balls that find the holes, there's reasons for that too," Hendricks said. "So either I wasn't getting good enough angle, I wasn't quite down in the zone like I thought I was. I mean, it wasn't really surprising."

"But just getting back to the honest self-evaluation and really seeing it for what it is, it's so hard to do in this game. No matter how long you've done it or how many times you look at a certain situation, you can see something different every time you watch it."

As Hendricks has battled to get on track in the worst season of his career, he's also been experiencing his greatest joy off the field as a new dad following the birth of his son Luca in November with his wife Emma. It's changed his entire perspective in life.

"Knowing that you have someone like that looking up to you and you just want to be a good example and be a good person and you want to see them have happiness and joy and smile, that's it at the end of the day," Hendricks said.

The dichotomy he's experienced can be the reality for any big-leaguer who isn't playing to the level they or the team might expect. Hendricks' past successes don't make him immune to those standards for his performance, especially on a team trying to get back to the postseason after falling a game short last year.

And while Hendricks tries to stay away from social media, he's also aware and understands his performance hasn't yielded positive fan reactions the last few months.

"I think at the end of the day, honestly, for a right-hander going out there throwing 86 mph, you're gonna see it all the time," Hendricks said, chuckling. "So if you want to find something negative and go search, you can find it, that's just been part of the game, that's part of social media and the age we live in today."

For Hendricks, it all comes back to the mental side of the game and how he's honed that in the years since the Texas Rangers selected him as an eighth-round pick in 2011 out of Dartmouth. Knowing his teammates and those around him provide support and the perspective needed to get through not only the grind of a long season but the inherent ups and downs helps too.

Through it all, Hendricks appreciates Cubs fans' love.

"They've been so supportive of me," Hendricks said. "I can't thank them enough and that's really the part that I see and surprises me more, to be honest."

"Of course, you're going to see the terrible. I would've said terrible things — I was saying terrible things about myself. You've got to say it for how it is, so I was honestly a little bit more surprised by the positive and just how nice Cubs fans really are."

WHITE SOX 2, ASTROS 0 LATE TUESDAY

Cannon comes 1 out shy of going distance

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Jonathan Cannon stood one out away from a complete game.

The White Sox starter made the pitch he wanted, getting Jon Singleton to check his swing on a cutter out of the zone. But the Astros first baseman made contact for a dribbler that stayed fair down the third-base line for an infield single.

Mauricio Dubón followed with a single to center, and just like that, the Astros had the go-ahead run at the plate with two outs in the ninth. Reliever John Brebbia replaced Cannon and wrapped up the shutout, getting Victor Caratini to ground out to first as the Sox beat the Astros 2-0 in front of 16,763 on Tuesday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Cannon was fantastic, scattering seven hits with four strikeouts and one walk in 8 2/3 innings for the first win of his major-league career.

"It means a lot," Cannon said. "It's hopefully the first (win) of many. Felt really good to go out there and get this team a win. I look forward to many more."

Cannon said the Singleton single was "just how baseball goes."

"It's funny like that sometimes, to pitch a game like that and the two little bleeders find some holes and they get on base," Cannon said. "But you know what? My defense played a great game behind me all game, (catcher) Corey (Lee) called a great game back there. It was fun to be a part of."

And he appreciated having the opportunity to go back out for the ninth.

"For (manager) Pedro (Grifol) to show that faith in me meant a lot to me," Cannon said. "To be able to go out there and try to finish off the win, I think that was a huge confidence booster for me. That was definitely a big thing."

Cannon became the first Sox rookie to throw at least 8 2/3 scoreless innings since Zach Stewart threw the distance while tossing a shutout on Sept. 5, 2011, at Minnesota.

Grifol said Cannon was "spectacular."

"He wanted the ball and I gave it to him," Grifol said.

Tuesday was the latest example of the changes Cannon has made since returning to the big leagues.

The right-hander worked on his plan against left-handed hitters after being optioned to Triple A on April 28. Cannon has found success against lefties and righties since being recalled on June 7.

He had a 7.24 ERA in the first three starts of his major-league career before going back to Charlotte. He has a 0.48 ERA and 15 strikeouts in his three appearances (two starts) since returning.

"I think the biggest thing is the lefty attack and then I just feel like everything is a little bit sharper than it was last time," Cannon said. "Just kind of looking at some of the videos from some of my earlier outings. I like my stuff a lot better where it is right now."

"So just try to stay consistent and go out there every five days and put us in a position to win."

One of the challenging innings for Cannon on Tuesday came in the third, when he navigated through



Jonathan Cannon is congratulated in the dugout after pitching 8 2/3 shutout innings against the Astros on Tuesday. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY

a one-out double with a strikeout and a popout.

The Astros placed runners on corners with two outs in the seventh, and Cannon got Jake Meyers to hit a grounder to third baseman Lenyn Sosa, who threw to second for an inning-ending forceout.

The Sox did just enough offensively. Andrew Vaughn and Danny Mendick had the team's only two hits.

Vaughn had two RBIs, both coming on fielder's choices. Corey Lee scored in the third and Corey Julks in the fifth.

Lee and Julks, both former Astros, drew walks on the way to scoring. The Sox had five walks Tuesday against Astros starter Framber Valdez, who allowed the two runs on the two hits with five strikeouts in six innings.

Cannon threw a career-high 106 pitches, helping the Sox (20-54) improve to 3-21 in series openers.

"Just have to stay consistent," Cannon said. "I'm going to enjoy tonight, but tomorrow, just back in Day 1 and look forward to pitching again in a couple of games."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	51	24	.680	—	—	6-4	W-1	23-10	28-14
Baltimore	47	25	.653	2½	+7	7-3	L-1	25-14	22-11
Boston	40	35	.533	11	1½	8-2	W-5	18-20	22-15
Toronto	35	39	.473	15½	6	4-6	L-3	18-19	17-20
Tampa Bay	34	39	.466	16	6½	3-7	L-1	19-23	15-16

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	45	26	.634	—	—	5-5	W-1	22-9	23-17
Minnesota	41	32	.562	5	+½	3-7	W-6	23-14	18-18
Kansas City	41	33	.554	5½	—	8-2	L-2	25-14	16-19
Detroit	34	40	.459	12½	7	3-7	L-4	16-19	18-21
Chicago	20	54	.270	26½	21	4-6	W-1	13-23	7-31

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	44	32	.579	—	—	8-2	L-1	27-12	17-20
Houston	33	40	.452	9½	7½	5-5	L-1	19-19	14-21
Texas	33	40	.452	9½	7½	3-7	L-5	16-19	17-21
Los Angeles	29	44	.397	13½	11½	5-5	L-1	12-24	17-20
Oakland	27	48	.360	16½	14½	1-9	W-1	16-20	11-28

BOX SCORES

MIAMI 4, ST. LOUIS 3

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Winn ss	5	1	1	0	0	.293
Burleson rf	5	0	0	0	3	.268
Goldschmidt 1b4	0	1	0	2	0	.230
Gorman 2b	4	1	1	2	0	.202
Arenado 3b	3	1	2	0	0	.260
1-Fermin pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Donovan lf	4	0	2	1	0	.251
Carpenter dh	4	0	2	0	0	.229
Pages c	4	0	1	0	0	.128
Siani cf	2	0	0	0	0	.214
b-Carlson ph-cf2	0	0	0	0	1	.167
TOTALS	37	3	10	2	12	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
De La Cruz dh	4	1	1	1	1	.245
Sanchez rf	3	2	1	1	1	.243
Bell 1b	4	0	2	0	0	.247
Rivera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Burger pr-1b3	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Gordon lf	2	0	0	0	0	.222
a-Myers ph-cf	1	1	1	0	0	.218
Anderson ss	4	1	1	0	0	.227
Brujan cf-1f	4	0	0	0	1	.237
Lopez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	.258
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	0	.159
TOTALS	32	4	8	4	5	

Two outs when winning run scored. a-sacrificed for Gordon in the 6th. b-struck out for Siani in the 7th. 1-ran for Arenado in the 8th. **E:** Burger (7). **LOB:** St. Louis 8, Miami 5. **2B:** Carpenter (2), Bell (13). **HR:** Gorman (16), off Chirinos; De La Cruz (13), off Liberatore; Sanchez (6), off Liberatore.

RBIs: Gorman (34), Donovan (33), De La Cruz (34), Sanchez (28), Myers (10), Lopez (19). **SB:** Arenado (1), Siani (2). **CS:** Fermin (1). **SF:** Myers. **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 6 (Winn 4, Gorman, Arenado); Miami 2 (Brujan, Anderson). **RISP:** St. Louis 1 for 10; Miami 1 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Gordon, Brujan. **GIDP:** Gordon. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (Winn, Goldschmidt).

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Liberatore	3½	3	2	2	1	4	4.06
Roycroft	1½	1	0	0	0	3	3.52
King	½	1	1	1	1	2.45	
Leahy	2½	1	0	0	2	4.07	
Fernandez, L, 0-2	½	2	1	1	0	2.59	

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chirinos	5	8	2	2	0	6	3.60
Puk	1½	1	1	0	0	3	5.52
Brazoban, BS, 0-1	½	0	0	0	0	2	2.03
Scott, W, 6-5	1	1	0	0	0	1.74	
Inherited runners-scored:	Leahy 1-0, Puk 1-0, Brazoban 1-1. HBP: Brazoban (Arenado). WP: Chirinos. Umpires: Home, CB Bucknor; First, Adam Beck; Second, Ian Iassogna; Third, Ben May. Time: 2:35. A: 11,830(37,446).						

LATE TUESDAY: N.Y. YANKEES 4, BALTIMORE 2

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Westburg 3b	1	0	0	0	1	.277
Uris 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.245
Tschman dh	4	0	0	0	1	.269
Montcastle 1b4	0	1	0	1	0	.273
Henderson ss	4	1	1	0	0	.273
Santander lf	4	1	1	2	0	.231
Smith 1b	4	0	2	1	0	.227
1-Hamilton pr	0	1	0	0	0	.284
Dalbec 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.138
Rafaela ss	4	0	3	1	1	.251
TOTALS	38	4	12	4	9	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Horwitz 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.333
Kiermaier cf	0	0	0	0	0	.190
c-D.Jansen ph	0	0	0	1	0	.248
Schneider lf-2b4	0	1	0	2	0	.226
Guares 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.280
Varsho cf-1f	4	0	1	0	1	.216
Turner dh	3	2	1	0	0	.233
Barger rf	3	1	1	0	0	.179
a-Springer ph-rf1	0	0	0	0	0	.196
Kirk c	4	0	0	0	2	.197
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	1	1	1	.269
Clement 3b	4	0	1	2	0	.279
TOTALS	35	3	7	3	7	

a-struck out for Barger in the 4th. b-flied out for Valdez in the 9th. c-struck out for Kiermaier in the 9th. 1-ran for Smith in the 8th. **E:** Valdez (3). **LOB:** Boston 9, Toronto 7. **2B:** O'Neill (8), Devers (15), Rafaela (12), Horwitz (2), Clement (9), Schneider (15). **HR:** O'Neill (15), off O'Neill (26), Rafaela (41), Clement 2 (13), Kiner-Falefa (29). **SB:** Varsho (8), Hamilton (19), Rafaela (10). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 4 (Smith 2, Duran, Devers); Toronto 5 (Varsho, Clement 2, Schneider, Guerrero). **RISP:** Boston 4 for 13; Toronto 2 for 12. **Runners moved up:** McGuire. **GIDP:** Valdez. **DP:** Toronto 1 (Clement, Kiner-Falefa, Guerrero).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houck	5½	6	3	2	2	5	2.14
Kelly, W, 1-1	½	0	0	0	0	1	1.78
Bertandino, H, 5	½	1	0	0	0	0.95	
Slatten, H, 6	½	0	0	0	0	3.03	
K.Jansen, S, 13-14	1	0	0	0	0	1.59	

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt	6	7	2	2	2	6	3.52
Pearson, H, 5	½	2	0	0	0	1	4.13
Little, L, 0-1, BS, 0-11	2	2	2	0	1	6.17	
Green	½	1	0	0	0	1.72	
Cabrera	1	0	0	0	0	4.55	

Inherited runners-scored: Kelly 2-0, Slatten 1-0, Little 2-0, Green 1-1. **Umpires:** Home, Roberto Ortiz; First, Alfonso Marquez; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Emil Jimenez. **Time:** 2:56. **A:** 38,595(39,150).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Witt KC	74	299	96	59	.321
Correa Min	55	205	65	36	.317
Soto NYY	72	262	82	58	.313
Judge NYY	74	265	80	47	.303
J.Smith Tex	69	215	64	34	.298
Perez KC	71	257	76	28	.296
Altuve Hou	72	295	87	42	.295
Rutschman Bal	68	281	82	36	.292
Alvarez Hou	71	272	79	40	.290
Devers Bos	62	232	66	42	.284

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 26; Henderson, Baltimore, 22; K.Tucker, Houston, 19; Santander, Baltimore, 18; Soto, New York, 18; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 18. **RBIs:** Judge, New York, 64; Ramirez, Cleveland, 63; Soto, New York, 55; Rutschman, Baltimore, 49; Pasquino, Kansas City, 45; Santander, Baltimore, 46; Pineda, Kansas City, 45. **Pitching:** Lugo, Kansas City, 10-2; Gil, New York, 9-1; Rodón, New York, 9-3; Burnes, Baltimore, 8-2; Rodríguez, Baltimore, 8-2; Skubal, Detroit, 8-3.

SAN DIEGO 5, PHILADELPHIA 2

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b	5	0	2	1	0	.335
Tatis rf	5	0	1	0	0	.272
Profar lf	4	0	2	0	1	.323
1-Azocar pr-1f	1	1	1	0	0	.225
Machado dh	5	1	2	0	0	.248
Solano 3b	5	0	0	0	3	.273
Kim ss	4	1	0	0	1	.217
Merrill cf	3	2	1	0	0	.279
Higashioka c	4	0	1	3	1	.171
Wade 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.256
TOTALS	39	5	12	5	6	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	3	0	0	0	2	.254
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.239
Harper 1b	4	2	2	2	0	.285
Bohm 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.306
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	0	2	.220
Marsh cf	4	0	0	0	3	.263
Sosa ss	4	1	0	0	0	.274
Dahl 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.182
Marchan c	3	0	0	0	0	.333
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	10	

1-ran for Profar in the 8th. **E:** Bohm (11), Marchan (1). **LOB:** San Diego 9, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Arraez (7), Stott (10). **3B:** Higashioka (1). **HR:** Merrill (8), off Suarez; Harper (16), off Waldron; Harper (17), off Estrada. **RBIs:** Merrill (30), Arraez (14), Higashioka 3 (10), Harper 2 (48). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 5 (Profar, Arraez, Tatis, Solano 2); Philadelphia 3 (Marchan, Marsh 2). **RISP:** San Diego 2 for 11; Philadelphia 0 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Machado, Dahl. **LIDP:** Higashioka, Marchan. **DP:** San Diego 1 (Solano, Arraez, Solano); Philadelphia 1 (Sosa, Harper, Sosa).

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Waldron, W, 5-6	7	5	1	2	6	3.46	
Estrada	1	1	1	0	3	2.96	
Suarez, S, 18-19	1	0	0	0	0	1.17	

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez	6	6	1	1	0	4	1.75
Kerkering, L, 2-1	1	2	1	0	1	1.69	
Dominguez	½	2	3	0	0	4.32	
Hjelle	1	1	0	0	0	4.43	
Ta.Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	3.66	

Pitches-Strikes: Waldron 104-64; Estrada 15-10; Suarez 13-9; Suárez 94-67; Kerkering 29-18; Dominguez 11-9; Soto 10-6; Ruiz 13-9. **Inherited runners-scored:** Soto 3-3. **HBP:** Waldron (Bohm), Kerkering (Merrill). **Umpires:** Home, Jeremie Rehak; First, Scott Barry; Second, Bruce Dreckman; Third, Edwin Moscoso. **T:** 2:37. **A:** 44,445(42,901).

LATE TUESDAY: BOSTON 4, TORONTO 3

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf	5	0	1	0	3	.275
Valdez 2b	4	0</				

SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Florida 3, Edmonton 2
 G1: June 8 at Florida 3-1.
 G2: June 10 at Florida 4-1.
 G3: June 13, Florida 4-3.
 G4: June 15 at Edmonton 8-1.
 G5: June 18, Edmonton 5-3.
 G6: Friday at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
 G7: Monday at Florida, 7 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY/GAME 5: EDMONTON 5, FLORIDA 3

Edmonton	1	3	1	—	5
Florida	0	2	1	—	3

First Period: 1, Edmonton, Brown 2, 5:30 (sh)

Penalties: Kulak, EDM (High Sticking), 4:47; Barkov, FLA (Cross Checking), 9:04; Nugent-Hopkins, EDM (Hooking), 10:07; Mikkola, FLA (Interference), 20:00

Second Period: 2, Edmonton, Hyman 15 (Bouchard, McDavid), 1:58 (pp); 3, Edmonton, McDavid 7 (Foegele, Bouchard), 5:00, 4, Florida, Tkachuk 6 (Rodriguez), 6:53, 5, Edmonton, Perry 1 (McDavid, Bouchard), 11:54 (pp), 6, Florida, Rodrigues 7 (Montour, Bennett), 12:08

Penalties: Okposo, FLA (Hooking), 10:02; Rodrigues, FLA (Slashing), 13:35; Hyman, EDM (Interference), 14:26

Third Period: 7, Florida, Ekman-Larsson 2 (Tkachuk), 4:04; 8, Edmonton, McDavid 8, 19:41 (en)

Penalties: Holloway, EDM (Hooking), 6:19; Tkachuk, FLA (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 6:19; Kulikov, FLA (Tripping), 12:28

Shots on Goal: Edmonton 10-10-4-24; Florida 6-16-11-33

Power-play opportunities: Edmonton 2 of 5; Florida 0 of 3
Goals: Edmonton, Skinner 13-8-0 (33 shots-30 saves); Florida, Bobrovsky 15-7-0 (23-19)

Attendance: 19,956 (19,250)
Time: 2:33
Referee: Steve Kozari, Dan O'Rourke
Linesmen: Matt MacPherson, Jonny Murray

STANLEY CUP SERIES STATISTICS

through Game 5; hockey-reference

FLORIDA	G	A	PT	+/-	S	ATOI
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Evans Rodrigues 4 2 6 710 14:56
 Alex Bennett 1 3 4 4 8 17:09
 Aleksander Barkov 1 3 4 0 9 19:54
 Anton Lundell 0 4 4 1 6 15:18
 Vladimir Tarasenko 2 1 3 116 10:51
 Matthew Tkachuk 1 2 3 2-15 17:09
 Sam Reinhart 1 2 3 0 10 20:54
 Eetu Luostarinen 1 1 2 2 4 15:18
 Oliver Ekman-Larsson 0 2 2 -1 9 20:49

Brandon Montour 0 2 2 2 4 24:02
 Gustav Forsling 1 0 1 2 6 18:23
 Niko Mikkola 1 0 1 2 8 22:23
 Aaron Ekblad 1 0 1 -2 8 22:23
 Carter Verhaeghe 1 0 1 -1 7 14 17:15
 Steven Lorentz 0 0 0 -1 2 7:28
 Ryan Lomberg 0 0 0 0 0 5:44
 Kyle Okposo 0 0 0 -2 5 8:25
 Dmitry Kulikov 0 0 0 0 2 13:35
 Kevin Stenlund 0 0 0 -2 1 11:19
Team **15** **23** **8** **-1135** **16:08**

GOALTENDER	W-L	GA	SV%	TOI
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Sergei Bobrovsky 3-2 13 .896 262:36
 Anthony Stolarz 0-0 3 .842 34:50
Team **3-2** **16** **.889** **297:26**

EDMONTON	G	A	PT	+/-	S	ATOI
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Connor McDavid 3 8 11 418 23:43
 Evan Bouchard 0 5 5 -212 26:29
 Taylor Hall 2 1 3 0 7 10:09
 Warren Feogele 1 2 3 2 9 10:48
 Zach Hyman 1 2 3 2 11 22:13
 Ryan McLeod 1 2 0 -2 4 10:53
 Connor Brown 1 2 0 2 5 13:01
 Corey Perry 1 1 2 -1 5 10:15
 Darnell Nurse 1 1 2 2 9 15:24
 Mattias Ekholm 1 1 2 -1 11 21:10
 Adam Henrique 1 1 2 0 4 13:19
 Mattias Janmark 1 1 2 3 6 13:29
 Leon Draisaitl 0 2 2 -2 13 22:06
 Brett Kulak 0 2 2 -1 7 16:19
 Philip Broberg 1 0 1 4 3 17:16
 Ryan Nugent-Hopkins 0 0 0 -4 0 12:58
 Vincent Deshaunais 0 0 0 0 1 17:10
 Sam Carrick 0 0 0 0 0 7:31
 Derek Ryan 0 0 0 -2 3 7:33
Team **17** **28** **45** **-4145** **16:18**

GOALTENDER	W-L	GA	SV%	TOI
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Stuart Skinner 2-3-0 13 .902 292:35

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

P	MANUFACTURER	PTS	PB	W
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1 Chevrolet 617 -- 8
 2 Toyota 607 -10 6
 3 Ford 588 -29 3

DRIVER POINTS	ST	WT	T10	PT
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Chase Elliott 17 1 7 9 591
 Kyle Larson 16 3 7 8 583
 Denny Hamlin 17 3 7 8 553
 William Byron 17 3 6 10 537
 Martin Truex Jr 17 0 4 7 530
 Tyler Reddick 17 1 6 10 527
 Ryan Blaney 17 1 5 7 501
 Christopher Bell 17 2 5 10 498
 Brad Keselowski 17 1 7 9 498
 Ross Chastain 17 0 2 6 479
 Ty Gibbs 17 0 4 8 478
 Alex Bowman 17 0 4 10 474
 Chris Buescher 17 0 3 7 435
 Bubba Wallace 17 0 3 5 414
 Joey Logano 17 0 2 5 408
 Kyle Busch 17 0 2 5 383
 Chase Briscoe 17 0 1 5 370
 Daniel Suarez 17 1 2 3 352
 Austin Cindric 17 1 2 2 327
 Todd Gilliland 17 0 0 2 317
 Josh Berry 17 0 1 3 314
 Michael McDowell 17 0 1 5 309
 Carson Hocevar 17 0 0 2 302
 Noah Gragson 17 0 1 5 287
 Ricky Stenhouse Jr 17 0 2 3 268
 Erik Jones 15 0 0 1 255
 Ryan Preece 17 0 0 1 249
 John H. Nemechek 17 0 0 2 247
 Corey LaJoie 17 0 1 1 242
 Daniel Hemric 17 0 0 2 234
 Austin Dillon 17 0 0 2 229
 Harrison Burton 17 0 0 1 185
 Zane Smith 17 0 0 0 158
 Kaz Grala 14 0 0 0 140
 Jimmie Johnson 5 0 0 0 35
 Derek Kraus 5 0 0 0 32
 David Ragan 1 0 0 0 17
 Cody Ware 2 0 0 0 17
 Kamui Kobayashi 1 0 0 0 8
 Will Brown 1 0 0 0 6
 Cameron Waters 1 0 0 0 2

FASTEST LAPS

NASCAR Cup fastest laps with points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
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1. Kyle Larson 2 9 350
 2. Christopher Bell 8 7.7 313
 3. Denny Hamlin 3 7.2 295
 4. Tyler Reddick 6 6.7 271
 5. Martin Truex Jr 5 6.3 256
 6. Ryan Blaney 7 5.7 232
 7. William Byron 4 4.6 187
 8. Ty Gibbs 11 4.2 173
 9. Chase Elliott 1 3.7 152
 10. Brad Keselowski 9 3.4 139

LAPS IN THE TOP 15	PCT.	LAPS
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1. Denny Hamlin 80.3 3855
 2. Chase Elliott 75.2 3612
 3. Kyle Larson 78.4 3571
 4. Martin Truex Jr. 72.2 3466
 5. Ryan Blaney 66.3 3183
 6. Tyler Reddick 65.2 3131
 7. Ty Gibbs 64.1 3080
 8. William Byron 62.2 2988
 9. Ross Chastain 61.1 2933
 10. Brad Keselowski 60.9 2923

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Kyle Larson 16 4439 754
 Denny Hamlin 17 4658 607
 Martin Truex Jr 17 4798 447
 Ryan Blaney 17 4515 345
 Tyler Reddick 17 4770 340
 Ty Gibbs 17 4704 309

WNBA

EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Connecticut 13 1 .929 --
 New York 12 3 .800 1½
 Atlanta 6 7 .462 6½
 Indiana 6 10 .375 8
 Chicago 4 9 .308 8½
 Washington 2 13 .133 11½

WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Minnesota 12 3 .800 --
 Seattle 9 5 .643 2½
 Phoenix 8 7 .533 4
 Las Vegas 6 6 .500 4½
 Los Angeles 4 11 .267 8
 Dallas 3 10 .231 8

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 88, Washington 81
 Minnesota 68, Atlanta 55
 Seattle at Las Vegas, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Chicago, 11a.m.
 Los Angeles at New York, 6p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
 Connecticut at Las Vegas, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Washington, 2p.m.
 Los Angeles at New York, 2p.m.
 Phoenix at Minnesota, 7p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Connecticut 79, Los Angeles 70
 Phoenix 99, New York 93

SEASON LEADERS

through Tuesday; basketball-reference

TEAM	G	FG%	2P%	3P%	FT%	PPG
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Connecticut 14 .446 .493 .304 .768 80.9
 New York 15 .452 .531 .345 .809 86.6
 Minnesota 14 .463 .498 .405 .803 86.5
 Seattle 14 .429 .477 .305 .802 83.1
 Phoenix 15 .428 .483 .343 .809 83.3
 Atlanta 12 .407 .435 .339 .801 77.4
 Las Vegas 12 .428 .488 .344 .852 86.8
 Indiana 15 .428 .478 .341 .789 79.3
 Chicago 13 .418 .446 .310 .766 79.1
 Los Angeles 15 .420 .472 .321 .769 73.1
 Dallas 13 .441 .489 .288 .837 80.8
 Washington 14 .415 .463 .344 .765 76.1

TEAM	ML	RPG	APG	SPG	BPg
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Connecticut 20.8 33.6 19.5 8.4 2.9
 New York 20.0 36.6 22.4 8.2 4.3
 Minnesota 20.5 34.7 24.8 10.3 5.7
 Seattle 20.3 37.6 19.1 9.6 6.2
 Phoenix 20.3 34.1 20.2 7.2 5.0
 Atlanta 20.0 34.0 18.5 8.1 3.7
 Las Vegas 20.0 34.7 19.7 6.5 4.5
 Indiana 20.0 32.3 19.1 5.9 4.7
 Chicago 20.0 35.3 18.8 9.6 3.5
 Los Angeles 20.0 33.7 19.3 6.9 3.4
 Dallas 20.3 35.8 19.9 6.5 5.4
 Washington 20.0 32.1 20.6 7.2 3.1

POINTS/GAME	PPG	TM	G	PTS
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A'ja Wilson 28.0 LVA 12 336
 Arike Ogunbowale 24.9 DAL 12 299
 Kahleah Copper 23.5 PHO 15 353
 Napheesa Collier 21.1 MIN 14 295
 Jewell Loyd 19.8 SEA 14 277
 Breanna Stewart 19.2 NYL 15 288
 Kelsey Plum 18.8 LVA 12 225
 Dearica Hamby 18.3 LAS 15 274
 Nneka Ogwumike 17.8 SEA 11 196
 Jackie Young 17.8 LVA 11 196
 Sabrina Ionescu 17.7 NYL 15 266
 DeWanna Bonner 17.5 CON 14 245
 Kayla McBride 17.1 MIN 14 240
 Diana Taurasi 16.9 PHO 15 253
 Jonquel Jones 16.8 NYL 15 252
 Rhyné Howard 16.2 ATL 12 194
 Caitlin Clark 16.1 IND 15 242
 Alisha Gray 15.8 ATL 12 190
 Kelsey Mitchell 15.5 IND 15 232
 Skylar Diggins-Smith 15.3 SEA 14 214

REBOUNDS	RPG	TM	OFF	REB
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A'ja Wilson 11.5 LVA 29 138
 Dearica Hamby 10.7 LAS 25 161
 Napheesa Collier 10.3 MIN 37 144
 Angel Reese 10.2 CHI 60 133
 Alyssa Thomas 9.8 CON 35 137
 Ezi Magbegor 9.4 SEA 44 131
 Breanna Stewart 9.2 NYL 26 138
 Tina Charles 9.0 ATL 28 106
 Monique Billings 8.8 DAL 29 106
 Teaira McCowan 8.6 DAL 38 112
 Jonquel Jones 8.5 NYL 25 128

ASSISTS	APG	TM	A	TO
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Alyssa Thomas 8.1 CON 113 57
 Natasha Cloud 7.3 PHO 109 55
 Jackie Young 6.4 LVA 70 24
 Caitlin Clark 6.2 IND 93 82

TENNIS

ATP CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday at The Queen's Club; London; outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
 Sebastian Korda d. #3Grigor Dimitrov, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
 #4Taylor Fritz d. Milos Raonic, 7-6(0), 6-4.
 Rinky Hijikata d. Matteo Arnaldi, 7-6(0), 7-6(7).

Jordan Thompson d. Andy Murray, 4-1, retired.

ATP TERRA WORTMANN OPEN

Wednesday at Gerry Weber Stadium; Halle, Germany; outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
 #2Alexander Zverev d. Lorenzo Sonego, 6-4, 7-6(5).
 Zhang Zhizhen d. #3Daniil Medvedev, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(5).
 Christopher Eubanks d. #7Alexander Bublik, 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-3.
 Arthur Fils d. Dominik Koepfer, 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
 Matteo Berrettini d. Alex Michelsen, 7-6(5), 6-2.
 Jan-Lennard Struff d. Luciano Darderi, 7-6(0), 7-5, 7-6(10).

WTA VENETO OPEN

Wednesday at Tennis Club Gaiba; Gaiba, Italy; outdoors, grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
 Susan Bandecchi d. #7Erika Andreeva, 7-5, 6-4.
 #8Bernarda Pera d. Aliona Falei, 6-4, 7-5.
 Kamilla Rakhimova d. Alison Van Uytvanck, 7-6(1), 1-0, retired.
 Anikita Raina d. Irina Maria Bara, 6-2, 2-6, 6-0.

ECOTRANS BERLIN LADIES OPEN

Wednesday at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club; Berlin, Germany; outdoors, grass

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
 Victoria Azarenka d. Zeynep Sonmez, 6-3, 6-3.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
 #8Ons Jabbur d. Wang Xinyu, 6-4, 7-6(4).

COLLEGE BASEBALL

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At Charles Schwab Field Omaha (Web.); Double Elimination; x-if necessary

G9: Florida St. 9, North Carolina 5

Wednesday's results

G10: Florida 15, Kentucky 4
G11: Tennessee 7, Florida State 2
G12: Texas A&M vs. Florida, late

Thursday's game

x-G13: Texas A&M vs. Florida, TBA

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-3)

Tennessee (58-12) vs. TBD
 Saturday: Pairings TBA, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday: Pairings TBA, 1 p.m.
 x-Monday: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN

	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
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Inter Miami CF 12 3 5 40 46 29
 Cincinnati 12 3 3 38 31 21
 N.Y. Red Bulls 8 4 7 31 31 25
 New York City FC 9 6 2 29 26 20
 Charlotte FC 8 6 5 29 21 20
 Columbus 7 3 6 27 25 17
 Toronto FC 7 9 3 24 28 32
 Nashville 5 5 8 22 22 23
 Philadelphia 4 6 8 20 31 29
 Atlanta 5 8 5 19 26 24
 CF Montréal 4 7 7 19 25 37
 D.C. United 4 8 7 19 26 34
 Orlando City 4 8 6 18 21 30
 New England 5 10 1 16 15 29

WESTERN

	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
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Real Salt Lake 9 2 7 34 36 19
 Los Angeles FC 10 4 3 33 31 20
 LA Galaxy 8 3 7 31 35 27
 Minnesota United 8 4 5 29 28 23
 Vancouver 7 6 4 25 26 22
 Colorado 7 7 4 25 31 31
 Houston 6 6 5 23 20 20
 Austin FC 6 7 5 23 21 27
 Seattle 5 7 6 21 22 21
 Portland 5 7 6 21 32 32
 St. Louis City 3 5 6 18 23 27
 FC Dallas 4 8 5 17 20 25
 Sporting KC 3 10 5 14 28 36
 San Jose 3 12 2 11 26 43

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Red Bulls 2, CF Montréal 2
 Orlando City 2, Charlotte FC 2
 Atlanta 1, D.C. United 0
 Inter Miami CF 2, Columbus 1
 Nashville SC 2, Toronto FC 1
 FC Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3
 Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, late
 Minnesota at FC Dallas, late
 Seattle at Houston, late
 Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, late
 Colorado at St. Louis City, late
 New York City FC at LA Galaxy, late
 Portland at San Jose, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

New England at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.
 Sporting Kansas City at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
 Houston at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
 Toronto FC at New York, 6:30p.m.
 Chicago at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
 Charlotte FC at Philadelphia, 6:30p.m.
 Austin FC at Minnesota, 7:30p.m.
 New York City FC at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
 Atlanta at St. Louis City, 7:30p.m.
 CF Montréal at Colorado, 8:30p.m.
 LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
 San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
 Vancouver at Portland, 9:30p.m.
 FC Dallas at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Orlando City at New York City FC, 6:30p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

St. Louis City at Vancouver, 5p.m.
 Toronto FC at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
 Philadelphia at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
 Columbus at New England, 6:30p.m.
 D.C. United at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30p.m.
 Cincinnati at FC Dallas, 7:30p.m.
 Charlotte FC at Houston, 7:30p.m.
 Austin FC at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
 Miami at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
 Colorado at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
 Minnesota at Portland, 9:30p.m.
 LA Galaxy at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
 Chicago at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB

	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
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Kansas City 8 0 5 29 33 19
 Orlando 8 0 5 29 21 11
 Washington 9 3 1 28 27 17
 Gotham FC

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Sparks rookie Brink suffers ACL tear



Sparks rookie Cameron Brink tore the ACL in her left knee, the team announced Wednesday. The former Stanford star had to be helped off the court after suffering the injury in the first quarter of the Sparks' 79-70 road loss to the Sun on Tuesday night. Brink appeared to slip while driving to the basket at Mohegan Sun Arena in the first quarter. She had to be helped off the court after sustaining the injury. Once over to the sideline, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft hobbled toward the locker room, but was forced to stop as a result of the pain. A pair of Sparks personnel lifted Brink off her feet and carried her to the locker room. The 22-year-old Brink has started every game this season and entered Tuesday averaging 8.1 points, 5.7 rebounds and 2.5 blocks. Her blocks average is tied for second most in the WNBA with Aces star A'ja Wilson. Brink, who won a national championship with the Cardinal in 2021, is on the four-member U.S. women's 3x3 team for the Paris Olympics. The Sparks (4-11) head to New York to play two games against the Liberty on Thursday and Saturday.

Royal VIPs to take in Euro '24 games



Two kings and a prince are set to watch the soccer aristocrats playing on the field at European Championship games on Thursday. King Frederik X of Denmark and the first in line to the British throne, Prince William, will be together in the VVIP seats when their national teams meet in Frankfurt, Germany, in the early evening game. "It's a big honor. I'm a big fan of the Danish royal family," Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel said Wednesday. Schmeichel previously met Prince William, above, at the FA Cup final in May 2021, when the future king also presented him with the trophy as captain of the winning Leicester team against Chelsea at Wembley Stadium. King Felipe VI of Spain is due to attend the later game Thursday when his national team plays Italy in Gelsenkirchen. Prince William is the longtime president of the English Football Association and a fan of Premier League team Aston Villa, which has two players in the England squad at Euro 2024. King Frederik, who became monarch in January, is a former member of the International Olympic Committee.

Osaka gets wild card for Wimbledon



Former Grand Slam champs Naomi Osaka, Caroline Wozniacki, Angelique Kerber and Emma Raducanu have all been awarded wild cards for Wimbledon. The grass-court tournament starts on July 1. Osaka — a four-time major champ and former No. 1 — and three-time Grand Slam winner Kerber returned from maternity leave at the start of this season. Currently ranked 113th, the 26-year-old Osaka was the only player to take a set from No. 1 Iga Swiatek at the French Open. Ex-U.S. Open champ Raducanu, 21, made her breakthrough at Wimbledon by advancing to the fourth round in 2021. She will be playing there for the first time in two years after undergoing wrist and ankle surgery in 2023. Kerber won the 2018 Wimbledon title and was runner-up at the All England Club in 2016. The 36-year-old is also a former top-ranked player. Wozniacki, 33, returned from maternity leave in August. She's never got past the fourth round at Wimbledon, where she will be playing for the first time since 2019. Wozniacki was ranked world No. 1 for a 71 weeks, including at the end of 2010 and 2011. —AP

BASEBALL

Luck had nothing to do with it

Mays' mesmerizing skill was on full display with "The Catch"

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Willie Mays raced at top speed toward the center-field wall at the spacious Polo Grounds and somehow managed to track down and corral a fast-traveling ball with an over-the-shoulder catch that became the most iconic moment in the Hall of Famer's decorated career that featured 660 home runs.

It simply became known as "The Catch." But there was little simple about it. The Say Hey Kid's superb grab of a drive hit by Cleveland's Vic Wertz in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series against the favored Indians will always be one of his finest moments, also a key in the New York Giants' 4-0 sweep to win the championship.

"It wasn't no lucky catch," Mays emphatically noted years later.

Not at all. The play showed off the mesmerizing skill of one of the most talented players ever to step on a baseball field and was considered by many to be the Greatest Living Ballplayer before he died at age 93 on Tuesday.

In the top of the eighth inning with runners on first and second in a 2-2 game, Mays took off running straight back toward the wall, head looking at the outfield rather than tracking the ball, and snared it before instantly releasing a fabulous throw that gets far less attention than the catch itself.

"Yeah, that was the key right there, I thought," Mays recalled in April 2014. "Because if I hadn't caught that, you gotta get three runs some kind of way. Vic would have been on third some kind of way and the other two would have scored. So I think that was the key to the whole World Series."

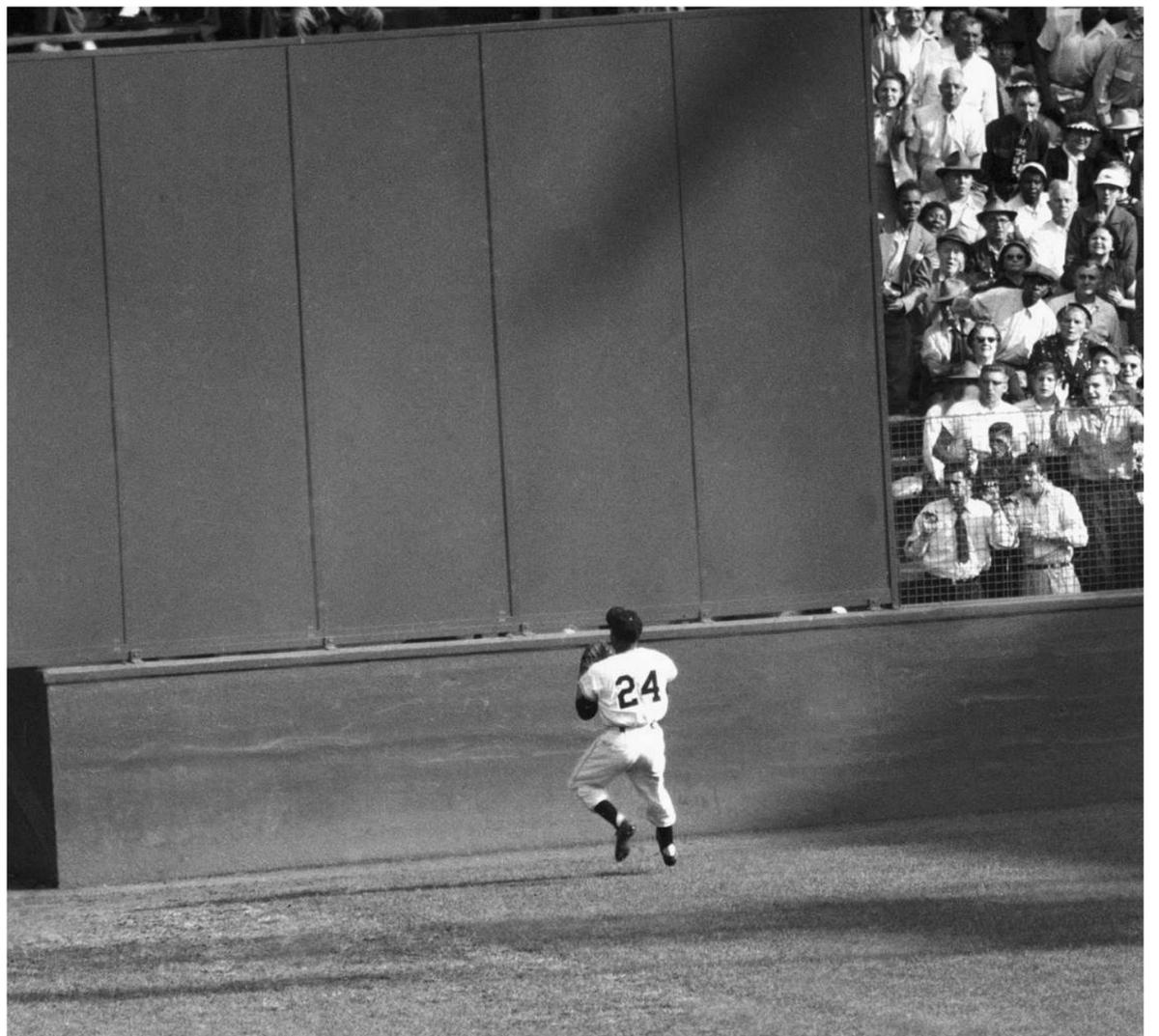
It was a play that is as famous as any in the grand history of baseball and was memorialized at the time by the Hall of Fame broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, who said: "Willie Mays just brought this crowd to its feet with a catch which must have been an optical illusion to a lot of people!"

To Mays, it was just another play that happened to come on the game's biggest stage.

"I usually catch fly balls like that all the time," he said. "But you're talking about a World Series. You're talking about something that doesn't happen all the time. Even if you make a catch like that, which I did, in the regular season — but to catch it in a way that the world is looking at you — it's remarkable, I think."

Mays never wanted to say where that play stood on the list in his career of brilliant catches — and there were many for a player who won 12 Gold Gloves as one of the game's greatest fielding outfielders.

"I never ranked catches," he said. "It's important to make sure to try to catch every-



Willie Mays, who died Tuesday at 93, makes an over-the-shoulder catch in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series. "The Catch" is arguably the most iconic play in baseball history. Fellow Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson said in 2018 that it still should be viewed "as the greatest catch ever." AP FILE

thing out there. This is my theory, I don't know how other people think. I just feel if I started ranking them, you guys would have nothing to write about. I never did worry about things like that."

No one knows for sure how far from home plate the drive by Wertz carried, with best estimates at perhaps 425 feet. It's all part of the legend of Mays.

Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson said in 2018 that it still should be viewed "as the greatest catch ever."

"Today's player has gone up and over the fence, climbed the wall, and that's pretty cool," Jackson said. "But I still think we all go back and the greatest outfielder ever is Willie Mays."

"There were guys that covered more

ground and ran this fast, he had some angle. But I think Willie will be recognized as maybe the greatest athlete that ever played, arguably the best player falling with (Hank Aaron, Babe) Ruth, (Lou) Gehrig and those guys. It's just kind of the epitome of his career."

Mays' godson, Home Run King Barry Bonds, said years ago that he wants to make sure people appreciate more than just that one moment in a remarkable 23-year career.

There were the two MVPs, the Rookie of the Year Award, the 24 All-Star games, the 660 home runs, and the 3,293 hits. It all added up to Mays being widely considered the game's greatest all-around player.

"There's a lot of people who made great catches in the game of baseball. But he

happens to be one of the best baseball players. That does make it seem a lot better," Bonds said. "I think we've had our moments in catches. I think his longevity of his career is more important than just the catch to anyone who's played the game of baseball. To play 20-something years in the game of baseball is an accomplishment in itself. Longevity is way more important than a single catch."

"There's a lot of guys that have made single great catches and played one year, or two or five. You don't know who those people are but to do it for the amount of time that he's done it and played as long as he has, that's another level. That's way bigger."

AP writer Josh Dubow contributed.

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Few were so blessed with each of the five essential qualities for a superstar — hitting for average, hitting for power, speed, fielding and throwing. Fewer so joyously exerted those qualities — whether launching home runs; dashing around the bases, loose-fitting cap flying off his head; or chasing down fly balls in center field and finishing the job with his trademark basket catch.

Over 23 major league seasons, virtually all with the New York/San Francisco Giants but also including one in the Negro Leagues, Mays batted .301, hit 660 home runs, totaled 3,293 hits, scored more than 2,000 runs and won 12 Gold Gloves. He was rookie of the year in 1951, twice was named the Most Valuable Player and finished in the top 10 for the MVP 10 other times. His lightning-sprint and over-the-shoulder grab of an apparent extra base hit in the 1954 World Series remains the most celebrated defensive play in baseball history.

"When I played ball, I tried to make sure everybody enjoyed what I was doing," Mays told NPR in 2010. "I made the clubhouse guy fit me a cap that when I ran, the wind gets up in the bottom and it flies right off. People love that kind of stuff."

For millions in the 1950s and '60s and after, the smiling ballplayer with the friendly, high-pitched voice was a signature athlete and showman during an era when baseball was still the signature pastime. Awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2015, Mays left his fans with countless memories.

Between 1954 and 1966, Mays drove in 100 or more runs 10 times, scored 100 or more 12 times, hit 40 or more homers six times, more than 50 homers twice and led the league in stolen bases four times. His numbers might have been bigger. He missed most of 1952 and all of 1953 because of military service, quite possibly costing him the chance to overtake Ruth's career home run record of 714, an honor that first went to Henry Aaron, then Mays' godson, Barry Bonds if the award had been established before 1956. He insisted he would have led the league in steals more often had he tried.

"I am beyond devastated and overcome with emotion. I have no words to describe what you mean to me," Bonds wrote on Instagram.

Sports writer Barney Kremenko has often been credited with nicknaming Mays "The Say Hey Kid," referring to Mays' spirited way of greeting his teammates. Moments on and off the field sealed the public's affection. In 1965, Mays defused a horrifying brawl after

teammate Juan Marichal clubbed Dodgers catcher John Roseboro with a bat. Mays led a bloodied Roseboro away and sat with him on the clubhouse bench of the Dodgers, the Giants' hated rivals.

Years earlier, when living in Manhattan, he endeared himself to young fans by playing in neighborhood stickball games.

"I used to have maybe 10 kids come to my window," he said in 2011 while visiting the area of the old Polo Grounds. "Every morning, they'd come at 9 o'clock. They'd knock on my window, get me up. And I had to be out at 9:30. So they'd give me a chance to go shower. They'd give me a chance to eat breakfast. But I had to be out there at 9:30, because that's when they wanted to play. So I played with them for about maybe an hour."

He was born in Westfield, Alabama, in 1931, the son of a Negro League player who wanted Willie to do the same, playing catch with him and letting him sit in the dugout. Young Mays was so gifted an athlete that childhood friends swore that basketball, not baseball, was his best sport.

By high school he was playing for the Birmingham Black Barons, and late in life would receive an additional 10 hits to his career total, 3,293, when Negro League statistics were recognized in 2024 by Major League Baseball. With Jackie Robinson breaking the major

league's color barrier in 1947, Mays' ascension became inevitable. The Giants signed him after he graduated from high school (he had to skip his senior prom) and sent him to their minor league affiliate in Trenton, New Jersey. He began the 1951 season with Minneapolis, a Triple-A club. After 35 games, he was batting a head-turning .477 and was labeled by one scout as "the best prospect in America." Giants Manager Leo Durocher saw no reason to wait and demanded that Mays, barely 20 at the time, join his team's starting lineup.

Durocher managed Mays from 1951-55 and became a father figure — the surly but astute leader who nurtured and sometimes pampered the young phenom. As Durocher liked to tell it, and Mays never disputed, Mays struggled in his first few games and was ready to go back to the minors.

Mays finished 1951 batting .272 with 20 home runs, good enough to be named the league's top rookie.

His military service the next two years stalled his career but not his development. Mays was assigned as a batting instructor for his unit's baseball team and, at the suggestion of one pupil, began catching fly balls by holding out his glove face up, around his belly, like a basket. Mays adopted the new approach in part because it enabled him to throw more quickly.

Aurora ‘Bear-ing down’ as stadium saga unfolds



Denise Crosby

I don’t know about you but I was surprised to read a long op-ed piece in a recent edition of the Chicago Tribune declaring Aurora to be the “ideal choice” for the Have-Stadium-Will-Move Chicago

Bears.

Granted, I would have been more taken aback had the article been submitted by Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren or Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson.

J.B. Pritzker’s name at the bottom of the article would also have caused quite a stir, considering the political history of the governor and the Aurora mayor who tried unsuccessfully to upend him a couple years ago.

Still, the letter — signed by Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin; state Sen. Linda Holmes, D-Aurora; state Rep. Barbara Hernandez, D-Aurora; and Naperville Township Assessor Matt Rasche — was impressive in that it showed lots of civic pride and even more moxie, two admirable characteristics if you are an underdog trying to get into the game.

Aurora became one of a handful of municipalities that threw its hat in the NFL ring after it became obvious the Bears’

plans to relocate from Soldier Field to the former Arlington Park site hit a huge snag over what the team would pay in property taxes.

Other municipalities quickly wanted a tryout, including next-door neighbor Naperville.

But I have to say, Aurora seems to be the most tenacious, even touting that same letter in a press release blasted out on June 11 that included a photo of Irvin and Warren exchanging friendly greetings at a Lincoln Forum/Union League Club of Chicago luncheon, where the Bears CEO was guest speaker.

According to the press release, “during the moderated conversation, Warren was asked about the proposed new stadium in downtown Chicago, and whether other cities, including Arlington Heights and Aurora, were in consideration.”

“I am happy to see Mayor Irvin here today. He’s an astute businessman,” Warren responded. “Aurora is a special place.”

Which seemed polite and noncommittal to me — no surprise since Warren has made it clear his first choice by a country mile is to stay in the city.

Aurora’s op-ed was chock-full of legit reasons Aurora would be the perfect place for the Bears’ new home, including the



Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin, left, and Chicago Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren greet each other June 11 at a Lincoln Forum/Union League Club of Chicago luncheon. **CITY OF AURORA**

fact that no precious lakefront property in Chicago would be at stake. And unlike Arlington Heights, where the school district threw down a bunch of yellow flags, Aurora held its arms wide open and ready to welcome the Bears “storied franchise to the City of Lights.”

Why deal with all that litigation, funding

challenges and competing interests, the letter insisted, when “Aurora will move now on a magnificent domed stadium that benefits everyone”?

After all, it continued, there’s lots of property ready for development, easy

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State lawmakers back bigger budget, including 5% pay hike for themselves



Charles Selle

Now that lawmakers have adjourned for the summer, it’s safe for us to wander about the magnificent miles of Illinois. On roads, it seems, paved with gold.

That’s because the Democratic-controlled

legislature late last month adopted a \$53.1 billion budget for fiscal year 2025. Even with a supermajority of 78 seats in the House, a handful of Democrats balked at the more than \$1.1 billion in revenue hikes needed to balance the budget.

Perhaps they, like many of us, are getting tired of the unending and undisciplined tax-and-spend formula prevalent in the Land of Lincoln. With some creative accounting, the state has a budget balanced on the back of substantial tax increases on sportsbooks and video gaming, along with a static hotel tax and



Gov. J.B. Pritzker, surrounded by state lawmakers, signs the 2025 budget in Chicago on June 5. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

business assessments.

In the budget, adopted with party-line votes and signed into law this month by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, spending grew by about 5% from last year’s budget package. That’s

the same percentage of the pay hike representatives and senators gifted themselves.

While our lawmakers crow about the plans and programs in legislative districts allegedly benefiting us in the new budget

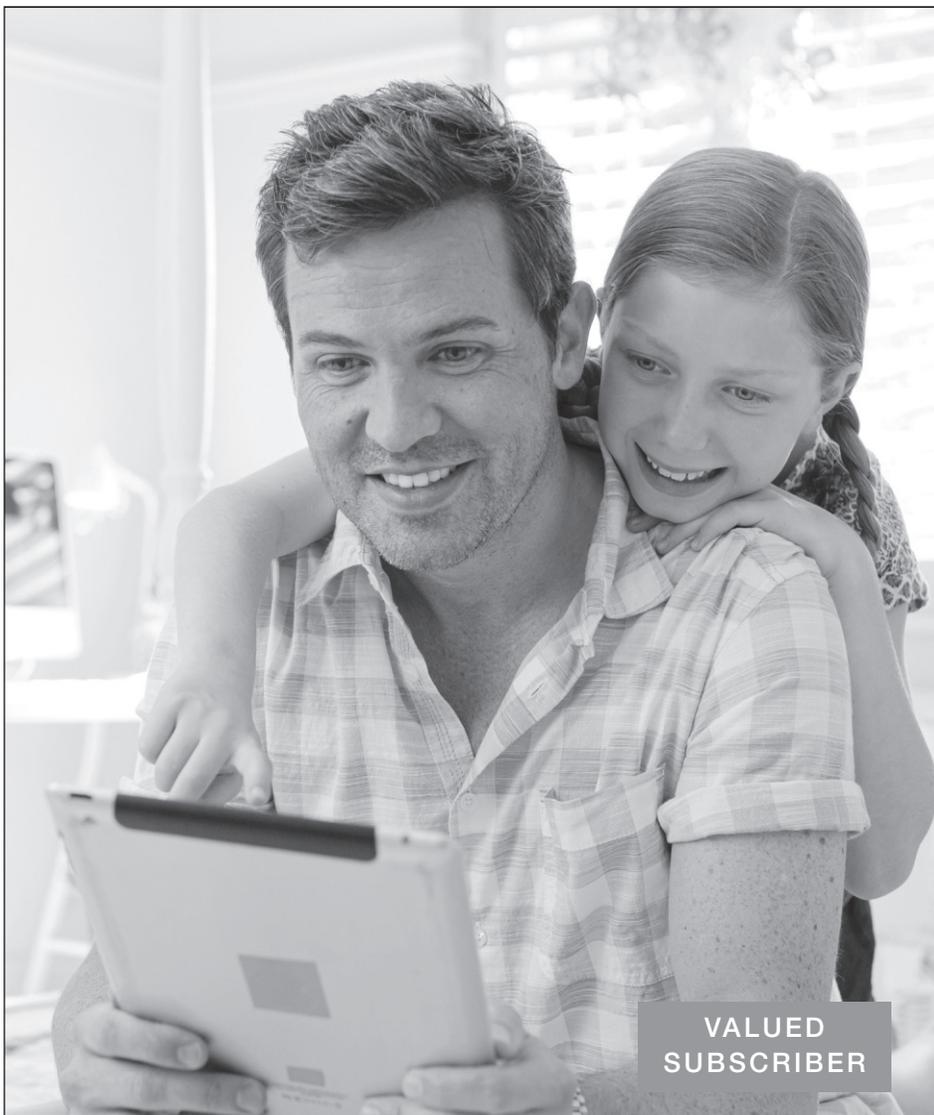
document, they will quietly ignore their own 5% raise. Under Illinois law, legislators’ pay is tied to inflationary increases. They could have voted not to implement that increase, or approve a lower amount.

Of course, they took no action to stop the hefty hike. Few in the private sector can look toward a 5% pay increase this year.

No matter. The lawmakers’ boost puts their base salary at \$93,712 a year. Not a bad take-home pay for what is essentially supposed to be a part-time gig. And, they get to use campaign funds for all sorts of promotions and uses.

Most Illinois legislators make more than six figures, some of the highest legislative salaries in the nation, following lawmakers in New York who bring home a minimum of \$142,000 a year. Through committee chairmanships and leadership posts,

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access to transportation by train, plane and car, not to mention great infrastructure — including the digital kind — and a burgeoning entertainment scene that touts a \$400 million revision of Hollywood Casino, as well as expansion of the venerable Paramount Theatre's outreach, which includes the soon-to-open Stolp Island Theatre, as well as Copley Theatre with its searing BOLD Series.

Speaking of bold, no matter what your thoughts are about Aurora's chances of landing an NFL stadium, you have to admit this letter was an in-your-face

PSA saying the Aurora of old is gone and there's a new player in town — or in this case, on the field — that deserves your serious attention.

The pitch letter was filled with all sorts of sports analogies — the Bears “don't need to call a Hail Mary pass” in their search for a new stadium ... Aurora is “on a winning streak” ... and views the stadium “as our next successful play.”

“We aren't simply trying to get in the game. We are saying loudly, ‘We want you here,’” the letter said.

Hats off to whomever actually penned the letter. It was also a smart move adding the Naperville Township assessor's name to the op-ed, which pretty

much guarantees there will be far fewer of those pesky property tax issues to tackle. By including Matt Rasche, the city is obviously looking at a location on the far East Side, and likely would end up partnering with Naperville on some of the details.

According to Clayton Muhammad, senior adviser to the mayor, officials have been receiving “tons of positive feedback” to the op-ed. To which I add, no matter who crosses the goal line in this NFL stadium saga, it's hard not to cheer for the one showing the most pride and tenacity, underdog or not.

Well played, Team Aurora.

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Illinois lawmakers can rack up even more income.

Then there are the cushy state pensions, which remain \$145 billion in long-term debt. While working for us, our legislators are also working for themselves. Percentage-wise, community college and public university funding received a mere 2% bump, about \$30 million, during the recently concluded legislative gathering.

From that session which ended in a mad rush to adjourn, shoppers got a minuscule tax break with the elimination of the 1% tax on groceries. Don't rush out and expect your grocery bill to be reduced this week.

Elimination of the tax takes effect Jan. 1, 2026. Already, municipal leaders are complaining it will take revenue away from their communities.

Although they've got nearly two years to find alternatives, they should start cracking rather than wait for last-minute replacements, as our legislature is wont to do. Home-rule communities can

enact their own grocery tax of up to 1%, according to state law, if they dare, without seeking voter approval.

Lawmakers also provided a Child Tax Credit for families amounting to some \$50 million in tax breaks. That will be financed by the aforementioned increased “revenue enhancements” on sports wagering and video gambling. That gaming golden egg can lose its shine quickly with increased taxation.

The current 15% tax rate on sportsbooks' profits will increase with a graduated structure that will tax between 20% and 40%, depending on their earnings. A percentage point increase to the tax on the state's video gambling industry is expected to generate an additional \$35 million.

The budget also includes more than \$180 million in additional funding to gain housing for asylum seekers bused to the region mainly from Texas. More of them are expected to arrive this summer when the Democratic National Convention gets underway in August.

The money is for moving asylum seekers, most of

them in Chicago, into permanent residences instead of temporary shelters, along with turning buildings now being used for that purpose back into public facilities. Money also is set aside for medical spending for the immigrants.

Full disclosure: Among the billions in the budget set aside for programs is a \$5 million tax credit program for news outlets beginning in 2025 and claimable the next year. That should benefit local journalism across Illinois.

As for those roads paved with gold, lawmakers made sure money would be spent for our driving and commuting pleasures. Some \$3.5 billion is set aside for infrastructure improvements.

Another \$400 million will be in the pipeline for municipalities to share for local road projects across Illinois. Now that sounds magnificent, unless you're stuck in highway construction traffic.

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LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,

-v-
MARIA L. ALCANTARA SALGADO, ARMANDO SALGADO, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK
Defendants

2022 CH 05917
2745 SCOTT STREET
FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

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BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v-
ANGELO STAGNOLI, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PAUL A. STAGNOLI, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PAUL A. STAGNOLI (DECEASED)
Defendants

2022 CH 09151
2659 N MONTCLARE AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60707

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
UNITED SHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC D/B/A UNITED WHOLESAL MORTGAGE
Plaintiff,

-v-
JAMES JASON GREENWALD
Defendants
2023 CH 04080
2523 N. EAST BROOK RD
ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707

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IN THE COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff, -v- Ruth M. Glatczak, as Co-Trustee and/or their successors, of the Ruth M. Glatczak Child's Trust created under the Ruth M. Glatczak 2000 Declaration of Trust; Jerome L. Glatczak as Co-Trustee and/or their successors, of the Ruth M. Glatczak Child's Trust created under the Lily M. Glatczak 2000 Declaration of Trust; Ruth M. Glatczak; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants, 2023CH04223 9936 Montrose Ave, Schiller Park, IL 60176
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 14, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 12:00 PM on 7/17/2024 located at 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 9936 Montrose Ave, Schiller Park, IL 60176 Property Index No. 12-16-207-020-0000

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$104,617.52 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C. (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-23-02139. Auction.com LLC 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com; Attorney File No. 14-23-02139 Case Number: 2023CH04223

NOTE: Pursuant to the FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Case # **2023 CH 04223**
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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL LIBRARY TAX

ORDINANCE #2024-04 BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the River Grove Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The Board of Trustees of the River Grove Public Library District proposes to levy an additional .02 percent tax for the purpose of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and for the maintenance, repair, and alterations of library building and equipment.

Section 2: It is therefore determined that the River Grove Public Library District will levy said .02 percent tax for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 subject to the provisions for referendum contained in 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, as provided by law, and shall be effective within thirty (30) days after such publication provided that if a petition signed by 453 or more electors of the River Grove Public Library District is filed by June 8th, 2024 i.e. within thirty (30) days after publication of this ordinance, then the question of whether this Ordinance shall become effective shall be submitted to the electors of the River Grove Public Library District at the election to be held on April 1st, 2025.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees will provide a petition form to any individual requesting one.

ADOPTED this 12th day of June 2024 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
VACANT:

Approved by me this 12th day of June, 2024

/s/Robert J. Conway
Board President
River Grove Public Library District
Cook County, Illinois

Attest:
/s/Kimberly A. Asbury
Board Secretary
River Grove Public Library District
Cook County, Illinois
6/20/2024 7652967

TO PLACE AN AD CALL

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Probate

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
IN RE THE ESTATE OF
GAIL ANN QUILLMAN,
DECEASED
2024PR000245
CASE NUMBER
PUBLIC NOTICE AND/
OR CLAIMS NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of GAIL ANN QUILLMAN whose address was 1729 W. Granville Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on 03/29/2024 to ALLAN C. ALONGI address 3 Golf Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Independent Executor whose attorney is ALLAN C. ALONGI. NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES To probate a Will, and whose name and address is not stated in the petition to admit the Will to probate, an order was entered by the court granting admission of the Will to probate. You have the right under section 8-2 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-2), to contest the denial of admission by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after the entry of the order of denial.

The estate will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under section 28-5 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of CANDICE ADAMS, Circuit Court Clerk, 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before November 10, 2024 any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

ALLAN C. ALONGI
DUPAGE ATTY # 13865
Atty for Independent Executor
Allan C. Alongi
3 Golf Avenue
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
T: 630-920-0300
aalong@alongilawoffice.com
6/20, 6/27, & 7/4/24 7633378

Bid Notice

**HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86
LEGAL NOTICE
BID 25-002 (3) Gym Divider
Curtains at Hinsdale Central**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to furnish and install (3) gym divider curtains for Hinsdale Central High School field house.

The bidding documents are available by contacting Tina Snyder, CPB, at email msnyder@hinsdale86.org, or by phone (630) 570-8003.

Bids will be accepted until July 9, 2024 at 11:00am CST at the Administrative Center then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.
6/20/24 7653101

Legal Notices

**River Grove Public Library
District
Board of Trustees**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF TIME
OF
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Notice is hereby given that the Regular meetings of the River Grove Public Library District, previously scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm, have been changed to the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

Pilar Shaker
Interim Director
River Grove Public Library District
6/20/2024 7652967

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 504, County of Cook and State of Illinois, that commencing at 9:00 A.M. on June 21, 2024 a tentative budget for Said College District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Treasurer's Office of the College District, Room A-302, 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, Illinois during usual and customary business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on said budget at 6:30 P.M. on the 16th day of July, 2024 in the Board Room (A-300) of the Learning Resource Center, 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, Illinois.

Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 504
County of Cook and State of Illinois
/s/ Tracy Jennings, Secretary
June 20, 2024 - 7653026

Legal Notices

**BID SOLICITATION: 79th Street
Sidewalk Improvements Project**

The Village of Burr Ridge will receive sealed bids to furnish all labor, materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to construct PCC sidewalk, asphalt pathway removal, sidewalk removal, accessible ramps, curb removal and replacement, driveway removal and replacement, storm sewer, storm manhole and pipe culvert installation, RRF, pavement patching, roadway resurfacing, tree removal, landscaping restoration, and all incidental and collateral work necessary to complete the project as shown on the plans and specifications. The length of the project is approx. 0.5 mile.

Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rates of wages to all laborers, workmen, and mechanics performing work under this contract, and shall comply with the requirements of the Illinois Wages of Employees on Public Works Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12) and Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/0.01).

Documents are available from Primera Engineers Ltd., 650 Warrenville Rd, Suite 100, Warrenville, IL 60532 (630) 324-5100, request electronic copies via email to cdilavou@primeraeng.com. A \$50.00 fee is required for printed copies. A not-for-bid set is available on the Village's website (<https://www.burr-ridge.gov/>).

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked:

SEALED BID: DO NOT OPEN
79th Street Sidewalk Improvements Project
BID OPENING: July 11, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

Address the bid to the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Burr Ridge, 7660 S. County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

Sealed bid proposals will be received at the Office of the Village Clerk until 10:00 AM., July 11, 2024, at which time they will be opened and read publicly. Bids transmitted by facsimile or email will not be accepted. Proposals must be accompanied by a proposal guaranty. The Village reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals.

Susan Schaus
Village Clerk
Village of Burr Ridge
6/20/2024 7653202

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Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 11:00 A.M. local on Thursday July 18, 2024 at the Franklin Park Village Hall 9500 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, for furnishing all material and doing all the work necessary and required for:

**Curtiss Street Pump Station Rehabilitation
Village of Franklin Park**

Description of Work:
This project includes the rehabilitation of pump station improvements including, but not limited to, removal and replacement of (2) horizontal split case booster pumps; addition of variable frequency drives; piping; valves; fittings; coatings; SCADA system integration; electrical; HVAC; Complete in Place. All work shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents including plans and specifications.

For a non-refundable fee of \$22.00, bid documents may be obtained on our website: www.clarkdietz.com. Access document by clicking on the "Bidding Documents" icon located at the top of the page, and then select "browse projects" to find the "Curtiss Street Pump Station Rehabilitation" bid documents. Contact Clark Dietz, Inc. at 262-657-1550 with any questions regarding the registration or download process. Contract Documents will not be available at the Village Office.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Thursday June 27th at Village Hall, 9500 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131 at 10 A.M. CDT followed by a site visit. The meeting is not mandatory but is recommended.

Bids will be read aloud at the time of opening at Village Hall. Results will be posted on QuestCDN when available.

Each bid and proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Village of Franklin Park, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum bid price as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proposed contract within fifteen (15) days after the award of the contract.

In case the successful bidder shall fail to execute such contract and bond, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the Village as liquidated damages.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled time of closing bids.

Bids and proposals must be sealed and addressed to the Village of Franklin Park and there shall appear on the envelope of such bid and proposal the name and address of the bidder and the purpose for which the proposal is intended.

The Village of Franklin Park reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any defects or informalities in bids received and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Village. All work performed under this contract shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, including but not limited to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act and the Illinois Employee Classification Act. This project is subject to the requirements of the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor.

The Village of Franklin Park, in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color, or national origin.

Plans and specifications for this project were prepared by Clark Dietz, Inc., 1815 S. Meyers Road, Suite 470, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

Village of Franklin Park
Published: June 20th, 2024
Joe Thomas, Utilities Commissioner
6/20/24 7651249

Bid Notice

Bid Notice

**THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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BID DEADLINE: 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY JULY 11th, 2024.

NOTICE: Sealed proposals for the 2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM will only be received by The Village of Franklin Park, Illinois, at the office of the Village Clerk, 9500 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, until the Bid Deadline. Each proposal shall be submitted in an opaque envelope prior to the time and date set forth in the Bid Deadline. Each proposal shall be addressed to the Village Clerk and shall bear on the face of the envelope the name of the bidder and a statement that it is to be opened for the contract at the date and hour as set forth in the Bid Deadline. Immediately after the bid deadline, the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Village reserves the right to defer, postpone, delay, or reschedule the Bid Opening for such time and to such date as the Village, in its sole discretion, determines is in the best interest of the Village.

DISADVANTAGED AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE: The Village of Franklin Park takes affirmative steps to assure that disadvantaged business enterprises are used when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction, and services in accordance with the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity rules.

BID SECURITY: Bid Security in the amount of not less than five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany each Bid in the form of bid bond, cash, certified check, cashier's check, or draft payable to The Village of Franklin Park.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The Bidder to whom a Contract is awarded shall be required to furnish either both a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Village for 100 percent of the Contract Price, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

AWARD OF CONTRACT AND RIGHTS RESERVED: The Contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder based on criteria set forth by the Village. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, award each schedule individually, and to waive any informalities or technicalities in bidding. The Village shall, in its sole discretion, determine what does or does not constitute an informality or technicality, and, in submitting a Bid, the Bidder agrees to be bound by that determination. No contract will be awarded to any person or entity that is in arrears to the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois upon any debt or contract with the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois, or who is a defaulter as to surety or otherwise upon any obligation to the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois.

WAGE RATES AND INSURANCE: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish certificates and policies of insurance as stated in Article 7.0 of the Instructions to Bidders. CONTRACTORS must provide Certified Monthly Payroll Reports showing compliance with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, (30 ILCS 570), et seq., and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01 et seq.

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QUESTIONS REGARDING BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Questions about the project or Bid Documents should be addressed to Jim Post from SMITH LASALLE INC. at jpost@smithlasalle.com

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Bid Notice

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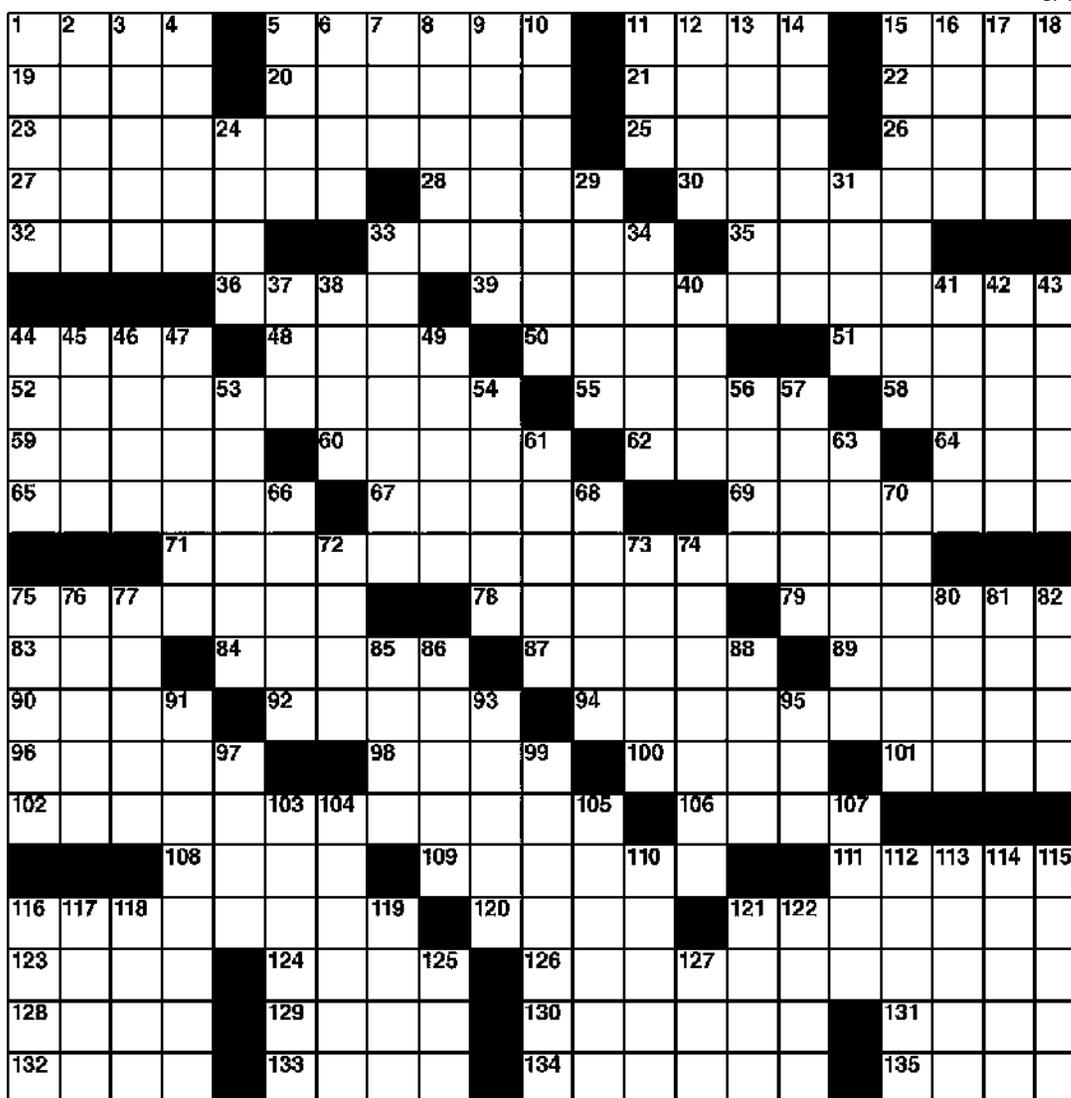
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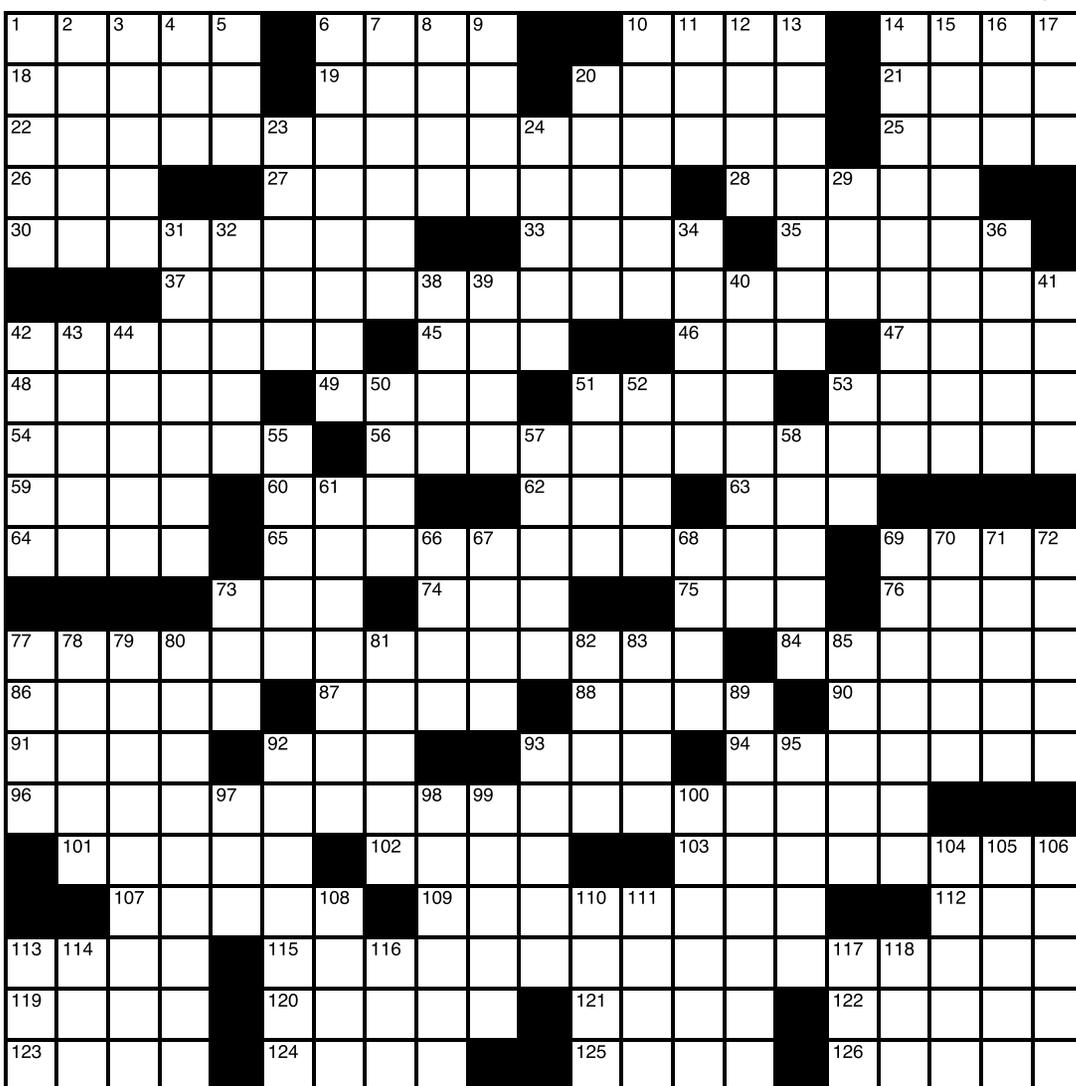
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- 73 "Am — the right track?"
- 74 Perch output
- 75 Antidiscrimination inits.
- 76 Used a snowboard
- 77 Toss and turn all night?
- 84 Pleases no end
- 86 Furniture designer Charles
- 87 Took legal action
- 88 NBA star Westbrook, to fans
- 90 Australian mine finds
- 91 Singer Dua —
- 92 Feathery accessory
- 93 Emer. message

- 1 Measure for 90-Across
- 2 Garlicky emulsion
- 3 Make paper bag puppets, perhaps
- 4 Toms and drakes
- 5 Parts and labor fig.
- 6 Like Mr. Peanut
- 7 Honest-to-goodness
- 8 Facial feature unique to humans
- 9 Callback alternative
- 10 Building with wings?
- 11 Join together
- 12 Spineless
- 13 Big name in baked goods
- 14 Divisive pizza topping
- 15 Advocate para las mujeres
- 16 One not into amorous love, briefly
- 17 "Parks and Rec" character Swanson
- 20 — Park: Meta site
- 23 Olympian Bolt
- 24 Small disputes
- 29 Title of a medieval tale?
- 31 Most foul
- 32 Leafy green also known as silver beet
- 34 2007 Heisman winner Tim
- 36 Slug cousin
- 38 Uncover
- 39 Disney queen who says, "You can't marry a man you just met"

- 40 Vaccine tool
- 41 Ibsen's "Peer —"
- 42 Go after grime
- 43 Developmental period
- 44 Musical Hall partner
- 50 Powerful engine
- 51 "I can relate," online
- 52 Not bamboozled by
- 53 Prone to shrinking?
- 55 A bit of tea, in a way
- 57 Gloss
- 58 Sierra Nevada lake
- 61 Clorox brand
- 66 HBO's "— Detective: Night Country"
- 67 Got into the weeds?
- 68 Turnarounds
- 69 Great Plains people
- 70 Come to
- 71 NFL star — Beckham Jr.
- 72 Like a toddler with finger paints
- 73 Uncertainties
- 77 "Solitude is the richness of —": May Sarton
- 78 Formal affair wear
- 79 Blasphemy and sacrilege
- 80 Tap again, in a way
- 81 Big drink
- 82 Dressage pace
- 83 Like much of Hawaii
- 85 Sound heard twice in a lifetime?
- 89 "Cut it out!"
- 92 Sinister
- 93 Harmonize
- 95 "I'm — here"
- 97 Follower of hee and yee
- 98 Schmoozing by boozing
- 99 Ouzo flavor
- 100 Ways to go
- 104 Aces
- 105 "Moon and Half Dome" photographer Adams
- 106 Whole host o'
- 108 "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" novelist See
- 110 Actor McGregor
- 111 Tuscan setting for novelty photos
- 113 Actor Kilmer
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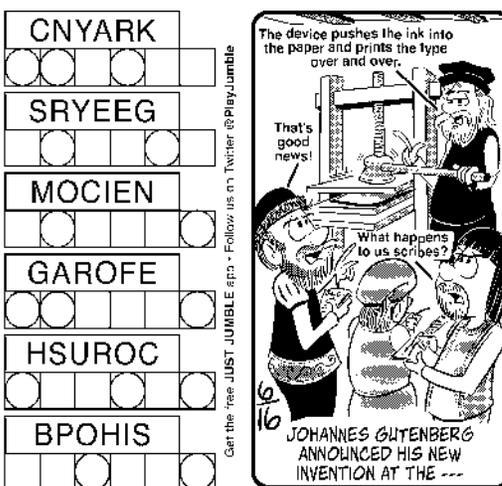


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Jumble

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



PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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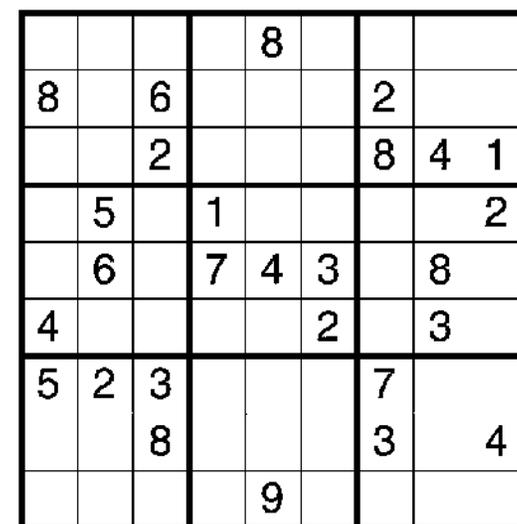
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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Quote-Acrostic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues Words

- A. Kind of beans 23 86 28 16 120 51 117
- B. Fully informed: 3 wds. 110 18 32 95 72 49 52 67 103
- C. Pungent 97 82 46 17 21
- D. Very excitable: hyph. 146 45 1 37 28 150 84 160 11
- E. Colombia's neighbor 131 43 59 92 157 151
- F. Nevertheless: 3 wds. 121 80 42 35 76 57 24 6 81 30
- G. Squandered: 2 wds. 19 68 96 50 149 128 109 48 47 33
- H. Maintain secrecy: 2 wds. 9 38 107 86 64 53 2 139
- I. Leaseholding 94 10 133 113 138 75 156
- J. Suffering, deprivation 77 20 87 70 54 26 85 91

- K. Wide-ranging 22 164 60 102 69 93 79 152 89
- L. Ambush 39 34 44 111 73 161
- M. Upset: 3 wds., sl. 58 143 74 7 71 118 98 132 56
- N. Region of Greece 144 106 101 66 41 3 88 14
- O. Declutter: 2 wds. 134 155 125 40 159 119 116 55 105 99
- P. Hit forcefully 127 63 115 5 73 148
- Q. Downcast; glum 104 145 4 162 129 122
- R. Becomes bored 123 15 83 130 25
- S. Underworld goddess 124 135 108 61 136 147
- T. Wise women: 2 wds. 158 114 90 140 13 112 142 153 36
- U. Uprisings 62 137 163 126 12
- V. Beginner 154 141 31 100 8 27

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World's a Stage

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- Across**
- Spanish surrealist painter
 - Rad
 - Lemon and stock followers
 - Sign of things to come
 - Sanctuary
 - Spencer or Logan
 - Final
 - Out in the open
 - Smile
 - O'Neill drama
 - Scold
 - Bern's river
 - Inn
 - Chat
 - Flavoring for cookies
 - Old World palm
 - Ailing
 - Nuisance
 - Wading bird
 - Foray
 - Tolkien tree
 - Muse of poetry
 - Part of a pound
 - Onrush
 - Placard
 - Help
 - Congo river
 - O'Neill drama
 - Peruse
 - Waterwheel
 - Scottish hillside
 - Gaelic
 - Church law
 - Den
 - Adolescent
 - Certain jackets
 - Singer Fitzgerald
 - Without, in Paris
 - Stable resident
 - Indonesian Island
 - Records
 - Regarding
 - Panorama
 - Box
 - Daughter of Anius
 - Cheerful
 - Carve
 - Senior
 - Romanian city
 - ___ Clearwater Revival
 - Look alike
 - Long narrative poem
 - Game played on horseback
 - Like the Titanic's voyage
 - Certain nuts
 - Coalition
 - Weight allowance
 - In this place
 - Nothing
 - Allay
 - Castle's protection
 - Florence's river
 - Epochal
 - Follow
 - Wife of Zeus
- Down**
- Oaf
 - Chinese nanny
 - ___-majesty
 - Bank payment
 - George Sand's beloved
 - "Daphnis and Chloe" composer
 - Assert
 - Nothing
 - Delight
 - "An Inconvenient Truth" author
 - Mild expletive
 - Clinton's canal

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Things are really cooking at “The Hot Wing King,” starring (left to right) Joseph Anthony Byrd, Jos N. Banks, and Breon Arzell, June 20-July 21 at Writers Theatre in Glencoe. **SAVERIO TRUGLIA**



‘Touches the heart’

Cast of ‘The Hot Wing King’ will be cooking on Writers Theatre stage

By Myrna Petlicki

They’re really cooking at Writers Theatre. The cast of Katori Hall’s 2021 Pulitzer Prize-winner for drama, “The Hot Wing King,” will be stirring up lots of laughs and some great aromas as they prepare the title snack onstage June 20-July 21 in Glencoe.

Performances are 3 p.m. (July 10 and 17 only) and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (except July 4); 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 3 p.m. (except June 22) and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (except June 23 and July 21) Sundays.

It’s the night before the annual Memphis Hot Wing Festival. Cordell, who is determined to be crowned the Hot Wing King, is doing prep work, with the help of his boyfriend Dwayne and his best friends.

“Cordell is a very interesting person because he’s lived a life in secret by not sharing his real desires and emotions,” said Breon Arzell, who plays the would-be Hot Wing King.

“He’s a very private person but still enjoys having fun, music and art. He keeps himself very composed most of the time but he has a bit of a temper because he’s very opinionated. He tells it like it is about everything but himself until the moment where he actually is honest with himself.”

The Hot Wing King title is important to Cordell because nothing else in his life seems to be

working. “This is the only thing he has right now,” the actor said. “He wants to win at something.”

Fortunately, Arzell loves to cook, although cooking onstage is a first for the actor. And he’s accustomed to cooking alone. And yes, Arzell is a fan of hot wings.

The character also plays basketball onstage, something Arzell hasn’t done for a very long time. He is practicing for that part of the role.

Arzell praised the playwright, saying, “It’s so rare that we get to see stories of Black gay men that are rooted in joy and rooted in love. Katori is such a skilled writer in capturing real life.”

The show is based on the playwright’s brother who is represented by the character Dwayne. Jos N. Banks plays that role.

“Dwayne is full of life and love,” Banks said. “He is a caregiver, a nurturer. Dwayne doesn’t have any of his own children but I feel like he takes on that paternal energy with everyone.”

Dwayne is completely supportive of Cordell’s goal to be Hot Wing King.

“It’s really exciting for him to see his partner in his element, because he is struggling to find work,” Banks said.

The actor believes he has a lot of similar characteristics of Dwayne. “I am a Cancer. We’re emotional creatures. We really care about people, especially our loved ones,” Banks said.

He noted that like Dwayne he faces an internal struggle. “You can’t control people’s actions or

‘THE HOT WING KING’

When: June 20-July 21

Where: Writers Theatre, Alexandra C. and John D. Nichols Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe

Tickets: \$35-\$90

Information: 847-242-6000; writerstheatre.org

how they go about living their lives,” Banks said.

The actor believes that this play deserves the Pulitzer Prize.

“The most riveting part of this story is love,” Banks declared. “It isn’t often that we in the American theater get the opportunity to see a show that has an all-Black cast and it’s not centered in trauma.”

Banks admitted that, when it comes to wings, he prefers a smoky-sweet barbecue wing rather than a hot one.

“I have not seen a Black, queer modern story onstage ever,” said director Lili-Anne Brown. She said that it is deserving of the Pulitzer because it “touches the heart. It’s a well-crafted drama. Katori Hall is an amazing writer.”

Brown said this is her favorite kind of show. “You’re laughing and the next thing you know you’re crying because it’s human,” she said. “When I first read it, I said, ‘I know these people.’”

The director admitted that the play offers one major challenge. “Cooking onstage is really, really difficult,” she said. Brown added that the farcical elements of the show also present an acting and directing challenge.

She loves the process with her cast, though. “We’re really having a super fun time creating this world,” Brown said.

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter.

MORE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Here are some other events occurring the week of June 20-26 in Doings and Pioneer Press suburbs.

Food fest

■ The City of Highland Park will present Taste of Highland Park from 5 to 10 p.m. June 21-22 at The Lot, 523 Central Ave. in Highland Park.

■ **Tickets are free.** Call 847-432-0800 or go to enjoyhighlandpark.com/calendar/stews-brews-2023-g87c3-zkpc.

■ Local restaurants and specialty shops will sell a variety of cuisines while live music entertains diners.

Strawberry stars

■ The Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association will present Strawberry Fest June 21-23 at 145 Old McHenry Road., Long Grove.

■ **Tickets are \$5; \$10** for a 3-day pass. Call 847-634-0888 or go to longgrove.org/festival/strawberry-fest.

■ You’ll find strawberries in almost every form imaginable from strawberry doughnuts to strawberry popcorn to chocolate-covered strawberries, plus live music, a classic carnival, and games.

The old ball game

■ The Elmhurst History Museum will present a Vintage Baseball Game at 2 p.m. June 23 at Elmhurst University Mall, 190 S. Prospect Ave, Elmhurst.

■ **Tickets are free.** Call 630-833-1457 or go to elmhursthistory.org.

■ Elmhurst University alumni will compete against City of Elmhurst staff following the 1858 rules. Pregame events begin at 1 p.m.

— Myrna Petlicki

Listings are subject to change. Please contact the venue in advance.

Thursday, June 20

Dan Bern at FitzGerald’s Nightclub: 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald’s, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$20. fitzgeraldsnightclub.com. Dan Bern is a captivating live performer with a loyal, multigenerational following. He has written thousands of songs and released dozens of albums. A true renaissance artist, Dan is the author of several books, is a prolific painter, and he has his own podcast and internet radio station.

Singo at Pub 78: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pub 78, 3733 Grand Blvd., Brookfield. Free. (708) 255-5542. pub78.com. Singo at Pub 78. Prizes will be awarded to winners of each game!

Women’s Wellness: 6:30 p.m. Burr Ridge Community Church, 15W100 Plainfield Road, Burr Ridge. Free. (630) 654-4544. brucc.org. If you are feeling disconnected, overwhelmed, lonely, or exhausted and are looking for support, connection and authenticity, please consider joining us. The tragedies and joys you’ve experienced could become someone else’s hope. Here you will find people who care by sharing and listening.

Family Night — Tie Dye: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For families with children of all ages. Get creative and messy at IPPL’s Tie Dye Family Night. Bring an item to dye and a plastic bag. This program is canceled in case of weather issues.

Thursday Afternoon Movie — “The Great Outdoors” (PG): 2-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. In this classic comedy starring Dan Aykroyd and John Candy, Chicago family man Chet Ripley takes his wife and kids to a lakeside cabin for the summer. Instead of having an unforgettable vacation in nature, high-rolling brother-in-law Roman and the haughty Craig family crash the party.

Elmhurst Art Museum’s exhibition “Designing Donkey Hodie”: 12-5 p.m. Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst. \$5-\$18. elmhurstartmuseum.org. “Designing Donkey Hodie: From Make-Believe to Someplace Else” (May 18-Aug. 12) is a exhibition exploring the visual evolution of the PBS Kids show “Donkey Hodie” produced by Fred Rogers Productions and Spiffy Pictures. Also explore the outdoor public art installation created by over 300 local children.

Elmhurst History Museum Announces New Exhibit - “Victory at Home: 1941-1945”: 1 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 833-1457.

elmhursthistory.org. The exhibition “Victory at Home: 1941-1945,” will be on display through Aug. 18. The Elmhurst History Museum is open to all ages and offers free admission. Open hours are: 1-5 p.m. Sunday & Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; closed Monday and holidays.

End of Life Education — Understanding the Full Range of Care Options: 2-3 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 279-8696. elmlib.org. Nancy Betker and Michelle Fleury facilitate a dialogue about advance directives and other end-of-life options currently available in Illinois. This program is offered live in-person and virtually on Zoom. Registration is required.

“World War Women”: 6 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. 7088-867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. “World War Women” tells some of the most important, yet often forgotten victories of WWII. After the film, reenactor Judith Kalaora drops in via video conferencing for a Q&A. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Desi Roots and Wings: 12-4 p.m. National Indo-American Museum, 815 S. Main St., Lombard. \$0-\$10. (630) 376-6358. niam.org. Desi Roots and Wings defines Desi Americans & the circumstances that led them to leave their motherland. Raja Nadimpalli says, “The exhibit documents Indian-American history & experience, from the earliest arrivals to present times, & explores commonalities with other immigrant & native communities...”

Puttshack Turns up its Tech-Infused Mini Golf Summer Experience: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Puttshack Oakbrook, 1828 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook. \$14. (773) 831-7888. puttshack.com. Puttshack Perks members: buy 1, get 1 free mini golf game with code: MAXEDOUT for use every Monday. High scores of 550 or higher on Mondays are emailed a \$50 digital gift card. On Way-back Wednesday: \$10 off \$50 or more for dine in with promo code: WAYBACK. Visit the website for other deals & events.

The Richard H. Driehaus Lapidary Collection: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook. \$5-\$10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Chicago philanthropist Richard Driehaus left a rich legacy of art objects to his Foundation. The Lizzadro Museum is the recipient of his lapidary collection including a variety of unique stone objects from around the world and two 19th century Roman micromosaics on loan. Regular Museum Admission.

Friday, June 21

Friday Night in the Sidebar w/The Meadowlark Lemons: 9 p.m. FitzGerald’s,

6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Free. FitzGerald’s Sidebar presents Friday Night in the Sidebar w/The Meadowlark Lemons. “Book Now” to RSVP for guaranteed entry. This is a 21 and up event.

Live Music at Pub 78 — Tractor Bomb: 8-11 p.m. Pub 78, 3733 Grand Blvd., Brookfield. Free. (708) 255-5542. pub78.com. Live Music at Pub 78: Tractor Bomb

Middle School Craft — Felted Soap: 2-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For grades 6-8 to learn basic wet-felting techniques by learning to make felted soaps. Each participant leaves with 1-2 bars of felted soap. It is recommended that participants wear clothing they don’t mind getting wet. In the event of rain or inclement weather, this program takes place indoors.

Erica Nicole Clark at Comedy Plex: 8-10 p.m. Comedy Plex Comedy Club, 1128 N. Lake St. (Lower Level), Oak Park. \$20-\$22.69. brownpapertickets.com. Erica Nicole Clark is a Chicago-based stand-up comedian who was named one of the “New Faces of Comedy” at the 2021 Montreal Comedy Festival. She is also the winner of the Moth GrandSlam Award.

“Qualia” by Ashleigh Ann Gardner: 7:30-9 p.m. Madison Street Theatre, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. \$10-\$32. subtextstudiotc.org. An unusual love story that explores AI, human relationships & the imperfection of human existence. In the aftermath of a global warming-induced nuclear apocalypse, Alex struggles with sheltering in her family’s bunker with her sentient AI computer system, or rejoining the remnants of human society.

Film Lover Fridays, Adult: 1-3:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Join other movie lovers on the third Friday of every month to watch classic films. This summer, we’re paying tribute to the king of summer blockbusters, Steven Spielberg. Snacks are provided. Brought to you in partnership with the River Forest Township.

Saturday, June 22

Saturday Night w/Chuck Prophet & The Mission Express: 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald’s, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$29. FitzGerald’s NightClub presents: Saturday Night w/Chuck Prohpet & The Mission Express. \$29 General Admission (Standing Room Only). Reserved tables available.

Rummage & Baked Goods Sale: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Burr Ridge Community Church, 15W100 Plainfield Road, Burr Ridge. Free. (630) 654-4544. brucc.org. This massive

Rummage Sale features clothing, shoes, furniture, household items, and other miscellaneous treasures. Also, a baked goods sale to stock up on all your favorite goodies or enjoy a beverage as you shop. Donation drop off takes place June 1-19. Visit the link for a list of accepted items!

“The Candy In My Pocket” book signing with author John Robert Wiltgen: 2-4 p.m. Barbara’s Bookstore, Yorktown Shopping Center at 203 Yorktown Center (Yorktown Space 120), Lombard. Free. (773) 369-0097. barbarasbookstores.com. Book Signing Extravaganza on June 22 in with author John Robert Wiltgen and his memoir “The Candy in My Pocket” at Barbara’s Bookstore in Yorktown Shopping Center in Lombard.

Compudopt Computer Recycling Collection: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oak Brook Public Library, 600 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook. Free. (312) 310-2674. zontadistrict6.org. On Saturday, June 22, from 10 am to -1 pm at the Oak Brook Library, Oak Brook Zonta Club and Compudopt are collecting used computers to be wiped clean and refurbished for needy families. This also keeps them out of landfills and gives a second life for young learners with no tech access.

Sunday, June 23

Eldridge Adventure Day: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Eldridge Park, 363 W. Commonwealth Lane, Elmhurst. Free. (630) 993-8900. epd.org. Join Elmhurst Park District for a nature adventure! Get ready for summer with plenty of activities that will get the family excited about the great outdoors, including a fishing derby at Eldridge Lagoon.

Rocks on the Beach — Geology in 101 in Sandals: 2-3 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook. \$5-\$10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Beachcombing for rocks along the shores of Lake Michigan serves as a study into the geologic story of the Great Lakes region. Learn how the igneous and metamorphic rocks show the movement of glaciers during the Ice Age. Join Dave Dolak for this presentation. Reservations are recommended.

30th Annual Oak Park and River Forest Garden Walk: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield, Oak Park. \$18-\$23. (708) 955-7748. gcopr.org. The Oak Park & River Forest 30th Annual Garden Walk offers a self-guided tour of eight private gardens on Sunday, June 23, 10 am to 4 pm. Advance tickets \$18 until June 22 at 5 p.m. All tickets \$23 day of the walk. Children 12 & under are free. Tickets and info are at: <https://gcopr.org/garden-walk>.

29th Annual Park Ridge Garden Walk: 12-5 p.m. Main Garden, 212 S. Fairview Ave.,

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Park Ridge. \$15-\$20. (847) 692-9202. parkridgegardenclub.org. The Park Ridge Garden Walk features six gardens, local artists and raffle baskets. Tickets are \$15, or \$20 on day of the walk (Sunday, June 23). Tickets are available at Tea Lula and Devon Avenue Meats, or the day of the walk at 212 S. Fairview Ave. Visit the website for more info, or to get tickets online.

Monday, June 24

Baby Playdate: 3-3:45 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is for ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Come socialize with other adults while playing and reading books with baby. Registration not required but recommended to receive a reminder.

Mission Math Drop-In: 2-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For grades 1-6 who need some help completing their Mission Math packets or who want to get answers checked and explained. Stop by the VolunTeen table. Mission Math packets can be taken and turned in any time during the Summer Reading Program. Drop in for one-on-one math assistance with a VolunTeen.

Reading Buddies: 2-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is for grades 1-4 to stop by to practice reading skills with a teen volunteer. Bring a favorite book or read one of ours. Spend 15 minutes one-on-one with a teen mentor reading aloud. Chat about favorite books & authors in a no-pressure environment. Register for each reading session.

English Language Class: 7-8 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Join our six-part class to learn, improve and practice your English skills with instructor Daniella Cozzi. For those 16 years & up.

Prevent Falling Injuries: 1 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Dina Kartsonas shares tips on fall prevention. She'll discuss ways to identify compromises and improve balance, stability, and strength that could make you susceptible to a fall. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Bingo Mondays: 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange. \$15. (708) 354-3300. post1941@sbcglobal.net. Bingo Monday's at the La Grange American Legion Post 1941. \$15

for 10 Games, optional Bonus Games, \$10,000 Progressive Jackpot, and Split the Pot. Bar open, Kitchen open. Doors open at 6pm. Bring your group for a fun outing.

Raining Pianos at the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association: 1-2 p.m. Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Free. Our Steinway piano has been lovingly restored and we want to share it with our community. The first drop of "Piano Rain" features Heather Peterson on June 24 in the first floor member lounge. This event will be held on the fourth Monday during the months of June, July, August and September.

Creative Playground, open creativity session: 7-9 p.m. Scamp Studios, 8221 W. Grand Ave., River Grove. \$20-\$70. (323) 972-4502. wecreateplay.com. Join our open creativity session and explore different fun ways to get creative.

Tuesday, June 25

Family Storytime: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This program is for families with children ages 7 & under. Join in for stories, songs, and fun! Registration is for all seven weeks.

Genealogy Program — Allen County Library Website & Catalog, Plus PERSI: 7-8:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Two webinars will be shown in the library: The New Genealogy Center Website and Catalog (Allen County Library) Uncover Your Family's Story Using the Periodical Source Index (PERSI)

Mid-Kids Chess Club: 2-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For all players in grades 1-6 who want to learn to play, practice playing, or improve their game in a social environment.

Backpacking Basics: 7 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Emily Kenny, who has backpacked in multiple states and countries, shares the basics you need to consider before you head out to the backcountry. Learn from her mistakes and successes while we shakedown her gear, food, and information. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Mystery Book Club — "Sprinkle with Murder": 7 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. This month's book is "Sprinkle with Murder" by Jenn McKinlay. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Tuesday Tales, Ages 0-6: 10-10:30 a.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. This program is designed for young children to attend with a caregiver. Please plan to be engaged with your child during this program. Children under age 5 must be in the immediate supervising vicinity of a caregiver at all times while at the library.

Wednesday, June 26

Open Mic at Pub 78 Hosted by Kelly Ott: 8-11 p.m. Pub 78, 3733 Grand Blvd., Brookfield. Free. (708) 255-5542. pub78.com. Open Mic at Pub 78 Hosted by Kelly Ott. House drum kit available.

Medicare 101: 7-8:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.libcal.com. Learn what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses, including Supplement and Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies. This program is offered live in-person and virtually on Zoom. Registration is required.

Campfire Tales Club — "Green Angel": 6:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Escape the ordinary with monthly discussions of science fiction, fantasy, and horror novellas. This month's book is "Green Angel" by Alice Hoffman. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Chess Club: 6 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Join our bi-weekly chess club for a few games in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere for high school aged players and older. No experience required. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Crochet Along — Sunglasses Case: 3-4:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhowerlibrary.org. Join in for a virtual crochet-along. Each Wednesday in June we will be working on a Sunglasses Case. Join us each week to share your progress on this or any other fiber-based projects you are currently working on. Access the Zoom link at eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Lilly Pulitzer Portrayal: 1 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Leslie Goddard portrays designer Lilly Pulitzer who, in the 1960s, changed fashion with her carefree shift dresses in whimsical bold patterns. Register: 708-867-2299,

eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Summer Window Cling Fling: 1 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Drop in to welcome summer in style and help us transform the Workshop's windows with DIY window clings. All ages are welcome! If your child is under age 13, plan to be present at this event. Drop-offs of children under 13 is not permitted.

Drury Lane Presents — "Ain't Misbehavin'": Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. drurylanetheatre.com. Runs June 26-Aug. 18. Stride along with the toe-tapping, finger-snapping revue that journeys through the Harlem Renaissance with the music of legend Fats Waller. The crooners of "Ain't Misbehavin'" bring soulful melodies to life, capturing the essence of an era where the joint was always jumpin'!

Summer Sounds '24 Free Concerts on the Quad: 7-9 p.m. Dominican University Quad, 7900 Division St., River Forest. Free. (708) 488-5000. dom.edu. Join us this summer for a series of FREE concerts in the Quad on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. from June 12-Aug. 14. Bring a blanket or chair, a picnic dinner and some friends and enjoy great music from a variety of local bands. See the website for full lineup schedule.

Create/Play Creativity Classes - Creative Construction: 7-8 p.m. Create/Play, 8221 W. Grand Ave., River Grove. \$20. (323) 972-4502. wecreateplay.com. At this week's Creative Construction class: Let's make catapults! You can choose from different styles and materials to make a DIY catapult. Once it's complete, we will test it to see if it works and how far your object is thrown.

Creative Journaling and Collage: 8:15 p.m. Scamp Studios, 8221 W. Grand Ave., River Grove. \$20-\$70. (323) 972-4502. wecreateplay.com. Creative journaling uses stickers, stamps, washi tape, and papercrafts in an art journal rather than just drawing or writing. This is a great way to experiment creatively, have fun, and connect with your inner child.

Creativity Connections Series: 7-8 p.m. Scamp Studios, 8221 W. Grand Ave., River Grove. \$20-\$70. (323) 972-4502. wecreateplay.com. The Creativity Connections series helps adults 18 & up to connect to their creative side, release stress and connect with others. (A different theme each week.)

Thursday, June 27

Colby T. Helms & The Virginia Creepers' FitzGerald's Nightclub Debut: 8:30 p.m.

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FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$15-\$120. Colby Helms resides in an “underground house” built by his late father. He pens the kind of raw and real country music that cuts to the bone. He says, “Sonically, I'm drawing from all of the classic Appalachian musicians. I believe a lot of the old music is too good to be lost.”

Family Night — Visit From a Beekeeper: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. A beekeeper from Lyman Woods is on-site to share how honeybees function in a colony, beekeeping basics, and how honey gets harvested. Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn. (Program is held inside in case of weather issues). Program note: Live bees are part of this program.

Genealogy Group — “Where There's a Will ...”: 1-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Sara Cochran, “The Skeleton Whisperer,” discusses how wills and probate records can be genealogical gold mines. She starts with an overview of these records, the probate process, and tips for finding and using these records. This interactive class shows ways to turn a will into a starter family tree.

LGBTQIA+ History and Milestones — A Primer: 6:30-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Learn about intersectional LGBTQIA+ history (figures and events), primarily focusing on the 19th century to present day United States. Presenter provides resources for follow-up or additional education.

Kids Write Away: 4 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2298. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. If you want to become the next famous author, come join in for a fun writing class this summer! Snack is provided at the end. The theme this month is Comics Away. Register: 708-867-2298, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Friday, June 28

Character Party — Paw Patrol: 10-10:45 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For ages 7 & under with an adult caregiver. Celebrate your favorite characters! Explore and create themed activities and crafts based on your beloved pals. Register for each week you plan to attend.

Brian Babylon at Comedy Plex: 8-10 p.m. Comedy Plex Comedy Club, 1128 N. Lake St. (Lower Level), Oak Park. \$20-\$22.69. brownpapertickets.com. Brian Babylon is

an American comedian and radio host from Chicago. There is a two-drink minimum per person. This event is for 21 & over unless accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, June 29

Saturday Night in Sidebar w/High & Lonesome: 9 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Free. fitzgeraldsnightclub.com. High & Lonesome is a Chicagoland band that embraces their '90s angst, serving unparalleled energy with a vibe that is undeniably Gen. X. If you're young, old, or in between, their sound will have you rekindle, reclaim and remember a nostalgia to invoke the angst you forgot you had!

Sunday, June 30

Pollinator Party Drop-In: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Stop by Keshav's Garden for a celebration of pollinators hosted by the Darien Garden Club and IPPL. Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and DGC experts share knowledge, give advice on planting garden habitats for pollinators and other important insects. Enjoy giveaways and kids' activities.

Crafting Fictional Worlds with Trevor Mueller: 2 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Whether it's a science fiction/fantasy setting or a real-life location, comic writer Trevor Mueller suggests how to make your world come to life without losing the reader. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Monday, July 1

Summer Reading Halfway Prize Day: 12-8:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhowerlibrary.org. Our Summer Reading Challenge is halfway over but there's still time to earn some great prizes! Any kid, teen, or adult who signs up to participate today, or who is already signed up, can play a game to win tickets to our Pop Up Book Shop!

Tuesday, July 2

WDCB's Big Bluesday Tuesday — host Tom Marker feat. Cesar Rosas (of Los Lobos): 5:30 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$32-\$750. Host Tom Marker features Cesar Rosas with special guests Omar Coleman & Brian Lupo and Sheryl Youngblood. Cesar Rosas is a founding member of the iconic band Los Lobos. This is a FitzGerald's “Campus Concert” — a ticketed outdoor show.

Have an event to submit? Please go to chicagotribune.com/thingstodo.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Peppermint and ginger are just a few natural remedies for IBS

By Joe Graedon, M.S.
and Teresa Graedon,
Ph.D.

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Q: I have been suffering with irritable bowel syndrome for a few years. Now I've got a product that works wonders for me. It's all-natural and contains peppermint, fennel and ginger. Others might like to know.

A: Thank you for the tip. All of these herbs have a reputation for easing digestive discomfort.

There is also recent research supporting their use. For example, a review of Mediterranean herbs suggests that ginger, lavender, turmeric, calendula, thyme, rosemary and blueberry all have the potential to help digestive disorders (Open Life Sciences, April 18, 2024). A Japanese study showed that enteric-coated peppermint oil relieves symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (Biopsychosocial Medicine, Feb. 8, 2024). A group of French and Swiss primary care physicians polled over 1,000 patients about their use of home remedies and found that 80% of them consider fennel tea helpful for stomachache (Family Practice, April 13, 2023).

Q: I read that SLS could cause canker sores. I have found a toothpaste without SLS called Squigle. I tried it and love it. Since I began using it, I've not had a single canker sore.

Like toothpaste, shampoo often contains SLS. I used to have a lot of what my mother would call "creeping crud" on my scalp. Nothing helped; anti-dandruff shampoos worked but only if I used them frequently. Using no-SLS shampoos has gotten rid of the crud.



Recent research suggests that peppermint, ginger or fennel can help to soothe digestive disorders. **DREAMSTIME**

A: We checked the ingredients of Squigle. It is indeed free of sodium lauryl sulfate, or SLS. In fact, it contains 36% xylitol, a natural sugar from birch trees that combats bacteria that form plaque on teeth.

SLS is a surfactant. That means that it is a foaming agent, commonly found in body care products like shampoos. The detergent action may be irritating to the skin. That's probably why some people report canker sores after using toothpaste with SLS (Dermatitis, September-October 2021). Other people may experience scalp irritation upon exposure to SLS in shampoos.

Q: Years ago, my doctor prescribed 800 milligrams of ibuprofen three times a day. I was waiting for spinal laminectomy surgery due to a herniated disk.

My stomach began to ache, and I was worried about developing an ulcer. This may sound crazy, but I noticed the GI irritation was always less when I took ibuprofen with hot coffee.

Is it possible that taking pills with a hot drink reduces damage to the GI tract and assists with dissolving and absorption? If I think of simple things such as washing

dishes, it is harder and takes longer if the water is cold.

A: You raise a fascinating question that has not been well studied. Does beverage temperature impact drug absorption?

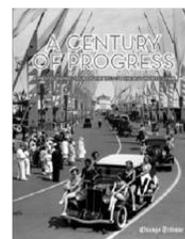
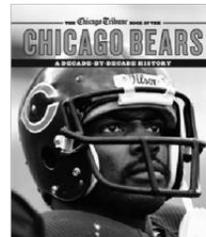
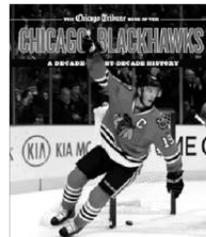
A small study of acetaminophen (Tylenol) demonstrated that a hot drink resulted in faster and greater drug absorption (Pharmaceutical Research, August 2014). Lab tests showed tablets disintegrated almost three times faster in warm liquids than in cool ones (European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Aug. 1, 2020).

The caffeine in your coffee also might have an effect. Caffeine can increase pain relief from NSAIDs such as ibuprofen (Pharmaceuticals, May 11, 2023). An objective review from the Cochrane Collaboration concluded that "taking a single 200-milligram ibuprofen tablet with a cup of modestly strong coffee or caffeine tablets" could provide good pain relief at lower doses of ibuprofen (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, July 14, 2015).

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Lincolnshire 5-bedroom house with finished basement, 4-car garage: \$2.3M

Address: 301 Briarwood Lane, Lincolnshire

Price: \$2,290,000

This five-bedroom, 5½-bathroom home is newly constructed and features first-floor 10-foot ceilings and a kitchen with an island and Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances. The kitchen opens to a family room with a fireplace. The first floor has a formal dining room, a butler’s pantry and an office or library that can be used as a bedroom. The primary suite has a spa-like bath, multiple closets and a sitting area. The second floor has three additional bedrooms with vaulted ceilings, a loft and an office. The finished basement also features 10-foot ceilings. The house has a four-car garage and sits on a 0.55 acre property with nearby ponds and a walking path.

Agent: Allison Silver and Janet Borden, Compass, 847-780-7390



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