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DNC committee meets \$85M goal

With fundraising obligation secured, host group is aiming to raise millions more for August event

By Dan Petrella
Chicago Tribune

Less than two months before national Democrats gather in Chicago for their convention, the local host committee has secured the financial commitments neces-

sary to meet its nearly \$85 million fundraising obligation, a source close to the committee familiar with the effort told the Tribune.

The Chicago host committee for the Democratic National Convention already has “the vast majority” of those commitments in hand,

said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private fundraising effort.

A more complete financial picture won’t be publicly available until after the Aug. 19-22 convention, when the host committee, officially named Development Now for Chicago, will be required to disclose details of its contributions and expenditures in federal tax and campaign finance filings.

Still, interviews and public records show corporations, labor unions and Democratic political organizations have opened their checkbooks to help the Chicago DNC committee raise the money needed for what could be one of the most expensive political conventions in history.

“We are grateful for the broad coalition of partners coming together to support the city and

this historic convention,” host committee spokeswoman Natalie Edelstein said. “This August we have an opportunity to show the world all that Chicago has to offer and look forward to hosting an unforgettable event that leaves our city stronger and solidifies our position as a premier event destination.”

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3% gas tax hike, tweak to licenses take effect

Noncitizens can now receive standard Illinois driver’s documentation

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Beginning Monday, motorists who are not U.S. citizens will be able to acquire a standard Illinois driver’s license as the result of a law meant to alleviate a stigma for immigrants in their interactions with law enforcement and expand their abilities to seek consumer services.

In addition, an annual state gas tax hike tied to inflation kicks in, bringing the levy to 47 cents a gallon while the diesel fuel tax climbs to about 55 cents a gallon. The roughly 3% increases over last year are part of a 2019 measure that doubled the gas tax to help pay for Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois construction program.

The state’s decision to grant standard driver’s licenses to noncitizens comes as Illinois takes an increasingly progressive stance toward immigration, an issue that has divided the nation and become a major flashpoint as migrants crossing the southern border have been shipped to Chicago by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Pritzker signed the driver’s license measure into law shortly after it passed through the Democratic-led General Assembly during the 2023 spring legislative session. It puts Illinois in line with states like California, New York, New Jersey and Oregon that have similar laws.

Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias said the law promotes “equality and fairness” for motorists but also believes it’s “an unequivocal no-brainer” for other reasons.

“It’s critically important and it comes down to safer roads, safer roads, safer roads,” Giannoulias said in an interview. “Let’s make sure that they have a driver’s license, they pass a road (test), an eye exam and learn the Rules of the Road.”

Giannoulias’ office points to a Stanford University study from 2017 that showed no negative

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Season of change for Chicago sports teams

With the Bulls, Blackhawks and Bears all retooling, the White Sox piling up losses and the Cubs sputtering as the trade deadline approaches, wholesale changes could be in store for Chicago’s major sports franchises this summer. **Chicago Sports**

Chicago-area native a budding pop star

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Spectators cheer during the 53rd annual Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The power of Pride

Thousands turn out for festivities with friends, family in downsized parade

By Nell Salzman and Molly Morrow | Chicago Tribune

Ki Brown, 25, and Ky Ferba, 23, said they became friends in high school because they were both masculine-presenting and openly gay.

“At the time, there wasn’t a lot of other people like that in school,” said Brown.

Ferba was a freshman and Brown was a junior when they found out that gay marriage was legal. Now Brown is married and Ferba is dating Brown’s sister.

As they stood on North Broadway and waited for Sunday’s Pride Parade to start, they joined thousands of others who gathered to celebrate and march for LGBTQ+ rights. They said support for LGBTQ+ people has been slow but forward-moving in Illinois.

But they said they believe there is still room for progress — especially in an important presidential election year and after parade cutbacks from the mayor.

Brown and Ferba, who wore matching red and blue outfits, said they drove 40 minutes Sunday morning to get to Chicago from Ford Heights.

“We just want to be treated the same. We just want to participate and love,” Ferba said.

For Julissa Rosario, Chicago’s Pride Parade is a family affair.

Rosario, 23, has been helping with the parade since 2017. Her grandmother, Milta Fuentes, has been part of organizing the parade for more than 20 years.

“It’s kind of something in my family, that we all get together, participate in, and bring our family and friends,” she said.

The Irving Park resident was

one of the parade marshals. She arrived early to check in other parade marshals.

Before the parade began, food vendors, face painters and sellers of Pride flags and T-shirts set up to sell their wares. By 10 a.m., the crowds began to pick up, lining the street in anticipation of the parade, which stepped off at 11 a.m.

Attendees braved elbow-to-elbow crowds on the sidewalks. They cheered for hours, waving rainbow flags and swaying their hips to the music. People who lived in buildings and houses looked on from open windows.

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In Chicago’s tent cities, a ‘multitude of challenges’



Cesar Dil sits at a homeless encampment along the North Shore Channel between Bryn Mawr and Foster avenues on June 20. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Advocates say only fix for rising homelessness is permanent housing

By Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

Robert Bulanon glanced at the sky and frowned at the rain. He hurried into his home and emerged, holding an umbrella over his head, picking his way between a barbershop pole, a pair of bus seats, a wheelbarrow, a grill where another man was cooking beef stew, and other objects scattered along the embankment of the canal.

Bulanon, 52, is one of about 20 people who live in a set of makeshift shelters along the North Shore Channel between Foster and Bryn Mawr avenues on Chicago’s Northwest Side. A ladder leaned against the chain link fence, separating the river embankment from athletic fields

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Two women, names not given, tend to a kitten dropped off at their tent encampment at a rail underpass in the 3000 block of West Chicago Avenue on Tuesday in Chicago. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Tents

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at Northside College Prep, a selective enrollment high school.

By July 30, the residents will no longer be able to call the longtime encampment home. The next day, city departments are scheduled to begin clearing the tents and items, officials said, offering the group non-congregate shelter placement at a downtown hotel. Notices will go up starting the first week of July. The idea of relocating them has been talked about for years.

“They said, ‘We’re here to help; we could send you somewhere, a shelter or something,’” Bulanon recalled of his first interaction with the city.

Months after voters rejected the Bring Chicago Home referendum, which sought to raise millions for homelessness services by raising the city’s real estate transfer tax for property sales above \$1 million, Chicago is at a critical juncture on how to address its rapidly growing homeless population.

The city has historically prioritized finding housing for its homeless, many of whom reside in tent cities across its parks and under bridges. But with low affordable housing stock, depleted federal and state funding and other challenges, the city’s number of homeless is outpacing what the city can provide.

On Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that cities and states can enforce bans on homeless people sleeping outdoors, which has experts and advocates for the homeless worried that accumulating citations and criminal proceedings could raise even higher barriers to housing and stability for people who started out with no place to go.

“Essentially, anytime a person sleeps in public with anything like a blanket or a pillow, or — Justice Sotomayor noted in her dissent — maybe a rolled up sweatshirt — they seem to fall under this law, which prohibits doing that,” said Northwestern University law professor Stephanie Didwania.

In an interview with the Tribune, Sotomayor, Chicago’s chief homelessness officer, said the homeless in Chicago had nothing to fear from the ruling. The city plans to stick with its housing-first approach to getting homeless people off the streets.

“It is absolutely not our plan to focus on any type of incarceration,” she said. “We really want to ensure that our unhoused community does not find this to be a reason to be afraid of their local administration.”

Soto, who Mayor Brandon Johnson recently appointed to helm the city’s efforts to address homelessness, said the ruling would “only reinforce the work that we’ve been doing, which is increasing affordable housing units, making sure that social services are accessible, ensuring that we’re treating people that are unhoused for the most immediate needs that they may have.”

But advocates for the homeless say the only solution for homelessness is permanent housing. If that cannot be offered, then they say the homeless should be left in their makeshift shel-



Salama Bowie sits in a tent at an encampment in the northeast corner of Humboldt Park on Tuesday in Chicago. Bowie said he has stayed in a tent since the beginning of May.



A police officer patrols through a tent encampment in the northeast corner of Humboldt Park on Wednesday in Chicago.

“We can’t just go in and say ‘We’re moving you’ — we have to talk to folks and see what their needs are and bring in some professionals to help.” — Ald. Samantha Nugent, 39th

ters until it can be provided, said Doug Schenkelberg, executive director of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

“What’s needed to solve homelessness is investment in housing and services that people need to stay in (that) housing,” said Patricia Nix-Hodes, the director of the coalition’s law project.

Excluding migrants arriving from the southern border, the city’s count of homeless people in and out of shelters in January 2024 was just under 5,000 — up by about 1,000 since 2023, according to the city’s 2024 Annual Report on Homelessness. Black people, despite making up about a third of Chicago’s population overall, made up 72% of its homeless population, the report said.

Meanwhile, roughly 120,000 experience homelessness every year in the state of Illinois, according to an amicus brief Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and other organizations filed with the Supreme Court. Statewide, about 44,000 of those people are living on the street, in a shelter, in a car or in an abandoned building.

Illinois, which was the second state in the nation to guarantee particular civil liberties to the homeless with the Bill of Rights for the Homeless Act passed in 2013, had signed an amicus brief opposing the anti-camping ordinance before the Supreme Court.

Salama Bowie, 37, a homeless man living in Humboldt Park, said Chicago is “definitely kinder than some other cities” to people who sleep outside.

“In some cities, they have anti-homeless spikes, anti-homeless architecture, all sorts of other things like that,” he said.

Schenkelberg said that in the short term, it is only logical that the 25% uptick in people experiencing homelessness would eventually appear in tents and in encampments across the city in underpasses and parkland.

“When you see an increase and you have a finite number of beds, logic says that increase has to be spilling out into encampments,” he said.

Victoria Roberts lives underneath a viaduct on Chicago Avenue. She scoffed at the idea of seeking one of the city’s emergency shelter beds.

“If you ever go to a shelter, I guarantee you you’ll never go again,” she said.

But how the city can provide that housing to all of its homeless remains unknown. After the Bring Home Chicago referendum failed, Johnson pledged to fight on, saying, “Whatever we didn’t get the first time, we’ll get even more the next time.”

Shortly after, the city council approved a \$1.25 billion bond, \$625 million of which is set to be dedicated to housing, according to the city’s report on homelessness.

Ald. Samantha Nugent, 39th, whose ward contains the encampment behind Northside College Prep, is trying to balance the needs of people sleeping outside with public safety concerns. She said fires have been a particular worry for neighbors and park users.

“It just presents a danger-

ous situation for the folks that are living in these encampments as well as for the people walking, biking, driving on the bridge above,” she said. “It presents a multitude of challenges.”

“First and foremost, we want to offer these folks resources and housing,” she said. “We can’t just go in and say ‘We’re moving you’ — we have to talk to folks and see what their needs are and bring in some professionals to help.”

But, she continued, “I still have an obligation to my community to help and be responsive to their concerns, and that’s what we’re trying to do.”

Workers from the city’s Department of Family and Support Services have been visiting the encampment since mid-June to help residents find housing or shelter. The department also said it would offer shelter space at the downtown Tremont Hotel and case management services to residents for mental health and substance abuse.

On a recent drizzly afternoon, Bulanon said he’d last seen city workers about three weeks ago. He’s lived in the area on and off for a few years and has met city workers several times, beginning about two years ago after a big fire, he said. Then they disappeared for a long time, he said.

Though they’d been back recently, Bulanon remained skeptical of their offers to help.

“I said, ‘You want my name again?’” he said. “To write it down and promise to help me and then go again? You think I’m going to believe that?”

CHICAGOLAND

In Waukegan Township, residents struggling to get by

More than half aren't earning enough for basic necessities, statistics show

By Steve Sadin
Lake County News-Sun

As the cost of things like housing and food continues to increase, more than half the families in Waukegan Township — and approximately 25% of those in Lake County — are not earning enough to afford the basic necessities of life.

Though Waukegan Township stands ready to help in an emergency, workforce professionals and educators believe the solution rests with strategies to help families improve their income quicker than prices rise.

Though the federal poverty rate is \$31,200 for a family of four, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the United Way has a different standard to measure a living wage, known as Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE).

Gale Graves, the vice president of community impact for United Way of Lake

County, said a family of four needs to earn \$78,504 annually to afford basic necessities like housing, food, transportation, utilities, child care and health care.

Lake County families living below the poverty level, or earning less than the ALICE standard, can take advantage of a variety of opportunities for both parents and children to ensure a more comfortable lifestyle for them now and in the future.

Graves said the ALICE rationale takes the basic needs of a family into account. They are living above the poverty level, but not earning enough to meet basic needs all of the time. On occasion, they must make choices between food and medicine.

"These are people who are employed, but income-constrained," Graves said. "It is severe in some townships, but it is a countywide problem because of the higher cost of living in Lake County than other parts of the state."

In Waukegan Township — much of Waukegan, the northern part of North Chicago and some of southern Beach Park — 57% of families are below the ALICE level. It is 52% in Zion Township, 30% in Warren Township and 33% countywide, according to United Way data.

Of the 16 largest townships in the state with a population of 100,000 or more, Waukegan ranks 16th with 57% of its families beneath the ALICE threshold, according to United Way data. No other townships in the state have more than 100,000 people.

Naperville Township has the lowest number of families below the ALICE threshold, with 18% and Arlington Township is at 21%. Of the other older industrial townships in the Chicago area, Aurora is at 42%, Elgin 43% and Joliet 44%.

"We need to remove barriers so people can become more educated and develop skill sets to earn more," Graves said. "There needs to be a livable wage for working people. We have to increase the chances for their kids to have a better life."

Demar Harris, the assistant director of Lake County Workforce Development Board, said in an email people need to develop skill-sets to perform high-paying, in-demand jobs, preferably in growing industries. They must think long-term.

"Workforce development plays a crucial role in helping families in poverty and the unemployed by providing them with the necessary skills, resources and support to secure stable and well-paying careers," Harris said in the email.

Like Graves, Harris said access to childcare is important to people training for well-paying work. Job-seekers must not have to choose between childcare and having time to receive the necessary training. Transportation is also crucial.

"Many workforce development initiatives provide or facilitate access to affordable childcare, enabling parents to attend training programs and maintain employment," Harris said. "Providing transportation support or subsidies can help individuals commute to training programs and job locations."

Assuring children develop needed skills and training starting as early as middle school puts them in a position to not worry about falling below the poverty line or ALICE threshold. John Price, the superintendent of North Chicago School District 187, said earning a high school diploma is paramount. During his tenure, the rate has risen from around 50% to 86%.

"If you don't have a high school diploma, your chances of earning a good wage are very limited," he said.

Price said students are encouraged to start concentrating on their future well before they reach their senior year of high school. Whether the choice is between continuing their formal education after high school or starting a career, support is in place.

"We encourage them to enroll in college, enlist in the military or become employed," he said. "We expose them to all three. We have college counseling and work-study programs. Everyone takes the ASVAB," he added, referring to the military version of the SAT.

For the past few years, a group of North Chicago Community High School graduates have received Warhawk-Lancer scholarships. Price said it is a growing program where graduates receive full tuition at the College of Lake County, all fees are paid, they get a computer and a \$3,000 annual stipend to help with expenses.

When problems do arise for families or individuals, Waukegan Township Supervisor Marc Jones said emergency financial assistance is available for help with rent, utilities, medical care, transportation or funeral expenses.

"There are real needs," he said. "This is why township government is vital for the community. We provide real resources for people. It's important all people are able to live with dignity."

There is more, especially for seniors. Jones said those over 55 can get free snow removal and lawn mowing. Seniors can also get a transit card which provides a fixed amount for transportation with a taxi or a rideshare service.

Pride

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The groups with floats spanned from various religious denominations and nonprofits to sports teams and radio stations; Cook County Health, the Chicago Fire Department and Chicago Public Schools were all in attendance.

The first Pride Parade in Chicago was held in 1970, on the first anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York. The city's annual parade is the largest in the Midwest.

Last year, organizers said the parade was the largest in recent memory. But this year, Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration announced the parade would be downsized and the start time moved up to maintain safety and ensure police presence.

Johnson said the parade would be limited to 125 groups, but following push-back from the advisory council and other groups, Johnson increased the number of groups to 150, still a nearly 25% decrease from last year.

The procession took three hours, an hour and a half shorter than last year.

Kenya Nott, 33, said she was disappointed that the parade was shortened.

"I think we should be bigger. We should be gayer," she said, dancing to the music drifting from floats nearby in a mini sparkle dress, a rainbow scarf tied around her head.

Nott stood with Second City Sisters. Their umbrella organization, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, is an international group of queer and trans "nuns" that raises funds for other LGBTQ+ nonprofits and promotes safer sex and sex positivity.

Nott said she felt a serious calling to work with the organization while living in Orlando, Florida, during a 2016 mass shooting at Pulse, a gay nightclub. She was out that night and knew someone who was killed. She said she made it her mission from that point on to spread love and joy.

Nott said it was their Pride Parade debut. The group started a new Chicago house this February.

"It's like our convent in a way, but we don't do the whole vow of chastity, we do the fun stuff," she said.

This year's parade theme was "Pride is Power," said Steve Long, parade co-ordinator.

The parade grand marshals were Art Johnston and José Pepe Peña; Myles and Precious Brady-Davis; and Fortune Feimster and Jax Smith — who met at Chicago Pride in 2015, just days after the historic ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court for nationwide marriage equality.

The parade began a few blocks south of its usual starting point, at Sheridan Road and Broadway in



People cheer for parade participants from St. Peter's Episcopal Church during the 53rd annual Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday. VINCENT ALBAN/TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Tenea Townsend, from left, A. Alexander, Xavier Hayes and Eric Trost dance and cheer.

Lakeview, and proceeded south on Halsted Street, east on Belmont Avenue, south on Broadway and east on Diversey Parkway to Sheridan Road.

At least one parade participant held a rainbow Israeli flag, expressing support in light of the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Others wore shirts reading "LGBTQ+ pride is a Jewish value."

Down the street on Belmont Avenue, protesters from Behind Enemy Lines

passed out a flyer reading "Take the Palestine Vote Pledge," urging people not to vote for politicians who have voiced support for Israel in the war.

Around noon, about 15 pro-Palestinian protesters with banners temporarily blocked the parade near Broadway and Wellington Avenue.

Ahead of the 2024 presidential election, Patrick Stevenson, a 41-year-old from the northern suburbs said that Pride this year

came at an important time.

Stevenson, who has been attending the Pride Parade in Chicago since 2002, stood with a group of friends and got ready to board a float for the Boys & Girls Club. He proudly said their float this year would emphasize the importance of getting out to vote.

"Exercising the right to vote is especially critical this year," he said.

Timothy Hayes, Shaun Longoria and Chris Ashby — who called themselves "part



A Chicago police officer stands by while pro-Palestinian protesters briefly block the parade.

of the same drag family" — said they dressed up for the occasion to make others feel safe to do the same.

Hayes wore a black shirt with rainbow hearts, rainbow fringe sleeves and a sequined visor. Longoria wore a rainbow cape and a T-shirt that read: "The only choice I made was to be myself." Ashby wore a pink and white dress and knee-high white boots.

They said this year's election was complicated, but that the difference in the two parties' treatment of the LGBTQ community is paramount.

"One person supports part of our community with trans people, the other one does not," said Hayes.

Illinois is often considered an LGBTQ haven in the Midwest. Experts have said there is an increasing number of people from the LGBTQ community moving to Illinois from conservative states in search of a safer and more welcoming environment.

Despite recent proposed anti-LGBTQ legislation around the country, Gov. JB. Pritzker has long prioritized LGBTQ rights, signing two new bills Sunday in honor of Pride month: one that removes barriers to the process of changing legal gender on a birth certificate and one that requires nonprofits to publicly report boards of directors' demographic information to encourage diversity.

Portia Maxie, 33, said she wanted to spread a pro-LGBTQ message to her kids early.

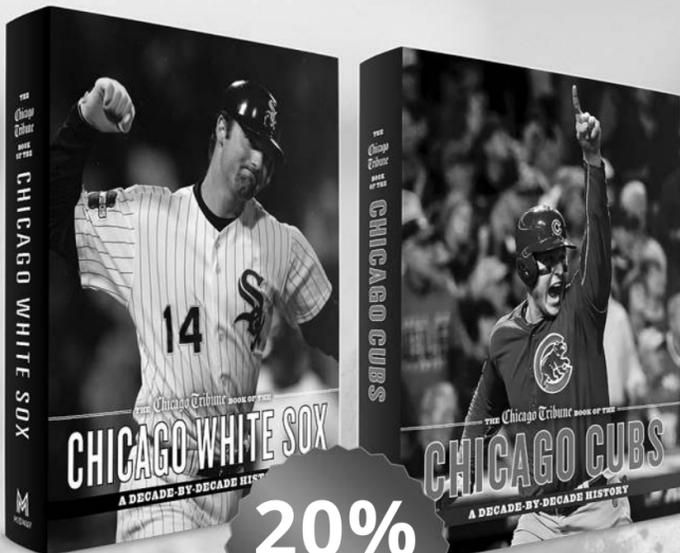
She brought nine of her 10 children to the parade. She said her second-oldest daughter came out to her at age 9. She is now 15.

"I'm her 15 biggest supporter," Maxie said.

She looked at her family, who sat under a Starbucks awning and watched the parade go by.

"I want them all to be themselves," she said. "You never know what they might come out to be."

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Naperville physician pushing brain tumor research forward

Neurosurgeon receives Northwestern Medicine endowment

By Tess Kenny
Naperville Sun

Neurosurgeon Dr. Osaama Khan loves that his field is constantly evolving.

With the brain, there's still so much to learn, the Naperville physician says. But with unresolved questions comes an inclination to innovate. In answer, cutting-edge tools materialize to push the discipline forward.

It's an opportunity to explore that Khan relishes in — and one that he is taking advantage of right here in Chicago's western suburbs.

Since the spring, Khan has been employing novel technology at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, which is enhancing the center's capability to diagnose and treat brain tumors.

The technology, officially known as the NIO Laser Imaging System, combines advanced imaging with artificial intelligence to quickly diagnose brain tumors during surgery. It allows doctors to know what they're faced with much sooner than with conventional pathology and in turn, expedite patient care, Khan said.

"It's spectacular," Khan said, noting that he's had the system functioning for about two months now. "We've had colleagues come from downtown to take a look at the imaging and they're already requesting some collaboration for some research projects."

Currently, NIO Laser Imaging is in use at eight medical centers — including Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage — across the United States, as well as a few select locations in Canada and Europe, according to Chris Freudiger, co-founder of Invenio Imaging Inc., a Santa Clara, California-based startup

that manufactures the NIO system.

Khan, director of Central DuPage Hospital's Brain and Spine Tumor Center, said his team is the first to implement the technology at Northwestern Medicine. He's been interested in getting the system up and running locally for the past few years, he said.

That was finally made possible this year with Khan being named Northwestern Medicine's Douglas L. Johnson

Endowed Chair in Neuroscience, which awarded him a three-year, \$375,000 funded grant.

Established 10 years ago, the endowment honors late Central DuPage neurosurgeon Douglas Johnson. For more than two decades, he worked at the hospital. In 2003, he was commissioned as a lieutenant commander with the Naval Reserve medical corps and was deployed to Iraq as an assistant battalion surgeon for seven months with the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines Division in 2004.

Johnson died of gastric cancer in late 2013.

Khan is the fourth recipient of the Douglas L. Johnson endowment since its launch in 2014.

In a news release, Johnson's widow, Beth, said, "This award has such meaning because it supports the dreams of my family, and it supports the dreams of other talented and excellent members of the neuroscience team at Central DuPage Hospital."

Khan said he is honored to hold this distinction.

"It's something that's not only going to help me in my personal career, but (also) help bring awareness to the community of what excellence has to provide," he said.

Khan has been with Northwestern Medicine since 2016. Born and raised

in Canada, he came to DuPage Central because it offered him a unique opportunity to lead and build out the hospital's brain tumor program, he said.

Access to NIO Laser Imaging will be a boon both clinically and in research, Khan says.

Traditionally when a patient comes in with a new brain mass, the challenge is figuring out what it is, why it's there, how long it's been there and if it needs to come out, he said.

That requires obtaining and analyzing a sample of the mass tissue, which can take time as samples are processed, stained and analyzed by a pathologist while the surgeon and patient wait, according to a 2020 blog post about the technology from the National Cancer Institute.

The conventional approach, Khan estimated, takes about 20 minutes. But with the NIO Laser Imaging System, diagnosis can be boiled down to a matter of a few minutes.

Through his eight years with Northwestern, Khan has curated a "tumor bank" that stores matter from the more than a thousand brain tumors of patients he's operated on, he said. He wants to apply the NIO Laser Imaging System to bank tissue — to see if the technology can retroactively analyze the tumors.

The idea is that if it can, the system could internalize the information it gleans from Khan's bank and be better equipped to diagnose in practice, especially for those cases involving rare tumors.

"Having this machine understand these thousands of brain tumors we have in our tumor bank is, I think, going to help make this machine smarter," he said, "and get us into areas of research that haven't been done before."

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Convention

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The Chicago preparations come amid increasing questions about President Joe Biden's fitness following his subpar performance at last week's presidential debate against presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump. Many Democrats had been viewing the convention as a celebration of Biden's renomination, but Biden's disjointed debate performance has pushed some in his own party to raise the prospect that he should be replaced on the ballot before November.

Biden and his top supporters have insisted he will not end his campaign, and it would be very difficult for Democrats to replace him unless he chooses to step aside.

Plans for the convention haven't been scaled back even after Democrats announced in late May that Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris will be nominated virtually ahead of the in-person gathering at the United Center and McCormick Place. The early nomination is necessary to ensure the Democratic ticket's place on the ballot in Ohio, where the Republican-controlled state legislature failed to move back Ohio's Aug. 7 deadline for being placed on that state's ballot. The DNC in Chicago begins 12 days later.

The host committee committed to raising the \$85 million as part of Chicago's \$30 million line of credit agreement that helped the city win its convention bid, but the group — led by prominent Democratic donor Michael Sacks, an ally and adviser to former Mayor Rahm Emanuel and prominent Democratic fundraiser who hosted a big-dollar fundraising event with Biden in April — hopes to raise as much as \$100 million to cover the full cost of the four-day convention and related events.

The committee's fundraising efforts are separate from the \$75 million in federal funding Chicago and Milwaukee, which will host the Republican National Convention later this month, each received from Congress for security-related costs, including police overtime and equipment. In the past, the federal government also provided some direct funding for both major parties' nominating conventions, but President Barack Obama signed a measure in 2014 ending that practice.

From the start of the 2024 convention push, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who was pivotal in bringing the DNC to the city, promised the committee would be able to pay for the convention without leaving taxpayers or the Democratic National Committee on the hook.

A spokeswoman declined to say how much Pritzker, a billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune who's spent freely on political campaigns and causes, intends to contribute to the convention.

"Gov. Pritzker is excited to welcome the DNC to Chicago in August and has made clear from the beginning that the convention efforts have his full support," campaign spokeswoman Christina Amestoy said.

His support has involved helping the committee raise money from donors across the country, Amestoy said. That includes fundraising stops during a trip to California earlier this year when the governor was promoting the state's film tax credits to movie studio executives.

Pritzker, an ardent supporter of 2016 Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, gave \$1.25 million to the host committee for that year's DNC in Philadelphia, making him the largest individual donor, according to the committee's disclosures to the Federal Election Commission.

Records show the governor did not contribute to the Milwaukee DNC host committee in 2020, when the convention largely went virtual amid the COVID-19 pandemic and Pritzker was engaged in a costly, ultimately unsuccessful ballot fight to institute a graduated-rate income tax in Illinois.

He did, however, make contributions totaling more than \$2.5 million that year to the Wisconsin Democratic Party, campaign finance records show.



Chicago's United Center on March 5. The Democratic National Convention is scheduled there, Aug. 19-22. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

This year, the more than a dozen corporations that have so far contributed to the DNC host committee offers few surprises. The list features prominent Chicago companies such as United Airlines, McDonald's, Archer Daniels Midland Co., CME Group, Cboe Global Markets Inc. and Peoples Gas.

By and large, officials for the companies declined to comment on the size of the contributions but portrayed the giving as a blend of hometown boosterism and nonpartisan civic engagement. Several have given to both the Chicago and Milwaukee host committees — a way of trying to stay above the fray, or playing both sides, in a fractious political environment.

"We have a long history of donating to the nonpartisan, nonprofit convention host committees when a party convention is held in our hometowns, and we're doing so in Milwaukee and Chicago this year," said Adam Collins, chief communications officer for Molson Coors.

A Chicago-based beverage giant whose portfolio includes Miller, a name almost synonymous with Milwaukee, Molson Coors is making equal contributions to each host committee, though the company declined to give a specific amount.

United is taking a similar approach.

"As Chicago's hometown airline, United is honored to engage in significant events in the city, like the Democratic National Convention at the United Center," airlines spokesperson Sam Coleman said in a statement.

"We're also supporting the Republican convention in Milwaukee because both conventions presented an opportunity for our airline to increase our schedules in support of one of our nation's oldest democratic traditions," Coleman said, declining to comment on the size of the contributions.

Use of the airline's namesake arena, which also hosted the 1996 DNC (Chicago's last major political convention), was made possible not by the company itself but by the joint venture of the Reinsdorf and Wirtz families who co-own the stadium.

City and state leaders approached the United Center in early 2022 about the possibility of hosting this year's convention, the ownership group said in a statement.

"(Chicago Bulls and White Sox chairman) Jerry Reinsdorf and (then-Blackhawks chairman) Rocky Wirtz not only supported the idea but promptly tasked the United Center senior staff to collaborate with the host committee, including the governor and (then-Mayor Lori Lightfoot), on the bid," the statement said.



Signage is displayed during a walkthrough of the Democratic National Convention on May 22 at the United Center.

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"Leveraging the United Center's experience from the successful 1996 DNC, the senior leadership team joined city and state leaders to promote Chicago in 2024." Owners agreed to shut down the stadium for more than two months for convention preparations, which began in earnest Monday, and made a "seven-figure cash contribution," along with providing "considerable in-kind support."

The cash contribution totaled \$2 million, according to a source familiar with the donation.

The Reinsdorf and Wirtz families have made political contributions to numerous city and state politicians in both parties over the years, though they've predominantly supported Democrats.

For some companies, contributing to — and participating in — political conventions offers an opportunity to advance their causes with decision-makers in both parties.

Such is the case for Chicago-based Invenergy, which is active in wind and solar energy but also natural gas.

The company, along with partners, will be the clean energy sponsor for both the DNC and RNC, said Kelly Speakes-Backman, Invenergy's executive vice president of public affairs.

In addition to supporting an important civic event in its hometown, Invenergy's presence at the DNC will allow the company to "show support for the historic policies that have been put in place to support deployment and manufacturing of clean energy,"

Speakes-Backman said, specifically naming signature Biden administration policies such as the Inflation Reduction Act, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act.

At the RNC in July, meanwhile, one of the company's partners is the American Conservation Coalition, a conservative environmental group founded in Appleton, Wisconsin.

"We ... certainly favor good energy policy over politics any day," Speakes-Backman said.

Chicago's status as a union-friendly town was a key component in its selection as DNC host, so it's no surprise organized labor is contributing to the committee.

While the full scope won't be known until fall, available public records show support pouring in from groups such as the Service Employees International Union, the United Steelworkers, the United Food & Commercial Workers, the National Association of Letter Carriers, and the American Federation of Teachers.

SEIU's political education committee, for example, gave \$875,000 in March, while the Steelworkers and UFCW each have given \$500,000, according to federal campaign finance records.

On the state level, two funds affiliated with the Laborers' International Union of North America — the LiUNA Chicago Laborers District Council and the Laborers' Political League-Great Lakes Region — each have kicked in \$1 million, Illinois campaign finances

records show.

Groups representing Democratic officials at various levels of government, from governors to mayors, also are offering their support.

The Democratic Mayors Association has contributed an undisclosed sum and also will have a presence during the convention to offer its support for Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson and other party members leading cities across the country, said Virginia Mayer, the group's executive director.

Both Johnson and Sacks were named Biden delegates by the Democratic Party of Illinois.

The Democratic Mayors Association hopes to bring a contingent of more than 100 current and former mayors to the convention, Mayer said, noting that 13 mayors are serving on three convention committees.

The party's platform committee, for example, includes Regina Romero, the mayor of Tucson, Arizona, and former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who served as Biden's infrastructure czar before transitioning to a role on the reelection campaign.

"We're excited to show off Chicago," Mayer said. "We are lifting up everything Mayor Johnson is doing."

A group of mayors also will be in Milwaukee next month to support Cavalier Johnson, the city's Democratic leader, Mayer said.

But the Democratic Mayors Association isn't giving the Milwaukee host committee any financial contribution, she said.

Licenses

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effects on road safety in changing the status of licenses for noncitizens. The study showed that when California's version of the law took effect about a decade ago, there was no change in the rate of total accidents, including fatal crashes, and hit-and-run accidents decreased by as much as 10% in 2015 compared with 2014.

Immigrant advocates have been trying to get Illinois to allow noncitizens to acquire some form of driver's licenses since at least 2007, when then-state Rep. Eddie

Acevedo, a Chicago Democrat, sponsored a bill to give special driving certificates to immigrants without citizenship. The proposal narrowly passed in the House in a 60-56 vote but ultimately failed to get through the Senate.

In 2013, the General Assembly passed a measure that was later signed into law by then-Gov. Pat Quinn to grant Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses to noncitizens living in Illinois. According to the secretary of state's office, Illinois was one of the first states to begin issuing TVDLs.

Since then, the office said, more than 300,000 TVDLs have been issued. But unlike the regular driv-

er's licenses, TVDLs can't be used for routine tasks such as signing an apartment lease or picking up medication from a pharmacy, the secretary of state's office has said.

At an event at Chicago's National Museum of Mexican Art celebrating the passage of the new driver's license law in 2023, state Sen. Ram Villivalam, a Chicago Democrat, said the measure would have "a real world, real life impact" for noncitizens who aren't able to use their ID to get a prescription at a pharmacy or have access to other essential services.

Giannoulis at the same event said that TVDLs "have become the scarlet letter of someone's immi-

gration status and sadly exposes them to discrimination."

"We wanted to make sure that this time around we could eliminate that discrimination," state Rep. Barbara Hernandez, a Democrat from Aurora who was the main sponsor of the new measure in the House, said in a recent interview. "It's something that I know a lot of families are looking forward to. They're very excited for this because they're tired of being targeted in many establishments."

Under the new law, applicants must follow the same process required for a TVDL. People eligible for a regular driver's license must have lived in Illinois for more

than a year and be able to show a passport or a consular card, proof of residency and proof of insurance, the secretary of state's office said.

The law would also prohibit the use of driver's license data for immigration enforcement purposes, and immigration agents must provide a court-issued warrant, order or subpoena to request the personally identifying information.

Giannoulis' office said it has also implemented additional safeguards to ensure that noncitizen immigrant drivers cannot obtain a REAL ID or be added to Illinois' voting rolls.

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Our state treasurer, Biden, Trump have something in common

They like to take credit for market booms

Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs evidently just couldn't resist. On June 20, he published a news release touting a record \$130 million in earnings for the state's investment portfolio during May. That's a great return for a single month, and Frerichs' efforts to take credit settle a nagging question.

If Illinois loses a hundred million bucks or more during the next big downturn, everyone will know exactly whom to blame: Mike Frerichs, it's on you, at least if we follow the logic of your publicity machine.

Of course, reality differs from spin. Frerichs' news release omitted the fact that his record gain in May came during a phenomenal run for U.S. financial markets, which have become the envy of the world, based on absolutely nothing to do with Frerichs.

U.S. stocks and bonds weathered the pandemic much better than those of other wealthy nations. Since mid-2020, as U.S. performance rebounded from the initial shock of COVID-19, money has poured in from foreign investors who consider America's prospects a lot better than those of their home countries.

A resilient economy, strong corporate earnings, moderating interest rates, soaring home values and a boom in artificial intelligence and the green economy have added up to the best first half in an election year since 1976. But unsustainable budget deficits and a strong dollar pose risks, as does the persistence of inflation, weaker-than-expected consumer confidence and sluggish growth in the economies of U.S. trading partners.

If there's one lesson that Frerichs and every other investor should remember, it's that markets always come back to earth eventually.

In Thursday's debate between a doddering President Joe Biden and a ranting ex-President Donald Trump, the candidates voiced very different takes on the economy and markets. Trump took credit for ceding to Biden "a country where the stock market was higher than pre-COVID," while Biden countered that the economy he inherited "was in



Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs greets lawmakers before Gov. J.B. Pritzker delivered his State of the State and budget address in front of the General Assembly at the Illinois Capitol on Feb. 21. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

free fall," going on to suggest he corrected it.

U.S. presidents have the capacity to influence the economy and financial markets to some extent — less than the Federal Reserve, but more than Frerichs, anyway. Still, that influence is mostly felt on the margins, in response to an administration's priorities on taxation, deficit spending and other broad policies that play out over time.

Even so, Trump has regularly tried to take credit even when the facts dictate blame. After being thrown out of office, he spent a couple of years predicting doom for the U.S. economy and markets. When that didn't work out as he selfishly hoped, Trump tried taking credit for the strong performance under Biden. "This is the Trump stock market,"

he proclaimed earlier this year, following up with the prediction from his out-of-order crystal ball that if Biden is reelected on Nov. 5, the stock market will "crash."

Biden, who has seen plenty of big-mouth politicians come and go, long avoided touting financial market gains. In the early years of his presidency, he emphasized the contrast with Trump's approach. "I don't look at the stock market as a means by which to judge the economy like my predecessor did," he said in 2021.

With a close election looming, Biden has changed his tune on the campaign trail, noting that the stock market "has hit record after record on my watch." That's true, but it also opens him up to responsibility for any record declines.

As it stands, the financial

market's balance between fear and greed strongly favors greed. In fact, the so-called "fear index" traded at Chicago's Cboe Global Markets — which is based on volatility — has mostly remained at low levels of fear for years now. That could change, of course, and as the incumbent, Biden has more to lose if fear takes over. His fading reelection hopes may well depend on a continued benign environment. An October surprise could sink him.

Frerichs, too, has reason to hope for a continued upswing in the markets. In 2021, when the bull market revved up, he published a news release touting how he had produced \$1 billion in investment earnings since taking office in 2015. "Making smart and sound investments may not be glamorous, but it is what

we do every day," he modestly explained.

At the same time, Frerichs also took credit for reforms that enabled him to make bets with state money that were indeed smarter, such as putting part of its ultraconservative portfolio into highly rated corporate bonds. That commonsense step wasn't previously allowed, at least partly because politicians feared the public's wrath if the markets went south, producing big losses.

We have no problem with the treasurer increasing investment risk prudently in search of better returns for Illinois taxpayers. But better to note these results without self-congratulations. Otherwise, Frerichs should be prepared to take the blame if and when the market sours. Just like whoever gets elected president on Nov. 5.

ABOUT BIRD FLU

Four years after the COVID-19 virus swept across the nation, another pathogen is gaining traction. And while a highly contagious and stubborn avian influenza (designated H5N1) isn't an immediate risk to people, it's time to step up defenses to guard against an outbreak that could threaten our food supply.

Thankfully, some of those measures are in place, and state officials are monitoring the situation. ... But the spread of this disease and a failure, so far, to contain it is alarming and bears close attention in the coming months. ...

Primarily affecting birds (which is why it's commonly called "bird flu"), it has spread to other animals, putting animals raised for human consumption, including chickens and cows, at risk. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed infections in 121 herds of cattle in 12 states, including 58 herds in eight states in the last 30 days. ...

Infected poultry must be destroyed and that's taken a toll on chicken and egg supplies, driving up prices for both. ...

Despite the rampant spread and the potential threat to food supplies, federal officials have been slow to respond. In echoes of the COVID pandemic, there hasn't been sufficient testing of livestock, so data is slow in coming and provides an inaccurate snapshot of the situation. Outreach to farm workers has also been sluggish. ...

Again, the risk to humans from this virus isn't great — so far. Only four people are known to have contracted the virus since 2020, but the fact that it can sicken people is cause for some alarm. ...

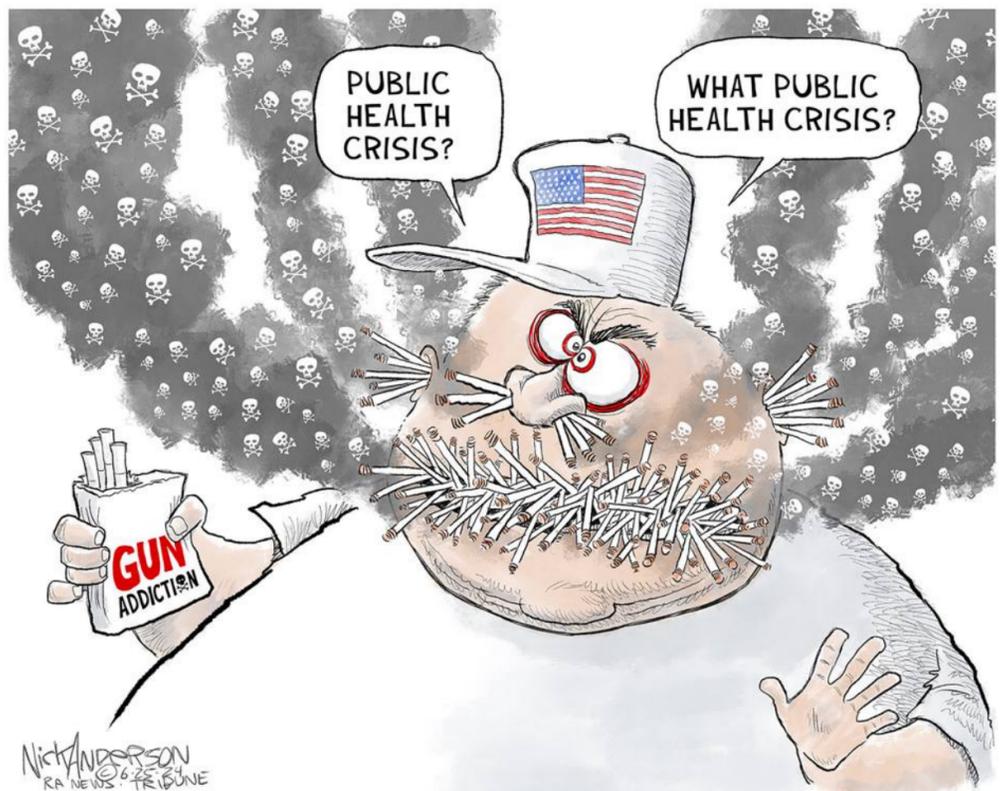
Those who work with livestock are at the greatest risk, though the USDA recommends not consuming raw milk (the purchase and selling of which is illegal in Virginia) and fully cooking ground beef and eggs. ...

Federal and state officials are acting cautiously, urging health professionals to order H5N1 tests when warranted and urging farmers to enact stricter biosecurity measures, such as quarantining new livestock for at least 21 days. ...

But the fear is these strategies lack the urgency needed to keep the outbreak from spiraling.

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OPINION



The Chicago High School for the Arts is seen on May 1, 2019. ChiArts students come from all 50 wards in Chicago. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CPS funding cuts threaten my innovative arts high school

By Tina Boyer Brown

The Chicago High School for the Arts, or ChiArts, thrives in the Humboldt Park neighborhood. ChiArts' Class of 2024 graduates face bright futures. They will study engineering, sculpture, sociology, jazz, premed, poetry and more. This range of opportunity exists only because the students who attend ChiArts have access to a robust academic and arts education.

Recent changes in Chicago Public Schools' funding model threaten the continued success of one of CPS' brightest lights. ChiArts, founded in 2009 by a group of civic leaders and philanthropists committed to increasing diversity in the arts and offering access to high-quality arts education for promising students from across the city, was Chicago's first public arts high school. Each year, ChiArts offers about 600 "scholar-artists" a unique combination of regular academic classes funded by CPS and an intensive program of study and performance in one of five arts conservatories — visual art, theater, music,

creative writing and dance — taught by professional artists and funded by private donors. ChiArts is entirely tuition-free.

Attending ChiArts requires discipline and commitment from students and their families. The school day runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extra class and performance opportunities after school. ChiArts students come from all 50 wards, many traveling long distances. The school is also the only one of its kind in the country that actively recruits students with little or no previous arts training; about half of all attendees enter as novice artists.

Under the new CPS funding formula, 93% of traditional district-run schools are poised to see an increase in per-pupil funding, and 90% expect a rise in overall funding. However, many nontraditional schools, including ChiArts, are anticipating significant reductions in overall funding. The current CPS funding allocation for ChiArts academic programs in the coming school year is more than \$500,000 less, or 7% lower, than our funding for the school year that just ended. ChiArts will be forced

to make substantial staff cuts.

Students audition for the school with the knowledge they will receive a well-rounded and balanced education. ChiArts students and all of Chicago's children deserve an education that lays a strong foundation for whichever college or career they choose.

This disparity in funding is unfair and arbitrary — there is no justification for penalizing students in successful schools simply because the schools are structured differently. ChiArts is committed to maintaining high academic standards and providing comprehensive educational experiences. The proposed cuts threaten the quality of the academic programming ChiArts students need and deserve.

We recognize that CPS faces massive financial and other challenges, and we understand that the new allocation process was intended to increase equity and access to high-quality programming across the district. But the new funding formula should not and need not threaten a school like ChiArts, whose very

mission is increased equity and access and which provides opportunities to aspiring artists who wouldn't have them elsewhere.

Art is not magic. The best art just makes you think it's magic. But the words, notes, pictures and ideas that seem to fly so freely from the fingertips to the viewer or listener are the results of thousands of hours of rigorous instruction and practice of the scholar-artists, academic teachers and the working Chicago artists who teach at ChiArts. They should not be made collateral damage for a system or an ideology.

Chicago is widely known as a world-class center for arts and culture, and graduates of The Chicago High School for the Arts are increasingly contributing to the richness, vitality and diversity of the city's vibrant arts sector.

CPS should treat ChiArts as the asset it is and ensure continued support for the school's critical mission.

Tina Boyer Brown is executive director at The Chicago High School for the Arts, otherwise known as ChiArts.

Biden's student debt relief is another blow to meritocracy

By Jennifer Schwab

The unilateral decision by President Joe Biden's administration to forgive student loan debt may help win the presidential election come November, but it's at a steep cost to the rest of us. The half-baked loan forgiveness program is driving a culture of student borrower irresponsibility in which debt repayment is considered optional.

Our students are worse off for it. Forgiving student loan debt was one of Biden's biggest 2020 campaign promises. The practicalities of the program weren't needed. The promise of free money was enough. Young people, in turn, voted for Biden in droves; he decisively won the demographic of voters younger than 44.

Over the course of his presidency, Biden tried a number of times — and through a number of different pathways — to make good on his promise. Initially, the White House released a plan that granted roughly 43 million people the ability to get up to \$20,000 of student debt forgiven. Ensuing legal challenges in the Supreme Court quashed that program, but the White House continued to wedge its way toward its objectives.

Thus far, the Biden administration has erased more than \$144 billion in student loan debt, leveraging various programs and systems to end-run Congress and the courts — both of whom have signaled their disapproval of the forgiveness programs.

For the borrowers, the prospect of free money has been welcome. However, the reality of student loan forgiveness is much more nuanced, complicated and detrimental to American meritocracy, a core tenet upon which the nation was built. The

White House's piecemeal plan to wipe out student loan debt is creating a dynamic that sends the wrong message about personal accountability and fiscal responsibility — setting students up for failures that will be more painful than writing a monthly loan repayment check.

It is a dynamic I have seen up close and personally: Some students coming through the upskilling programs I have run for eight years struggle to connect their consumption of educational services with an obligation to actually pay for them. Student loans aren't looked upon as an educational funding tool, but rather as a blank check that students can use to fund their lifestyles.

For taxpayers, as well as business owners like me, student loan forgiveness hasn't been the panacea it has been for students — in fact, it's been quite the opposite. In addition to vaporizing taxpayer money, the debt forgiveness jubilee is making it harder to collect money still owed for educational services. Students that take on the most debt no longer believe they need to pay for curriculum-based programs, regardless of their quality.

There can be a place for circumstances and programs that offer debt forgiveness or tuition guarantees. The U.S. military has successfully used programs such as the GI Bill to offer veterans a pathway to career success that may not otherwise be available to them. This is earned through service to our country — the operative word being "earned."

Unlike the GI Bill or ROTC scholarships, the current student loan forgiveness program rewards without discretion. It is creating a system of misaligned incentives



President Joe Biden talks about student debt in Madison, Wisconsin, on April 8. Two federal judges in Kansas and Missouri temporarily blocked pieces of the Biden administration's new student loan repayment plan on June 24, in rulings that will have implications for millions of federal borrowers.

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— one that in no way ties academic success to the promise of loan forgiveness.

The messaging is dire for taxpayers and those who paid their loans: Borrow whatever you would like, and the government and taxpayers will pick up the tab.

Wouldn't it be a better idea if the government was, in some way, making sure that those receiving loan forgiveness were those who put the loan to its best use? Imagine if each loan forgiveness case was evaluated by criteria such as: How did the student perform in class? Did this student attend classes regularly? Did this student make a sincere attempt to pay back even

part of the loan? Did this student graduate and genuinely seek employment? Did the student secure a job in their field of study?

An accountability rubric would set clear expectations for the student and school alike. It would also establish a sense of urgency and fiscal responsibility among borrowers, not to mention drive employment outcomes.

This algorithm shouldn't just be for students, either. Colleges and universities that are charging egregious tuition fees and costs should face the same music. Requiring greater transparency from higher education institutions would not only give students a better understanding of what they're paying for, but would also push the schools to delineate funds to educational services that have the highest impact for the students — services that prepare them for the 21st century workforce.

Before the federal government categorically waives student debt, taxpayers should demand an accountability rubric on a per-student basis that justifies having their debt canceled.

The current system is not financially sustainable, nor does it send the right message about pursuing the American dream. We need a standardized rubric that gauges whether students qualify for student loan forgiveness — and, if so, how much. This system would drive bidirectional accountability, both for the student and the education provider. It would also help taxpayers sleep better at night while Biden is writing checks on their behalf.

Jennifer Schwab is founder and CEO of ENTITY Academy, an upskilling and workforce development platform.

OPINION

Women of color in politics are perennial targets



Laura Washington

In politics, women of color are in jeopardy.

A Flossmoor man has been charged in Cook County Circuit Court with assaulting Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, allegedly by throwing a liquid in her face and driving his truck toward her as she was walking near her home. Foxx "was forced to step off of the road onto the parkway grass due to her fear of being struck," according to court documents.

On June 21, from the driver's seat of his truck, William Swetz "tossed a brown liquid substance from a drink cup onto the face of the victim," reported the Chicago Sun-Times, citing the Flossmoor police.

Swetz, 34, allegedly put the truck in reverse and "accelerated towards the victim." Swetz was charged with aggravated assault and aggravated battery. He was released from custody and ordered to have no contact with Foxx. Swetz was hauled back into court a few days later after he was allegedly seen driving past Foxx's home, according to news reports. A judge ordered him to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet.

Foxx is no stranger to this kind of abuse. She is a prominent and powerful Black woman.

These harsh political times have given the haters permission to target us. For them, racism, sexism and misogyny are the coin of the realm. Foxx is not alone. During her years as Chicago mayor, Lori Lightfoot endured verbal abuse, threats and worse.

In early 2022, Joseph Igartua was charged with three felony counts of stalking Lightfoot and another for reckless discharge of a firearm. Igartua, 37, drove past Lightfoot's Logan



Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx appears before a news conference on May 3. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Square home 15 times over a month, the Chicago Tribune reported. At times, he circled her block.

Igartua reportedly approached Lightfoot's home with a gun but was stopped by the mayor's security. Lightfoot, her wife and her daughter were home at the time. "It's been terrifying," WLS-Ch. 7 quoted her as saying.

Another time, he fired five shots down an alley, not far from her home.

Igartua was angry about receiving traffic tickets, according to news reports. The felony stalking charges were later dropped, but Igartua was found guilty of reckless discharge of a firearm in the case and sentenced to 18 months of probation.

Women of color are frequent targets in politics, no doubt inspired by the caustic rhetoric of former President Donald Trump and his allies, who have made such attacks their modus operandi.

They speak to people who feel threatened by the browning of American society and the nation's recent,

while halting, embrace of racial reconciliation and equity. For them, the political strategy is to demean, threaten and traumatize women of color. If they can denigrate us, they can diminish what we stand for.

Foxx, Lightfoot and other influential politicians, such as Vice President Kamala Harris, members of Congress such as Maxine Waters of California and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, and former first lady Michelle Obama, have been subjected to racist and misogynistic vitriol. The more these women speak up for the marginalized and oppressed, the more they are attacked and reviled.

As a Black female columnist, I am treated to a regular stream of hate mail in response to my commentaries from readers in Chicago and around the nation. All men. Their missives fling insults, profanity and threats. They attack my race and gender, even when I am not writing about those issues.

This dangerous attitude is becoming dangerously common. For high-pro-

file political leaders such as Foxx and Lightfoot, the verbal assaults have gone far beyond name-calling on social media platforms. Now, those who would threaten these women are showing up at their doors, accosting them on the street.

In the Foxx assault, there is no public information about Swetz's motivation. I can guess. During her two terms in office, Foxx has been excoriated for her advocacy of criminal justice reforms, including restorative justice and the end of cash bail. According to critics on the political right, she is "soft on crime" and coddles criminals.

Foxx has made mistakes. She is not the first politician to do so, and she won't be the last. Just ask the long line of those elected officials who have ended up behind bars.

There is former Ald. Ed Burke, the erstwhile political powerhouse who just received a two-year prison term for a federal conviction on 13 counts of racketeering, extortion and bribery. There is a slew of aldermen, legislators and governors who have preceded him. Burke is the 10th alderman to be sentenced to prison since 2006, according to Block Club Chicago.

Foxx isn't going there. As she leaves office at the end of her term, she will depart as a dedicated public servant who has contributed mightily to criminal justice reform in Cook County. She has been hailed by progressives nationwide for her major contributions toward a more equitable system. Foxx does not deserve this.

Thanks to President Joe Biden's poor performance at Thursday's debate, Kamala Harris, the most powerful and prominent Black woman in America, is coming to the forefront.

This is waiting for her.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Democrats need an exit plan

Somewhere within the Democratic Party, beyond the partisan factions, there exists a serious brain trust whose overriding concern is the well-being of America. Or so we can only hope.

Such a coterie would have a myriad of tasks before it. First, it would have to determine the viability of a Joe Biden campaign in the wake of his disastrous debate performance. It would be nice if there were a way to salvage it, to allow a decent man to complete his task of bringing the country ever closer to its ideal. At this point, I can't imagine what sort of news conference, town hall or special address to the nation would achieve that.

So, the covert task force would have to present an exit plan to the president. Imagine the ego in the DNA of anybody thinking, "Yes, I'm the best choice for most powerful leader on the planet." It would be an especially uncomfortable conversation in that Biden wouldn't be challenged for corruption or incompetence. There is, however, a difference between capacity to govern and ability to convince the nation that you can.

President Lyndon Johnson provides an applicable precedent. In March 1968, he famously stated, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president." He did so to convince the North Vietnamese that his peace initiatives were sincere and untainted by politics.

Biden's biggest strengths would shine as he spoke directly to the camera. His patriotism. His empathy. He would pledge his continued dedication to national and international policy. He would also commit to doing anything in his power to ensure the success of his would-be successor. His legacy could be skyrocketed.

The whole Democratic Party would have to convey an all-hands-on-deck solidarity. The message would be that Donald Trump is an existential threat to our existing way of life. Policy is

arguable; Trump's corruption is not.

Johnson's sacrifice failed to secure victory for his party. We can only pray that our contemporary scenario would turn out differently.

— Art Collins, Aurora

Biden is not up to the task

Thursday's presidential debate was a gift to Democrats. It presented the harsh reality, in no uncertain terms, that Joe Biden is not up to the task of carrying on as president for a second term. The Democratic National Committee has an obligation to accept this reality, proceed accordingly and nominate a candidate who can completely fulfill the responsibilities of that role.

This obligation is owed to Democrats and Republicans who find a narcissistic, self-serving, pathological liar, and who also happens to be a convicted felon and the initiator of an insurrection against our country, as unfit for the role of president.

— Maureen McCarthy, Deerfield

Don't let Trump off the hook

So now will the Tribune Editorial Board publish an editorial on just why "Donald Trump being Trump" is bad for our country?

Let's not gloss over Trump's characteristics and behavior with a ho-hum attitude.

— Janice A. Hiley, Rolling Prairie, Indiana

US needs tough decisions

During the presidential debate, President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump criticized each other over their stewardship of the economy, but neither offered any solutions to address the International Monetary Fund's claim that American budget deficits are out of line with fiscal stability.

What the IMF asserts is pretty

obvious, given that we have a debt that is more than \$30 trillion and a deficit that some estimate will be more than 6% of gross domestic product in 2025, possibly leading to more inflation.

Both candidates need to level with the American people since this cannot go on indefinitely. You either have to increase taxes or reduce entitlements, something candidates shy away from since Americans are reluctant to favor proposals that will adversely affect their lives.

Businesses and farmers enjoy their subsidies; aid is continuing to Ukraine, Taiwan and Israel; and student debt forgiveness will only add to the deficit. And with an aging population, Social Security and Medicare costs will continue to increase.

Tough decisions need to be made, and continuing to kick the economic can down the road will only exacerbate the problem.

— Larry Vigon, Chicago

Avoid mistake RBG made

President Joe Biden will tarnish his legacy, like the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg did, by not stepping down while knowing he is no longer at the top of his game.

While I would never vote for a lying shyster and convicted felon, Biden's debate performance gave undecided voters a reason to do just that. It is very late to change the Democratic candidate for president, but better to try than to give Donald Trump any more of an edge in November.

— Joy Orlovsky, Northbrook

We need a younger candidate

Octogenarians understand how aging carefully follows the second law of thermodynamics: Everything worsens with time. In humans, it's hearing, vision, cognition, ambulation and more.

Joe Biden has been an excellent president under trying times. Thank you from my heart to Biden for his successes, but now is the time for him to leave on a high note.

I believe we need a younger candidate to excite younger voters. Our country will not easily survive four more years of chaos

if Biden's opponent is elected.

— Michael Ellman, age 85, Wilmette

Griffin's donation will help

I was so heartened to learn about Ken Griffin's generous donation to Northwestern Medicine to advance research and treatment for esophageal disorders.

In 2004, my husband, Patrick J. Keleher Jr., was diagnosed with Stage 4 esophageal cancer. When we could find no help at any of Chicago's major medical centers, we went to the Cleveland Clinic for treatment, excruciating surgeries and all the rest — resulting in our having four more blessed years.

Griffin's generosity comes too late for us but undoubtedly will result in effective and less invasive treatments for all esophageal diseases.

— Joan F. Keleher, Wilmette

Heroes on Supreme Court

Having just read the op-ed "It's hard to find heroes on today's Supreme Court" (June 26), I feel compelled to respond to Christine Ledbetter's very myopic opinion.

On the contrary, many of us who support the "right to life" movement have several heroes on today's Supreme Court. Ledbetter is looking at abortion through her lens of personal experience. She sides with those who support her cause. That being the case, I look at abortion through my personal experience as a registered nurse. Many years ago I saw a late-term abortion, and it was a horrific experience.

Further, Ledbetter questions a number of justices appointed by Donald Trump when he was president because of his history, and yet she seems to worship the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg while ignoring the fact that Ginsburg was appointed by President Bill Clinton of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

I guess it comes down to who is doing the looking for a hero on the current Supreme Court. There are many of us who have absolutely no issue finding

several heroes!

— Lin Schuessler, Lombard

Summation is on the mark

What a moving, outstanding and frightening op-ed composed by Christine Ledbetter. Such an on-the-mark summation of the antics and state of our Supreme Court. We all have been made aware of the incidents she noted, and yet, here we are.

It's absolutely frightening to see some justices on the highest court in the land be so unethical and part of political shenanigans. Right next to our legislative branch, which lost its way many years ago and operates without ethics, common sense, desire or interest in doing what's best for our country. Self-serving greed, end of story.

Another level of frightening, if there can be one, is: How do we stop this? The laws, policies, procedures and actions that could do so would be in the hands of those responsible for us being in this mess.

Thank you to Ledbetter for this opinion piece. It should be enlarged and posted on every refrigerator in our country.

— Edward Zak, Indian Head Park

Ginsburg should have retired

In regards to Christine Ledbetter's op-ed, the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is indeed worthy of admiration. But she would have been a much bigger hero had she chosen to retire when then-President Barack Obama was in office. We'd have fewer Federalist Society picks on the court and less GOP (MAGA?) influence.

That's a heroic action.

— Frank J. Chambers Jr., Chicago

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MARTIN MULL 1943-2024

Comedic actor used dry wit to make mark on TV shows

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Martin Mull, whose droll, esoteric comedy and acting made him a hip sensation in the 1970s and later a beloved guest star on sitcoms including “Roseanne” and “Arrested Development,” died Thursday in Los Angeles, his daughter said Friday. He was 80.

Mull’s daughter, TV writer and comic artist Maggie Mull, said her father died at home after “a valiant fight against a long illness.” Mull, who was also a guitarist and painter, came to national fame with a recurring role on the Norman Lear-created satirical soap opera “Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman,” and the starring role in its spinoff, “Fernwood Tonight.”

Known for his blonde hair and well-trimmed mustache, Mull was born in Chicago, raised in Ohio and Connecticut and studied art in Rhode Island and in Rome.

His first foray into show business was as a songwriter, penning the 1970 semi-hit “A Girl Named Johnny Cash” for singer Jane Morgan. He would combine music and comedy in an act that he brought to hip Hollywood clubs in the 1970s.

“In 1976 I was a guitar player and sit-down comic appearing at the Roxy on the Sunset Strip when Norman Lear walked in and heard me,” Mull said in 1980. “He cast me as the wife beater on ‘Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman.’ Four months later I was spun off on my own show.”

On “Fernwood Tonight” (sometimes styled as “Fernwood 2 Night”), he played Barth Gimble, the host of a local talk show in a Midwestern town and twin to his “Mary Hartman”



Martin Mull gained attention in the 1970s in shows such as “Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman” and “Fernwood Tonight,” and later on “Roseanne.” EMILY BERL/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2018

character. Fred Willard, a frequent collaborator with similar comic sensibilities, played his sidekick. It was later revamped as “America 2 Night” and set in Southern California.

He would get to be a real talk show host as a substitute for Johnny Carson on “The Tonight Show.”

Mull often played slightly sleazy, somewhat slimy and often smarmy characters as he did as Teri Garr’s boss and Michael Keaton’s foe in 1983’s “Mr. Mom.” He played Colonel Mustard in the 1985 movie adaptation of the board game “Clue,” which, like many things Mull appeared in, has become a cult classic.

The 1980s also brought what many thought was his best work, “A History of White People in America,” a mockumentary that first aired on Cinemax. Mull co-created the show and starred as a “60 Minutes” style investigative reporter investigating all things milquetoast and mundane. Willard was again a co-star.

Mull wrote and starred in 1988’s “Rented Lips” alongside Robert Downey Jr., whose father, Robert Sr., directed.

His co-star Jennifer Tilly said in an X post Friday that Mull was “such a witty charismatic and kind

person.”

In the 1990s he was best known for his recurring role on several seasons on “Roseanne,” in which he played a warmer, less sleazy boss to the title character, an openly gay man whose partner was played by Willard, who died in 2020.

Mull would later play private eye Gene Parmesan on “Arrested Development,” a cult-classic character on a cult-classic show, and would be nominated for an Emmy, his first, in 2016 for a guest run on “Veep.”

“What I did on ‘Veep’ I’m very proud of, but I’d like to think it’s probably more collective, at my age it’s more collective,” Mull told the AP after his nomination. “It might go all the way back to ‘Fernwood.’”

Other comedians and actors were often his biggest fans.

“Martin was the greatest,” “Bridesmaids” director Paul Feig said on X. “So funny, so talented, such a nice guy. Was lucky enough to act with him on The Jackie Thomas Show and treasured every moment being with a legend. Fernwood Tonight was so influential in my life.”

Mull is survived by his daughter and musician Wendy Haas, his wife since 1982.

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ON JULY 1 ...

In 1725 Jean-Baptiste Rochambeau, a general who aided colonists during the American Revolution by leading French forces against the British in the Battle of Yorktown, was born in Vendome, France.

In 1863 the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg began in Pennsylvania. (It would last three days and end in a significant Union victory despite thousands of casualties.)

In 1867 Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1898 Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders carried out a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

In 1910 Comiskey Park was officially opened, with the White Sox losing 2-0 to the St. Louis Browns before a crowd estimated at 28,000.

In 1915 Chicago bluesman Willie Dixon was born in Vicksburg, Miss.

In 1932 New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1943 “pay-as-you-go” income tax withholding began for American wage and salary earners.

In 1944 delegates from 44 countries began meeting at Bretton Woods, N.H., where they agreed to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In 1946 the first post-World War II test of an atomic bomb was conducted by the U.S. at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In 1948 New York International Airport at Idlewild (later renamed John F. Kennedy International Airport) was officially opened.

In 1961 Diana Frances Spencer, who would become Britain’s Princess Diana, was born near Sandringham, England.

In 1963 the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

In 1966 the Medicare federal insurance program went into effect.

In 1968 the U.S., Britain, the Soviet Union and 58 other nations signed a treaty to curb the spread of nuclear weapons.

In 1969 Britain’s Prince Charles was invested as the Prince of Wales.

In 1972 former Attorney General John Mitchell, who had stepped down to become the chief of President Richard Nixon’s re-election campaign, resigned to re-enter private law practice.

In 1980 “O Canada” was officially proclaimed the Canadian national anthem.

In 1983 inventor and philosopher R. Buckminster Fuller died in Los Angeles; he was 87.

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan nominated Robert Bork, a federal appeals court judge, to the Supreme Court, setting off a heated confirmation process that ended with Bork’s rejection by the Senate.

In 1991 President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. Also in 1991 actor Michael Landon died in Malibu, Calif.; he was 54.

In 1994 PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat drove from Egypt into Gaza, returning to Palestinian land after 27 years in exile.

In 1995 disc jockey Wolfman Jack died in Belvidere, N.C.; he was 57.

In 1996 actress Margaux Hemingway was found dead in her Santa Monica, Calif.,

apartment; she was 41. A coroner ruled the death a suicide by barbiturate overdose.

In 1997 Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony. Also in 1997 actor Robert Mitchum died in Santa Barbara, Calif.; he was 79.

In 1999 African nationalist Joshua Nkomo died in Harare, Zimbabwe; he was 82. Also in 1999 candy empire founder Forrest Mars Sr. died in Miami; he was 95.

In 2000 Vermont’s civil unions law went into effect, granting gay couples most of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of marriage. Also in 2000 actor Walter Matthau died in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 79.

In 2003 Pope John Paul II named Bishop Sean O’Malley the new archbishop of Boston, succeeding Cardinal Bernard Law, who had resigned in the wake of a clerical sex-abuse scandal. Also in 2003 jazz flutist Herbie Mann died in Pecos, N.M.; he was 73.

In 2004 actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles; he was 80.

In 2005 Justice Sandra Day O’Connor unexpectedly announced her retirement from the Supreme Court. Also in 2005 a U.S. airstrike in eastern Afghanistan resulted in casualties. (Afghan officials said 48 people were killed, including 25 members of an extended family attending a wedding celebration; U.S. officials later confirmed 34 dead.) Also in 2005 rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Vandross died in Edison, N.J.; he was 54.

In 2009 Karl Malden, the Chicago-born Oscar-winning character actor, died at age 97.

In 2014 the Navy promoted Michelle Howard to four-star admiral, the first woman to achieve the rank.

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Death Notices

Kurkowski, Joyce Ryan

Joyce Ryan Kurkowski, 94, passed away peacefully on Wednesday June 26th. Joyce is survived by her son John (Karen), daughter Ann Koenig (Bryan), her six adoring grandchildren, Caroline, Daniel and Kate Kurkowski and Casey (fiancé Cooper VanderMeulen), Brooke, and Heidi Koenig, her sister-in-law Helen Ryan (the late Donald) and numerous nieces and nephews from the Flanagan, Ryan and Tauscher families. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband Lloyd Kurkowski, her parents, Lawrence and Florence Ryan, her brothers Jack Ryan, Donald Ryan and sister Marcia (Ray) Flanagan and in-laws Robert and Eleanor Tauscher and John and Marie Kurkowski.



A devout Catholic deeply committed to all-things family and her many lifelong friends, she also happened to be a fairly decent golfer. Never one to seek attention, she always let her actions speak for themselves.

Visitation on Sunday June 30, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Donnellan Family Funeral Home 10045 Skokie Blvd, Skokie IL. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday July 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL. To attend the Funeral Mass virtually, please go to Joyce’s obituary page and scroll down to events at donnellanfuneral.com.

Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (and note Sister Paulanne’s Needy Family Fund on memo line) 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025 or Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.

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FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICES

Tiedemann, Clifford Earl

On June 23, Clifford Tiedemann, 85 of Mt. Prospect, died after a short illness.

Clifford taught Geography, “the science of resource utilization,” for 32 years at the University of Illinois Chicago. He was an early adopter of computer-based geographic information systems. His teaching and research incorporated statistics, computer programming, remote sensing and economics. His students remember him as a fun, engaging, and approachable professor who started his courses by requiring them to set up a university computer account. He collaborated with Public Health, Urban Planning, the James Woodworth Prairie Preserve, Chicago Public Schools (enrollment projections), and Motorola (basic geography for cell phone engineers). He was a beneficiary of and a contributor to the United States’ monumental achievement in public education: BA University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, MS Oklahoma State, PhD Michigan State, early teaching at UCLA.

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TO: James Thomas, Regina Buckhalter, City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, Landex Tax LLC RA: David Fleishman, Occupant, 5336 S. Aberdeen Street, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001595. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/23/2022. Certificate No. 215-0005346. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 5356 S. Aberdeen Street, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-08-416-045-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/16/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/16/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/16/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Janet Tapa, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651517

TO: Lila Petett; Just Do It Cleaning, Katie Wesley, Kenneth Brown, James Jackson, Ashley Shannon; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) RA: CT Corporation System, WMC Mortgage Corporation RA: Premier Hall Corporation, WMC Mortgage Corporation c/o Illinois Corporation System, Owen Loan Servicing, LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service Corp., Owen Loan Servicing, LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service Corp., Owen Loan Servicing, LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service Corp., Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2005, GSAMP Trust 2005-WMCC, and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of June 5, 2006, Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc., Trust 2006-HE5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5; Cook County Clerk, Village of South Holland c/o Village Clerk, Ray Talbott, PVONE PROPERTIES, LLC, PVONE PROPERTIES, LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service Corp., Occupant, 241 West Sibley Blvd., South Holland, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001580. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002387. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 241 West Sibley Blvd., South Holland, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index Nos. 29-09-406-040-0000 and 29-09-406-056-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. RTLF-IL LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651556

TO: Jeffrey W. Wolfe; Cook County Clerk, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, Taxpayer and Occupant, 15200 Danbury Avenue, Dolton, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001629. FILED: April 25, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002464. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 15200 Danbury Avenue, Dolton, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-11-409-058-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. JJJ Ventures Inc., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651553

TO: Taxpayer, Ruby Scott; Larry Scott; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Latrese Scott; Occupant, 13344 S. Indiana Avenue, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001590. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 215-0004685. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 13344 S. Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-202-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Gantrell Ventures Inc., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651515

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TO: DISC671950WLOTT, Dardan, LLC RA: Suzie B. Wilson, Wendy, Lot, Cook County, Illinois. City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Douglas Belofsky, Suzie B. Wilson; Cook County Clerk, City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, SEEM GROUP, LLC c/o Antonio Espinoza; Occupants of 6719 and 6725 S. Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001605. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/24/2022. Certificate No. 215-0005773. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 6719 S. Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-10-102-049-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/16/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/16/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/16/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Curtis Fenton, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651521

TO: Seale Frank Yvonne; Diane Gottlieb; City of Chicago Dept. of Water, City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Mayer Law Offices, Imperial Towers Condominium Association RA: David Sugar, 21 East Chestnut Condominium Association RA: Dov Grinblatt; Occupant, 6430 S. Rhodes Ave, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001895. FILED: May 14, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 11/8/2021. Certificate No. 18-0002408. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2018. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 6430 S. Rhodes Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-210-036-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/16/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/16/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/16/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. RTLF-IL LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651556

TO: Unknown Heirs & Devises for the Estate of Lottie Mae Adams, Yolanda A. Allen, Yolanda A. Allen, Betty A. Adams, Betty A. Adams - City Clerk and City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel; Occupant, Anna D. Nettles, James Nettles, and Tacor N. Simms; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002485. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: February 22, 2022. Certificate No. 215-0003977. Sold for General Taxes of Scavenger Sale 2021 (2012-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7806 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-15-22-020-000-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 13, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 13, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645. By: Purchaser or Assignee Loop Properties LLC Dated: June 17, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247653524

TO: Anna M. Smith; Nikia Edwards; Cook County Clerk, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service C, City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Occupant, 7110 South Parnell Avenue, and Unit A, Chicago, Illinois in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001615. FILED: April 25, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/24/2022. Certificate No. 215-0006048. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 7110 South Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-28-104-015-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 13, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Verity Investments, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651543

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TO: Tjuana Connor; Terrence Connor; Frederick Chism, Sheryl Dockery, Darrell Riley, Auyone Ray, Carl Collins, Lishunda Lot, Lauren Lot, Willie Billups; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, King Billups, Sammie Harris, Pine Valley One Real Estate LLC, Pine Valley One Real Estate LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service Company; Occupant, 5228 S. Union Avenue, 1st floor and 2nd floor, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001603. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/23/2022. Certificate No. 215-0005387. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 5228 S. Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-09-309-036-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/16/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/16/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/16/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Janet Tapa, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651520

TO: LE-NA Enterprises; Beverly Siles, LE-NA Enterprises c/o Phyllis Nash, Ekeh Lewis; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Billy Harris, Landex Tax LLC RA: David Fleishman, Taxpayer and Occupant of 5204 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001625. FILED: April 25, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/18/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003765. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2003-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 5204 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-210-036-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. City Development LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651541

TO: Unknown Heirs and Legates of Lenard W. Griffen; Cook County Clerk, City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Taxpayer and Occupant of 7116 a/k/a 7116-S. Parnell Avenue, and 7116 South Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001614. FILED: April 25, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/24/2022. Certificate No. 215-0006049. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 7116 a/k/a 7116-S. Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-28-104-021-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Verity Investments, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651536

TO: 8020 S. Union Ave., Annie R. Johnson-Griffin, and Annie R. Johnson-Griffin; City of Chicago - City Clerk and City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel; Occupant, Corey Lindsay, Andrea Holmes, Lorayne Ivette Haskins, Jeremiah I. Nesbit, Loretta Haskins, and Sonya Williams; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002477. FILED June 12, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: February 24, 2022. Certificate No. 215-0006287. Sold for General Taxes of 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2017). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 8022 South Union Avenue, Chicago, IL 60620. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-33-109-409-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 13, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 13, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602, on November 13, 2024, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 13, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645. Verity Investments, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 13, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651981

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TO: Louis Gray, Equity Trust Company FBO Luis Gray IRA, Louis Gray, Louis Gray, Louis Gray, Catherine Murphy as RA for Equity Trust Company FBO Luis Gray IRA, and Equity Trust Company FBO Luis Gray IRA.; Occupant, Teisha and Esters, 7701 S. Daniel, Marcus Tripplet, and Esters, 7701 S. Daniel, Marcus Tripplet, City of Chicago, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002457. FILED June 11, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 9, 2021. Certificate No. 215-0002279. Sold for General Taxes of 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7701 S. Daniel, Marcus Tripplet, City of Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-211-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on November 20, 2024, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 4, 2024, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645. By: Purchaser or Assignee Sadoff Enterprises LLC Dated: June 12, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651924

TO: Donald R. Rone; Charles McDowell; Jason Rone; Cook County Clerk; Synchron Bank; Occupant, 235 Miami Street, Park Forest, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001517. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001677. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2013-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 235 Miami Street, Park Forest, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-35-414-016-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Essential Source LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651016

TO: DDW Investors Inc. RA: Deandre Walton, DDW Investors Inc., DDW Investors Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Donald Lightning, Janice Torres, Destini Small, William Blasingame, Deandre Walton; Cook County Clerk; Occupant, 14300 Parnell Avenue, Harvey, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001581. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002345. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2015-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 14300 Parnell Avenue, Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-09-100-043-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Annette Washington, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651512

TO: Phillip Dubrownik, Ruth Koteles; Unknown Heirs and Legates of Phillip Dubrownik, Judith Baker, Unknown Heirs and Legates of Philip Il Dubrownik; Cook County Clerk, Eric Baker, Owen Baker; Occupant, 18020 Anthony Avenue, Country Club Hills, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001568. FILED: April 23, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/15/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001138. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2000-2011). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 18020 Anthony Avenue, Country Club Hills, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-34-307-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645. By: Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650926

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TO: Louis Gray, Equity Trust Company FBO Luis Gray IRA, Louis Gray, Louis Gray, Louis Gray, Catherine Murphy as RA for Equity Trust Company FBO Luis Gray IRA, and Equity Trust Company FBO Luis Gray IRA.; Occupant, Teisha and Esters, 7701 S. Daniel, Marcus Tripplet, and Esters, 7701 S. Daniel, Marcus Tripplet, City of Chicago, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002447. FILED June 11, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 8, 2021. Certificate No. 18-0002255. Sold for General Taxes of 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7703 South 70th Court, Palos Heights, IL 60463. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-112-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption

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TO: CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; NOVUS STRUCTURES, INC., PATRICK S. LAVNG, OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRUSTEE, REGION 11 (CASE 22-03723)... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 11/08/2021 Certificate No. 18-0002594...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247652002

TO: M. Thomas, Holistic Community Coalition, NFP, Holistic Community Coalition c/o Illinois Secretary of State... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001917...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650947

TO: Eleanor C. Williams, Village of Riverdale c/o Village Clerk, Lena Williams, Carol Busch, Roger Busch, PVONE Properties, LLC RA... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001956...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651547

TO: Gregory Grubbs, Joyce Grubbs, Jocelyn Grubbs, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001967...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651545

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TO: Lemuel Askew, Cassandra Myles, B and B Funding, LLC, B and B Funding, LLC RA... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002258...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651540

TO: Evelyn Wallace, Gregory Wallace, Demarcus King, Karla Dejesa, Desean McCarty, Derrick Brown, Cook County Clerk... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002331...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651507

TO: Kevin Butler, Kevin S. Butler, Cook County Clerk, Greatamerica Financial Services Corporation RA... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002351...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651508

TO: Shavonn Khan, Dorian Khan, Djaris Jaris Yao, Stoncrest Income & Opportunity Fund-1, LLC RA... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002362...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651550

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TO: Dorothy Carter, Derrick Herron, Alvin Jones, Cook County Clerk, Mirred Carter, Deanne Carter... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002634...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651549

TO: Lorraine Compton Ester, Sidney Cole, Antonio Stokes, Dave Esper, L.A. Esper, Antione Stokes, Jr., Industry Mortgage Company, L.P... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002637...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651513

TO: William Ware, Elizabeth Ware, Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to South Holland Trust & Savings Bank... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002852...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651527

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TO: Michaux Baquet, Corilla Martyne, Corilla Stanley, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Corilla Baquet, aka Corilla Martyne, aka Corilla Stanley... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003371...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247652914

TO: LH Capital Opportunity Fund I, LLC, SFAH, LLC c/o Halo Asset Management, LLC, SFAH, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003065...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651529

TO: Clarence Booth, Luke Kotulski, Monica Dworak; Cook County Clerk, Occupant, 16625 Robey Street, Markham, IL... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003314...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651530

TO: Andrej Chryczyk, Michal Rog as R/A for MIB Remodeling Inc., Michal Rog, MIB Remodeling Inc. and MIB Remodeling Inc. City of Chicago... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002899...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651514

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TO: Khadijah Bradford, Cook County Clerk; Taxpayer and Occupants of 16049 & 16051 Gauger Avenue, Harvey, IL... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/18/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003171...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651531

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to LaSalle National Bank, as Trustee, u/n 21330, Trust Dated: March 4, 1958... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001678...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651548

TO: Emma L. Salvatorea, Carlos Salvatorea, Angela Salvatorea, J.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the Estate of Emma L. Salvatorea... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/18/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003545...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651554

TO: Sophie Sutor, Unknown Heirs & Devises for the Estate of Sophie Sutor, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Zofia Sutor a/k/a Sophie Sutor... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002899...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247654082

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TO: Larry J. Kindey, John O'Malley, Julia Ann Driscoll, Timothy Driscoll, Cynthia Sue Conger, Cook County Clerk, Michael Maxfield... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001678...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650927

TO: Andre Tate, Kimberly Ann Tate, Christopher Andre Tate, Cook County Clerk, Village of Park Forest, Village of 35th Minutia Street, Occupant, 315 Sioux Street, Park Forest, IL... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001678...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651526

TO: Patricia T. Wimsatt, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia T. Wimsatt, Margaret Wimsatt Lewis, Sharon S Lewis, Mike Lewis, Calvin Lewis... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001678...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651532

TO: Rita A. Calhoun, Unknown Heirs & Devises for the Estate of Eugene J. Reynolds, Rita A. Calhoun, and Rita A. Calhoun, City of Chicago... TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK. DATE PREMISES SOLD: 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001678...

7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651982

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TO: Millard Keith Hauge, Millard Keith Hauge, as Trustee, under the provisions of a Declaration of Trust known as the Millard Keith Hauge Trust, Trust Dated: November 5, 1998. Karter Hauge, Faye Hauge, Marjorie E. Hauge, Kevin Hauge, Keith Hauge, Cook County Clerk, Village of Park Forest c/o Village Clerk, Occupant, 241 Indianwood Blvd., Park Forest, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001571. Filed: April 23, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001679. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2013-2017). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 241 Indianwood Blvd., Park Forest, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-103-006-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Narshema Latiker, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650944

TO: Diane Gottlieb, Diane Gottlieb, Diane Gottlieb, and Diane Gottlieb; City of Chicago - City Clerk and City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Occupant, Samuel Gutierrez, and Monica Gutierrez;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners, Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002454 FILED June 11, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 5, 2021 Certificate No. 18-0000223 Sold for General Taxes of 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 9 East 16th Street Chicago Heights, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-416-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on November 20, 2024, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 4, 2024, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Marquis Matilla, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 12, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651920

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TO: CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DORIS CHAMBERS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE C. CHAMBERS, CSD; VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD; PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001951 FILED: 5/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/5/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0000046 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1832 187TH STREET HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-06-219-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/5/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/5/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 11/13/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/5/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. FUNDPALITY II Purchaser or Assignee May 29, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651995

TO: Dianna L. Lagunas, Hector Lara, Hector Lara, Jr., Alexis Lara, Lydia Lara; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) RA: CT Corporation System, First NLC Financial Services, LLC, First NLC Financial Services, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC RA: Illinois Corporation Service Corp., Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Samuel Lagunas, Adriana Lagunas, Gross & Duquesne 2019, LLC RA: Faxton Legal Information Service, Occupant, 117 W. 27th Street, South Chicago Heights, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001566. FILED: April 23, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/14/2022. Certificate No. 215-0000523. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 117 W. 27th Street, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-407-060-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Marquis Matilla, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 12, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650924

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TO: CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAYMOND J. HAAS; DONNA HAAS; MICHAEL HAAS; WILLIAM HAAS; MARGARET HAAS; CAMEO 940 HOMEWOOD CONDOMINIUM, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, PERSONS OR TENANTS IN ACTUAL OCCUPANCY OR POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001953 FILED: 5/15/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/5/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0000053 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality) and special assessment number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 940 HOLBROOK ROAD, UNIT 3AA HOMERWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-08-201-018-1111 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/5/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/5/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 11/13/2024 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/5/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. FUNDPALITY II Purchaser or Assignee May 29, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651998

TO: Arthur Harris; Sharon R. Harris; Cook County Clerk, Asha Harris, Chicago Assets, LLC Registered Agent - Ian Atkin; Occupant, 363 Niagara Street, Park Forest, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001570. FILED: April 23, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/16/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001693. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 363 Niagara Street, Park Forest, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-306-012-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Weston Investment Services, LP, LLP. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650942

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TO: Marvin E. Gavin, Yvonne Robinson, Katherine Gavin, Patricia Martin, William Martin, Kathy Heyder, Leonard Robinson, Patricia Bishop, William Martin, Katherine Heyder, Karla Fox, Lillian Robinson, Karla Bell; Cook County Clerk, Provincetown Improvement Association RA: Tressler Corporate Svcs, Inc., Delaney, Delaney & Voorn, Ltd., Chicago Assets, LLC Registered Agent - Ian Atkin; Occupant, 4493 Provincetown Dr., County Club Hills, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-03-203-120-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Kemberle Taylor, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247650946

TO: Dorothy E. Reeves, Larry & Son, Inc. RA: Anthony Reeves, Larry & Son, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Larry & Son, Inc. RA: Anthony L. Reeves; Anthony Reeves, Terisa Nunn, Kevin Thornton, Russell Coleman; Cook County Clerk, City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, Chicago Assets, LLC Registered Agent - Ian Atkin; Occupant, 14539 Emerald Avenue, Riverdale, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001575. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0001965. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2011-2017). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 14539 Emerald Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-05-414-019-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Malik Heath, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651502

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TO: Denise Brogdon; Cook County Clerk; Janese Brogdon; Occupant, 14933 Turlington Avenue, Harvey, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001576. FILED: April 24, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/17/2022. Certificate No. 215-0002313. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2012-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 14933 Turlington Avenue, Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-08-317-046-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/16/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/16/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/16/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Henry T. Person, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651505

TO: Noaf Al-Sabah, Noaf Al-Sabah, Noaf Al-Sabah, and Noaf Al-Sabah; City of Chicago - City Clerk and City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Occupant, Jennifer N. Sabadquiu, Alesha V. Jackson, Briana M. Jackson, and Maurice Parker Lonestar Sunset Investments, LLC, Illinois Secretary of State for Lonestar Sunset Investments, LLC, Lonestar Sunset Investments, LLC, Wade W. Lewis as R/A for Lonestar Sunset Investments, LLC; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties Interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002456 FILED June 11, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 8, 2021 Certificate No. 18-0002615 Sold for General Taxes of 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1131 East 82nd Place, Chicago, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-124-084-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on November 20, 2024, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 4, 2024, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. By Purchaser or Assignee Sadoff Enterprises LLC Dated: June 12, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651913

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TO: Harvey Johnson, Andrea Johnson, Unknown Heirs and Legatee of Harvey Johnson; Cook County Clerk, City of Harvey c/o City Clerk, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General; Occupant, 15912 Gauger Avenue, Harvey, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD001626. FILED: April 25, 2024. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/18/2022. Certificate No. 215-0003150. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger Sale (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 15912 Gauger Avenue, Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-20-101-046-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 16, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 16, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2024 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 16, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Omni-Ed Industries LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: June 10, 2024. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3/20247651552

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ABC7 Outlook:
Another comfortable day with sunshine. Highs in the mid- to upper 70s inland and in the low 70s along the lake.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Day: Night:	Day: Night:	Day: Night:	Day: Night:	Day: Night:	Day: Night:
High: 76 Low: 63	High: 87 Low: 71	High: 90 Low: 70	High: 80 Low: 67	High: 84 Low: 64	High: 79 Low: 63
Mostly sunny and beautiful POP: 0%	Clouds and sun, a shower; breezy, warmer POP: 40%	Clouds and sun with a stray t-storm; humid POP: 40%	Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm; humid POP: 80%	Breezy; a t-storm in spots in the morning POP: 45%	Mostly cloudy POP: 25%
Winds: E 7-14 mph	Winds: S 10-20 mph	Winds: WSW 8-16 mph	Winds: E 4-8 mph	Winds: W 8-16 mph	Winds: WNW 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Monday Conditions
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™
2 5 9 9 5 2 0

RealFeel Temperature®
64 71 78 80 79 74 74

Monday Activities
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

Golfing Index
9 10 10 10 10 10 10

Fishing Index
3 5 7 9 4 4 3

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes:** **0-2:** Poor; **3-4:** Fair; **5-6:** Good; **7-8:** Very Good; **9-10:** Excellent.

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Sunday Temperatures
O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	70
Low	59
Normal high	84
Normal low	65
Record high	99 (1953)
Record low	45 (1943)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Sunday

Location	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Aurora	74	57	84	61
Gary	73	64	83	63
Kankakee	72	63	84	64
Lansing	73	62	83	63
Midway	75	62	84	66
Romeoville	73	62	84	64
Valparaiso	75	62	85	64
Waukegan	70	58	80	60

Sunday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Sunday*	0.00"	Trace	0.11"
Month to date	3.10"	2.36"	4.10"
Year to date	18.37"	15.32"	18.83"

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

Pollen as of 6/28

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Low	High	Low	High

Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index

Sunday's reading: **Good**

Monday's forecast: **Good**

Primary pollutant: **Ozone**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

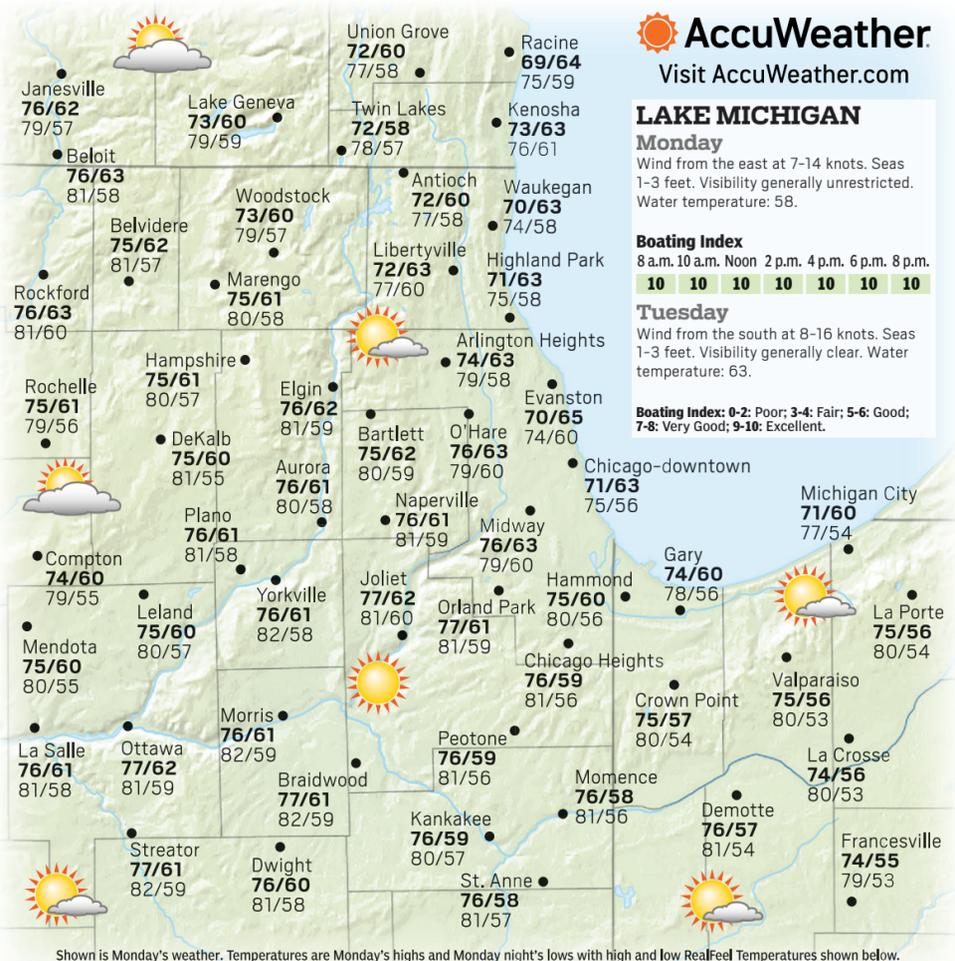
	Mon.	Tue.
Sunrise	5:19 a.m.	5:20 a.m.
Sunset	8:30 p.m.	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise	1:37 a.m.	2:08 a.m.
Moonsset	4:31 p.m.	5:46 p.m.



Monday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:45 a.m.	9:44 p.m.
Venus	5:53 a.m.	9:01 p.m.
Mars	2:05 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Jupiter	3:13 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
Saturn	11:53 p.m.	11:16 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:40 p.m. Mars: 4:50 a.m. Jupiter: 4:50 a.m. Saturn: 4:50 a.m. Mercury: 8:40 p.m.



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LAKE MICHIGAN
Monday
Wind from the east at 7-14 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 58.

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

Tuesday
Wind from the south at 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally clear. Water temperature: 63.

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

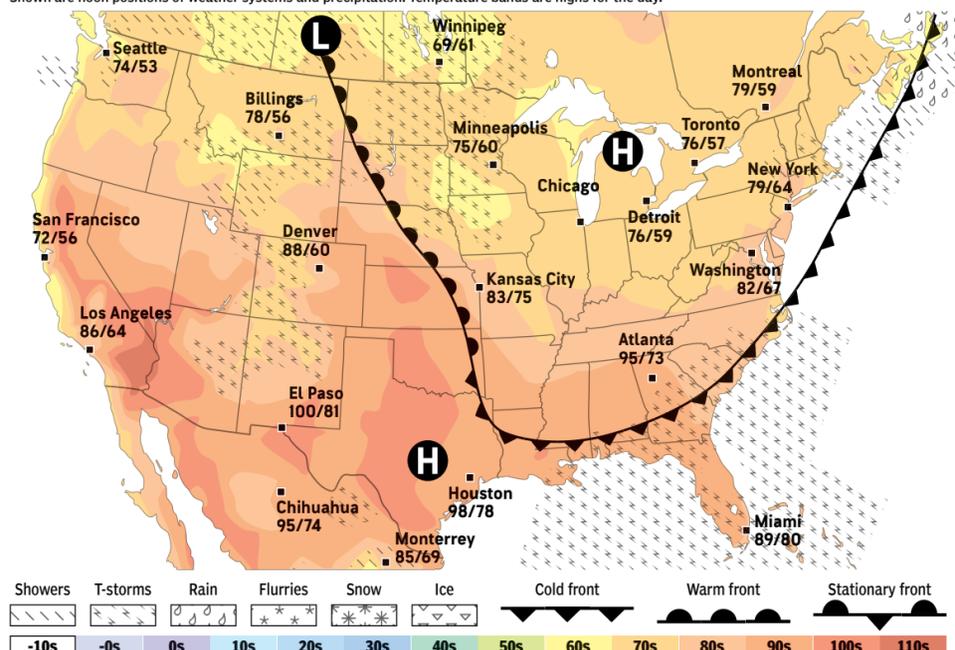


QUESTION: Is Beryl the first hurricane of the season?

ANSWER: Yes, Beryl is the first hurricane of the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season. On Sunday morning, Hurricane Beryl strengthened into a category 3. Later in the day on Sunday, Beryl went through rapid intensification and broke hurricane records by becoming the earliest category 4 hurricane for the Atlantic. Beryl is now also the first category 4 hurricane in the month of June. The National Hurricane Center is predicting an above average hurricane season. The average named storms for the Atlantic Hurricane Season is 14 and they are forecasting 17-25 named storms.

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NATIONAL FORECAST



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	81/59/s	90/71/s
Champaign	78/59/s	90/72/pc
Decatur	78/60/s	88/73/pc
Moline	76/65/pc	88/72/pc
Peoria	77/63/c	88/70/pc
Quincy	76/65/pc	91/72/pc
Rockford	76/63/pc	83/70/t
Springfield	77/61/pc	89/71/pc
Sterling	75/62/c	86/71/pc
Indiana		
Bloomington	78/55/s	88/71/s
Evansville	82/60/s	91/76/s
Fort Wayne	75/53/s	85/69/pc
Indianapolis	76/58/s	88/73/pc
Lafayette	76/54/s	88/69/pc
South Bend	76/56/s	83/72/pc
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	74/58/pc	73/68/t
Kenosha	73/63/s	85/71/t
La Crosse	75/62/s	76/65/t
Madison	75/61/pc	78/69/t
Milwaukee	69/64/pc	80/70/t
Wausau	73/56/pc	70/65/t
Michigan		
Detroit	76/59/s	79/68/pc
Grand Rapids	76/55/s	80/69/pc
Marquette	70/54/pc	64/59/t
Sault Ste. Marie	76/55/s	65/58/t
Traverse City	76/57/s	71/65/t
Iowa		
Ames	70/62/t	84/63/t
Cedar Rapids	73/65/pc	85/69/pc
Des Moines	72/66/t	87/65/t
Dubuque	73/63/pc	81/67/t

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	101/78/s	104/78/s
Albany, NY	79/54/pc	85/63/s
Albuquerque	84/68/t	86/68/pc
Amarillo	97/75/s	98/74/s
Anchorage	67/52/c	63/53/c
Asheville	86/60/s	82/61/s
Aspen	70/49/t	74/46/sh
Atlanta	95/73/s	87/75/pc
Atlantic City	78/64/s	76/64/s
Austin	99/75/s	100/74/pc
Baltimore	82/63/s	84/64/s
Billings	78/56/t	78/54/pc
Birmingham	94/73/s	91/78/t
Bismarck	78/57/t	79/56/c
Boise	86/56/s	88/58/s
Boston	75/63/t	78/63/s
Brownsville	96/79/pc	96/81/pc
Buffalo	74/54/s	81/69/s
Burlington, VT	77/55/s	84/64/s
Charleston, SC	88/72/t	84/75/sh
Charleston, WV	78/56/s	89/66/s
Charlotte	87/65/s	86/68/pc
Chattanooga	89/71/s	91/73/pc
Cheyenne	83/56/t	82/51/s
Cincinnati	77/58/s	89/72/s
Cleveland	72/56/s	88/69/s
Colorado Spgs	84/61/t	84/58/s
Columbia, MO	77/65/pc	94/74/pc
Columbia, SC	87/70/t	85/71/c
Columbus, OH	78/58/s	88/69/s
Concord	76/53/t	84/56/s
Corpus Christi	98/78/pc	99/79/s
Dallas	101/82/s	101/83/s
Daytona Beach	92/77/sh	90/76/t
Denver	88/60/pc	86/58/pc
Duluth	72/56/c	77/61/t
El Paso	100/81/s	102/82/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	79/61/c	81/62/pc
Fargo	76/65/t	83/60/pc
Flagstaff	77/56/t	83/55/t
Fort Myers	90/76/t	92/77/t
Fort Smith	93/73/pc	100/78/s
Fresno	102/74/s	108/76/s
Grand Junction	87/64/t	91/63/s
Great Falls	76/52/pc	72/50/c
Harrisburg	81/59/s	86/67/s
Hartford	81/59/pc	87/60/s
Helena, MT	78/57/pc	79/51/c
Honolulu	87/75/pc	88/75/sh
Houston	98/78/s	97/79/c
Int'l Falls	72/56/t	77/56/t
Jackson, MS	96/68/pc	98/77/pc
Jacksonville	93/76/t	90/75/t
Juneau	61/53/r	63/54/r
Kansas City	83/75/t	97/72/pc
Las Vegas	108/83/s	111/85/s
Lexington	79/57/s	91/72/pc
Lincoln	84/75/t	85/62/t
Little Rock	89/68/c	96/76/s
Los Angeles	86/64/pc	85/65/pc
Louisville	80/61/s	92/77/s
Macon	94/72/t	85/71/t
Memphis	87/66/s	94/77/s
Miami	89/80/t	91/80/t
Minneapolis	75/60/t	83/64/t
Mobile	97/76/t	91/79/t
Montgomery	96/75/pc	90/76/t
Nashville	83/61/s	93/78/s
New Orleans	95/81/t	93/80/t
New York City	79/64/s	83/65/s
Norfolk	80/69/s	81/70/s
Oklahoma City	99/77/pc	101/79/s
Omaha	76/73/t	83/65/t
Orlando	93/77/sh	95/75/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.

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NATION & WORLD

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Expert sees little damage in Orbán's 6-month tenure

By Justin Spike
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — When Hungary takes over the helm of the European Union on Monday, many politicians in Brussels will have the same thing on their minds: whether populist Prime Minister Viktor Orbán will use the role to further his reputation as the bloc's main spoiler.

In recent years he has seemed to relish opportunities to block, water down or delay key EU decisions, routinely going against the grain of most other leaders on issues like the war in Ukraine, relations with Russia and China, and efforts to defend democracy and the rule of law.

His public opposition to EU policies and stances has long frustrated his partners in the bloc and pushed him to the margins of the continent's mainstream. Hungary's motto for its presidency — Make Europe Great Again — raised eyebrows for its resemblance to the famous tagline of former President Donald Trump.

The EU presidency rotates among its member countries, and while the post holds little real power, it does allow countries to put their priorities high on Europe's agenda.

Now, as Hungary presides over the 27-nation bloc for the coming six months, it will likely keep up its anti-EU rhetoric, said Dorka Takácsy, a research fellow at the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy.



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, left, arrives for an EU summit Thursday in Brussels. GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/AP

But the timeline of its presidency — beginning with a lengthy summer break and a transitional period of forming a new European Parliament and executive commission — will give Budapest few opportunities to derail the bloc's priorities significantly, she said.

"These six months are altogether not that long, which means that ... Hungary cannot do potentially much harm, even according to the critics," Takácsy said.

As Hungary's takeover

approached, leaders in Brussels rushed to push through important policy decisions while Belgium was still at the helm. On Tuesday, for example, the EU launched membership talks with candidate countries Ukraine and Moldova.

Orbán has vocally opposed and threatened to block Ukraine's candidacy. His government — he's been prime minister since 2010 — has also held up EU efforts to supply Ukraine with badly needed funding.

Yet with Ukraine's accession process already initi-

ated, Takácsy said, the most Hungary can do now under its presidency is delay further steps toward its EU membership, a process that in any scenario is likely to take many years.

"All the meaningful steps from the European side regarding Ukraine were already done," she said.

Orbán has long been accused of dismantling democratic institutions and violating the EU's standards on the rule of law, leading the bloc's legislature in May to call for the presidency to be taken out of Hungary's

hands entirely.

In a resolution, the EU parliament argued that democratic deficiencies raised questions of "how Hungary will be able to credibly fulfill this task in 2024." Two years ago, the European Commission froze billions of euros in funding to Budapest over concerns about democratic backsliding by the government.

But some Hungarian officials have stressed that they plan to act constructively during their presidency. Last week, Hungarian minister for EU affairs János Bóka

told reporters: "We will be honest brokers, working loyally with all Member States and institutions."

"Carrying out the functions of the presidency is our obligation, but we see it primarily as an opportunity. At the beginning of the new institutional cycle, we can initiate a debate and set the agenda on issues that are important to us."

Among the issues that Hungary has prioritized in its seven-point program is the enlargement of the EU in the Western Balkans for countries like Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania through a "merit-based" procedure.

Budapest has also vowed to strengthen the EU's external borders and step up efforts against illegal immigration, and to address "demographic challenges" that involve an aging population in Europe — two priorities that reflect Orbán's image as a staunch opponent of immigration and defender of family values.

But after years of campaigns portraying the EU as forcing unwanted policies on Hungary — Orbán has repeatedly compared membership in the bloc to more than four decades of Soviet occupation of his country — he may find it difficult to restore goodwill among his EU partners.

"The Hungarian government has been using the image of Brussels as a punching bag," Takácsy said.

"Now it's somewhat difficult to communicate that for these brief six months, we are basically the Brussels that Hungary is waging war and a freedom fight against."

WAR IN UKRAINE

Zelenskyy urges West to ease targeting restrictions

Russia's devastating glide bombs spur evacuation effort

By Vasilisa Stepanenko and Evgeniy Maloletka
Associated Press

DONETSK REGION, Ukraine — Drone footage from Ukraine's military released Sunday has shown what appears to be bodies in a civilian area in the embattled eastern town of Toretsk, which has come under heavy Russian bombardment in recent days.

The attacks in the war-torn Donetsk region have prompted a scaled-up evacuation effort by Ukrainian rescue services. Local officials said powerful Russian glide bombs have also been used in the town, the latest eastern-front flash point as Russian attacks continue to put stretched Ukrainian front-line units on the defensive.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that Russia dropped more than 800 glide bombs in Ukraine in the past week alone.

"Ukraine needs the necessary means to destroy the

carriers of these bombs, including Russian combat aircraft, wherever they are. This step is essential," he wrote in an online post.

Glide bombs are heavy Soviet-era bombs fitted with precision guidance systems and launched from aircraft flying out of range of air defenses. The bombs weigh more than a ton and blast targets to smithereens, leaving a huge crater.

Police rescuers in Toretsk helped older residents out of their homes, carrying one woman out of her bed and onto a stretcher.

"It's a terrible situation, because for three days we could not evacuate," Oksana Zharko, 48, told Associated Press while leaving the town in a police van with family members and with a cat in a plastic carrier box.

"Yesterday there was an attack and our house was destroyed — very strong, there are no walls left. Everyone is stressed, emotional, in tears. It's very scary."

Russian attacks in recent weeks have focused on the town of Chasiv Yar farther north, as Ukrainian commanders in the area say their resources remain

stretched, largely because of a months-long gap in military assistance from the United States.

Ukraine is still struggling to stabilize parts of its front line after desperately needed military assistance was approved by the United States in April.

Zelenskyy called on countries assisting Ukraine to further relax restrictions on using Western weapons to strike military targets inside Russia.

"Clear decisions are needed to help protect our people," he said. "Long-range strikes and modern air defense are the foundation for stopping the daily Russian terror. I thank all our partners who understand this."

Hours after Zelenskyy spoke, Ukrainian officials said Russian glide bombs had struck near a postal warehouse in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city in the northeast, killing an employee and injuring nine people, including an 8-month-old baby.

According to a statement by Nova Poshta, the private postal and courier company that operates the site, the



Officers of the White Angels police unit help an elderly woman to a van Friday in Toretsk, in Ukraine's Donetsk region, during an evacuation of residents. EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

strike set at least seven delivery trucks ablaze, while damaging at least three others and the warehouse.

As many as nine people remained trapped under burning wreckage, and rescue teams were combing the site Sunday evening, regional Gov. Oleh Syniuhov said on Telegram.

Less than a day earlier, Russian missiles slammed into a town in southern Ukraine, killing seven civilians, including children, and wounding dozens, local authorities reported.

Ukrainian officials published photos of bodies stretched out under picnic blankets in a park in Vilniansk, with deep craters

in the blackened earth next to the charred, twisted remains of a building.

At least 38 people were wounded in Saturday evening's attack, authorities said, declaring a day of mourning on Sunday. Vilniansk is in the Zaporizhzhia region, less than 20 miles from the local capital and north of the front lines, as Russian forces continue to occupy part of the province.

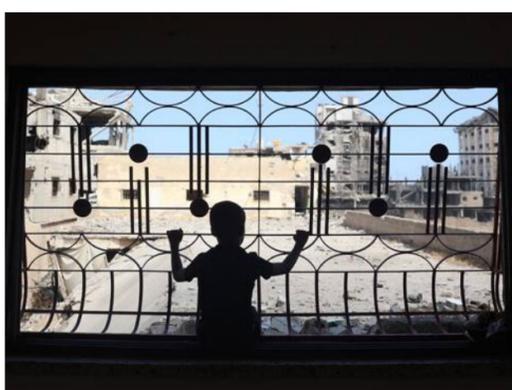
Russia-appointed officials in Donetsk, which is partially occupied and illegally annexed by Moscow, said Ukrainian shelling Sunday wounded a 4-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl.

According to Russia's

Emergency Ministry, four of its staff also came under shelling Sunday as they attempted to put out a fire in the Kremlin-occupied local capital, also called Donetsk.

The Russian Defense Ministry reported Sunday that its forces shot down three dozen Ukrainian drones overnight over six regions in Russia's southwest. It later said a total of 72 were downed Saturday and during the night.

Debris from one drone fell on a village in the Kursk region, blowing out windows and damaging roofs and fences, according to a Telegram post by regional Gov. Aleksey Smirnov.



A child looks out the window of a damaged home Sunday in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip. EYAD BABA/GETTY-AFP

Netanyahu unbowed as mediators amend deal

By Alisa Odenheimer
Bloomberg News

Israel is committed to fighting Hamas until the Iran-backed militant group is eliminated and all the other goals of the war are achieved, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday.

The Israeli leader spoke after an Axios report Saturday that the Biden administration has circulated amended language for some elements of its proposed

deal on hostage releases and a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Axios cited three unidentified people with direct knowledge.

Israel's goals continue to include freeing the remaining hostages in Gaza and ensuring that the area never constitutes a threat to Israel again, Netanyahu said at the start of a weekly Cabinet meeting. The government also aims to restore security in the areas bordering Gaza and Lebanon so residents can return to their homes.

"To whoever doubts the achieving of these goals, I reiterate: There is no substitute for victory. We will not end the war until we achieve all of these goals," he said.

Israel has been at war with Hamas since Oct. 7, when the group, which is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and Europe, invaded southern Israel, killing about 1,200 people and taking 250 hostages to Gaza. About 120 are still there.

About 37,000 people have been killed in the ensuing

war, according to the Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry, which doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants.

There's no change in Israel's position on hostage releases outlined by President Joe Biden, Netanyahu said.

In its report, Axios said the U.S. is working with Qatar and Egyptian mediators to make changes to what would be up for discussion in the first stage of a proposed three-stage peace deal.

ELECTION 2024

Scott awaits his next opportunity

Lots of assistance in SC senator's political rise to VP contender

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — When Tim Scott was a teenager, a Chick-fil-A manager named John Moniz offered him a sandwich, a job and four years of indispensable mentoring about how to be a businessman and a citizen. That helping hand put Scott on a path that eventually led him into politics, where South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley appointed him to a vacancy in the U.S. Senate.

Now Scott stands on the precipice of perhaps another breathtaking leap, but he will again need an assist. He is one of a handful of prominent people being considered by former President Donald Trump to be his running mate this year.

Scott, a rarity as a Black Republican senator from the South, tells his story with rags-to-riches flourish, crediting Moniz for helping to lift him from a dead-end life before Moniz died unexpectedly while Scott was in college. But Scott's role in taking advantage of the opportunities that came his way is part of the story, too.

From Moniz, Scott says he learned the ins and outs of business, how to be a good citizen and less tangible lessons about how, in order to receive, one must first give. Scott put that guidance to use as he made his way from business into politics.

Haley named him to the Senate seat in late 2012 after Republican Jim DeMint stepped down. That appointment further propelled a political career that had seen Scott rise from county council to the South Carolina Statehouse to Congress. Since then, Scott has proved to be a force in his own right with South Carolina voters as well as the



Sen. Tim Scott addresses a campaign rally Feb. 28, 2020, for Donald Trump in North Charleston, S.C. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

state's political class.

He topped 60% all three times he ran for his Senate seat, building a network of supporters as formidable as any in the state. He largely stayed above the fray of internal party fights, making more friends than enemies with the powerful.

In his wake, he has left a trail of true believers.

"President Trump, if you want a good, honest man who is not going to embarrass you or embarrass this country, Tim Scott is who you need," said Robert Brown, the mayor of Hampton, a town of 2,600 in the southern part of the state.

Republican state Sen. Bill Taylor, who got Scott's Statehouse parking spot when Scott moved to the

U.S. House, said you could not ask for a more compelling story.

"He's like the embodiment of the American Dream," Taylor said. "He is a preacher for it."

Still, not every step Scott has taken has ended in success. Scott had hoped his backstory would fuel his presidential run this year, but his campaign was quickly overwhelmed by the shadow of Trump.

Scott initially demonstrated a prowess for fundraising among donors uneasy with Trump, but then he virtually disappeared from the debate stage even without Trump there.

But after Scott dropped out, he turned against Haley, who had elevated him over

friends and allies. Scott did not hesitate to criticize Haley's record in South Carolina and became one of Trump's biggest backers after leaving the race.

That demonstration of where his loyalty lies was not lost on Trump, who has been known to measure fellow Republicans in terms of their allegiance to him.

"You know, you're a much better candidate for me than you were for yourself. I mean it. He was like a different person," Trump said at a February rally. "And I say that with admiration. Because I'm the opposite. I'm much better for me than I would be for someone else."

If Trump goes in another direction for his vice presi-

dent, Scott faces an uncertain path forward. He promised when he took the U.S. Senate job to serve only two full six-year terms, a vow he reiterated in 2022 when elected to that second full term.

If Trump does not call or the ticket loses in November, Scott's supporters have suggestions.

"I won't hold him to that. Circumstances change. Tim could be one of Trump's greatest allies in the Senate," Taylor said. "I have been very fond of saying, Tim, when you're done with all that stuff up there, come home and be governor."

While the South Carolina governor's seat will be open in 2026 and his supporters keep putting up Scott trial

balloons, the senator has dismissed the thought.

At 58, there could be other presidential runs.

No matter what Trump decides, Scott has another big life change on the horizon. He is getting married this year.

As he waits for Trump to make a decision, Scott remains a regular presence on news shows on the ex-president's behalf, making headlines by dodging questions on whether he would accept the results of the 2024 election if Trump loses or ignoring Trump's support of tariffs that the senator has long been against.

It's another key test of loyalty for a man trying to take advantage of one more opportunity.



A reveler performs Sunday during the NYC Pride March in New York, which also played host to the Queer Liberation March. ANDRES KUDACKI/AP

Nationwide parades, protests cap off LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The monthlong celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride reached its exuberant grand finale Sunday, bringing rainbow-laden revelers to the streets for marquee parades in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere in the nation.

The wide-ranging festivities functioned as jubilant parties and political protests, as participants recognize the community's gains while calling attention to recent anti-LGBTQ+ laws, such as bans on transgender health care, passed by Republican-led states.

"We're at a time where there's a ton of legislation, anti-LGBTQ+ legislation," Zach Overton, 47, said at the New York parade. "It feels like we're taking a step backwards in the fight for equality and so it's a great moment to come out and be with our community and see all the different colors of the spectrum of our community and remind ourselves what we're all fighting for."

Thousands of people gathered along Fifth Avenue in New York to cele-

brate Pride. Floats cruised the street as Diane Ross' "I'm Coming Out" played from loudspeakers. Pride flags filled the horizon, with signs in support of Puerto Rico, Ukraine and Gaza visible in the crowd.

This year, tensions over the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza seeped into the celebrations, exposing divisions within a community that is often aligned on political issues.

Protesters temporarily blocked the New York parade, chanting: "Free, free, free Palestine!" Police eventually took some of them away.

"It is certainly a more active presence this year in terms of protest at Pride events," said Sandra Pérez, the executive director of NYC Pride. "But we were born out of a protest."

The first Pride march in New York City in 1970 commemorated the Stonewall Inn uprising, a riot that began with a police raid on a Manhattan gay bar.

Ireland Fernandez-Cosgrove, 23, celebrated at the New York parade.

"New York City is a great place to live, but this is one

of the only days where you can come out and be openly queer and you know you're going to be OK and safe about it," she said.

In addition to the NYC Pride March, the nation's largest, the city played host to the Queer Liberation March, an activism-centered event launched five years ago amid concerns that the more mainstream parade had become too corporate.

In Chicago, tens of thousands of revelers packed sidewalks for its parade. City officials shortened the North Side route and the number of floats this year from 199 to 150 over safety and logistical concerns, including to better deploy police into evening hours as post-parade parties have become more disruptive. Chicago's parade, one of the largest in the U.S., routinely draws about 1 million people, according to the city.

Another of the largest Pride celebrations took place Sunday in San Francisco, with throngs of spectators lined up along Market Street. Parades were also held in Minneapolis and Seattle.

French voters push far-right National Rally to strong lead

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Associated Press

PARIS — The far-right National Rally leaped into a strong lead Sunday in France's first round of legislative elections, polling agencies projected, bringing the party closer to being able to form a government in round two and dealing a major slap to centrist President Emmanuel Macron and his risky decision to call the surprise ballot.

When he dissolved the National Assembly on June 9, after a stinging defeat at the hands of the National Rally in French voting for the European Parliament, Macron gambled that the anti-immigration party with historical links to antisemitism wouldn't repeat that success when France's own fate was in the balance.

But it didn't work out that way. With French polling agencies projecting that the National Rally and its allies got about one-third of the national vote on Sunday, Macron's prime minister warned that France could end up with its first far-right government since World War II if voters don't come together to thwart that scenario in round two next Sunday.

"The extreme right is at the doors of power," Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said. He twice described National Rally policy pledges as "disastrous" and said that in the second-round ballot, "not one vote should go to the National Rally."

French polling agencies' projections put Macron's grouping of centrist parties a distant third in the first-round ballot, behind both the National Rally and a new left-wing coalition of parties that joined forces to keep it from winning power.

Winning a parliamentary majority would enable National Rally leader



French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte Macron, leave a voting booth Sunday at a polling place in Le Touquet-Paris-Plage, northern France. YARA NARDI/POOL

Marine Le Pen to install her 28-year-old protege, Jordan Bardella, as prime minister and would crown her yearslong rebranding effort to make her party less repellent to mainstream voters. She inherited the party, then called the National Front, from her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who has multiple convictions for racist and antisemitic hate speech.

Still, the National Rally isn't there yet. With another torrid week of campaigning to come before the decisive final voting next Sunday, the election's ultimate outcome remains uncertain.

Only the second round will make clear whether Le Pen's party and its allies get the absolute majority they would need to comfortably form a government and then start to implement their promises to dismantle many of Macron's key policies and foreign policy platforms. That would include stopping French deliveries of long-range missiles to Ukraine in the war against Russia's full-scale invasion. The National Rally has historical ties to Russia.

The far right's more confrontational approach to the European Union, its plans to roll back Macron's pension reforms and National Rally promises to boost voters' spending power without clearly

detailing how it would pay for the pledge could also spook European financial markets.

Some polling agency projections indicated that in the best-case scenario for the far right, the National Rally and its allies could collectively clear the bar of 289 seats needed for a secure majority in the 577-seat National Assembly.

But, depending on how the second round shakes out, the far right could also fall short and leave no single bloc with a clear majority, polling agencies projected. Predictions are difficult because of the two-round voting system.

Already on Sunday night, the far-right's rivals were working on arrangements to pull some of their candidates out of the race in round two, in an effort to concentrate votes against the National Rally.

Turnout was at least 66%, according to polling estimates, which would make it the highest for a first-round legislative election in 27 years.

Many French voters are frustrated with inflation and other economic concerns, as well as Macron's leadership, seen as arrogant and out-of-touch with their lives. The National Rally party has tapped that discontent, notably via online platforms such as TikTok.

NEWS BRIEFING

US wants Boeing to plead guilty to fraud over two fatal crashes

From news services

The U.S. Justice Department plans to propose that Boeing plead guilty to fraud in connection with two deadly plane crashes involving its 737 Max jetliners, according to two people who heard federal prosecutors detail the offer Sunday.

Boeing will have until the end of the coming week to accept or reject the offer, which includes the giant aerospace company agreeing to an independent monitor who would oversee its compliance with anti-fraud laws, they said.

The Justice Department told relatives of some of the 346 people who died in the 2018 and 2019 crashes about the plea offer during a video meeting, according to Mark Lindquist, one of the lawyers representing families who are suing Boeing, and another person who heard the call with prosecutors.

During the meeting, family members expressed anger that prosecutors wanted to offer Boeing a chance to plead guilty to a 3-year-old charge instead of pursuing additional charges and a trial.

One said the prosecutors were gaslighting the families; another shouted at them for several minutes when given a chance to speak.

"We are upset. They should just prosecute," said Massachusetts resident Nadia Milleron, whose 24-year-old daughter, Samya Stumo, died in the second of two 737 Max crashes. "They are saying we can argue to the judge."

Prosecutors told the families that if Boeing rejects the plea offer, the Justice Department would seek a trial in the matter, they said.

Boeing declined to comment.

The meeting came

weeks after prosecutors told a federal judge that the American aerospace giant breached a January 2021 deal that had protected Boeing from criminal prosecution in connection with the crashes in Indonesia and in Ethiopia.

A conviction could jeopardize Boeing's status as a federal contractor, some legal experts said. The company has large contracts with the Pentagon and NASA.

Hurricane Beryl: Hurricane Beryl strengthened into what experts called an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm as it approached the southeast Caribbean, which began shutting down Sunday amid urgent pleas from government officials for people to take shelter.

The storm was expected to make landfall Monday morning in the Windward Islands. Hurricane warnings were in effect for Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada, Tobago and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"This is a very dangerous situation," warned the National Hurricane Center in Miami, which said Beryl was "forecast to bring life-threatening winds and storm surge."

Beryl was about 250 miles southeast of Barbados. It had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph and was moving west-northwest at 18 mph. It is a compact storm, with hurricane-force winds extending 35 miles from its center.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for Martinique. A tropical storm watch was issued for Dominica, Trinidad, Haiti's entire southern coast, and from Punta Palenque in the Dominican Republic west to the border with Haiti.

Beryl is expected to pass just south of Barbados early



Fatal blast in Turkey: Firefighters and emergency team members work during the aftermath of a propane tank explosion Sunday at a restaurant in Izmir, western Turkey. Security cameras recorded the explosion, which devastated the street and caused minor damage to surrounding buildings; authorities said five people were killed and 60 injured. **MUSTAFA IC/IHA**

Monday and then head into the Caribbean Sea as a major hurricane on a path toward Jamaica. It is expected to weaken by midweek, but still remain a hurricane as it heads toward Mexico.

Beryl is the second named storm in what is forecast to be an above-average hurricane season, which runs June 1 to Nov. 30 in the Atlantic.

Britain election: U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak dismissed suggestions Sunday that his party was headed to defeat in Thursday's general election, using one of his final televised appearances to defend the Conservatives' record on the economy.

Sunak told the BBC that he believed he'd still be in power by the end of the week, despite opinion polls that have found the Conservatives trailing far behind the opposition Labour Party of Keir Starmer.

"I'm fighting very hard," Sunak said. "And I think people are waking up to the

real danger of what a Labour government means."

While he acknowledged that the past few years "had been difficult for everyone," Sunak declared it was "completely and utterly wrong" to suggest that Britain's place in the world has diminished since Brexit.

After 14 years of Conservative-led governments, many voters blame the party for Britain's cost-of-living crisis, long waiting lists for health care, high levels of immigration and the dislocations caused by Britain's departure from the European Union.

Nigeria bombings: Female suicide bombers targeted a wedding, a funeral and a hospital in coordinated attacks in northern Nigeria that killed at least 18 people, local authorities said Sunday.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks in Borno state, which has been heavily affected by the insurgency launched in 2009 by Boko

Haram. The extremist group previously used women and girls in suicide bombings, prompting suspicions that some attackers come from the many thousands of people the militants have kidnapped over the years, including schoolchildren.

The insurgency, which has spilled across borders around Lake Chad, has killed more than 35,000 people, displaced 2.6 million others and created a humanitarian crisis.

Ariz. wildfires: Evacuation orders in Arizona have been lifted for some residents of northeast Scottsdale, days after they were forced from their homes by a wildfire, authorities said Sunday.

The Boulder View Fire was 19% contained Sunday after charring nearly 6 square miles on the cusp of the Boulder Heights subdivision since Thursday.

About 60 homes were evacuated Friday. No injuries have been reported and no structures have been damaged.

Authorities said the cause of the fire remains under investigation. It began about 5 miles outside northern Scottsdale on the edge of the Tonto National Forest.

Bulgaria patriarch: Bulgaria's Orthodox Church elected Daniil, a 52-year-old metropolitan considered to be pro-Russian, as its new leader Sunday in a vote that reflected the divisions in the church and wider society since Russia invaded Ukraine more than two years ago.

The 52-year-old bishop, born Atanas Nikolov, studied theology in Sofia and eventually went to serve as a monk in a monastery. He belongs to the first generation of young Bulgarians who joined the church after the fall of communism.

The patriarch is elected for life unless he steps down. Daniil succeeded the soft-speaking and charismatic Patriarch Neophyte, who died in March at age 78 after leading the church for 11 years.

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ARTS & LIVING

REVIEW CHRISSEY CHLAPECKA AT SCHUBAS

A pop star on the rise



Chrissy Chlapecka performs at Schubas Tavern in Chicago on June 27. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Britt Julious

What does it take to be a pop star? Catchy songs, a unique look and an abundance of charisma. And Chrissy Chlapecka certainly fits the bill.

From the moment Chlapecka entered through the back of the room last night at Schubas Tavern, blazing a trail through the audience, all eyes were on her. I was reminded of recent shows I've attended in the last few months, where audience members are too distracted by middling conversations and the abrasive glare of their cell phones to pay attention to an entire set. But Chlapecka doesn't have to worry about that.

Some people just have it, and she does.

Watching her perform her short but sweet set on Thursday night felt like bearing witness to a secret, one that is sure to be revealed and beloved within the mainstream music world.

It's funny, then, that Chlapecka first found an audience online through social media. Like many young people, she built an audience on platforms like Instagram and TikTok. As of today, she has more



Chlapecka walks through the crowd to start a performance at Schubas Tavern.

than 5 million followers across those two platforms. During the early years of her success online, many were charmed by Chlapecka's over-the-top humor and biting snippets of wisdom she shared about life, love and friendship while traipsing through the streets of Chicago. It also didn't hurt that she curated a hyper-pink, campy, party girl aesthetic that felt straight out of 2002. A Chicago-area native, Chlapecka found a following by simply being herself.

But music aspirations were never far away. Occasionally, she sang for her audience, and her voice sounded bright and lovely. It's even more compelling now.

That is why it is so invigorating to see her make the full leap into "pop

stardom," as she said last night. This is an artist who very solidly knows who she is.

Chlapecka opened her set with the song "Girlie Pop," the title track off of her latest EP. The song, a glitchy yet nostalgic delight, instantly threw audiences into Chlapecka's world. The sold out crowd surprisingly knew every word, a theme throughout the night as Chlapecka powered through early tracks like "BRAT" and "Affection."

Pink was the theme of the night, with audience members sporting everything from pink hair and wigs to pink platform heels and leather jackets to pink braids and beanies. Amazing fits were out in full force among Chlapecka's audience full of young, fabulous, beautifully queer

young adults.

"You look just like me," she said at one moment.

Chlapecka's music sounds very much rooted both in "Blackout"-era Britney Spears (perhaps Spears' most critically acclaimed and controversial time period) as well as early Lady Gaga and modern-day Slayyyter. Think high theatrics, bold vocals, and showmanship for showmanship-sake.

Like Gaga, Chlapecka is a multi-faceted performer. Yes, she has the looks and the songs and the style to generate a bevy of fans. But she also has the chops. Simply put, her voice is spectacular. Strong and propulsive, Chlapecka is a vocalist's vocalist. And she's not afraid to remind you of that throughout her sets.

This was most evident during performances of songs like "Emergency," from her "Girlie Pop" EP and covers of tracks like Lady Gaga's "Judas" and "Speechless." It was also clear during a performance of an unreleased track written by Chlapecka. She described it as one of her favorite songs she's ever written, and it sounded like one of her best tracks, too. This was one of the highlights of the evening. The song, which has a particularly strong '80s vibe, kind of reminded me of Pat Benatar, in the best possible way. Like most of her other performances, the audience ate it up. They also cheekily participated in Chlapecka's many interactions with the crowd, including asking who was bisexual (like herself). The crowd cheered.

And although her set was short,

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REVIEW VISCERAL DANCE CHICAGO IN 'CARMEN.MAQUIA' ★★★ ½

Modern, monochromatic 'Carmen.maquia' returns

By Lauren Warnecke

When "Carmen" premiered in 1875, it was primarily characterized as a flop. The French press and public deemed Georges Bizet's opera to be vulgar in its portrayal of a working-class woman with questionable morals killed by her jealous lover — oops, spoiler.

Bizet died shortly after the premiere; thus he never saw "Carmen" rise to its place as one of the most familiar and loved operas in the canon. A similar fate awaited Luna Negra Theater when it premiered then-artistic director Gustavo Ramirez Sansano's full-length contemporary ballet on the subject of "Carmen" in 2012.

"Carmen.maquia" was anything but a flop, but a year later, Luna Negra was gone, never really afforded the chance to see

what impact Sansano's "Carmen" could have made. Other companies took it up: Columbus, Ohio troupe BalletMet and New York's Ballet Hispánico, to name two (the latter directed by Luna Negra's founder, Eduardo Vilaro).

But it isn't until now that Chicago dance audiences have had the chance to revisit Sansano's *tour de force* — this time performed by a capable cast from Visceral Dance Chicago.

"Carmen.maquia" runs through Sunday at the Museum of Contemporary Art, marking the 10-year-old company's first time performing in the museum's Edlis Neeson Theater.

Even Bizet's most fervent dissenters could not deny "Carmen" its magnificent score, which is perhaps the only thing resembling "Carmen.maquia's" inspiration, apart from a loose adherence to the original libretto.

Cigarette factory worker Carmen (Laura Mendes) lives an openly licentious lifestyle. In the original, she sings "Love is a wild bird that no one can tame." Here, a black dress separates her from the others, who wear variations of white-on-white costume pieces (recreations of David Delfin's designs by Maggie Jarecki and Zoe Rose).

It's a contrast that attracts Carmen to Don José, danced here by Tyson Ford, who, of course, is betrothed to someone else. That's Micaela (Alessandra de Paolantonio), a virginal figure who fights for her man and loses when Don José, who's gone away to care for his ailing mother, learns Carmen swapped her black dress for a white one and married a bull-fighter, Escamillo (Justin Bisnauthsing).

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Laura Mendes and company in Visceral Dance Chicago's performance of Gustavo Ramirez Sansano's "Carmen.maquia" at the Museum of Contemporary Art. KT MILLER

CELEBRITIES

Mortensen honored at film festival

From news services

An international film festival in the western Czech resort city of Karlovy Vary kicked off with an honor for U.S. actor and director Viggo Mortensen.

Mortensen, a three-time nominee for the Academy Award for best actor, received the Festival President's Award at Friday's opening ceremony and will present the second movie he directed, "The Dead Don't Hurt."

A special guest of the fest, Oscar-winning director and producer Steven Soderbergh, will present two movies, "Kafka" and "Mr Kneff," in a retrospective called "The Wish to Be a Red Indian: Kafka and Cinema."

The retrospective will feature movie adaptations of books by Franz Kafka to mark the 100th anniversary since the author's death.

The Karlovy Vary International Film Festival runs through July 6. The grand jury, which includes Australian Oscar-winning actor Geoffrey Rush, will consider 12 movies for the top prize, the Crystal Globe.

Rapper likely to avoid charges: Killer Mike is expected to avoid charges over a physical altercation that led to his arrest at the Grammys earlier this year after the rapper recently completed community service.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office said in a statement Thursday that Mike "successfully completed the office's hearing process, including a community service requirement that was imposed." The rapper was escorted in handcuffs by police at Crypto.com Arena in February and detained on suspicion of a misdemeanor offense.

Court documents show



Actor Viggo Mortensen holds his award Friday during the film festival's opening ceremony. MICHAL CIZEK/GETTY-AFP

Mike was never charged over the incident. Mike said an "over-zealous" security guard contributed to the altercation that occurred in the joyous moments after he won three awards at the Grammys' Premiere Ceremony. It was his first Grammy in more than two decades.

In some instances, Los Angeles city prosecutors can opt to resolve an incident without filing misdemeanor charges if a person completes certain conditions.

Gomez bringing magic back: Emmy-nominated actor and singer and Rare Beauty founder Selena Gomez will return as Alex Russo for the "Wizards of Waverly Place" reboot, which is now in preproduction.

Gomez appeared Wednesday on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," guest-hosted by her "Only Murders in the Building"

co-star Martin Short, and talked about how much the show means to her.

"I will be in the first episode, I'm executive producing it, and it brings me to tears because that is where I started, and to honor it in this way has truly been a blast, and I just can't wait to release it," she said.

While there is no official release date yet, Disney confirmed that the show, "Wizards Beyond Waverly Place," will premiere later this year on Disney Channel and Disney+.

July 1 birthdays: Actor Jamie Farr is 90. Dancer Twyla Tharp is 83. Singer Deborah Harry is 79. Actor Terrence Mann is 73. Singer Fred Schneider is 73. Actor Dan Aykroyd is 72. Actor Alan Ruck is 68. Actor Pamela Anderson is 57. Rapper Missy Elliott is 53. Singer Sufjan Stevens is 49. Actor Liv Tyler is 47. Actor Storm Reid is 21.

Mom wished for grandchildren from son going through breakup



R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric

Dear Eric: My youngest son (my baby!) had a horrible breakup last year. I still hate her and sob-yelled during an Alanis Morissette concert to "You Oughta Know." Yes, I sob-yelled in public. Cue the shame. And righteousness. Hate is powerful. Said son is adorable, nice, has a great job that he loves, etc. Yet, he won't date.

I need grandchildren from this boy. He's the best one of the bunch (don't tell the others). How do I encourage him to get out there without actually saying those words? Or do I just adopt more cats as my grandchildren?

— *Morose Mom*

Dear Mom: Cats. As I vividly recall from the Morissette-fueled sob-yell periods of my youth, the chorus of "You Oughta Know" includes the line "I'm here to remind you of the mess you left when you went away." Alanis would no doubt remind us that getting over any breakup, particularly a horrible one, can be a long, grueling experience.

There's a rule of thumb that posits it takes half the length of a relationship to get over the end of said relationship. But don't go running to your calendar to circle some due date in your son's future. His mileage will vary.

This process is his own to create, and he is currently taking the time he needs to heal. You know how hard it was for you to get over the breakup — indeed, it seems like you're still working through it — so imagine what a mess

he's left cleaning up in his own heart and psyche. The last thing you want is for him to jump into a rebound relationship and start having babies.

You clearly have a lot of compassion for your son, which is wonderful. But be careful not to slide into codependent tendencies. The breakup may hurt you, but it's still his breakup. Tread carefully and keep your comments in the supportive, rather than prescriptive, range. No mom wants to see their child go through heartbreak, but you're not going to help him gain the emotional strength needed to jump back into the dating pool by pressuring him.

Dear Eric: I am 67 years old and have kept a daily diary since I was 15. I grew up in the '70s and things were, shall we say, a little crazy (sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, as experienced by a woman who went to a parochial school and wasn't exactly a model of obedience). Times were different.

Now, I wonder what to do with all of these volumes of my life. I'm married, but we have no children and no relatives that I would even remotely consider entrusting the good, bad and ugly of my/our lives to. I feel as though they have historical meaning, perhaps significant to some entity, but finding that entity has been problematic. Any suggestions?

It has become such an ingrained part of my life to write every day that I would find it difficult to stop, but if all of them are destined to end up in a landfill somewhere, I might have to make some hard choices. Incidentally, I'm seriously optimistic that I have at least a couple more decades of diaries left to write, if I do continue.

— *Daily Diarist*

Dear Diarist: What a beautiful gift you've given yourself. Please, don't stop even if you haven't found a historian or museum that might want your diaries, yet. Years back, I worked with an organization called SAGE, which collects oral histories from LGBTQ+ elders relating to their experiences in housing. Our goal was to find anecdotal evidence of housing discrimination to help inform policy-making, but the best way to do that was to simply ask people to reflect on their past and tell stories. It was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life and helped me to see my own future much differently. None of us know the impact our stories will have.

In the future, you may want to redact the spicier parts of the diaries and talk to a community organization, historian or even a local theater group about making a donation they can use to create something new. Consider reaching out to local history departments to see if they have any students focusing on times you have an insight into. Talk about your diary with friends, relatives and acquaintances. Tell them what this practice has meant to you and what you've learned.

By sharing this part of your life and letting people know the diaries exist, you may spark ideas in others. At the very least, you'll likely inspire others to think about their own lives and the value of recording them. Your diaries can do good in the world even before they leave your grasp.

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Justin Bisnauthsing and company in Visceral Dance Chicago's performance of Gustavo Ramirez Sansano's "Carmen.maquia" at the Museum of Contemporary Art. KT MILLER

Carmen

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It doesn't end well for Carmen, who concludes the ballet onstage, limp, covered in blue ink meant to resemble blood. It is a rare pop of color in a ballet that is otherwise presented

mostly in grayscale. Flexible accordions of what looks like white corrugated cardboard (by Luis Crespo) are manipulated as abstract set pieces hinting at architecture; various black and gray canvases depict Pablo Picasso-esque imagery of a bull on one side of the stage, and a screaming woman on

the other.

It's a striking, minimalist atmosphere miles away from Sevilla, where a real murder inspired author Prosper Mérimée to pen the novella catalyzing Bizet's typically gaudy opera. There's none of that here — nor is Sansano's storytelling totally obvi-

ous. His kind of genius is a marriage of physical theater and contemporary dance that, thankfully, avoids being overly literal. Doing that well requires incredible skill, which these young Visceral dancers have, but need a little more time with Sansano's aesthetic to really get it.



Laura Mendes and company in "Carmen.maquia" at the Museum of Contemporary Art. MICHELLE REID

Like his "Carmen," Sansano deals in contrasts, forging a movement vocabulary that is at once staccato and legato; light and grounded; deeply serious and absolutely hilarious. That, and, few choreographers have his sense of musicality, which fantastically squeezes various instrumental arrangements of Bizet's score in every which way.

It is therefore a useful exercise with "Carmen.maquia" to lose the plot and approach it as the smirking sensory experience Sansano intends. An exquisite pair of duets for Mendes and Ford, and another for Ford and de Paolantonio provide some of the evening's most salient moments, plus Bisnauthsing's audacious performance of Sansano's take on the "Toreador Song."

There are fantastic moments, too, from the whole ensemble. They make clever use of the Edlis Neeson's chutes connecting the house to the stage in a terrific downstage passage of something akin to Storm Troopers, skeptically disrupting Carmen and Don José's *pas de deux*, and a brief interlude embodying Don José's fever dream seeing Carmens everywhere while incarcerated. While it's tempting to sit back and take in this whole, striking picture, occasionally, zoom in to see the gestures and particular eccentricities each dancer brings to their role.

Doing that, one notices more details than any one critic can capture in this small a space — all the more reason to celebrate Visceral for reviving this magnificent work in and for Chicago.



Chrissy Chlapecka performs at Schubas Tavern in Chicago on Thursday. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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clocking in at under 45 minutes, Chlapecka was able to pack a punch. Within a few minutes of beginning her set, she was joined on stage by two surprise dancers who performed strong and intense choreography throughout the evening. During her performance of the track "Verse," the dancers came out with cheerleader pom poms and held up signs that said both "verse rights" and "girlie pop." During a performance of "Girlie Pop" lead single "10 Boyfriends," they

danced with what looked like male, oversized blow up dolls. The audience went wild.

By the end of the night, I came to one conclusion: we were the lucky witnesses to an artist who is sure to reach brave new heights. Pop music in 2024 is fearless, audacious and fun, a welcome reprieve after a few years of downers. I can only imagine what Chlapecka's shows and music will embody in the future: perhaps bigger, definitely brighter, but just as bold as ever.

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Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'THE BIKERIDERS': Making a movie inspired by Danny Lyon's 1968 photojournalism book "The Bikeriders" offers a filmmaker everything except a sure thing. A one-time member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, photographer and (later) documentary filmmaker Lyon turned the aesthetic notion of Robert Frank's "The Americans" outside in, capturing images — and in Lyon's case, tape-recorded anecdotes converted to text accompanying the photos — not as a penetrating outsider but a watchful insider. From this book, working in a spirit of homage, writer and director Jeff Nichols has made a cool, absorbing feature that goes its own way. 1:56. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'HORIZON: AN AMERICAN SAGA — CHAPTER 1': "Horizon: An American Saga — Chapter 1" marks Kevin Costner's return to the Western genre that brought him into stardom nearly 40 years ago. Things could perk up and get rolling come August, when "Chapter 2" of this reverently labeled "American Saga" continues in theaters, to be followed by "Chapter 3" (currently filming) and then, finances and distribution/streaming arrangements with Warner Bros. and Max willing, the big finale. But "Chapter 1" feels like throat-clearing — a serviceable horse opera overture to a curiously dispassionate passion project. The first "Horizon" film divides itself into what feels like three one-hour TV episodes. Co-writers Jon Baird and Costner lay many miles of narrative track designed to transport several groups of characters in different parts of the West to the same destination, a tiny riverbank town in the making called Horizon in the San Pedro Valley, aka John Ford country. This is where the film starts, in 1859. It's Apache land, and the white

colonizers (fine, "settlers") have put literal stakes in it to claim it for themselves. I can't help but wonder if Costner didn't take his cues from the wrong kind of Westerns. Watch Anthony Mann's "The Naked Spur" (1953) sometime, which gave James Stewart one of his most bracing challenges; the movie is scenic but purposeful, lean, compact, character-driven, full of shifting allegiances and centered, however uneasily, by a fascinatingly self-doubting protagonist. Costner has it in him to work that same territory. "Horizon," so far, anyway, is more about a certain set of movie memories than a movie of its own. 3:01. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'INSIDE OUT 2': Pixar's "Inside Out" (2015) leaned into old, turbulent emotions in a new way, all the way. The story dealt with 11-year-old Riley, a Minnesota girl into hockey, who relocated, uneasily, with her parents to San Francisco. A big move means big challenges for any kid — and any parent. Director Pete Docter and the "Inside Out" screenplay acknowledged Riley's depression while underscoring her ability to manage it and flourish. The emotions depicted in the control room of her mind — Joy, Sadness, Fear, Anger, Disgust — navigated their increasingly tricky human charge, as well as their own clashing personalities. "Inside Out 2" is the engaging sequel that pits 13-year-old Riley against new challenges and a tangle of new insecurities. But there are new kids in town, in her mind. Emotion management center honcho Joy (Amy Poehler) must accommodate these new emotions led by Anxiety (Maya Hawke), along with Envy (Ayo Edebiri), Embarrassment (Paul Walter Hauser) and Ennui (Adèle Exarchopoulos). Nostalgia pops in for a couple of appear-



Djimon Hounsou, from left, Lupita Nyong'o and Alex Wolff star in "A Quiet Place: Day One," a prequel to the franchise's other movies. **PARAMOUNT PICTURES**

ances; June Squibb voices her, unerringly. Crucially, Phyllis Smith returns as the measured, morose voice of Sadness, alongside some new voices for familiar characters (Tony Hale in for Bill Hader as Fear; Liza Lapira in for Mindy Kaling as Disgust; Kensington Tallman replacing Kaitlyn Dias as Riley). It's gratifying to see an ordinary and, yes, anxious 13-year-old's life, like millions and millions of lives right now, treated as plenty for a good, solid sequel, and without the dubious dramatics of the first movie's climax. What's happening on the inside can be enough. 1:36. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'JANET PLANET': Annie Baker is a terrific playwright and has now made her feature film debut as writer-director with "Janet Planet," and there's so much right with it, beginning and ending with how Baker listens to, and frames, what her characters say, and how. And what they don't. It's set in early

1990s western Massachusetts, where Baker grew up, in the seldom-filmed Pioneer Valley region. At the start, Lacy, 11, sneaks a late-night call home from summer camp. She wants out. Her acupuncturist mother, Janet, retrieves her from camp. "Janet Planet" chronicles the rest of their summer at home, as Janet navigates her boyfriend, Wayne; her old and somewhat bossy actor friend, Regina, whom Janet and Lacy reconnect with at a performance of Regina's cultlike theater troupe; and Avi, the theater director, who takes a stealthy interest in Janet because, as daughter Lacy says forthrightly, everyone's always falling in love with her. How does this play out? In bracingly lifelike exchanges of precise, concise small talk, polite evasions and occasional, surprising connections, mostly between mother and daughter. The film is a mite thin, and occasionally glib. But Baker knows where the bittersweet human comedy

lies in this mother, and this daughter. Those in need of conventional uplift in their family stories, or more assertive character arcs, never have to wait very long for what they require. Meantime there's this, for the rest of us. 1:53. 3 1/2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'KINDS OF KINDNESS': Reconnecting with his roots as part of the so-called Greek Weird Wave, director Yorgos Lanthimos' latest is the three-part anthology film "Kinds of Kindness." It's a luxe treatment of some puny satiric ideas, toned up by a cast led by Emma Stone and Lanthimos first-timer Jesse Plemons, who won the best actor prize this year at Cannes Film Festival. As with Lanthimos' previous works, we learn the rules of societal engagement as we go. The actors, also including Willem Dafoe, play new characters in fables one, two and three. I laughed out loud exactly once, which, let's face it, is one

more laugh than some comedies I've seen lately. In the second segment, Plemons' policeman character has his colleague (Mamoudou Athie) and the colleague's wife (Margaret Qualley) over for a melancholy dinner, with the cop's wife still missing presumed dead. The cop wants to spend a minute watching some old home-movie footage of he and his wife, in happier days. Reluctantly his guests consent, and what comes next is a perfectly timed sight gag straight out of the director's debut feature: sharp, quick and brazen. Precious little of "Kinds of Kindness" manages any one or two of those qualities. Better luck next time. 2:44. 1 1/2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE': "A Quiet Place: Day One" works roughly as well as the first two films in this alien-invasion franchise, loved by many, liked by some, sort-of-liked by me. If it has the edge over the 2018 and 2020 movies, the reason is simple though her talent certainly isn't: Lupita Nyong'o. Each minute she's on screen as Samira, which is most of the hour and a half, Nyong'o is alert and invested in every fiber of her character's constant predicaments. The movie follows a clear directive reasonably well. It is nothing but peril and exhaustion and superhuman resourcefulness in the face of two species not destined to get along. And Nyong'o plays the material for the highest possible stakes, mostly nonverbally — though the one moment Samira lets loose with a soul-clearing scream, a good-enough-for-this-summer prequel suddenly feels like it really, truly matters. 1:39. 2 1/2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

NEW TO STREAM

Rundown of what's arriving on entertainment platforms

MOVIES

Celine Dion gets an intimate documentary portrait in "I Am Celine Dion," now streaming on Amazon Prime Video, a film chronicling the Canadian singer's battle with Stiff Person Syndrome. For the film, director Irene Taylor spends time with Dion at home and in her personal life as she reflects on her career and discusses the difficulties of her condition, a rare affliction that she first divulged she's living with in 2022.

Before Lily Gladstone was Oscar-nominated for Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon," she starred in the Sundance 2023 entry "Fancy Dance," director Erica Tremblay's drama about life on the Seneca-Cayuga Nation reservation in Oklahoma. The film, now on Apple TV+, is about Jax (Gladstone), who, with her niece Roki (Isabel Deroy-Olson), searches for her missing sister. "Fancy Dance," rich in both cultural detail and genre plotting, marks Tremblay's directorial debut.

The life and style of fashion icon Diane von Furstenberg is chronicled in directors Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy and Trish Dalton's documentary "Diane von Furstenberg: Woman in Charge," now streaming on Hulu. The film, which kicked off the recent Tribeca Festival, profiles the Belgian designer whose huge influence on 20th century fashion is most notable for bringing the wrap dress to prominence in 1974.

— *Jake Coyle, Associated Press*

MUSIC

The Grammy-winning R&B singer Lucky Daye has released his new album titled "Algorithm." (Think of the name as a creative reversal — he aims to make



Isabel Deroy-Olson, left, and Lily Gladstone star in "Fancy Dance." **APPLE TV+**

soulful music that extends beyond the predictability of machine learning.) His single "Soft" is a celebration of the vulnerabilities inherent in a new relationship — atop big drum fills and heart-fluttering harmonies. "HERicane" slows it down, funky riffs making for a flirty track somewhere at the intersection of love and lust.

On her fourth solo album, "C,XOXO," Camila Cabello aims to reinvent herself. The lead single, "I Luv It," featuring rapper Playboi Carti, is what happens when mainstream pop performers pay attention to the hyperpop underground — amplified by its elated, anxiety-inducing repetition of "I love it/I love it/I love it/I love it" in the song's chorus. Her second single was another detour: The lackadaisical club-y "He Knows," featuring Lil Nas X, samples Ojnerime's "Give up 2 Me," and moves leisurely like smoke dissipating in the air. So, what other surprises will appear on "C,XOXO"? Check out the out now album to find out.

"Megan" is Megan Thee

Stallion's third full-length album and the first to be self-released under her own label, Hot Girl Productions. It promises to continue her reign as the sovereign of hot girl summers. Independence looks good on her: From the rap-rock "Cobra," with its fearless lyricism on everything from infidelity to depression, to the Gwen Stefani-sampling "Boa" — an imaginative take on 2004's "What You Waiting for?" — it's clear Megan is enjoying her creative autonomy. But don't take it from us — a quick listen to "Hiss," an aggressive reclamation of her public image, makes it clear from the spoken-word intro. The album is out now.

Available via video on demand, "Revival69: The Concert That Rocked the World" documents the 1969 Toronto Rock and Roll Revival, a famous festival which featured the debut of the Plastic Ono Band — including video footage of John Lennon's first major performance outside the Beatles, what many credit as a trigger for Lennon's decision to leave the band. This documentary offers

a behind-the-scenes look at the event and footage from its grounds, featuring talking-head interviews with some of the musicians who were there. And with a lineup boasting of Lennon, Yoko Ono, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, the Doors, Alice Cooper and beyond — there's a lot to celebrate.

— *Maria Sherman, Associated Press*

TELEVISION

After four years, the acclaimed and award-winning German series "Babylon Berlin" has a new season available in the United States. The show is set in the 1930s as the Nazis rose to power. The first three seasons of "Babylon Berlin" originally streamed on Netflix, but now those episodes plus a new fourth season are available exclusively on the MHz Choice streaming service.

In "Land of Women," Eva Longoria plays Gala, a New Yorker who is living the good life one day, and the next is left with her husband's massive debt after he disappears. She flees to northern Spain with her mother and teenage daughter. The

fish-out-of-water series is based on a popular novel and was created for TV by the prolific Spanish TV producer Ramón Campos. The dialogue is a combo of English, Spanish and Catalan — a language spoken in northeastern Spain. "One of the big sources of comedy is miscommunication, and this is ripe for that," Longoria told TV critics earlier this year. "Land of Women" is now streaming on Apple TV+.

Shows like "CSI" prompted an interest in forensics, not to mention crime-solving. Now, the franchise creator is behind an unscripted version called "The Real CSI: Miami." The show looks at how science was used to solve true-crime cases. It's now airing Wednesdays on CBS and streaming on Paramount+.

Much like Hulu's take on Catherine the Great in "The Great," a new Amazon Prime Video series called "My Lady Jane" is an irreverent telling of the story of Lady Jane Grey. At 17, Grey became Queen for nine days before her half-sister Mary stole her support and her crown. She was then sent to the Tower of London where she was executed. "My Lady Jane" is now streaming.

Hello again, Wisconsin! The second season of "That '90s Show" is now streaming on Netflix. Season 1 saw Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher, Wilmer Valderrama, Laura Prepon and Tophér Grace reprise their roles. (Danny Masterson was written out of the show as he prepared for a rape trial that ended with his conviction and a 30-year prison sentence.) For Season 2, Prepon is the only one from the core group who will be back. The sequel series stars Callie Haverda as Leia Forman, the daughter of Grace's

Eric and Prepon's Donna, who is visiting her grandparents, Red and Kitty, played by Kurtwood Smith and Debora Jo Rupp.

Ryan Serhant of Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing" is now fronting his own show on Netflix called "Owning Manhattan." Cameras follow some of his Serhant real estate employees as they compete for expensive listings in New York. Where Serhant pounded the pavement in "Million Dollar Listing," the pressure is now on his staff instead. Serhant appears in more of a mentor role.

Marvel star Anthony Mackie swam with sharks in the Gulf of Mexico for National Geographic's "Shark Beach With Anthony Mackie," to kick off its SharkFest lineup. The actor is a boating enthusiast who has swam with sharks around the world. He's also passionate about that region of the country because New Orleans is his home town. "Shark Beach With Anthony Mackie: Gulf Coast" is now streaming on Disney+ and Hulu.

— *Alicia Rancilio, Associated Press*

VIDEO GAMES

Games don't get much sillier than Super Monkey Ball Banana Rumble, the latest version of Sega's most adorable franchise. The premise is simple enough: You control a monkey in a ball, and you zip around 3D mazes while collecting fruit and other goodies. You can compete against up to 15 other simians in a variety of multiplayer games like "Ba-Boom!" — an explosive version of hot potato. Or you can take on adventure mode, with more than 200 levels that you can explore solo or with up to three friends. Peel out now on Nintendo Switch.

— *Lou Kesten, Associated Press*

What to watch MONDAY

July 1, 2024

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Star Trek: Prodigy

Netflix ■ Season Premiere
This animated installment in the *Star Trek* franchise moves from Paramount+ to Netflix with a 20-episode new season that follows a group of young aliens who join Admiral Kathryn Janeway (voice of Kate Mulgrew, reprising her character from the live-action *Star Trek: Voyager* series) on a mission to find the original crew of the USS Protostar.

American Ninja Warrior

NBC, 7 p.m.
The qualifying rounds continue in Los Angeles with ninjas from around the country taking on the world's most challenging obstacle course.

90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way

TLC, 7 p.m. ■ Season Premiere
Six individuals who have fallen in love with partners from foreign lands pack up their lives and move abroad to start a new life with them, managing finances, extended family and, for some, secret marriages and troublesome pasts. This season takes us to China, Iceland, Ireland, Turkey, Indonesia and England.

History's Greatest Mysteries

History, 8 p.m.
One of the most famous gold mines of the Old West was the Lost Dutchman's Mine, where many have perished since in search of its elusive riches. Legend has it that the gold and the land are somehow cursed. Tonight's episode – "The Legend of the Lost Dutchman's Mine" – explores this further.

Sharks Gone Viral

Nat Geo, 8 p.m.
Comedians and experts present the world's

most viral shark videos in this SharkFest special.

Holy Marvels With Dennis Quaid

History, 9 p.m.
Could the legendary treasures of the Copper Scroll, King Solomon's mines and the Siamantaka gem still be out there? Host Dennis Quaid and a team of experts look for answers in the new episode "Holy Riches."

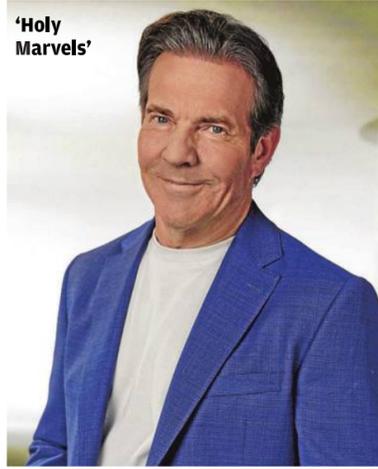
The Wall

NBC, 9 p.m. ■ New Episodes
Tom, a college baseball coach from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, made a life-saving kidney donation to one of his players. Now he teams up with his daughter, Kasey, to put their luck and knowledge to the test on the Wall.

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: The Hays Gaze (90th Anniversary of the Hays Code)

TCM, beginning at 7 p.m.
For over 30 years, between its implementation on July 1, 1934, to its replacement with the Motion Picture Association of America film rating system beginning Nov. 1, 1968, the Motion Picture Production Code worked as a set of guidelines for studios to exercise self-censorship when it came to certain subjects in their films. More familiarly known as the Hays Code (after Will H. Hays, president of the MPPAA's predecessor organization, under whose leadership these standards were set), the code forbade some topics outright while warning producers to exercise caution on others. Ninety years after its implementation, which impacted what was shown in most major movies made during Hollywood's golden age, and certainly many of the titles in Turner Classic Movies' library, the network is putting a spotlight on the Hays Code each Monday night this month. These evening lineups include double features of movies whose stories deal with topics frowned upon by the Hays Code; one of the films in those double features was made prior to the code, the other produced under the code, giving viewers a chance to contrast what



'Holy Marvels'
HISTORY



MGM

had been allowed onscreen (in some cases just a year or so earlier) versus what was not once the code went into effect. Starting things out tonight are two versions of the drama **Waterloo Bridge (pictured)**: the original, pre-Code version from 1931, which was censored in some cities due to its portrayal of prostitution, and the film's Oscar-nominated remake, with the same title, which was produced under the Code in 1940 with significant changes, and some sanitization, to its Vivien Leigh/Robert Taylor-led story. The next double feature begins with one of the more notorious pre-Code films and one that likely led to the Code's enforcement: **Baby Face** (1933), a drama starring Barbara Stanwyck as Lily Powers, a woman who uses sex to advance in the world. After that is the post-Code title **The Girl From Missouri** (1934), led by Jean Harlow and Lionel Barrymore, which tells a similar, though not nearly as frankly depicted, "gold digger" sort of tale. Closing things out early Tuesday are the drama **Primrose Path** (1940), starring Ginger Rogers and Joel McCrea, and the pre-Code musical **Gold Diggers of 1933** (1933), also featuring Rogers. — Jeff Pfeiffer

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'Hotel Transylvania 2'
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Murder at Blackthorne Manor (2023, Mystery) Christie Leverette, Bobby Slaski **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Ratatouille (2007, Children) Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm **Freeform, 6 p.m.**

Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015, Children) Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg **Nick, 6 p.m.**

The Secret Gift of Christmas (2023, Romance-comedy) Meghan Ory, Christopher Russell **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Ant-Man and The Wasp (2018, Action) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly **TNT, 7 p.m.**

Gladiator (2000, Historical drama) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci **FX, 7 p.m.**

Christmas at the Plaza (2019, Romance) Elizabeth Henstridge, Ryan Paevey **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Revenge Best Served Chilled (2022, Suspense) Lynn Kim Do, Monique Parent **LMN, 9 p.m.**

Ocean's Eight (2018, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett **TNT, 9:30 p.m.**

Checkin' It Twice (2023, Romance-comedy) Kim Matula, Kevin McGarry **Hallmark, 10 p.m.**

Think Like a Man Too (2014, Romance-comedy) Adam Brody, Michael Ealy **BET, 10:30 p.m.**

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'CSI' franchise moves in new direction with unscripted show

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press



CSI Expert Mary's Martinez appears in "The Real CSI: Miami," a documentary-style series. **CBS ENTERTAINMENT**

There have been five "CSI" shows with actors playing forensics experts — "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "CSI: Miami," "CSI: New York," "CSI: Cyber" and "CSI: Vegas." Now it's time for the real experts to bask in the spotlight.

"The Real CSI: Miami," which premiered recently on CBS, is a documentary-style look at the hunt for real criminals told by the officers and lab-coated pros who actually solved the murders.

"CSI" has that ability to live in different spectrums," says writer-producer Anthony E. Zuiker, who created the hit franchise. "It made perfect sense to try the unscripted version of the show because the format could still relatively be the same."

The series uses real 911 calls, actor portrayals, surveillance video, interrogation and body camera footage, crime scene images, cool graphics and re-creations. There are also interviews with survivors and family members to underline the pain of loss.

"I know what makes 'CSI' work and what does not work. And what does not work is when the episodes are emotionally vacant," says Zuiker. "It's very important to have the survivors and emotionality. That was one of my No. 1 mandates to have."

The technicians and officers explain their thinking on motives and clues and return to key crime scenes. So if a detective went scuba diving for a vital clue, we see him back in the water describing how he found it.

"You have to make sure it still feels like a 'CSI,' but you also don't have the ability to get extra creative in the writing because you

have to stick to the bona fide facts of the case," says Zuiker. "That was the challenge."

One of the first episodes revisits the 2015 gunshot murders of couple Tara Rosado and Carlos Ortiz in the Florida Keys. Their bodies were found in a bedroom, with signs of a struggle but no gun was recovered. "That tells me there was someone else in the room. And that's when the hunt for the killer began," says investigator Mary's Martinez.

Viewers watch as authorities eye an ex-husband before the discovery of an old gun in a canal leads scuba teams to find a submerged iPhone nearby that reveals the reason for the murders might have been a fight between friends over a bale of cocaine.

"A lot of what I had to do with the producers of the show was to give them the confidence that the forensics was not boring and that the forensics drove the narrative," Zuiker says.

In many ways, "The Real CSI: Miami" is a nod to the forensic sciences that sparked the birth of "CSI." Zuiker was inspired after watching an episode of "New Detectives" on the Discovery Channel about a cheerleader killed by an obsessed photographer. Detectives in that

case found the dead woman's hair follicles in the suspect's car, determined the body had been redressed and that she was wearing no makeup, undermining the killer's alibi that she was doing a photoshoot.

"I think when those three particular pieces of evidence were explained to me as a novice in forensics, I realized that the body was a perfect specimen to solve crime," Zuiker says. "That's how 'CSI' was born."

Zuiker was 28 when he realized he had a potential show on his hands. Now he is 55 with a hit, Emmy-winning franchise that rivals the "Law & Order" universe. "Did I think we'd get past 13 episodes? No. Did I believe we had something special? Yes," he says.

"CSI" has indeed proved a durable property, going from the desert of Las Vegas to the waters of Miami and into the urban jungle of New York and even online.

"This is a particular franchise that can live and be malleable in scripted, unscripted and docu-series, movie formats, gaming formats," he says. "I think, for me, personally, this 'Real CSI: Miami' is a tremendous pivot in the right direction to keep the entire franchise healthy."

Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Not faint of heart
 - 5 Takes a breather
 - 10 Sage
 - 14 Animal's den
 - 15 College founder
 - 16 Taken by mouth
 - 17 ___ von Bismarck
 - 18 Prince of Darkness
 - 19 Solemn promises
 - 20 Camaro maker
 - 22 Have a feeling
 - 23 Electrified fish
 - 24 The Concorde, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 26 Reddit Q&A: Abbr.
 - 29 Lose hope
 - 32 More, in Spanish
 - 35 Professional joke-teller
 - 37 Fighter
 - 39 Author Jong
 - 40 "King Kong" studio
 - 41 Mythical creature in a lamp
 - 42 Light-colored brewski: 2 wds.
 - 44 Garden decoration
 - 45 In the style of: 2 wds.
 - 46 Take early orders
 - 48 Senator's counterpart, for short
 - 49 Extra-long time
 - 50 "___ the ramparts..."
 - 52 Circus support
 - 56 Expansive views
 - 62 Write software
 - 63 False name
 - 64 Algeria neighbor
 - 65 Locale
 - 66 French menu
 - 67 Secretly plan
 - 68 Intend
 - 69 Boxer Mike
 - 70 Looks at
- DOWN**
- 1 Voting group
 - 2 Sworn statement
 - 3 Diet-food adjective
 - 4 Went by car
 - 5 Fix, as a shoe
 - 6 Israeli airline
 - 7 Location
 - 8 Dean Martin classic: 2 wds.
 - 9 Our star
 - 10 Used a loom
 - 11 Steel component
 - 12 Cutting tools
 - 13 "Do it or ___!"
 - 21 Fancy entrance: 2 wds.

- Solutions**
- 22 One who arrives late
- 25 Sis, say
- 26 Amtrak train
- 27 Fable's lesson
- 28 Spanish girlfriend
- 30 Film script
- 31 Jobs
- 32 Lord's estate
- 33 Tokyo toons
- 34 Very expensive
- 36 Frozen water
- 38 "Perfect" score
- 43 "Dude!"
- 47 Make less tight
- 51 Highway entrances
- 52 Flimflam
- 53 Ripped
- 54 "What's the big ___?"
- 55 Tilt
- 57 Is on TV
- 58 Defense alliance: Abbr.
- 59 Tomcat, e.g.
- 60 Lotion
- 61 Poses for a portrait
- 63 Behave

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 1): Private planning illuminates the road ahead this year. Disciplined investigations uncover buried treasure. Summer changes redirect your professional path, leading to autumn breakthroughs with studies and research. Winter domestic improvements adapt to changes. Share your story for springtime buzz. Write inspiring plans and dreams.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Consider spiritual questions. Faith can seem missing, with Neptune stationing retrograde for five months. Practice compassion, especially with yourself. Find a more fulfilling path.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Reminisce with teammates over five months, with Pisces Neptune retrograde. Illusions could cloud your view. Abandon preconceptions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Revise long-term professional goals. Reaffirm old bonds over the next five months, with Neptune retrograde. Revisit your favorite people, projects and places. Enjoy nostalgia.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Look back on where you've been to clarify where you're going. Review adventures, with Neptune retrograde for five months. Cross a body of water.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Stick to what worked before with shared finances for five months, with Neptune retrograde. Revise arrangements and plug any financial leaks.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Over five months, with Neptune retrograde, you're most comfortable with your inner circle. Nostalgia, reflection and retrospection soothes your spirit.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Revise physical routines, with Neptune retrograde. Meditate. Balance stress or burnout with relaxation and peace. Take extra time for yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Reconsider your game. Review rules and instructions. Slow to let romance develop naturally over the next five months, with Neptune retrograde.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Slow to avoid burnout. Neptune's retrograde inspires a five-month homebody phase. Release unsatisfying pursuits.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Reconnect with old friends. Review history for context on current affairs, with Neptune retrograde. What was hidden gets revealed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. You're especially insightful and sensitive, with Neptune retrograde. Contemplate deep questions. Imagine the results you want, and revise plans and budgets to suit.

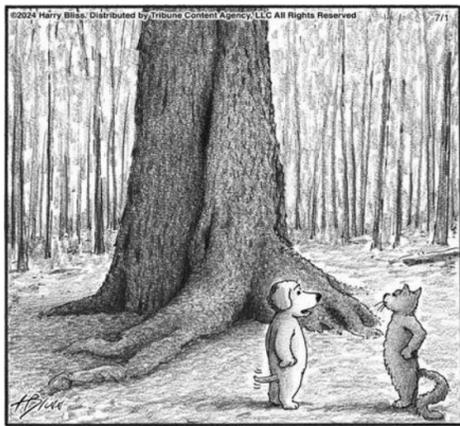
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Resolve a personal issue. Reconsider the past, with Neptune retrograde in your sign for five months. Revise goals, dreams and fantasies.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KQ1094 ♥ 72 ♦ K ♣ AK653

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
?			

What call would you make?

A.1—A fancy modern convention here is to double as a game try. Don't bother. Just bid 4S.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J984 ♥ K94 ♦ K ♣ AQ874

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
3♥	Pass	Pass	?

***Both minors**

What call would you make?

A.2—Partner has done yeoman work, on modest values, to push them to the three level. Take your profit. Pass.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 6 ♥ KJ853 ♦ K10764 ♣ Q8

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A.3—It doesn't seem right, but you do not have the values to bid more than 1NT.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 1094 ♥ AKJ85 ♦ 1086 ♣ 104

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?

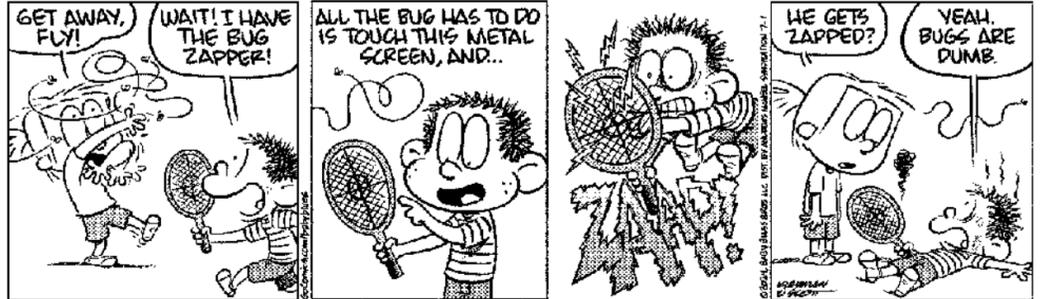
A.4—You don't get rich in bridge by defending two of a minor. Partner is marked with values or they would not be trying to stop in 2C. Bid 2H.

— Bob Jones
Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue



Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



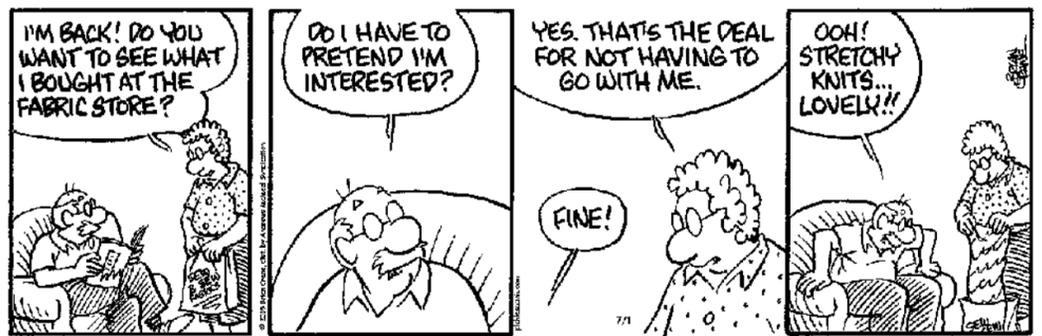
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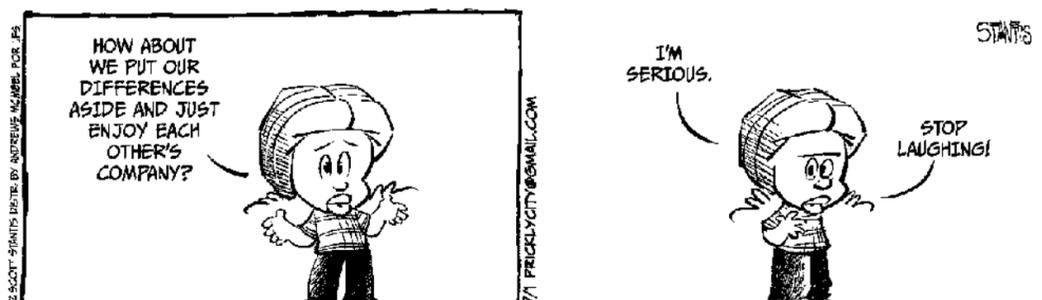
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Animal Crackers



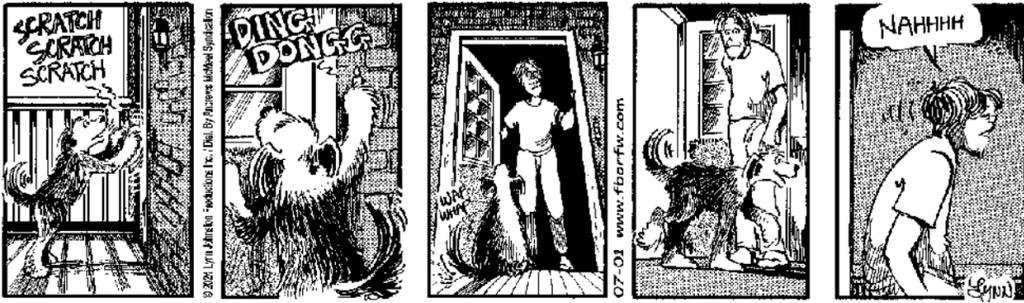
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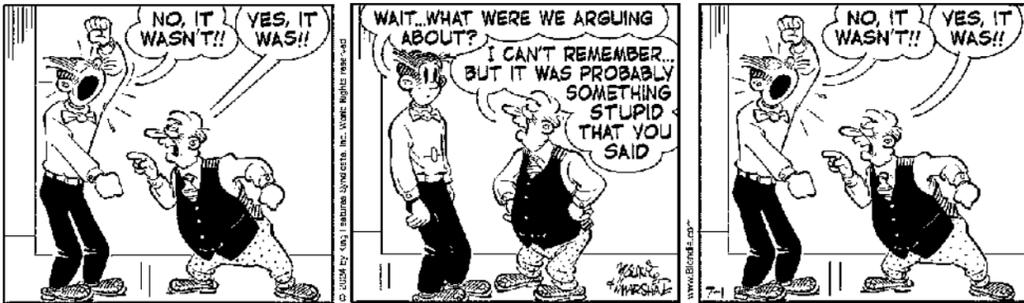
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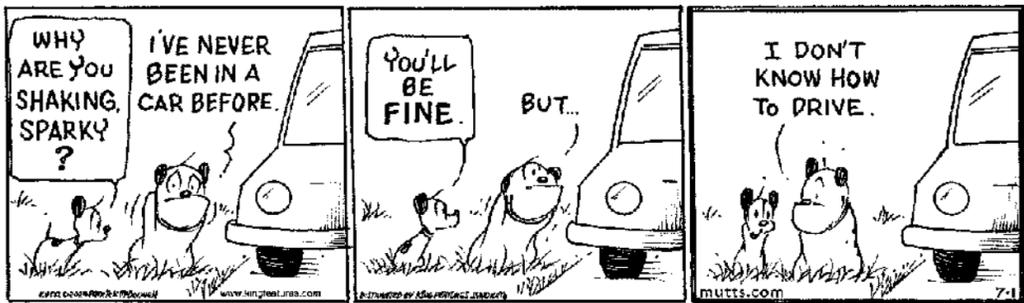
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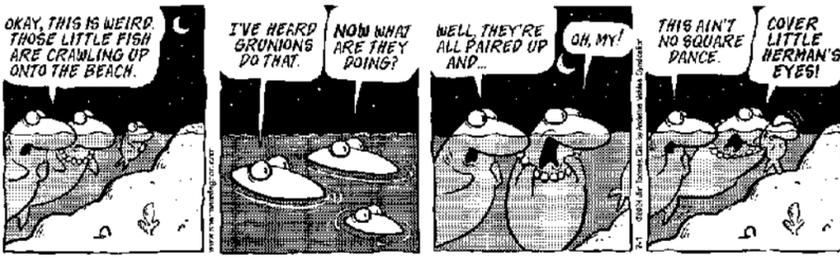
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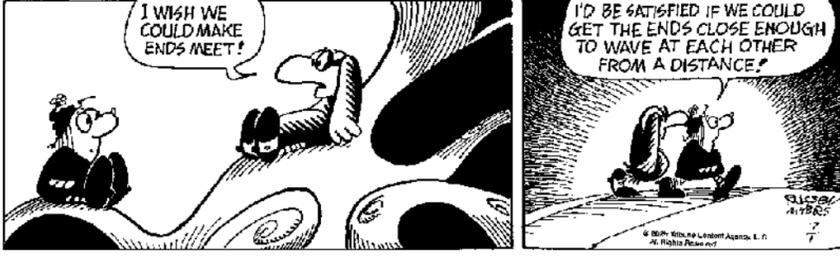
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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

"Grandpa (Tell Me 'Bout the Good Ol' Days)" was a 1986 No. 1 hit for which duo?
 A) Flatt & Scruggs
 B) The Judds
 C) The Kendalls
 D) Sweethearts of the Rodeo
 Saturday's answer: The Ohio State University's "Big Ear" was constructed to search for radio signals from extraterrestrial life.
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Jumble Crossword

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.

ACROSS
 1. The Big Island
 5. Stringed instrument
 6. Trap, catch
 7. Calamity

DOWN
 1. Stagger, limp
 2. Castle
 3. Set apart
 4. Allure, charm

CLUE
 The official language of ___ is English.

BONUS

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 ANSWERS: 1-A. Hawaii 5-A. Banjo 6-A. Snare 7-A. Rattle 8-A. Harp 9-A. Flute 10-A. Trumpet 11-A. Trombone 12-A. Saxophone 13-A. Clarinet 14-A. Piccolo 15-A. Oboe 16-A. Bassoon 17-A. Violin 18-A. Viola 19-A. Cello 20-A. Double Bass 21-A. Piano 22-A. Organ 23-A. Harpsichord 24-A. Lute 25-A. Mandolin 26-A. Ukulele 27-A. Banjo 28-A. Fiddle 29-A. Mandola 30-A. Mandolin 31-A. Banjo 32-A. Fiddle 33-A. Mandola 34-A. Mandolin 35-A. Banjo 36-A. Fiddle 37-A. Mandola 38-A. Mandolin 39-A. Banjo 40-A. Fiddle 41-A. Mandola 42-A. Mandolin 43-A. Banjo 44-A. Fiddle 45-A. Mandola 46-A. Mandolin 47-A. Banjo 48-A. Fiddle 49-A. Mandola 50-A. Mandolin 51-A. Banjo 52-A. Fiddle 53-A. Mandola 54-A. Mandolin 55-A. Banjo 56-A. Fiddle 57-A. Mandola 58-A. Mandolin 59-A. Banjo 60-A. Fiddle 61-A. Mandola 62-A. Mandolin 63-A. Banjo 64-A. Fiddle 65-A. Mandola 66-A. Mandolin 67-A. Banjo 68-A. Fiddle 69-A. Mandola 70-A. Mandolin 71-A. Banjo 72-A. Fiddle

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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.

Saturday'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.

PMETT
 MSAEH
 TIWNH
 ROFEFT

Answer here

Saturday's answers
 Jumbles: BENCH ENACT CUDDLY IMPALA
 Answer: The penguins spent their morning and afternoon out of the water and HAD AN "ICE" day

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Crossword

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Across
 1 "___ Lisa": Louvre highlight
 5 Highly capable
 10 Squad car alerts, for short
 14 Unaccounted-for GI
 15 "American Top 40" medium
 16 Peek
 17 Where to see stars on an app
 19 Assistant on Apple devices
 20 New Year's Eve Potato Drop state
 21 Mythical Himalayan beast
 22 Smart ___: frozen food brand
 23 "The Golden Bachelor" network
 25 Motionless
 27 Carpentry tool
 30 Where to see stars after a blow
 35 "Frankly," in a text

Down
 36 Female pheasant
 37 Laughably silly
 38 Org. that encourages flossing
 39 Quick to prepare, like pudding or coffee
 42 Ornamental pond fish
 43 Toned down
 45 Moody genre
 46 Beings on UFOs
 47 Where to see stars under a dome
 51 Earn after taxes
 52 Neckwear worn with mittens
 53 Threaded fastener
 55 Effect in a tunnel
 57 Brutish Tolkien characters
 60 "___ Attraction": Glenn Close thriller
 64 Hamperful of laundry
 65 Where to see stars in Hollywood
 67 Equivalent
 68 Paperless message
 69 Not occupied
 70 Wood choppers
 71 "I wanna have a turn!"
 72 Pull hard

Saturday's solution

Down
 1 "Please allow me"
 2 Carried a balance
 3 Mardi Gras city, informally
 4 First Greek letter
 5 "___ we good?"
 6 Folk hero Crockett
 7 Emmy winner Falco
 8 Cobbler container

9 Service provided by a wrecker
 10 Unsuccessful candidate
 11 "I see where you're coming from"
 12 Real snooze
 13 Winter resort rentals
 18 AnnaSophia of "Bridge to Terabithia"
 24 "SportsCenter" anchor Linda
 26 Issue forth
 27 Notary public's mark
 28 "Opposites Attract" singer Paula
 29 "Ah, too bad"
 31 "Hollywood Squares" symbols
 32 Prefix with face or lace
 33 100 bucks
 34 Major caper
 39 Concept
 40 Calais chum
 41 Word such as "word"
 44 Converts into a secret message
 48 Small spade
 49 House with a sharply sloping roof
 50 Bungle
 54 Fretchy candy
 55 "Frozen" sister with a French braid
 56 Gently persuade
 58 Seafood in a shell
 59 ___ milk
 61 "Teen Titans Go!" voice actress Strong
 62 "So true!"
 63 Scallion relative
 66 La Liga cheer

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors

**ROCKIES 5,
WHITE SOX 4 (14)**

Longest game in years, but a loss

Crochet has strong start as pitchers strike out 21 in total

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Fans stood and sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" before the bottom of the 14th inning Sunday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The marathon game between the two teams with the worst winning percentages in the majors carried on and on, leading to the 14th-inning stretch.

The Chicago White Sox mounted rallies in the 10th and 13th innings, but went down in order in the 14th, falling 5-4 to the Colorado Rockies in front of what was left of the announced crowd of 19,334.

"It sucks to end up on the wrong side of a marathon like that," manager Pedro Grifol said.

It was the longest Sox game in terms of innings since Aug. 2, 2019, when they won in 15 at Philadelphia. That was a year before the extra-inning addition of a runner starting at second base came into effect during the regular season.

"That was a battle back and forth between both sides," said Sox first baseman Andrew Vaughn, who had a home run and three RBIs. "Just chipping away and in the end they held us out."

The Sox lost despite their six pitchers establishing a single-game franchise record by combining for 21 strikeouts. The previous record of 20 came in a nine-inning game on April 28, 2019, against the Detroit Tigers. Starter Garrett Crochet had 11 of those strikeouts Sunday in yet another impressive start. He allowed two runs on five hits and didn't surrender a walk in seven innings.

Turn to White Sox, Page 3



White Sox starting pitcher Garrett Crochet throws against the Rockies during the first inning at Guaranteed Rate Field on Sunday. **NAM Y. HUH/AP**



Cubs relief pitcher Héctor Neris reacts after striking out the Mets' Jeff McNeil to end the game June 22 in Chicago. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP**

Changes in store

As critical month of July begins for Cubs, White Sox and Bulls, here's what to know



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Another month is off the calendar and the Chicago Cubs and White Sox are seemingly in lockstep on the road to nowhere, while the Bulls apparently are joining the Sox, Blackhawks, Bears and Sky in the Chicago rebuild trend.

With the baseball trade deadline on deck and both Sox general manager Chris Getz and Cubs president of baseball operations Jed Hoyer pondering change, and Bulls vice president of basketball operations Artūras Karnišovas starting the offseason

with a bang, here's what we need to know about these teams heading into July.

The Wiggles

Hoyer said Friday it might be difficult to significantly change the Cubs roster with veteran players locked in at several positions and young talent getting shots at others, including Christopher Morel, Miguel Amaya, Michael Busch and Pete Crow-Armstrong.

"There's not a ton of wiggle room on how we can shake things up and improve things," Hoyer said.

If he truly believes what he said, that's a cop-out. If the Cubs continue to struggle, it's Hoyer's job to shake things up, as he did at the 2021 deadline when he dealt most of the stars from the



White Sox relief pitcher Michael Kopech delivers to the Guardians at Guaranteed Rate Field on May 9. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

2016 champions.

"Casting everything in a negative light based on two months, that's also a mistake," he said, referring to the state of the organization. "A lot of good things are happening. It'd be a danger to

paint everything with a brush of what's happened over these two months, just as it would've been inappropriate in April to plan a parade."

Turn to Sullivan, Page 3

BLACKHAWKS

Another run in the draft

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — The Chicago Blackhawks made some big moves during the NHL draft. Just don't expect them to move the needle this season.

While last year's No. 1 pick, Connor Bedard, made enough of an impact to win the Calder Trophy, this year's No. 2 selection, Artyom Levshunov, isn't even a sure bet to play this season.

A return to Michigan State is one of the defenseman's options, but the Hawks and Levshunov's agent, Dan Milstein, will sit down and hatch a development plan



Marek Vanacker is selected by the Blackhawks with the 27th overall pick during the first round of the NHL draft at Sphere on Friday in Las Vegas, Nevada. **BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY**

ONLINE

For more on the Blackhawks' draft, visit chicagotribune.com/sports

that meets his liking.

Several other Hawks picks will be going back to their junior clubs or heading to college, or both, for at least the next year or two.

So what can we gather from the eight players the Hawks added to their pipeline in two days at Las Vegas' Sphere?

■ Hawks drafters aimed for speed — and they're not denying it.

■ They added some size, though they downplayed it, as usual.

Turn to Blackhawks, Page 3

LYNX 70, SKY 62

Reese sets record in double-doubles

Rookie breaks Parker's mark in loss to Lynx

Associated Press

Kayla McBride scored 16 points, Napheesa Collier had 13 points and 11 rebounds, and the Minnesota Lynx spoiled a record-setting day from Chicago Sky rookie Angel Reese, rallying for a 70-62 victory Sunday.

Reese broke a WNBA single-season record with her 10th straight double-double, finishing with 10 points and 16 rebounds. Candace Parker of the Los Angeles Sparks set the previous record in 2015.

McBride made two 3-pointers

and added five rebounds and five assists for the Western Conference-leading Lynx (14-4), who were coming off a 94-88 loss at last-place Dallas which ended their seven-game winning streak.

Collier had six assists while recording her 11th double-double of the season. Alanna Smith had 11 points and seven rebounds.

Reese had a poor shooting day, going 4 of 16 from the floor and 2 of 4 from the free-throw line. She got to 10 points on the second of two free throws with 23 seconds to play.

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Reese

Team	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CUBS		PHI 7:05 p.m. Marquee, TBS	PHI 7:05 p.m. Marquee	PHI 1:20 p.m. Marquee	LAA 1:20 p.m. Marquee
WHITE SOX		@CLE 5:40 p.m. NBCSCH	@CLE 5:40 p.m. NBCSCH	@CLE 12:10 p.m. NBCSCH	@MIA 6:10 p.m. NBCSCH
SKY		@ATL 6 p.m. The U, CBSSN			@SEA 9 p.m. Ion
FIRE			PHI 7:30 p.m. Apple TV		
RED STARS					Next game Saturday vs. HOU

BULLS



Bulls forward Patrick Williams dribbles as Lakers forward LeBron James defends at the United Center on Dec. 20. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Williams reportedly to re-sign on a 5-year deal

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Bulls will continue to invest in the development of Patrick Williams after reportedly re-signing the versatile wing to a five-year, \$90 million deal, as reported by The Athletic.

Assessment of Williams' value to the Bulls has always been hindered by the perception of his No. 4 draft selection in 2020, which placed outsized expectations on the young player's shoulders. But removing Williams from this framing makes it clear why the Bulls still rate him as a long-term investment. Williams is one of the best shooters on the roster, averaging 41% from behind the arc on his career and 39.9% on an average of 3.4 attempts from 3 last season. And he provides a cross-positional defensive versatility that few players his age can match.

That doesn't mean the Bulls think Williams is anywhere near his potential. His lack of offensive aggressiveness has been a sticking point for the team throughout the past four seasons. Injuries have been a concern for Williams while also contributing to the inconsistency of his growth. He missed the majority of the 2021-22 season following surgery for a wrist injury and played all 82 games of the 2022-23 season before needing to be shut down this season due to a knee injury.

For these reasons, the reported contract is ideal because — in theory — it will continue to appreciate in value as it ages. By the time the Bulls hit the fifth year of this deal, an \$18 million annual contract should feel like a steal for the quality of player the Bulls are banking on Williams growing into. This ultimately represents the best of both worlds — a mostly team-friendly deal that still gives Williams long-term sustainability

in a market to build confidence as he once again attempts to establish himself as a starting contributor.

Re-signing Williams also continues a trend toward the future for the Bulls, who are in flux this offseason as they attempt to restructure their roster. With Williams and new point guard Josh Giddey in the mix, the average age of the Bulls current projected starting lineup has plummeted to 25.6 years. If the Bulls move either Zach LaVine or Nikola Vučević, that number could drop below 24.

Here are the other moves the Bulls have made so far in free agency.

Bulls pick up Craig's one-year option

The Bulls picked up a one-year, \$2.8 million option for forward Torrey Craig on Saturday, potentially returning a versatile rotation player who offered an important lift in energy and defensive pressure last season.

Craig initially won the starting power forward position over Williams, edging out the younger wing with his adaptability as a defender and reliable shooting across the floor. But Craig suffered inconsistency last year due to a plantar fascia injury that he sustained in January and never fully returned to form, averaging only 18.3 minutes per game through the final 33-game stretch of the season.

At age 33, Craig would be one of the most veteran players on the Bulls roster aside from Zach LaVine and Nikola Vučević this coming season. The Bulls could flex Craig as a sign-and-trade asset as they approach the free agency market with a focus on realigning the roster around developing young talent.

outscored the Sky 18-5.

A three-point play by Courtney Williams put the Lynx up 61-59 with 3:14 to go. McBride sank four straight free throws and Minnesota maintained a two-possession lead over the final two minutes.

The Lynx held the Sky to 30.5% shooting from the floor after allowing the last-place Wings to shoot 48.7%, make 9 of 15 from beyond the arc and score the most points against them this season.

The Sky selected Reese with the No. 7 pick in the WNBA draft, a spot Minnesota traded down from.

The Sky fell to 3-7 at home.

GEORGE ANDREWS 1949-2024

Pioneering superagent in the NBA and an Elmhurst native dies at 74

By Sam Smith
For the Chicago Tribune

When George Andrews was attending Elmhurst's York High School in the late 1960s, he told his brother, Paul, that he wanted to become a lawyer, a sports lawyer. He had seen the way athletes were treated and believed they needed help, especially legal help.

"We didn't even know what he was talking about," Paul Andrews recalled. "It wasn't what lawyers did."

So after graduating from Illinois, George Andrews earned a law degree from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and went on to become the premier representative for Chicago athletes with perhaps the most impressive client list in sports that included Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas, Doc Rivers, Mark Aguirre and Reggie Theus in basketball plus baseball, NFL and Olympic champions. Andrews thus became one of the pioneers of the national sports-attorney/agent business that has evolved into one of the most powerful enterprises in the industry today and has led to the riches and fabulous celebrity that the leading sports figures enjoy.

"George was the giant, the superagent," said Thomas, a Chicago native, NBA Hall of Famer and onetime players association president. "George was a legendary, groundbreaking figure in the field with the way he thought about player representation and negotiation. He helped us as players think about being more than just basketball players. Through George, Magic and I purchased a radio station in Denver, real estate in Palm Springs (Calif.). We were way ahead of the curve, and that was because George was not like other agents. George was like a father to his players and all about player empowerment back when that word wasn't used."

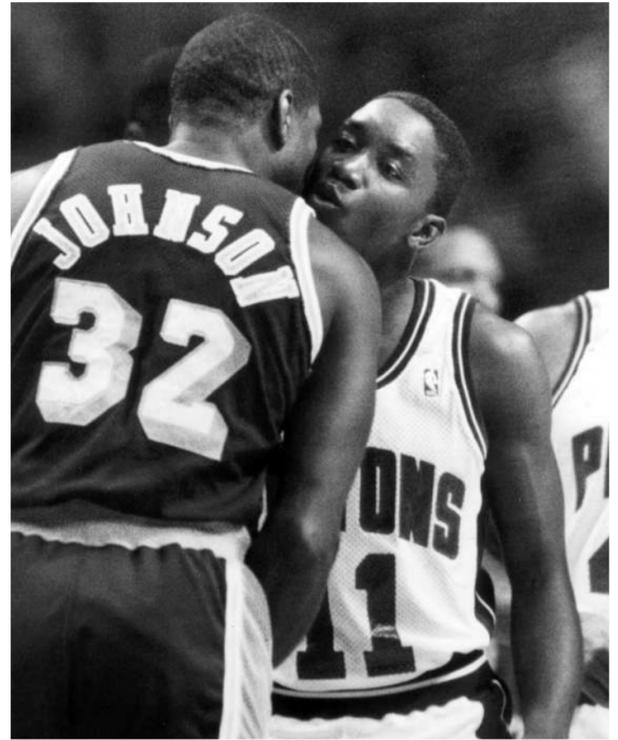
Andrews, who would have turned 75 on Friday, died Tuesday in Glenbrook Hospital after a long illness, his brother said.

Andrews was born at Oak Park Hospital and grew up on the West Side of Chicago on Kilbourn Street. The family moved to Elmhurst when he was young and he lived most of his life there. At Illinois, Andrews was basketball manager. It was there he befriended basketball star Nick Weatherspoon, who later became his first client.

Andrews was a lifelong Bulls fan, but he especially felt the pain of players such as Cliff Pondexter, a collegiate star who was a first-round draft pick of the Bulls in 1974. Pondexter needed money early in his career, so the Bulls said they would give him a loan if he would waive certain contract protections. Players essentially were unrepresented then, so Pondexter agreed. He was soon injured and was waived after three seasons with the Bulls, who then sought return payment. Andrews was sickened by the experience and vowed to be a voice for the players.

"From the union's perspective and players' persecutive, George was a larger-than-life figure in our business," said Ron Klempner, general counsel of the National Basketball Players Association. "I'd put George up in the pantheon of the greats in the business, among the founding fathers of our agents. You think of David Falk, of Arn Tellem, the most prominent agents. George was their predecessor. Very creative thinking, a relentless negotiator, talked about a mile a minute, attached to his phone constantly and as loyal as I've seen anyone to his clients. To me, he was Chicago. As a New Yorker, my view of Chicago was George, his vibrant personality, toughness as a negotiator, loyalty to his clients."

The business of representing professional athletes was basically invented by the likes of Larry Fleisher in basketball and Marvin Miller, who essentially became union leaders. It was then a core of attorneys began to represent the rights of players in their



The Pistons' Isiah Thomas, right, and the Lakers' Magic Johnson exchange a kiss before their game on June 16, 1988, in Auburn Hills, Michigan. superagent George Andrews represented both players. **ROBERT KOZLOFF/AP**



76ers coach Doc Rivers looks on during a playoff game against the Celtics on May 3, 2023, in Boston. Agent George Andrews had Rivers and many other players on his impressive client list. **MADDIE MEYER/GETTY**

negotiations for contracts and eventually the endorsements that Michael Jordan made famous with Nike.

But it began with attorneys such as Andrews, who ushered in that first great era of Chicago athletes to the NBA before Jordan's arrival.

Thomas and Aguirre from the West Side. Rivers and his uncle, Jim Brewer, from Maywood. Andrews also represented Hirsch High School's Rickey Green, Derek Harper from the University of Illinois and a cross-section of athletes that included Olympic gold-medal winner Evelyn Ashford, two-time Super Bowl champion linebacker Carl Banks, Lamar Johnson with the White Sox and Jay Johnstone with the Cubs.

But basketball was Andrews' first and lifelong love. He also was assistant general manager for two years for the Vancouver/Memphis Grizzlies after helping west suburban businessman Michael Heisley in his purchase of the franchise. In recent years, Andrews devoted his practice more toward basketball executives. He represented Hall of Famer Wayne Embry, who has been an adviser for the Toronto Raptors, Minnesota Timberwolves coach Chris Finch and Orlando Magic executive Pete D'Alessandro.

"Most brilliant and witty agent I've ever dealt with," said Randy Pfund, a former Los Angeles Lakers coach and Miami Heat general manager.

"George was my first agent, and I couldn't think of a better guy to introduce me to the business world of basketball than

George," said Rivers, now coaching the Milwaukee Bucks and the eighth-winningest coach in NBA history. "George was terrific for me. He's basically the godfather of agents in Chicago for the Chicago kids. What stood out for me about George was he was an agent, but he had this fatherly embrace for us. Which was really important for a bunch of young, naive kids coming out of Chicago walking into the cutthroat world of sports and NBA basketball. If you were in Chicago, the chances you were represented by George or influenced by George was almost 100%. Everyone knew George."

A former trackman in high school who could scan a room and a league with equal alacrity and passion, Andrews basically was the first to raise the bar in the ever-escalating world of NBA remuneration. The NBA had put in place all sorts of guardrails and roadblocks to preclude players from massive returns after the famous Oscar Robertson free-agent settlement in the late 1970s. But Andrews, as he often could, figured a way around it.

Instead of regular increments, he proposed a so-called lifetime contract that would extend beyond retirement.

Lakers owner Jerry Buss agreed after the 1981 season to a 25-year, \$25 million contract Andrews initiated that became both the longest and richest guaranteed contract in sports history. It flipped the sports world on its head and eventually would lead to Jordan seeking to match and signing an eight-year, \$25 million extension with the Bulls in 1988.

Johnson's original deal also included an eventual role with the franchise, and he did become part-owner at one time. During Johnson's early tenure with the Lakers, Andrews guided him through the contacts and investments that eventually helped make him a billionaire.

Some of Andrews' other clients in a legendary career included Rolando Blackman, Phil Hubbard, Herb Williams, Sam Vincent and Roy Tarpley.

"And remember," Thomas said, "this was starting with us when he was 31 or 32. Players today don't know agent commissions then were 50% for endorsements and 20% on contracts. George was an agent who fought for the players. He was one of the first in a field that's a billion-dollar industry now but someone who always had the players' interests at heart. You hear the players association saying that we lost a giant and that tells you something."

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Sky

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Chennedy Carter scored 15 points for the Sky. Lindsay Allen made three 3-pointers and scored 13, adding seven assists and six rebounds. Marina Mabrey scored 11 on 4-of-17 shooting.

The Lynx trailed by 51-42 on a jumper by Carter with 2:58 left in the third quarter but cut the deficit to five at the end of the period on a long jumper at the buzzer by Collier.

The Lynx clamped down defensively in the fourth quarter,

SPORTS

BREWERS 7, CUBS 1

Consistent fundamentals lack while shortcomings exposed

Cubs continue to struggle to win series after series

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — Controlling the controllable tends to be the mark of winning teams.

There are days hitters will be shut down by the opposing pitching staff. Others when a starter or bullpen might not have their best stuff. Every big-league team experiences both over the course of a season. But defense and smart base running should be key pillars on a playoff-caliber team — yet for the Chicago Cubs, those fundamentals continue to be lacking for a veteran team.

Those issues have become even more pronounced during the Cubs' struggles over the last two months. A weekend of more miscues on the bases and mistakes in the field contributed to the Cubs dropping the series with a 7-1 loss Sunday to the Milwaukee Brewers. They scored all seven runs in the fourth inning off right-hander Kyle Hendricks.

The Cubs (39-46) have lost 16 of their last 22 games on the road and enter July sitting in last place in the National League Central — 11 ½ games behind the Brewers — with only the Miami Marlins and Colorado Rockies owning more losses in the NL.

"I think it's going further back, we've been trying a sense urgency and yesterday was a good win, big win for us," Hendricks said. "... We have some of our leaders doing the things we need to do, just still that inconsistency. The sense of urgency has been there, it's still there.

"We have to take care of our jobs, take care of our business and it starts with each individual, so me focusing on doing my job to the best of my ability."

The Cubs managed just two hits in Sunday's loss, both tallied in the first inning. Nico Hoerner's second leadoff home run of the year stood as their lone run. Despite putting some pressure on Brewers starter Freddy Peralta in the opening inning, the offense managed just two base runners (both walks) the rest of the game.

"Offensively it's a day when it's one run so it's hard to see a scenario that's going to win us a game and so offensively, no matter who we're facing, we're going to have to be better," Cubs manager Craig Counsell said. "That's kind of what I take away from it."

The Cubs, though, again hurt themselves with poor execution. Left fielder Ian Happ misplayed Rhys Hoskins' fly ball in the fourth, resulting in the ball falling



The Cubs' Nico Hoerner runs the bases following a home run against the Brewers at American Family Field on Sunday. STACY REVERE/GETTY

for a single. Rather than representing the second out of the inning, Milwaukee had runners on first and second base. Sal Fralick followed with an RBI single to put the Brewers ahead 3-1, and Jackson Chourio's ensuing single loaded the bases. Hendricks struck out Andrew Monasterio, which should have ended the inning had Happ caught the ball.

Instead of heading to the fifth down by two runs, two pitches later Brice Turang slugged a grand slam to end Hendricks' day.

Hendricks downplayed Happ's mistake, explaining that in his mind it was a home run on another bad pitch that he shouldn't have gotten away with and would have been lucky to get an out there.

"We've got to focus on who we are, like me: do my job. I've got to set the tone," Hendricks said. "Like today, I've gotta get out of that inning and give us a chance. That's the only way we're going to start playing good baseball and play fundamental baseball. We have to each focus on our own jobs, make sure we're doing it to the best of our ability and if I'm not doing that today, I can't speak to anything else."

Happ said he had a good step on Hoskins' fly ball, but on the flight down it shifted toward left-center field and his body wasn't in a great spot.

"I kind of thought it was gonna be more up against the wall over there and I got turned around. Obviously not my best moment out there and I put Kyle in a tough spot. ... Making him get four outs in an inning, stuff like that you don't want to happen."

Added Counsell: "The misplay on the fly ball hurt us for sure, and they got a huge hit. ... It looked to me like he was trying to get to the wall and find the wall and he kind of just misjudged where he was at unfortunately. He was definitely battling some sun as well."

The sequence continues overall poor fundamentals the Cubs have displayed too often this season, a surprising development under Counsell. In their weekend series alone, Cody Bellinger was doubled

off first base in the sixth inning of Friday's loss when he was running on a pitch and advanced past second base with no shot to get back in time. The Cubs' 36 outs on the bases lead MLB, with the majority occurring at home plate.

Then a botched rundown between second and third during the third inning of Saturday's win was part of an ugly inning that had starter Justin Steele fired up, yelling "Wake up!" with an expletive mixed in there as he entered the dugout.

"We haven't been as crisp defensively," president of baseball operations Jed Hoyer said Friday. "We've had some good games defensively recently, but overall... I think some of the base running, I watch it and do think there's a cycle that happens when guys are trying too hard — of course everyone's pressing. You see that, you see guys pressing. These guys are all aware. They know they haven't scored enough runs over the last two months. So guys start trying too hard to take the extra base and do the little thing to do it to push the run across.

"It's human nature and it's a bad cycle."

The Cubs don't have much time to turn things around if Hoyer is to be convinced to acquire players by the July 30 trade deadline who could help them during a two-month playoff push. Their poor fundamentals and maddening offensive inconsistencies have put the Cubs in a bad spot for the second consecutive season.

"It's a frustrating place to be for the group," Happ said. "We're obviously not close to where we want to be. Just over the halfway point, there's a lot of baseball left. We have to find a way to string couple series together and find a way to play a game at a time, but we need to win a series and get on a little bit of a run here.

"We've had a couple games like today where we've got a chance to win the series and get some momentum going and don't get it done. So we're gonna have to string a few wins together and see what we can do."

Sullivan

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No one was planning a parade when the Cubs were 17-9 in April, but the Cubs haven't won three straight games since a four-game streak from April 23-26.

It would be crazy for anyone to cast this team in a different light since then, no matter how close they remain in the National League wild-card race.

Rebuilds R Us

With the Sox seemingly on the verge of dealing ace Garrett Crochet in this dysfunctional season, the words of Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf from the last Sox rebuild should not be forgotten.

"You have to have four prospects who can't possibly miss to get one," Reinsdorf told Comcast Sports Net (now the soon-to-be-defunct NBC Sports Chicago) at the 2016 Winter Meetings. "I've seen so many players over the years who were going to be phenoms, they were going to be future Hall of Famers, and we don't even remember what their names are anymore. That's why when you're trading a player of stature you have to get multiple can't-miss prospects back."

The Sox kicked off their rebuild by trading Chris Sale at the '16 Winter Meetings for four Boston Red Sox prospects: Yoán Moncada, Michael Kopech, right-hander Víctor Díaz and outfielder Luis Alexander Basabe. Díaz lasted one season in Class-A baseball. Basabe had 18 plate appearances with the San Francisco Giants.

Kopech is the only one remaining with a bright future, and he might be dealt this season as well.

Sigh.

The great debate

Justin Steele's "wake the f--- up" viral scream Saturday in Milwaukee versus Héctor Neris's clubhouse speech after a 1-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on May 18.

Cody Bellinger said Neris's speech gave him "goosebumps." The Cubs were 26-21 after the speech but lost the next day and went 12-24 post-speech until Saturday's win following Steele's "wake-the-bleep-up" call.

Will Steele's motivational message have a more lasting success?

Neris, of course, lost his closer's role during that poor post-speech stretch, but apparently won it back Saturday.

Clutch-free cargo

It's one thing to be a bad offensive team. It's another to be so bad that virtually no one in the lineup can hit in the clutch.

The Sox were last in the majors Sunday with a .209 average with runners in scoring position. The Cubs were 28th in the category with a .215 average. This is a recipe for boredom of the highest degree.



Bulls guard Coby White (0) shoots a three-point-basket during the third quarter against the Pistons at the United Center Nov. 12 in Chicago. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Three's company

Embarking on his first rebuild, Karišovas can get advice from former White Sox general manager Rick Hahn on the perfect corporate speak to use the next time he talks to the media.

"It's tough to serve two masters," Hahn said at the start of the last rebuild. "The focus of our scouting department, of our player development people, of the major-league staff is on building something that's sustainable. In the short term, we might have to pay some price at the big-league level."

The top two NBA teams in 3-point attempts were the Boston Celtics and Dallas Mavericks, who wound up meeting in the NBA Finals, where the Celtics won in five games.

The Bulls were 26th in 3-point attempts (32.1 per game) and 20th in 3-point percentage at .358. It doesn't take a genius to figure out the Bulls need to improve in both categories in 2024-25.

But the Bulls' best 3-point shooter in 2023-24 was Alex Caruso, whose .408 percentage from long-range ranked 31st in the NBA. Caruso was traded to Oklahoma City for wing Josh Giddey, who has great upside but ranked 144th (.337) in 3-point shooting. Bulls guards Ayo Dosunmu ranked 36th (.403) and Coby White was 82nd (.376).

The Bulls used their No. 11 pick in the draft on 19-year-old Matas Buzelis, who shot 27.3% on 3-pointers in the G League. As free agency begins, it's nice to know Karišovas is solving the Bulls' biggest problem by thus far ignoring it.

Strange, but true

When Kyle Schwarber went on the injured list last week, it meant Schwarber, Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant and Javier Báez were all on the IL at the same time.

That's what former manager Lou Piniella might call an ex-Cubbie Occurrence.

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"I was frustrated early on with the balk (which resulted in a run scoring in the second inning), but was able to bounce back from that," Crochet said. "Every hitter I face I have to act like it's my last or else I'm going to end up giving a homer or something that I don't want to do. I've got to make every pitch count."

Crochet's outing came amid the backdrop of continued trade speculation, with USA Today's Bob Nightengale reporting Sunday the Los Angeles Dodgers had previously

made an offer that was rejected.

Grifol said before the game that Crochet had handled the trade talks well.

"I see him doing a great job of it," Grifol said. "You know why? Because he wants to be here. He enjoys it here. There's something to that. That brings you a little bit of peace. He got drafted here, came to the big leagues here right away, became a starter here and he's voiced his opinion of how much he likes it here.

"The same thing with (center fielder Luis) Robert (Jr.), I just think it makes it a little bit easier. Because you want to stay here."

Crochet agreed with Grifol, saying, "definitely" when asked after the game if he'd like to remain with the Sox.

"As far as that (trade) stuff goes, I'm just focused on doing exactly what I'm doing right now, taking the ball here for the White Sox and other than that I don't really think about it," Crochet said.

Crochet retired the final 12 batters he faced Sunday.

"He really pitched today, he did a really good job of economizing some pitches," Grifol said. "After the sixth I told him, 'You've got 10 or 12 pitches left,' and he just smiled and said, 'That's enough.' So that was

really good to see him go out there and shut down that seventh inning."

The Sox trailed 2-1 in the seventh when Vaughn drew a bases-loaded walk. It remained tied at 2 until the 10th, when both teams scored once.

Rockies center fielder Brenton Doyle made a game-saving diving catch on Tommy Pham's sinking liner in the 12th.

The Rockies scored in the top of the 13th on a two-out bloop single to right by Ezequiel Tovar. The Sox answered with an RBI single by Robert, knotting the game at 4.

Robert nearly threw out Ryan McMahon in the 14th. But McMahon slid in safely on Michael

Toglia's sacrifice fly to center to give the Rockies the 5-4 lead.

Andrew Benintendi attempted to move Paul DeJong over in the bottom of the 14th but didn't get down a bunt and eventually struck out looking. Lenyn Sosa and Nicky Lopez followed with groundouts as the Sox (24-62) saw their winning streak end at three.

"I was sitting on the edge of my seat there watching (reliever Michael Soroka) do what he did (six strikeouts over the final four innings)," Crochet said. "Everyone was kind of picking each other up. Tough one to lose, but a good one that we know that we fought hard."

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■ And once again they loaded up on premium picks, which is becoming a theme for them. That comes from starting out with a wealth of draft picks and having no fear about attacking the board when they feel a target is within reach.

"It was always something that was talked about," Hawks general manager Kyle Davidson said. "Even for quite some time there were a number of teams that were looking to move back and you saw there were a couple trades where teams were moving back, moving back, and we were in on all of those, and I think we got one of the last trades in that had occurred.

"So there were some tense moments there where we didn't know if Marek (Vanacker) would make it to us just with all the team trading up and us not being able to get a trade over the finish line. ... I'm just glad we were able to get one over the line with Carolina and pick Marek."

Here are three takeaways from

the draft.

1. First things first

The Hawks entered the draft with two first-rounders and made the first of two trades with the Carolina Hurricanes to net a third.

What else is new? The Hawks have had multiple picks in each of the last three drafts:

■ **2024:** Artyom Levshunov (No. 2), Sacha Boisvert (18) and Marek Vanacker (27)

■ **2023:** Connor Bedard (1) and Oliver Moore (19)

■ **2022:** Kevin Korchinski (7), Frank Nazar (13) and Sam Rinzel (25)

According to NHL Stats, the Hawks' eight first-round picks in a three-year span are the most since the Montreal Canadiens' 10 first-rounders from 1974-76.

"It never ceases to amaze me," said Mike Doneghey, Hawks director of amateur scouting. "We start the day with none in Montreal (2022) and two last year and only two this year, and he (Davidson) finds a way to get myself and our staff the players that we like, the players we want.

"He has that ability to package things and go get what we want."

Davidson was asked whether he entertained the notion, back when he was a first-time GM, of having eight first-rounders in a three-year span.

"Certainly not, no," he said, "especially given the first draft we didn't have any (first-round picks) day-of (the draft).

"It's very cliché to say we targeted all these guys that we wanted, but it's very much true. After Year 1, I thought, OK, we can't get all the guys we wanted. And then last year we got all the guys we wanted. And then this year I thought there's no way it's going to work out again, and it just did.

"I'm not saying we've got this all figured out but just to set a plan in motion and then to be able to execute on that plan when so much of it is out of your control is really exciting."

2. The race for pace?

It's a tentpole of the rebuild strategy: Load up on speedsters and you can wear down the teams

that have to chase you.

"Skating we won't look the other way on," Doneghey said.

The Hawks struck again on that front in the third round with forwards John Mustard, AJ Spellacy and John Pridham.

Doneghey said Mustard "leads with speed."

"I got a few texts saying we're trying to build the fastest team in the league," Doneghey said. "Those three guys can really skate — that's probably their main attribute. We added some size with it. Two of the three are right shots who can play the wing. Competitive but fast."

Spellacy was quick to buy in.

"I think speed kills, so if you have speed as a team, it's going to be a lot easier to win games and beat the other team," he said. "There's more than just the speed, but when you have a lot of speed, it's easy to win games if you have a great team."

3. Big deal about size?

You could say the Hawks were "rolling sixes" so to speak, in this draft: Every pick, from the 6-foot-2 Levshunov to 6-2 sixth-round

defenseman Ty Henry, was at least 6 feet tall.

The Hawks already boast a lot of big blue liners, such as Alex Vlasic, but they injected some size among the forwards, too, with 6-2 Sacha Boisvert and the 6-3 Spellacy.

Doneghey said of Boisvert: "He's a big body down the middle that gets around the ice really well that has a good scoring touch."

They might one day help balance out sub-sixers such as Bedard, Nazar and Moore.

Yet for the second draft in a row, the Hawks chief scout scoffed at the size question.

"Size is a premium with the people on this side of the microphone," said Doneghey, gesturing toward reporters. "Kyle says it, and I'm a believer in it: You can get size in free agency and trades.

"We have traits that we look for, and we're not going to go against those traits to reach for a guy just because he's a few inches taller than another guy. And as I said (before), try telling Oliver Moore that 5-11.5, 195 (pounds) is small.

"That's not going to be a good conversation."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	53	31	.631	—	—	4-6	L-1	29-17	24-14
New York	54	32	.628	—	+7	3-7	W-1	24-14	30-18
Boston	44	39	.530	8½	1½	5-4	W-1	20-23	24-16
Tampa Bay	42	42	.500	11	4	7-3	W-1	23-25	19-17
Toronto	38	45	.458	14½	7½	3-6	L-1	20-21	18-24

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	52	30	.634	—	—	6-4	L-1	26-9	26-21
Minnesota	47	37	.560	6	+1	6-4	W-2	23-16	24-21
Kansas City	47	39	.547	7	—	5-5	W-1	30-16	17-23
Detroit	38	46	.452	15	8	4-6	W-1	19-22	19-24
Chicago	24	62	.279	30	23	4-6	L-1	16-29	8-33

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	47	39	.547	—	—	3-7	L-2	28-14	19-25
Houston	42	41	.506	3½	3½	9-1	W-2	24-19	18-22
Texas	38	46	.452	8	8	4-6	W-1	20-19	18-27
Los Angeles	36	47	.434	9½	9½	7-3	L-1	18-26	18-21
Oakland	30	56	.349	17	17	2-8	L-2	18-23	12-33

BOX SCORES

TAMPA BAY 5, WASHINGTON 0

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	2	0	1	0	1	.283
Thomas rf	3	0	0	0	1	.239
Winker lf	3	0	0	0	2	.256
Ramirez dh	4	0	1	0	2	.268
Garcia 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.260
Meneses lb	4	0	0	0	4	.230
Vargas 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.262
Millas c	3	0	0	0	2	.167
Young cf	3	0	1	0	2	.272
TOTALS	30	0	3	0	16	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz dh	4	0	1	0	1	.271
Arozarena lf	4	1	2	1	0	.196
A.Rosario 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.291
Paredes lb	4	2	3	1	0	.276
Siri cf	3	0	1	0	1	.213
Deluca rf	4	1	1	0	0	.165
Caballero 2b	2	1	2	1	2	.246
Walls ss	3	0	1	0	1	.167
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	1	.070
TOTALS	31	5	9	5	7	

Washington	000	000	000	0	3	0
Tampa Bay	030	100	10x	5	9	0

LOB: Washington 7, Tampa Bay 4. **2B:** Diaz (16), Paredes (16). **3B:** Paredes (1). **HR:** Paredes (13), off Corbin; Caballero (5), off Corbin; Arozarena (11), off Weems. **RBIs:** Paredes (43), Caballero 2 (22), Siri (30), Arozarena (28). **SB:** Abrams (14). **SF:** Siri.

Runners left in scoring position: Washington 4 (Ramirez, Garcia, Winker 2); Tampa Bay 2 (Walls, A.Rosario).

RISP: Washington 0 for 5; Tampa Bay 1 for 5. **DP:** Washington 1 (Millas, Garcia, Millas).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin, L-1-8	6	8	4	4	1	5	5.49
Weems	1	1	1	1	0	1	6.03
Rainey	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.43

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley, W-3-4	5½	3	0	0	2	11	3.42
Poche, H-7	½	0	0	0	0	3	1.15
Adam	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.00
Cleavinger	1	0	0	1	3	2	3.91
Maton	1	0	0	1	1	5	5.01

Pitches-Strikes: Corbin 94-61; Weems 15-10; Rainey 15-10; Bradley 99-67; Poche 6-4; Adam 12-8; Cleavinger 23-11; Maton 9-8.

Batters Faced: Corbin 26; Weems 4; Rainey 3; Bradley 22; Poche 1; Adam 3; Cleavinger 5; Maton 3.

Inherited runners-scored: Poche 2-0.

HBP: Cleavinger (Thomas). **PB:** Jackson (1). **Umpires:** Home, Dan Bellino; First, Phil Cuzzi; Second, Tony Randazzo; Third, Jeremy Riggs.

Time: 2:20. **A:** 18,259 (25,025).

BOSTON 4, SAN DIEGO 1

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.324
Profar lf	4	0	1	0	0	.314
Cronenworth 2b3	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Machado dh	4	0	1	0	0	.268
Solano 3b	4	1	0	0	1	.277
Merrill cf	4	1	3	0	0	.294
Kim ss	3	0	1	0	0	.228
Higashioka c	3	0	0	0	0	.204
Johnson rf	2	0	1	0	0	.167
a-D.Peralta rf	1	0	0	0	0	.207
TOTALS	32	1	8	1	4	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran lf	3	1	1	1	0	.288
Hamilton ss	3	0	0	0	0	.268
b-Refsnyder rf	0	0	0	0	0	.322
Abreu rf	2	2	2	0	0	.272
Gonzalez ss	1	0	0	0	1	.283
Devers 3b	4	1	2	0	2	.286
Valdez 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.209
Yoshida dh	4	0	2	0	1	.246
Smith 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.212
McGuire c	3	0	0	0	1	.205
Rafaela cf	3	0	0	0	1	.240
TOTALS	31	4	8	3	5	

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a-grounded out for Johnson in the 7th. b-walked for Hamilton in the 7th. c-struck out for Abreu in the 7th. **LOB:** San Diego 6, Boston 6.

2B: Merrill (11), Kim (10), Smith (7). **HR:** Devers (18), off Waldron; Duran (9), off Waldron. **RBIs:** Kim (38), Devers 2 (45), Duran (39). **S:** Kim.

Runners left in scoring position: San Diego 5 (D.Peralta, Machado, Higashioka 2, Johnson); Boston 5 (Rafaela 2, Valdez 2, Devers). **RISP:** San Diego 1 for 8; Boston 0 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Kim, Cronenworth, Higashioka, Smith, Devers. **GIDP:** Machado, Arraez, Smith.

DP: San Diego 1 (Cronenworth, Kim, Arraez); Boston 2 (Valdez, Hamilton, Smith); Hamilton, Valdez, Smith).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Waldron, L-5-7	4½	6	4	3	1	3	3.56
W.Peralta	½	1	0	0	0	0	3.94
Kolek	½	1	0	0	0	0	4.62
Morjon	4	0	0	2	2	2	2.57
Estrada	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.18

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Winckowski, W-2-15	4	0	0	0	0	1	2.80
Bernardino	½	1	0	0	0	1	1.20
Slaten	½	2	1	1	0	1	3.15
Martin, H-9	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.55
Jansen, S-16-17	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.22

Inherited runners-scored: Slaten 1-0. **HBP:** Winckowski (Cronenworth). **WP:** W.Peralta, Morjon. **PB:** Higashioka 2(5). **Umpires:** HP, Jonathan Parra; 1B, John Libka; 2B, James Hoyer; 3B, Rob Drake. **T:** 2:28. **A:** 30,665 (37,755).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
through Saturday's games
BATTING AVERAGE G AB H R AVG

Rengifo LAA	66	240	76	36	.317
Judge NYY	83	297	93	64	.313
Correa Min	65	241	75	43	.311
Witt KC	85	339	104	63	.307
Soto NYY	81	291	88	68	.302
Altuve Hou	81	335	101	50	.301
Rutschman Bal	78	319	95	44	.298
Y.Alvarez Hou	79	303	90	46	.297
Kiner-Falefa Tor	81	253	73	23	.296
Guerrero Tor	82	321	95	40	.296

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 30; Henderson, Baltimore, 26; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 23; Santander, Baltimore, 22; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 20; Soto, New York, 20; K.Tucker, Houston, 19. **RBIs:** Judge, New York, 80; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 75; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 60; Soto, New York, 60; Henderson, Baltimore, 58; Santander, Baltimore, 55; Rutschman, Baltimore, 55; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 54. **Pitching:** Lugo, Kansas City, 10-2; Burnes, Baltimore, 9-3; Skubal, Detroit, 9-3; Gil, New York, 9-3; Rodriguez, Baltimore, 9-3; Rodón, New York, 9-5; R.Blanco, Houston, 8-3; L.Allen, Cleveland, 8-3; López, Minnesota, 8-6.

N.Y. YANKEES 8, TORONTO 1

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	5	0	0	0	3	.261
Soto rf	3	1	1	1	0	.303
Judge dh	4	2	2	2	.316	
Verdugo lf	5	1	1	0	1	.244
Torres 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.226
Rice 1b	3	2	1	1	0	.273
Wells c	4	1	1	0	2	.214
LeMahieu 3b	5	1	2	2	0	.188
Grisham cf	5	0	2	2	.154	
TOTALS	39	8	12	8	11	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	0	0	0	.292
Horwitz 2b-1b	3	1	0	0	1	.315
Guerrero 1b	2	0	1	0	0	.297
a-Schneider 2b1	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Turner dh	4	0	1	0	1	.251
Springer lf	3	0	1	0	1	.214
VanSo lf	4	0	0	0	3	.199
Jarosh c	3	0	0	0	2	.227
Clement 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.262
Kiermaier cf	3	0	0	0	2	.192
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	10	

NY Yankees	220	031	000	8	12	0
Toronto	001	000	000	1	4	0

a-grounded out for Guerrero in the 8th. **LOB:** New York 10, Toronto 6. **2B:** Torres (14), LeMahieu (2), Grisham (1), Verdugo (17), Rice (2). **HR:** Judge (31), off Gausman. **RBIs:** Judge 2 (82), LeMahieu 2 (9), Soto (61), Grisham 2 (14), Rice (2), Turner (26).

Runners left in scoring position: New York 6 (Soto, Verdugo 3, LeMahieu, Wells); Toronto 1 (Kiermaier).

RISP: New York 5 for 17; Toronto 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Springer. **DP:** New York 1 (Volpe, Torres, Rice).

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole, W-1-1	5	3	1	1	1	6	6.23
Tonkin	½	1	0	0	0	3	1.23
Hill	½	0	0	0	0	1	1.50
Maciejewski	1	0	0	1	1	0	0.00

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman, L-6-7	4½	7	7	5	7	4	7.5
G.Cabrera	½	1	0	0	0	4	1.18
Pearson	1	2	1	1	0	3	5.34
Cuas	1	0	0	0	0	1	9.00
Green	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.45
Francis	1	1	0	0	0	5	3.35

Inherited runners-scored: Hill 1-0, G.Cabrera 2-2. **HBP:** Cole 2 (Jansen, Guerrero), Gausman (Judge). **Umpires:** Home, Tom Hanahan; First, Jerome Rehak; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, D.J. Reyburn. **Time:** 2:54. **A:** 38,534 (39,150).

HOUSTON 10, N.Y. METS 5 (11)

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
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SCOREBOARD

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE
Sunday second stage in Italy; a 124-mile ride from Cesenatico to Bologna.

STAGE 2 RESULTS

1. Kevin Vauquelin, France	4:43:42.
2. Jonas Abrahamson, Norway	:36*
3. Quentin Pacher, France	:49*
4. Cristian Rodriguez, Spain	:49*
5. Harold Tejada, Colombia	:49*
6. Nelson Oliveira, Portugal	:50*
7. Axel Laurance, France	1:12:30*
8. Mike Teunissen, Netherlands	1:33:30*
9. Hugo Houle, Canada	1:36:30*
10. Richard Carapaz, Ecuador	2:21:30*

Also

24. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	2:42:30*
43. Neilson Powless, U.S.	3:43:30*
143. Sean Quinn, U.S.	20:23:30*

OVERALL STANDINGS (Yellow Jersey)

1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia	9:53:30
2. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium	same
3. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark	same
4. Richard Carapaz, Ecuador	same
5. Maximal Bardet, France	:06*
6. Maxim Van Gils, Belgium	:21*
7. Egan Bernal, Colombia	:21*
8. Pello Bilbao, Spain	:21*
9. Tom Pidcock, Gr. Britain	:21*
10. Giulio Ciccone, Italy	:21*

Also

14. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	:21*
32. Neilson Powless, U.S.	1:51:30*
140. Sean Quinn, U.S.	47:11:30*

TEAM STANDINGS (*-time behind)

1. Movistar Team	29:40:42
2. UAE Team Emirates	:30*
3. Ineos Grenadiers	:51*
4. Red Bull-Bora-Hansgrohe	:51*
5. Soudal Quick-Step	1:31:30*
6. Bahrain Victorious	2:42:30*
7. EF Education-Easypost	3:41:30*
8. Team DSMFirmenich PostNL	5:01:30*
9. Team Visma/Lease A Bike	:54:47*
10. LIDL-Trek	7:04:47*

CLIMBER (Red Polka Dot Jersey)

1. Jonas Abrahamson, Norway	PT
2. Valentin Madouas, France	11
3. Frank Van den Broek, Netherlands	9
4. Ion Izagirre, Spain	8
5. Romain Bardet, France	3

Youth-U26 (White Jersey)

1. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium	9:53:30
2. Maxim Van Gils, Belgium	:21*
3. Tom Pidcock, Great Britain	:21*
4. Carlos Rodriguez, Spain	:21*
5. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	:21*
6. Juan Ayuso, Spain	:21*
7. Santiago Buitrago	1:11:30*
8. Ilan Van Wilder	1:22:30*
9. Javier Romo, Spain	1:22:30*
10. Oscar Onley, Great Britain	2:31:30*

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	3	.842	—
Connecticut	14	4	.778	1½
Atlanta	7	10	.412	8
Indiana	8	12	.400	8½
Chicago	6	11	.353	9
Washington	4	15	.211	12

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	4	.778	—
Seattle	12	6	.667	2
Las Vegas	10	6	.625	3
Phoenix	9	9	.500	5
Los Angeles	4	14	.222	10
Dallas	4	14	.222	10

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

New York 81, Atlanta 75
Minnesota 70, Chicago 62
Indiana 88, Phoenix 82

MONDAY'S GAMES

Connecticut at Phoenix, 9p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Las Vegas 88, Washington 77
Seattle 97, Dallas 76

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENTLEMEN TOP SINGLES SEEDS

1. Jannik Sinner	Italy
2. Novak Djokovic	Croatia
3. Carlos Alcaraz	Spain
4. Alexander Zverev	Germany
5. Daniil Medvedev	Russia
6. Andrey Rublev	Russia
7. Hubert Hurkacz	Poland
8. Casper Ruud	Norway
9. Alex de Minaur	Australia
10. Grigor Dimitrov	Bulgaria
11. Stefanos Tsitsipas	Greece
12. Tommy Paul	U.S.
13. Taylor Fritz	U.S.
14. Ben Shelton	U.S.
15. Holger Rune	Denmark
16. Ugo Humbert	France

LADIES TOP SINGLES SEEDS

1. Iga Swiatek	Poland
2. Coco Gauff	U.S.
3. Aryna Sabalenka	Belarus
4. Elena Rybakina	Kazakhstan
5. Jessica Pegula	U.S.
6. Marketa Vondrousova	Czechia
7. Jasmine Paolini	Italy
8. Zheng Qinwen	China
9. Maria Sakkaris	Greece
10. Ni Xiaomeng	Taiwan
11. Danielle Collins	U.S.
12. Madison Keys	U.S.
13. Jelena Ostapenko	Latvia
14. Daria Kasatkina	Russia
15. Lucia Bronzoni	Russia
16. Victoria Azarenka	Belarus

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES ALLY 400

Lineup after Saturday qualifying; race Sunday at Nashville Superspeedway; Lebanon, Tenn. Lap length: 1.33 miles

ST	#	DRIVER	MAKE	MPH
1	11	Denny Hamlin	Toyota	160.354
2	4	Josh Berry	Ford	159.749
3	20	Christopher Bell	Toyota	159.845
4	5	Kyle Larson	Chev.	159.701
5	6	Brad Keselowski	Ford	159.536
6	45	Tyler Reddick	Toyota	159.600
7	24	William Byron	Chev.	159.531
8	54	Ty Gibbs	Toyota	159.541
9	17	Chris Buescher	Ford	159.064
10	2	Austin Cindric	Ford	158.890
11	3	Austin Dillon	Chev.	158.422
12	48	Alex Bowman	Chev.	158.103
13	9	Chase Elliott	Chev.	158.407
14	34	Michael McDowell	Ford	158.056
15	77	Carson Hocevar	Chev.	158.187
16	10	Noah Gragson	Ford	157.895
17	19	Martin Truex Jr.	Toyota	158.051
18	12	Ryan Blaney	Ford	157.843
19	14	Chase Briscoe	Ford	157.947
20	1	Ross Chastain	Chev.	157.822
21	7	Ryan LaJoie	Chev.	157.759
22	41	Ryan Preece	Ford	157.309
23	47	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	Chev.	157.645
24	23	Bubba Wallace	Toyota	157.221
25	21	Harrison Burton	Ford	157.562
26	22	Joey Logano	Ford	157.123
27	8	Kyle Busch	Chev.	157.298
28	16	AJ Allmendinger	Chev.	157.112
29	50	Corey Heim	Chev.	157.226
30	15	Riley Herbst	Ford	156.185
31	99	Daniel Suárez	Chev.	156.691
32	38	Todd Gilliland	Ford	155.849
33	51	Justin Haley	Ford	156.588
34	43	Erik Jones	Toyota	155.768
35	42	J.H. Nemechek	Toyota	156.532
36	71	Zane Smith	Chev.	155.561
37	31	Daniel Hemric	Chev.	156.501
38	66	Chad Finchum	Ford	146.395

DRIVER POINTS

DRIVER	ST	W	T5	T10	PT
Kyle Larson	17	3	8	9	620
Chase Elliott	18	1	7	9	620
Denny Hamlin	18	0	8	8	580
Martin Truex Jr.	18	4	8	8	572
Tyler Reddick	18	1	6	11	560
Christopher Bell	18	3	6	11	555
William Byron	18	5	6	10	548
Ryan Blaney	18	1	5	7	526
Ross Chastain	18	0	7	7	510
Brad Keselowski	18	1	7	9	507
Ty Gibbs	18	0	4	8	499
Alex Bowman	18	0	4	10	476
Chris Buescher	18	0	4	8	467
Joey Logano	18	0	2	5	430
Bubba Wallace	18	0	3	5	417
Chase Briscoe	18	0	2	6	405
Kyle Busch	18	0	2	5	385
Daniel Suárez	18	1	2	3	368
Josh Berry	18	0	2	4	357
Todd Gilliland	18	0	2	4	347

NHL

2024 DRAFT
At the Sphere, Paradise, Nev.

SATURDAY'S SECOND ROUND

33. St. Igor Chernyshev, LW, Dynamo Moscow (RUS)
34. Caro. Dominik Badinka, D, Malmö (SWE)
35. Ana. Lucas Peterson, C, Modo Jr. (SWE)
36. Colm. Charlie Ellick, D, Brandon (WHL)
37. Winnipeg. Alfons Freij, D, Vaxjö Jr. (SWE)
38. Colorado. Ilya Nabokov, G, Magnitogorsk (RUS)
39. Ottawa. Gabriel Eliasson, D, HV71 Jr. (SWE)
40. Sea. Julius Miettinen, C, Everett (WHL)
41. Calg. Andrew Basha, LW, Med. Hat (WHL)
42. Buff. Adam Kleber, D, Lincoln (USHL)
43. Wash. Cole Hutson, D, USNTDP (USHL)
44. Pitt. Harrison Brunick, D, Kamloops (WHL)
45. Min. Ryder Ritchie, RW, Prince Albert (WHL)
46. Pit. Tanner Howe, LW, Regina (WHL)
47. Det. Max Plante, LW, USNTDP (USHL)
48. St. Colin Repp, D, Shattuck-St. Mary's (USHL)
49. MJ. Mikhail Vagorov, G, Omaha (USHL)
50. Caro. Nikita Artamonov, LW, Nizhny Novgorod (RUS)
51. Phil. Jack Berglund, C, Farjestad Jr. (SWE)
52. Wash. Leon Muggli, D, Zug (SWISS)
53. St. Leon Sahlin Wellenius, D, Vaxjö Jr. (SWE)
54. N.Y. Jesse Pulkkinen, D, JYP (FINLAND)
55. Nash. Teddy Stiga, C, USNTDP (USHL)
56. St. Louis. Lukas Fischer, D, Sarnia (OHL)
57. LA. Carter George, G, Owen Sound (OHL)
58. Fla. Linus Eriksson, C, Djurgården (SWE)

SATURDAY'S THIRD ROUND

66. Ana. Maxim Masse, RW, Chicoutimi (OHL)
67. Chi. John Mustard, C, Waterloo (USHL)
68. Ast. Ethan Procyshyn, C, North Bay (OHL)
69. Car. Noel Fransen, D, Farjestad Jr. (SWE)
70. Montreal. Aatos Koivu, C, TPS Jr. (FINLAND)
71. Buff. Brodie Ziemer, RW, USNTDP (USHL)
72. Chi. AJ Spellacy, RW, Windsor (OHL)
73. Sea. Alexis Bernier, D, Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)
74. Calg. Henry Meves, D, Ottawa (OHL)
75. Was. Ilya Profas, LW, Des Moines (WHL)
76. Col. William Zellers, LW, Shattuck-St. Mary's (HIGH-MJN)
77. Nash. Viogo Gustafsson, D, HV71 Jr. (SWE)
78. Mtl. Logan Sawyer, C, Brooks (BCHL)
79. Ana. Tarin Smith, D, Everett (WHL)
80. Det. Ondrej Becher, C, Prince George (WHL)
81. StL. Ondrej Kos, LW, Ives Jr. (SWE)
82. Jr. Carson Wetsch, RW, Calgary (WHL)
83. Vegas. Pavel Moyshevich, G, SKA ST. Petersburg (RUSSIA)
84. Calg. Kirill Zarubin, G, AKM Tula Jr. (SWE)
85. Nash. Kasper Pikkariainen, RW, TPS Jr. (FINLAND)
86. Colm. Luca Marrelli, D, Oshawa (OHL)
87. Nash. Miguel Marques, RW, Lethbridge (WHL)
88. Sea. Kim Saarinen, G, HPK Jr. (FINLAND)
89. Utah. Tomas Laovic, D, Cape Breton (QMJHL)
90. Was. Erik Mateklo, LW, Saint John (QMJHL)
91. NJ. Herman Traff, RW, HV71 Jr. (SWE)
92. Chi. Jack Priddy, RW, West Kelowna (BCHL)
93. Nash. Melvin Fernstrom, RW, Orebro Jr. (SWE)
94. Nash. Hiroki Gojic, RW, Kelowna (WHL)
95. StL. Adam Jecho, C, Elm (WHL)
96. Utah. Veeti Vaisanen, D, Kookoo (FINLAND)
97. Florida. Matvei Shuraviv, D, CSKA Jr. (RUSSIA)

SATURDAY'S FOURTH ROUND

98. Utah. Gregor Bilber, D, Rogle Jr. (Sweden)
99. Nash. Jakub Milota, G, Cape Breton (QMJHL)
100. Ana. Alexandre Blais, C, Rimouski (QMJHL)
101. Colm. Tanner Henriksen, D, Lincoln (USHL)
102. Mtl. Owen Protz, D, Brantford (OHL)
103. Utah. Gabe Smith, C, Moncton (QMJHL)
104. Ott. Lucas Ellinas, LW, Kitchener (OHL)
105. Sea. Oliver Josephson, C, Red Deer (WHL)
106. Calg. Trevor Hoskin, RW, Cobourg (OHL)
107. Phia. Heikki Ruuhonen, C, K-Espoo Jr. (FINLAND)
108. Buff. Luke Osburn, D, Youngstown (USHL)
109. Wpg. Kevin He, LW, Niagara (OHL)
110. Bos. Elliott Groenewold, D, Cedar Rapids (USHL)
111. Pitt. Chase Pietila, D, Mich. Tech. (USHL)
112. Ott. Jaxon Moore, LW, Minnetonka HS, Minn. (USHL)
113. StL. Tomas Tomas, C, Med. Hat (WHL)
114. Was. Nicholas Kempf, G, USA-18 (NTDP)
115. N.Y. Dmitry Garmiz, G, Zvezda Moscow (RUSSIA)
116. St. Christian Kirsch, G, Zug Jr. (Switzerland)
117. Ottawa. Blake Montgomery, LW, Lincoln (USHL)
118. TB. Jan Golitic, D, Gatineau (QMJHL)
119. YR. Raoul Boilard, D, Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)
120. Tor. Victor Johansson, D, Leksand Jr. (SWE)
121. Col. Jake Fisher, C, Fargo (USHL)
122. Min. Aron Kiviharju, D, HIFK (Finland)
123. Buff. Simon-Pier Brunet, D, Drummondville (OHL)
124. Car. Alexander Shtyatsky, D, Magnitogorsk Jr. (RUSSIA)
125. Van. Riley Patterson, C, Barrie (OHL)
126. Det. Landon Miller, G, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
127. Nash. Viktor Norring, LW, Frolunda Jr. (SWE)
128. TB. Hagen Burrows, RW, Minnetonka HS, Minn. (USHL)
129. Florida. Simon Zether, C, Rogle. (SWE)

SATURDAY'S FIFTH ROUND

162. Van. Anthony Romani, RW, North Bay (OHL)
163. Chicago. Ty Henry, D, Erie (OHL)
164. LA. Jared Woolley, D, London (OHL)
165. CBI. Luke Ashton, D, Langley (BCHL)
166. Mont. Ben Mielnik, C, St. Sebastians School, Mass. (USHL)
167. Utah. Vojtech Hradec, C, Mlada Boleslav (Czechia)
168. Carolina. Timur Kol, D, OMSK Jr. (Russia)
169. Fla. Stepan Gorbuinov, C, Chelyabinsk Jr. (Rus)
170. Cgy. Hunter Laing, C, Prince George (WHL)
171. LA. Matyas Melovsky, C, Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)
172. Buffalo. Patrick Geary, D, Michigan State.
173. Phi. Ilya Pautov, RW, CSKA Jr. (Russia)
174. Min. Stevie Leskovar, D, Mississauga (OHL)
175. Pitt. Joonas Vaisanen, D, Dubuque (USHL)
176. Bos. Luke Johansson, D, AIK Jr. (Sweden)
177. Wpg. Eric Jamieson, D, Everett (WHL)
178. Wash. Petr Sikora, C, Trinec Jr. (Czechia)
179. N.Y. Xavier Veilleux, D, Muskegon (USHL)
180. Vegas. Trent Swick, LW, Kitchener (OHL)
181. Tampa Bay. Kaden Pitre, RW, Flint (OHL)
182. Ana. Austin Burnevik, RW, Madison (USHL)
183. Edm. Albin Sundin, D, Frolunda Jr. (Sweden)
184. Car. Roman Shokhrin, D, Loko-76 Yaroslavl (Rus)
185. Col. Tory Pitner, D, Youngstown (USHL)
186. Bos. Luke Johansson, D, AIK Jr. (Sweden)
187. Wpg. Kieron Walton, C, Sudbury (OHL)
188. Car. Pyodor Avramov, LW, Stupino Jr. (Rus)
189. Van. Parker Alocs, D, Edmonton (WHL)
190. Utah. Ludwig Lafont, D, Farjestad Jr. (Sweden)
191. N.Y.R. Rico Gredig, LW, Davos (Switzerland)
192. Edm. Dalyn Wakely, C, North Bay (OHL)
193. Fla. Hunter-St. Martin, LW, Medicine Hat (WHL)

SATURDAY'S SEVENTH ROUND

194. St. Yaroslav Korostylov, G, SKA ST. Petersburg Jr. (Rus)
195. TB. Joe Connor, LW, Muskegon (USHL)
196. Edm. William Nicholl, C, London (OHL)
197. Vegas. Lucas Van Vliet, C, USA-U18 (NTDP)
198. Buff. Vasily Zelenov, RW, RBHockey Juniors (Austria)
199. Phi. Austin Moline, D, Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep. (USHL)
200. TB. Harrison Meneghin, G, Lethbridge (WHL)
201. Pitt. Mac Swanson, C, Fargo (USHL)
202. Det. Fisher Scott, D, Dubuque (USHL)
203. StL. Antoine Dorion, C, Quebec (QMJHL)
204. Mont. Makar Khanin, RW, Dynamo St. Petersburg Jr. (Russia)
205. St. Louis. Matvei Korotkiy, C, SKA ST. Petersburg Jr. (Russia)
206. Wash. Miroslav Sata, C, Bratislava Jr. (Slovakia)
207. Nash. Erik Pahlsson, C, Dubuque (USHL)
208. Ana. Darelis Ulfjanskis, D, AIK Jr. (Sweden)
209. Col. Christian Humphreys, C, USA-U18 (OHL)
210. Tor. Sam McCue, LW, Owen Sound (WHL)
211. Col. Nikita Prishchepov, C, Victoriaville (QMJHL)

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SHORTS

Murray unsure about Wimbledon



Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray said Sunday "it's impossible" to know yet whether he will be able to compete at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament, even if he is "feeling better every day" as he recovers from surgery to remove a cyst from his spine.

The 37-year-old Murray is scheduled to play in the first round of singles at the All England Club on Tuesday. He and his older brother, Jamie, were given a wild-card invitation for doubles, too, and that event starts later in the week. The Scot had back surgery on June 22 after needing to stop during a match a few days earlier at Queen's Club. He said the cyst was compressing a nerve and making his right leg numb and difficult to use, and he figured before the operation it was "highly likely" he would miss Wimbledon. "It's been a tough 10 days," he said. Murray played a practice set Sunday. "It went pretty well, but I still don't have 100% feeling and sensation in my leg," he said. Murray plans to undergo medical tests on Monday — the first day of Wimbledon — and play another practice set, and will make a decision in the evening.

Force has long road after brain injury



NHRA drag racing great John Force suffered a traumatic brain injury in a fiery, 300 mph crash at the Virginia Nationals a week ago but is showing "daily signs of improvement" in a neurological intensive care unit, according to his team. John Force Racing said Sunday that the 75-year-old

Force initially couldn't follow commands to open his eyes, squeeze the hands of care providers or move extremities. After five days of heavy sedation, he began to gain momentum, including being able to respond to commands such as giving a thumbs-up and to recognize family members, calling them by name and saying "I love you." Force was transferred Wednesday from a trauma ICU to the neurological ICU, where he will remain for the immediate future and still faces "a long and difficult recovery ahead," the team's statement said. During the first round of Funny Car eliminations on June 23, Force's car had a catastrophic engine failure at the finish line, with the vehicle going across the centerline and slamming into the left concrete guard wall, then careening back across into the right wall.

Pistons, Bickerstaff agree on deal



The Pistons have agreed to a four-year contract with coach J.B. Bickerstaff with a team option for a fifth season. The Cavaliers fired Bickerstaff in May after they lost to the Celtics in the Eastern Conference semifinals despite them winning 99 games over two years. The Pistons fired coach Monty Williams one

season into a six-year, \$78.5 million contract after they had the NBA's worst record for a second straight year. They also fired general manager Troy Weaver after they won 23% of their games in his four seasons. Pistons president of basketball operations Trajan Langdon has been busy trying to turn around a three-time NBA-championship winning franchise that has fallen on hard times. The 45-year-old Bickerstaff, who twice finished among the top five in NBA Coach of the Year voting, was 170-159 in four-plus seasons in Cleveland. He had six victories in the playoffs. He took over when John Beilein, a former Michigan coach, walked away from the Cavs during the 2019-20 season. Bickerstaff also was promoted to replace fired coaches in Houston and Memphis. —Associated Press



Oklahoma spirit team members drive the Sooner Schooner across the field after a touchdown against TCU during a Nov. 24 football game in Norman, Okla. AP

COLLEGE

Happy trails

Bye to the Big 12, hello to SEC for Texas, Oklahoma

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Bye-bye Big 12, hello SEC. Texas and Oklahoma are finally making their long-awaited conference switch.

But first, it's time to party with Bevo (the longhorn) and Pitbull (the human).

The three-years-in-the-making switch to the Southeastern Conference for two programs that were co-founders of the Big 12 in 1996 officially happens Monday.

And for their move to a league where "It Just Means More," Texas and Oklahoma have scheduled big campus celebrations Sunday and Monday with carnivals, live music and fireworks. Oklahoma's even stretches to events statewide.

The SEC Network planned live programming from both campuses over the two days, and Longhorns and Sooners fans had their first chance to buy SEC-branded school merchandise.

"This is a day we have been building toward for years," Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte said.

It's a moment college sports in general has been building toward in the era of major realignment. The Texas and Oklahoma break from the Big 12 helped trigger myriad conference shifts with more on the way. By the first kickoff of the 2024 season, 11 so-called Power 4 programs will be in new conferences.

The Big Ten will grow to 18 teams with USC, UCLA, Oregon and Washington poached from the Pac-12. The

beleaguered West Coast league also lost Arizona, Colorado, Utah and Arizona State to the Big 12, and California and Stanford to the Atlantic Coast Conference. SMU leaps from the American Athletic Conference to the ACC on Monday as well.

As for Oklahoma and Texas, they originally planned to join the SEC in 2025, but ultimately reached a financial deal with the Big 12 for an early exit.

And they leave with a whole lot of hardware.

Between them, the Sooners (14) and Longhorns (four) won 18 Big 12 football titles in 25 years, with Texas winning the crown last season for the first time since 2009.

In its final year in the league, Texas won 15 league regular season or tournament championships across all sports, and national titles in volleyball and rowing. Oklahoma capped its final season with its dominant softball program winning its fourth consecutive national title in May. The Sooners beat Texas in the final.

"Texas brings more tradition, more talent, more passion and more fight," to the SEC, the school said on its athletics website.

All that winning will be much more difficult to duplicate in the SEC. Oklahoma opens its first SEC football schedule at home against Tennessee on Sept. 21. The Longhorns debut at Mississippi State on Sept. 28.

Since the start of the College Football Playoff in 2014, SEC schools have won the championship six times.

Texas (2005) and Oklahoma (2000) were the only two schools to win national titles in football while in the Big 12.

Some traditional rivalries will be

stitched back together, and some torn apart.

The Texas-Texas A&M rivalry is reborn. It had been on hiatus since A&M left the Big 12 for the SEC in 2012. Oklahoma's Bedlam rivalry with Oklahoma State is ruptured.

Texas spiced things up with Texas A&M last week when it poached Aggies baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle to Austin. At his introductory news conference, Schlossnagle warned Longhorns fans that the SEC is the "major leagues" of college baseball. The league has won the past five national championships.

Texas and Oklahoma planned for thousands of fans to join their celebrations.

Texas set up a central campus carnival. Fans will get autograph sessions with team coaches, and a chance to pose with the Bevo longhorn mascot for photos in the afternoon.

Sunday night includes a scheduled concert by "Mr. Worldwide" pop star Pitbull on a stage underneath the campus' iconic clock tower.

Oklahoma's celebration started Sunday night with a "Race to the SEC" 5k race through the heart of campus, with midnight sales of SEC merchandise and fireworks.

Monday morning, former Sooners coach Barry Switzer will co-host a celebration breakfast in Tulsa and Oklahoma will host a campus party at the football stadium with live music and entertainment.

"We couldn't be more excited to join the SEC. Our teams are poised for success and look forward to the competition with many of America's most outstanding universities," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said.

NASCAR

Logano wins in record 5th overtime

By Teresa M. Walker | Associated Press

LEBANON, Tenn. — Joey Logano stretched his fuel enough to hold off a group of pursuers at the finish line Sunday night and win the Ally 400 in a NASCAR Cup Series record fifth overtime.

Logano held off a charge by Tyler Reddick, then beat Zane Smith, Reddick, Ryan Preece and Chris Buescher to the line in a race that started nearly six hours earlier at Nashville Superspeedway and went 31 laps longer than the 300 that were scheduled.

"It's a much-needed win for sure," a smiling and relieved Logano said of his first victory this year and 33rd of his career.

It looked like Denny Hamlin had chased down Ross Chastain for his fourth Cup win this year with seven laps left. Hamlin led 70 laps and Austin Cindric's crash set up the chaotic finish with Hamlin running out of gas and finishing 12th.

"It certainly stinks," said Hamlin, who thought he was seconds from a victory.

A thunderstorm that forced NASCAR to halt the race for 1 hour, 21 minutes washed off the traction that had built up on the 1.33-mile concrete oval. As a result, several cars got loose and crashed into the wall or slid into the grass.

That helped set up a thrilling race after Christopher Bell won the first two stages before crashing.

Hamlin took the lead going high into Turn 1, and Chastain went to the apron trying to hold him off and wobbled. That was enough for Hamlin to pass Chastain's Chevrolet in what turned out to be only the first late lead change of a race that seemed like it would never end with repeated crashes on restarts.

"I had a shot to win," said Chastain, who led 45 laps while seeking his first win since the 2023 season finale at Phoenix.

Cindric set up the repeating overtimes when he made contact with Noah Gragson with two laps left. On the restart, points leader Kyle Larson caught the apron and slid with the right corner of his Chevrolet sending Chastain into the wall in Turn 1 for the 12th caution.

Larson then ran out of gas on another restart, causing Kyle Busch to crash into him. That forced Hamlin to go to the pits for more gas, scrambling the field for another try at a finish.

Bell, who won last week at New Hampshire, won the first two stages before hitting the wall on lap 228.

"Just put myself in a bad spot and lost my cool," Bell said. "Got back in traffic with all those yellow flags. Had a bad restart."

Drivers tried to run as many laps as possible before an incoming thunderstorm on a steamy, humid Tennessee afternoon.

Lightning brought out the red flag stopping the race after 137 laps with clouds in Turn 4 so heavy that it looked like a funnel was trying to form before heavy rain. The storm moved through quickly and dryers hit the track about 25 minutes after racing stopped.

Barely a half-hour after the race stopped, a rainbow could be seen. NASCAR sent drivers back to their cars about 70 minutes after the red flag, and the stoppage lasted 81 minutes with 143 laps remaining.

As cars hit the track under yellow, NASCAR sent Cindric to the rear as a penalty for his crew having a fan on the pit wall pointed at his car during the red flag that was ruled as possibly cooling the vehicle for an extra edge.

Not his day

John Hunter Nemechek won his second Xfinity Series race this year Saturday, then made his first Cup start at this track Sunday. The experience didn't carry over. Nemechek spun into the grass off Turn 4 of lap 117 to bring out the second caution of the race.



Joey Logano celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday in Gladeville, Tenn. WADE PAYNE/AP