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## More Dems cooling on Biden's run

Pelosi says it's up to president to decide on staying in race

By Lisa Mascaro  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's imperiled reelection campaign hit new trouble Wednesday as House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi said merely "it's up to the president to decide" if he should stay in the race, celebrity donor George Clooney said he should not run, and Democratic

senators and lawmakers expressed fresh fear about his ability to beat Republican Donald Trump.

The sudden flurry of grave pronouncements despite Biden's determined insistence he is not leaving the 2024 race put on public display just how unsettled the question remains among prominent Democrats. On Capitol Hill, an eighth House Democrat, Rep. Pat Ryan of New York, publicly

asked Biden to step aside.

"I want him to do whatever he decides to do," Pelosi said Wednesday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" rather than declaring Biden should stay in. While Biden has said repeatedly that he's made his decision, she said, "We're all encouraging him to make that decision, because time is running short."

It's a crucial moment for the president and his party, as Demo-

crats consider what was once unthinkable — having the incumbent Biden step aside, just weeks before the Democratic National Convention that is on track to nominate him as their candidate for reelection.

Biden is hosting world leaders in Washington for the NATO summit this week with a crowded schedule of formal meetings, sideline chats and long diplomatic dinners showcasing his skills. His party at

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#### Late play by Biden: Run out the clock

The president's resistance to pressure to end his campaign may be a strategy aimed at delay, which could leave too little time to find a replacement. **Nation & World**

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On Monday, Mary Kay Fawcett holds her last photo of her son, Dean Fawcett, taken in October 1992. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## After 30 years, man freed in grisly Barrington murder

By Christy Gutowski  
Chicago Tribune

Despite receiving a natural life prison term for the murder and decapitation of a friend more than 30 years ago in Barrington, Paul Modrowski is free again after a judge ruled the defendant had been too harshly sentenced in a grisly crime that garnered widespread headlines.

Modrowski was quietly released without media fanfare July 2 from Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet after serving more than three decades behind bars. He turns 50 later this year and, according to public records, is living with a relative in the southwest suburbs.

Two hikers found Dean Fawcett's dismembered body without its head, left arm and right hand near a railroad embankment in Barrington on Jan. 18, 1993. Prosecutors charged

Judge rules he was too harshly sentenced in dismemberment case



Paul Modrowski, 18, of Mokena, is removed from the Barrington police station on April 30, 1995, to be arraigned in the murder of Dean Fawcett. VAL MAZZENGA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Modrowski and a co-defendant, Robert Faraci, with the 22-year-old La Grange Park man's murder that April.

In a Tribune interview, the victim's mother, Mary Kay Fawcett, said she assumed her son's killer would die in prison.

"I just figured with what he had done, no way would they ever let him out," Fawcett said. "The thing I keep wondering, hopefully it was quick and my son didn't suffer. It's hard to comprehend, even after 30 years."

#### A new sentence

Cook County Judge Marc Martin resentenced Modrowski on June 28 to 60 years in prison. Under sentencing laws in place at the time of the crime, Modrowski was eligible for day-for-day credit, allowing for his release

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## Civic leaders take aim at violence

Announce \$100M for crime-fighting efforts after deadly weekend

By Olivia Olander and Jeremy Gorner  
Chicago Tribune

In a show of political and private force after a horrifically violent extended holiday weekend in Chicago, civic leaders joined Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Mayor Brandon Johnson and state legislative leaders to announce progress in their commitment to funding community-level violence prevention programs.

The Chicago business community has raised \$100 million to support on-the-ground programs, which typically take the form of nonpolice interventions in communities at risk of violence, in a first-of-its-kind effort from the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago. In addition, \$175 million in state funding for those programs has begun to be distributed, Pritzker said.

The gathering of CEOs, philanthropic leaders, police and violence interrupters came after more than 100 people were shot in Chicago over the extended Fourth of July weekend. Nineteen people died, including an 8-year-old and two family members in a mass shooting in the South Side Greater Grand Crossing community.

Thirteen speakers lined up inside a downtown office building to praise the funding effort, but many acknowledged it's not enough and that more needs to be done.

"Gun violence I think is a cancer that's destroying the soul of our city," former Chicago Public Schools CEO Arne Duncan, who

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#### City's baseball teams stare down deadline

The Cubs and White Sox are under the spotlight as the trade deadline nears. Is Cubs' first half an anomaly or trend? What will Sox do with Garrett Crochet and Luis Robert Jr.? **Paul Sullivan in Chicago Sports**

#### CPS releases \$9.9B proposed budget

Chicago Public Schools said Wednesday the district closed a deficit that had ballooned to \$505 million. **Chicagoland, Page 2**

## Globally 'rare' habitat gets an \$8 million boost

'Major ecosystem restoration project' at Lockport site

By Paul Eisenberg  
Daily Southtown

The strip of land sandwiched between the Sanitary and Ship Canal and Illinois 53 just west of Lockport never was good for much.

For a while, cattle owned by Stateville Prison across the street grazed on the grass and

clover that had found purchase in the thin topsoil at the bottom of the bluff, but crops couldn't grow there, and river water often turned the little dirt that was there into squishy mud.

In truth, the shallow bedrock sheltered an ecosystem now considered globally rare, but for a long time, it's likely nobody would have cared.

Just across the river, the wheels of commerce were rolling early. Lockport was established in 1837 as the headquarters of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, where offi-

cially directed the construction of the first waterway linking the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River system, putting Chicago on the world map. Business was booming.

A larger canal eventually superseded the I&M, and Lockport's fortunes ebbed and flowed over the decades, becoming a Chicago suburb and attracting the usual suburban accoutrements of development. Only the spit of unusable land southeast of the busy corner of Illinois Routes 7 and 53 remained largely

untouched until the early 1970s, when it was eyed as a dump site.

Instead, federal officials joined representatives from Will County six years ago to announce millions of dollars would be poured into the property.

Long owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, administrator of the adjacent Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal that reversed the Chicago River at the turn of the 20th century, the land, now called

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■ A Quote of the Week on the cover of Sunday's Opinion Page was misattributed. “Indeed, the majority holds that the President, unlike anyone else in our country, is comparatively free to engage in criminal acts in furtherance of his official duties,” is a quote by Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Pedestrians pass Chicago Public Schools Headquarters on Madison Street in May. CPS released its \$9.9 billion budget on Wednesday. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# CPS \$9.9 billion proposed budget purports to close \$500M deficit

By Sarah Macaraeg  
Chicago Tribune

In releasing its proposed \$9.9 billion budget, Chicago Public Schools announced Wednesday that the district closed a deficit that had ballooned from an initial projection of \$490 million to \$505 million, through district-level rather than school-level cuts.

However, the budget proposal that the Board of Education will vote on this month doesn't include expected salary increases, with CPS currently negotiating new collective bargaining agreements with the Chicago Teachers Union and the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association. In a news release, the district said it anticipates “amending the budget at a later date” to reflect those costs.

The total proposed budget's \$500 million increase over last year's \$9.4 billion reflects facility investments that are “vital to keeping facilities operating safely and smoothly;”

according to CPS.

Representing the lion's share of CPS spending, school budgets will cumulatively increase by \$149 million compared with the start of last year — a margin that the district attributed to the cost of required services for special education students, state-mandated charter school funding increases and expanded bilingual services. Staff salaries and student benefits make up nearly 70% of the total budget, which will fund more than 800 additional full-time employees this year, CPS announced.

“This budget very clearly puts teaching and learning front and center where it belongs,” CEO Pedro Martinez said in the district's news release.

If approved, the proposed spending plan will take effect amid a second year of projected enrollment growth, with the district noting it's serving not only more students, but specifically “more students with greater needs.” From the 2022-23 to 2023-24 school

years, CPS said it enrolled an additional 12,000 students in temporary living situations; 10,000 more English learners, who account for 27% of all district students; and an additional 4,000 students with disabilities, who represent approximately 15% of the CPS student population.

To balance the budget, CPS said it made cuts to central academic and operational departments, identified grants and restructured debt, among other strategies. But with the deficit expected to grow in coming years, CPS said it “continues to sound the alarm” on “funding inequities and inadequacies in state funding,” ranging from lacking state contributions to CPS teacher pension payments to shortfalls in the state's assessments of the district's special education and prekindergarten needs.

“Our dedicated staff and amazing students have proven what it takes to make progress and show amazing academic growth,” Board of Education President Jianan

Shi said in a district news release. “Now we must all work together as the leaders supporting the state's largest school district and post similar progress when it comes to securing the public education funding that will sustain and improve academic excellence for today and tomorrow's Chicago students.”

The district will hold in-person public hearings on the budget at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, and 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, in person at Jones College Prep High School, 700 S. State St. The hearings will livestream on the district's YouTube channel and the board's website ([www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org)). Speakers must register in advance via the district's website or by calling 773-553-1600 by 5 p.m. Monday, July 15, or until 20 slots have been filled for each hearing, whichever occurs first.

The 2024-25 budget can be viewed at the Chicago Board of Education headquarters, 1 N. Dearborn St., during weekday business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Kane prosecutor says no details to be released yet on fatal shooting by cop

By Karen Sorensen  
Chicago Tribune

An unnamed person was killed Monday by an off-duty Kane County sheriff's deputy in Elgin, but no details other than when and where the shooting occurred will be released pending an investigation, a news release from the Kane County State's Attorney's Office said.

The statement was released via email at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, more than a full day after the fatal shooting occurred at 4:35 p.m. Monday at Walnut Avenue and National Street. It indicated the investigation might “take a few months.”

State's Attorney Jamie Mosser reviewed evidence in the case Tuesday afternoon with law enforcement representatives from Elgin, Batavia, St. Charles, Carpentersville, Geneva,

Montgomery, North Aurora and South Elgin, all of which are members of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force, the release said.

The task force is handling the investigation. Per the news release, “they provide timely and independent assistance to member agencies that become involved in a major investigation, such as an officer-involved shooting.”

As of Wednesday, the name, age, sex and address of the shooting victim had not been made public nor had the circumstances of what led to shooting, the name of the deputy involved, how many shots were fired, if anyone else was involved or if the deputy has been placed on administrative leave.

Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain, in an interview with WGN-TV Tuesday morning, disclosed that the shoot-

ing resulted from a robbery in progress that the deputy happened to come upon while driving through the area. He fired his weapon when the suspect pulled a gun, Hain said.

Since then, the sheriff has declined to speak about the incident and news releases from the state's attorney's office have said his account has not been officially confirmed.

The Kane County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy on the victim Wednesday morning. An office spokeswoman said the findings would be available Wednesday afternoon but nothing had been issued as of the office's closing time at 4:30 p.m. and the spokeswoman could not be reached again for further comment.

According to Tuesday's news release from Mosser's office, “Every case involving

the use of deadly force by a police officer, whether on or off duty, must be carefully and thoroughly investigated.

“State's Attorney Mosser will not release any further information regarding this incident until the investigation is complete. These investigations typically take a few months, at which time the State's Attorney will issue a full report outlining the investigation's findings and conclusion. This policy preserves the integrity of the investigation and the privacy of individuals involved in the investigation prior to any public charging for violations of the law. It also serves to protect the rights of people not yet charged with a crime.”

Mosser thanked the “public for their patience” and offered “condolences” to the family of the person he died.

# Pritzker: New law will curb ‘predatory’ insurance practices

By Olivia Olander  
and Jeremy Gornor  
Chicago Tribune

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday signed legislation advocates say will do away with health insurance practices that make it harder for patients to receive needed care.

“For too long, insurance companies have used predatory tactics to make an extra dime at the expense of Illinois consumers.... For too long, shoddy networks, price gouging and overly complicated bureaucracies have stood in the way of our families getting the care that they deserve,” Pritzker said at a West Side signing ceremony. “Today, with my signature, Illinois is addressing and rectifying that.”

The legislation, which passed by wide margins and with bipartisan support in the General Assembly this spring, marks a key policy victory for Pritzker, who promised in February to put his “shoulder to the wheel” to pass health care reform.

The new law includes a prohibition on insurance plans requiring what is known as “step therapy,” which is when the insurer requires a customer to try different treatments or medications before those prescribed by their doctor. Doctors and patient advocates say the practice can worsen patients' conditions, while the insurance industry argues it keeps costs down.

The law also prohibits insurers from requiring prior authorization,

cases where patients need permission from insurance companies before receiving treatment for in-patient, or overnight, mental health care at a hospital. In addition, it bans the sale of short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans, which don't cover as many medical services as typical plans, and allows the state's Department of Insurance to reject unreasonable price increases proposed by certain large group health insurance policies.

Marilyn Zydlo, an advocate for the bill whose son Jimmy was diagnosed with Stage 3 advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma at 17, said at Wednesday's event that the law would have helped when Jimmy needed certain antibiotics while undergoing treatment.

“We wouldn't have had to fight with the insurance companies to get the initial prescription,” she said. Jimmy's cancer is now in remission, she said.

Parts of the law will begin to take effect in January while others won't go into effect until 2026.

The health insurance bill is the latest agenda item pushed by the Pritzker administration during the spring legislative session that the governor has recently signed into law. Others include a measure aimed at erasing as much as \$1 billion in medical debt for more than 300,000 Illinois families; the creation of a new Department of Early Childhood; and authorization for incentives to boost Illinois' standing in the quantum computing field.

# CHICAGOLAND

## Johnson firmly standing behind Biden

Says president 'ready' to take on, defeat Trump

By Alice Yin  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson was unequivocal in his backing of President Joe Biden following the embattled incumbent's latest move to defy internal party pressure to step down as the nominee.

Johnson released a long letter vigorously pledging his support for Biden after a Tuesday evening call between the president and 200 Democratic mayors.

With the Democratic National Convention coming to Chicago next month, Johnson reaffirmed his long-standing loyalty to Biden despite a debate against Donald Trump a few weeks ago that sparked a firestorm of alarm over the 81-year-old president's mental fitness. The letter, addressed to Chicago constituents, was also the first time Johnson publicly acknowledged Biden's lackluster showing.

"I know there has been a lot of chatter about the President's performance in the debate, and the President himself has said he had a bad debate," Johnson wrote. "Having spoken to the President just now, I can tell you he is ready, willing and able to take on and defeat Donald Trump. He made it clear that he will be crisscrossing the country and campaigning relentlessly to defeat Donald Trump."

The mayor described the president as "pretty fired up" during the evening phone call that lasted about 45 minutes, saying Biden made references to Democratic policy priorities specific to Chicago and other urban areas, such as more



President Joe Biden is flanked by Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, right, and U.S. Rep. Danny Davis on April 8 outside Soldier Field. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

education funding and gun control. Johnson himself stumped for the campaign at a Milwaukee event on June 29, he reminded Chicagoans in his letter.

And, as has been the case each time Biden's candidacy has been brought up, the mayor contrasted the Democratic incumbent to his GOP opponent and predecessor, who was and remains widely unpopular in deep-blue Chicago.

"To be blunt, Trump is a threat to everything we hold dear here in Chicago," Johnson wrote. "It is critically important that we all spend the next several months doing everything we can to defeat Trump. That starts by ensuring we are fully united going into the Democratic National Convention in Chicago."

The stalwart alliance reflects an ongoing strong relationship Johnson has maintained with the White House during his term, despite long-running disappointment over how

the migrant humanitarian crisis has dried up Chicago taxpayer resources — by \$400 million since 2022.

The mayor of the DNC host city has threaded that line closely, despite also breaking with Biden on the Israel-Gaza war by becoming the biggest city mayor to call for a cease-fire, as the 48-year-old understands he plays an important role in energizing younger, progressive voters while standing next to the octogenarian incumbent.

In contrast, Gov. J.B. Pritzker's embrace of Biden, while also unwavering, appears more cautious. On Tuesday, Pritzker made his first public comments since joining other Democratic governors in a meeting with Biden at the White House last week and dismissed the notion that Biden is not capable of serving another four-year term. But while at least one other high-profile Democratic governor has vowed not to run for president should Biden have a

change of heart and drop out, Pritzker declined to take such a pledge. Meanwhile, Illinois U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley is among a small group of national Democrats to publicly call for Biden to step aside. Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin has also said the Biden-Trump debate "raised a lot of questions" about the president.

Sources close to Johnson say he has spoken one-on-one with Biden multiple times throughout his term, and has deliberated with Biden's campaign and administration staffers. Biden has visited Chicago and the Midwest along with first lady Jill Biden and other senior officials throughout the past year in a bid to tap into the promise of a "blue wall" carrying Democrats to victory in the Rust Belt states that were pivotal to Biden's 2020 win over Trump.

Johnson's calendars show he has attended Biden's speeches and holiday party at the White House, and the mayor has also hosted senior

adviser Tom Perez on tours of Chicago's infrastructure and disinvested neighborhoods. Besides that, Johnson has also spoken with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas several times, including once with New York Mayor Eric Adams, Denver Mayor Mike Johnston and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass.

Sources say the topics Johnson and the White House discuss the most include more funding to support gun violence victims as well as the over 44,500 migrants who have come to Chicago in the last two years. They also confer on how to maintain Illinois' status as a haven for abortion rights in the wake of the 2022 Supreme Court decision to strike down Roe v. Wade, signaling how important Illinois and Chicago will be during the DNC in communicating the vision of the freedoms the Democratic Party hopes to show it stands for.

As for Tuesday evening's

huddle, sources familiar with the call said Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, the Democratic Mayors Association president, kicked off the conversation by saying the party was excited to gather in Chicago for the DNC and made a shoutout to Johnson as the host, but there were not many other references to Chicago.

Most of the call focused on Biden's vision for his second term, and only a handful of the 200 mayors were picked to respond with questions or reactions, sources said.

According to the Biden-Harris campaign post-call statement, one strategy Biden called upon the mayors to help him with was talking up his infrastructure investments, including his bipartisan package that paved the way for what supporters said were much-needed improvements in deteriorating roads, bridges and other structures, but was decried by Republicans as driving up inflation.

"We've made thousands of calls. We're putting up hundreds of signs all across America," Biden noted, according to a partial transcript of the call released by the campaign.

On that front, Johnson's administration seems to have already taken action.

In late June, large signs thanking the Biden administration for infrastructure investments that paid for improvements were staked along various swaths of the city, from the northern lakefront at Montrose Harbor to a viaduct over Cermak Road and Kenton Avenue on the Far Southwest Side, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation. However, a spokeswoman did not answer questions on how much they cost.

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# Woman sentenced for dismembering her landlord

Judge says case is 'something out of a horror movie'

By Caroline Kubzansky  
Chicago Tribune

A woman found guilty of murdering and dismembering her Rogers Park landlord was sentenced to 58 years behind bars Wednesday by a Cook County judge.

A jury in April found Sandra Kolalou, 38, guilty of murder, dismembering a body and aggravated identity theft in the 2022 death of Frances Walker, 69. Police found parts of Walker's body in a freezer in her home in October 2022. Prosecutors said neighbors had heard Kolalou and Walker arguing the night before her death, and that Walker had planned to evict Kolalou.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Daniel Crone told Judge Ursula Walowski on Wednesday that Walker's torso and the body of her pet dog were still at the bottom of Montrose Harbor and requested a harsh sentence for Kolalou, citing her "threats of violence against anyone she comes into contact with."

"She is a dangerous person," Crone said.

Walowski said while delivering her sentence that the case was "something out of a horror movie." She sentenced Kolalou to 50 years for murder, six years for dismemberment and two years for aggravated identity



Family members of Frances Walker, including her sister, Benita Walker, center, leave after speaking with media following the sentencing for Sandra Kolalou, 37, on Wednesday at the Dirksen Criminal Courthouse. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

theft, to be served consecutively.

"The nature and circumstances of this case are quite aggravating, for a human being to do this to another human being," she said.

Kolalou's attorney Sean Brown said he would appeal the jury's decision while his client denied responsibility for Walker's death.

"God as my witness, I never harmed Fran," she said.

But in her sentencing,

Walowski cited testimony and reports from a set of charges against Kolalou related to her conduct while in the Cook County Department of Corrections, including several reports of discipline for verbal abuse toward officers and a fight that left a correctional officer with a broken ankle.

In one of those cases, Kolalou allegedly told a jail guard, "I'm going to do you like I did my landlord." In another report, Kolalou

allegedly told a guard she was in jail for murder and warned that guard to look her up.

Brown and Kolalou herself both argued that employees at the Cook County sheriff's office were personally biased against her, but Walowski said her takeaway from the testimony was the sense that Kolalou lacked "a sense of remorse or potential for rehabilitation."

Walker's friends and

family watched the proceedings from two rows near the front of a courtroom in the Leighton Criminal Courthouse. Many wore pink, her favorite color.

Several of them delivered statements detailing the way Walker's death had affected their lives. Her niece, Katerina Lee Walker, said she had withdrawn from most social life in the wake of her aunt's death.

"I couldn't be where happiness was," she said.

"People were moving around me, but I couldn't bring myself to move."

Her niece said she didn't think she would be able to walk into a church again without crying from memories of Walker, a well-loved accompanist and musician with degrees in music from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Northwestern University.

Walker's sister, Benita, said Frances had played piano at her wedding, and had promised to play at Benita's funeral, too.

"Now that will never happen," she said.

Her sister also spoke about how they were also the co-guardians to their oldest brother, Stan, who has a mental disability. Their sister-in-law, Maggie, described Stan Walker had responded to the news of Frances' death by pacing back and forth, "as though looking for her."

"Stan will never understand why (Frances) isn't visiting him anymore," she said. "We don't really understand either."

Just after the verdict, Walker's family thanked those who had supported them throughout the legal process and said they were satisfied with the sentence, although they rejected the condolences Kolalou had offered in the courtroom.

"I feel that finally, justice was served for my sister," Benita Walker said.

"We hope to move on and heal," Maggie Walker said.

## Modrowski

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days later.

He must serve three years of mandatory supervised release.

In a recent ruling, Martin had tossed out Modrowski's original life sentence after finding in part that he had been unfairly portrayed as emotionless and cold during the trial and sentencing proceedings when the characteristics were likely due to

his autism.

"This court, with the lens of modern knowledge, cannot help but detect unconscious bias against (Modrowski's) disability," Martin said, according to a transcript of his May 31 ruling vacating the sentence. "It is now accepted that lack of eye contact is a common trait of autistic individuals. ... It is now accepted that autistic individuals may outwardly appear emotionless."

Martin also cited

Modrowski's rehabilitative potential and argued not enough weight was given to his role in the crime. Jurors convicted Modrowski under an accountability theory, as authorities were unable to prove he was there when the victim was killed.

"This court finds that the life-without-parole sentence here distorts the case's factual realities, and does not accurately represent (Modrowski's) personal culpability," Martin said, adding: "Rather, the circuit

court simply expressed an eye-for-an-eye mindset."

The co-defendant, Faraci, was found not guilty during a dual-jury trial in 1995, but a separate panel convicted Modrowski two days later. Prosecutors had argued the men killed Fawcett to silence him because they believed he was about to implicate them in an illegal check-writing scheme in which all three men had bought thousands of dollars in jewelry and other merchandise.

While Faraci took the stand in his own defense, Modrowski did not testify at his monthlong trial. He showed little emotion during the proceedings and during most of his sentencing hearing.

The trial judge, Sam Amirante, declined to mete out the death penalty against Modrowski because the judge said authorities had failed to prove his physical presence at the murder scene.

Still, Amirante imposed a life sentence without parole after citing the brutal nature of the crime, telling Modrowski he deserved the same hope that he gave the victim, "... and that is no hope."

### No notice for family

In her interview, Mary Kay Fawcett told the Tribune she last saw her son, Dean, on Christmas Day 1992. He was her only child, a "miracle baby," she said, due to her preexisting medical condition involving ovarian cysts.

An impressionable, sensitive man, the mother said her son was "a follower" who became involved in "something he didn't know how to get out of."

Fawcett said she first learned Modrowski may be released from prison only days before it happened. The mother said she was not given the opportunity to provide her input.

The original trial judge and prosecutor did not respond to a Tribune request for comment regarding Modrowski's release.

Barrington detectives were led to Modrowski and Faraci after finding written items in the victim's frozen pants pocket. Both defendants blamed each other. A mutual friend testified that when she last saw Fawcett it was Modrowski who had his hand on the victim's shoulder and "slightly pushed him into the back seat" of a car. Faraci also was in the car, she testified, and Fawcett appeared scared.

Faraci told his jury that he was present during the crime in late December 1992 but he only went along because Modrowski threat-



Police sift through dirt and debris looking for evidence along railroad tracks near Shady Lane in Barrington on April 23, 1993. Paul Modrowski was quietly released on July 2 after serving more than three decades for the murder of Dean Fawcett. CHUCK BERMAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

ened to kill him. He said it was Modrowski who shot Dean Fawcett and dismembered his body.

Faraci later served time in prison for unrelated theft cases.

Modrowski did not take the stand during the trial. Police testified that he had made statements to them that he let Faraci use his car and later concealed the gun, which was never recovered.

Faraci cooperated with Modrowski's lawyer during the post-conviction proceedings and submitted two affidavits in 2019 and 2021 denying Modrowski had loaned him his car in December 1992 or that he had spoken to Modrowski about killing Fawcett before the murder, court records show.

Through his attorney, Modrowski declined to comment and maintained his innocence.

"Paul Modrowski did not kill anyone," said his attorney, Thomas Brandstrader, who successfully petitioned for Modrowski's freedom. "Paul has used his unjust incarceration to better himself and has earned a college degree."

The murder conviction still stands.

Regarding tossing out the life sentence, Judge Martin noted the rarity of his decision to grant Modrowski's post-conviction petition after a contested third-stage evidentiary hearing. Still, Martin found the original sentence violated Modrowski's rights under the proportionate penalties clause of the Constitution.

### Life behind bars

Modrowski has been a model prisoner during his three decades of incarceration, according to court records. He was among 20 inmates out of about 400 applicants admitted into a Northwestern University prison education program and maintained a straight-A average. Nearly two dozen college faculty members and tutors wrote letters of support or testified regarding his academic pursuits

behind bars.

Martin said his ruling was largely based on his review of Modrowski's prison mental health records and the findings of a licensed clinical psychologist who evaluated Modrowski and wrote in a report he had "good potential for rehabilitation and successful reentry into the community given proper support."

Martin said the evidence supporting Modrowski's ability to be rehabilitated is "the most impressive I've ever seen" in the judge's more than four decades working in the criminal justice system.

Kevin Croke, a retired Barrington detective sergeant who was one of the assigned detectives in Fawcett's murder, was far less impressed after reading an online philosophy paper Modrowski penned in 2020 in which he opined that free will is "simply an illusion."

"He's basically saying, 'It's not my fault I'm a killer. We have no free will,'" said Croke, who still keeps in touch with Mary Kay Fawcett. "He is still not taking accountability or responsibility for his actions because he feels his life was predetermined. So that troubles me."

Dean Fawcett's mutilated body was found 10 days after the massacre of seven people inside the Brown's Chicken & Pasta restaurant in Palatine. Authorities briefly considered Modrowski and Faraci possible suspects in the now-solved case.

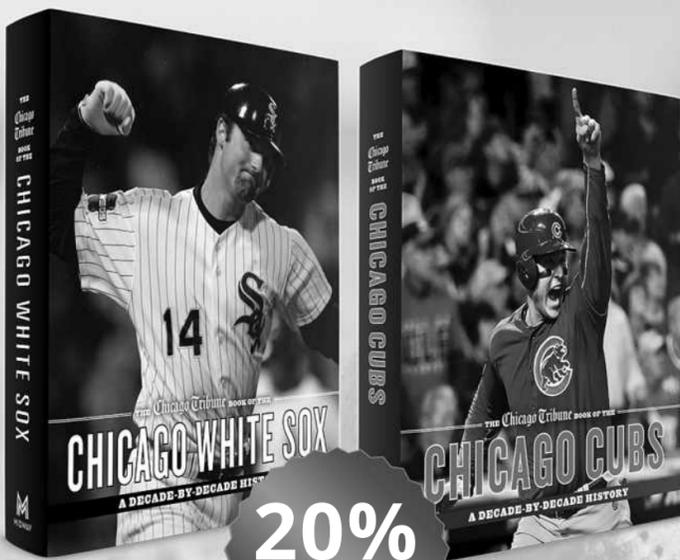
Fawcett's severed head and limbs were never recovered. His mother, Mary Kay, acknowledged three decades in prison is a long time and said she thinks she will be "OK" with Modrowski's release if he is truly rehabilitated.

Despite the passage of time, the mother said she often still thinks of her son and tries to focus on his life rather than tragic end.

"My faith has definitely helped," she said. "I do feel my son is in a better place."

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## Violence

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now runs the gun violence prevention organization Chicago CRED, said in opening remarks. “If we’re honest with ourselves, our collective response has clearly been wildly inadequate.”

While Republicans frequently blame Democrats who run many big cities for urban violence, Pritzker, a Democrat who late last week sent a letter to the White House calling for additional federal help to address the violence, put the onus on the GOP for a lack of support for violence prevention programs in the past.

“When Republicans defund programs like the ones that we’re talking about in this room ... you end up with more violent crime,” Pritzker said. “It’s Republicans that have caused this problem, and Republicans don’t want to deal with it.”

Over the past five and a half years, the Pritzker administration has budgeted hundreds of millions of dollars toward violence prevention groups that specialize in mediating street conflicts and connecting people most prone to violence, either as a victim or perpetrator, to therapy, job training, substance abuse counseling and other social



Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks Wednesday in a banquet room at the restaurant Prime & Provisions in Chicago, where increased funding for violence reduction and prevention was announced. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

services.

The weekend violence, while notable, was not out of line with long summer weekends of years past. Asked why violent crime remains so prevalent in spite of the efforts championed by his administration, Pritzker said things would be even worse if none of those programs were in place.

Johnson and other speakers on Wednesday singled out systemic racism as a major contributing factor to Chicago’s history of violence.

“Economies have been built around Black death,”

Johnson said. “The tragedy began before the bullets were fired. The tragedy began in the fact that we have AK-47s on the streets of the city of Chicago. The tragedy, of course, is the fact that we don’t have enough to really fully provide our people with the quality of life that they deserve.”

Also speaking were Senate President Don Harmon, House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch and Chicago police Superintendent Larry Snelling.

The funding for violence prevention programs is part of a holistic approach

Pritzker has emphasized addressing crime in Chicago as alternatives to traditional law enforcement, a position shared by Johnson and his predecessor, Lori Lightfoot.

The business leaders raising money for the public safety efforts, the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, announced in February they had hit \$66 million raised of an initial \$100 million goal. On Wednesday, they said that goal had been reached.

The state has offered grants to support dozens of violence prevention, youth development and job train-

ing organizations in neighborhoods and cities most affected by gun violence. Lawmakers also created the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention under the Illinois Department of Human Services.

A portion of the \$175 million pledged by the state and announced Wednesday comes from a pool of roughly \$240 million that was budgeted for violence prevention programs around the state when the Reimagine Public Safety Act was signed into law in 2021, according to a Pritzker spokesperson.

Pritzker said public funding for community-based violence prevention efforts needs to be consistent, which hasn’t been the case over the years.

The programs have also changed. In the 2000s and into the 2010s, there was CeaseFire Illinois, which later became part of CureViolence. CeaseFire became well known for employing “violence interrupters,” outreach workers who mediated gang conflicts and other street beefs — a method that was the subject of a 2011 documentary.

But the group often had to lay off its workers when funding from the state and other sources dried up. And law enforcement was often reluctant to work with

the group because it hired convicted felons who failed to share street intelligence with police. More recently, there has been more of an understanding between police and street outreach workers about the roles that each side plays in trying to combat violence.

Among those slain over the past weekend were 8-year-old Bryson Orr, his mother, Nakeeshia Strong, and her niece, Capri Edwards, in a mass shooting that also left two other children wounded. That same day, Pritzker sent a letter to President Joe Biden’s administration urging more federal resources for Chicago to combat gun violence.

“Specifically, I urge the White House to support the City of Chicago with funding and resources to help with victim services for families and emergency victim services support,” Pritzker wrote to Stefanie Feldman, director of the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

“Additionally, any funding or resources that could assist the City of Chicago’s public health response in the wake of this incident would be most helpful,” he wrote, “as the victims and those impacted navigate the difficulty of such an occurrence in their community.”

## Habitat

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Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve, was acquired by the Forest Preserve District of Will County in 2015.

And May 31, county, state and federal officials gathered at the site to cut a ceremonial ribbon for Lockport Prairie and nearby Prairie Bluff preserves, where the 6-year, \$8.3 million “major ecosystem restoration project” had just wrapped up, marking the completion of a plan that had been in discussions since the 1990s. The Army Corps of Engineers invested \$5.5 million in federal aquatic ecosystem restoration funds, while the Forest Preserve District contributed \$2.8 million in land value, according to a Will County news release.

That money went toward removal of invasive species and restoration of natural underground flow processes from Prairie Bluff down to Lockport Prairie, home to two plant species and a dragonfly listed as federally endangered, as well as several others deemed rare and at risk.

“It’s a really high-quality remnant,” said Julianne Mason, a botanist and project manager with the Forest Preserve District. “Both why it’s special and why it got spared are two in the same. The shallow soils over dolomite bedrock weren’t farmable or usable in a lot of the normal ways.”

The Army Corps first took notice of the property in 1971, when it was under consideration as a dumping ground for spoil material as part of potential work on a new lock and channel along the Sanitary and Ship Canal at Lockport. The Army enlisted biologists Floyd Swink and Ray Schulenberg from the Morton Arboretum to assist one of their own, Gerould Wilhelm, as they considered sites to despoil.

Most of the 50 sites under consideration were full of weeds and of little natural value, Wilhelm recounted in an essay printed in the 2017 botanical tome “Flora of the Chicago Region.” No matter what the corps did at the



Julianne Mason, restoration program coordinator with the Forest Preserve District of Will County, points out natural features July 2 at Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. **PAUL EISENBERG/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

sites, the plants would grow back. That wasn’t the case at “Spoil Site L2” at the end of Division Street in Lockport, which Wilhelm visited with Schulenberg.

“Don’t spoil here, Jerry, for this is America, and it will not grow back,” Schulenberg said, as reported in Wilhelm’s essay.

In the end, the Army Corps decided against the new lock project, and Lockport Prairie was saved from being a dumping ground for excavated limestone and silt.

Lockport Prairie was dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve in 1983. Among its inhabitants, besides muskrats and voles, frogs and Blanding’s turtles, are the federally endangered plants leafy prairie clover and lakeside daisy, and the Hine’s emerald dragonfly. When it was cataloged at Lockport, the leafy prairie clover had last been spotted in Illinois 70 years prior, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

“The prairie clover is incredibly rare,” said Jason

Zylka, an ecologist with the Army Corps of Engineers who grew up in Tinley Park. Among other rare plants at the site are varieties of prairie dropseed grass, calamint, sandwort and horsemint.

The Forest Preserve District and other agencies worked to keep it pristine. But invasive species care little for such designations. Common buckthorn formed thickets. Hybrid cattails advanced everywhere it could gain a foothold.

Zylka, who initially experienced Lockport Prairie in previous employment stints with Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Wilmington and with the Forest Preserve District of Will County, said cattails posed a serious threat both to the native plants at the site and to those who wanted to enjoy the scenery there.

“You would start walking across Lockport Prairie and rapidly be over your head in cattails until you could pop out onto a higher ridge somewhere and get your bearings and understand where you were at,” he said.

“Now I can stand out in the middle of the site and see everything around me, see what’s going on. I can look halfway across the prairie and see something in bloom over there. Before, I would see a wall of cattails staring back at me.”

Zylka said the project has been in the works for a long time.

“Protecting federally listed species is a priority for us,” he said, noting the work in Lockport was an opportunity “to do the most good with the project funding we have.”

The Prairie Bluff element of the project on the west side of Illinois 53 involved removing drainage tile in an area that was once a prison farm worked by Stateville inmates, said Mason, the Will County botanist. That will allow natural groundwater processes to resume, feeding the wetlands with water that sinks through the site, picking up nutrients and then seeping out at the base of the bluff into Lockport Prairie.

“One reason Lockport Prairie has such rare and

unusual plants and animals is because of the way the groundwater moves through the site,” she said.

Mason called the area unique.

“There are only a few places in the world where these plants live, and it turns out Lockport Prairie is one of those places,” she said. “It’s kind of mind-blowing to me because I work there. Walking around, I’m stepping on things most people on this planet have never had the opportunity to even see.”

Zylka noted there are a few biologically similar areas, spots in Tennessee and Alabama where glades open amid forested regions where limestone outcrops cause thin soil coverage. But dolomite prairies are only found in the Des Plaines River valley, where geologists believe a massive outflow of water during ice age glaciation drained ancient Lake Chicago and scoured the land down to bedrock as it flowed to the Illinois River.

A few other dolomite prairies exist along the outlet,

including areas near the Lemont quarries, in Romeoville and in Midewin, where plants such as prickly pear cactus take advantage of the specialized conditions.

Lockport Prairie’s position along a major transportation route also creates another occasionally startling scene.

“Sometimes you can see barges going by 20 feet up,” Mason said, pointing toward the walls of the Sanitary and Ship Canal beyond the preserve’s eastern edge. “It’s really bizarre. The canal runs really high because of the lock and dam system.”

And besides allowing their cows to graze the prairie land at one point, neighboring Stateville Prison also played a role in keeping invasive species away.

“In the ‘80s we worked with the prison to have their crews come over and do some management,” Mason said. “They would have folks come and the Forest Preserve District people would meet them and do buckthorn control.”

“These days the security hurdles are a little higher than they used to be. There hasn’t been any talk of resuming that program and having ecologists wandering around Lockport Prairie with a bunch of prisoners.”

Thanks to the recent multimillion dollar project, such arrangements will likely be postponed indefinitely, but Mason said Lockport Prairie won’t ever be completely safe, at least from the natural invaders.

“The Army Corps work is finished, but the work is never done,” she said. “As long as there is buckthorn and other invasives all around, there will always be pressure, so we have to keep going.”

But for now she’s reveling in the restored prairie in the wake of the project.

“I love the native response,” Mason said. “To go from buckthorn thicket or solid stand of cattails, and let the native diversity recover. Then there are hundreds of species, turtles and frogs, birds, just all of it. It’s so rewarding.”

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# Former Dolton lawyers sue competing attorney for defamation

By Olivia Stevens  
Daily Southtown

After bowing out of representing the village of Dolton due to village trustees’ refusal to pay them, the Del Galdo law group is suing a lawyer representing those trustees for defamation.

The Berwyn-based law firm claims Burt Odelson, of the Odelson, Murphey, Frazier and McGrath law group, made knowingly false statements about the Del Galdo group that led to the trustees turning against them as village attorneys.

“Odelson defamed Plaintiff and sabotaged Plaintiff’s legal representation agreement with the Village

of Dolton in an effort to improperly benefit his own firm,” Del Galdo said in the lawsuit.

The opposing law firms both have extensive experience representing municipalities and government officials in the Chicago area. Michael Del Galdo, founding attorney of the Del Galdo firm, has long ties to the political operation Michael Madigan, the indicted former Illinois House speaker and Democratic Party chairman.

According to the lawsuit, Odelson told attendees at a Feb. 22 Dolton Village Board meeting that Del Galdo had a conflict of interest in representing the village and

had billed the village tens of thousands of dollars “in violation of Dolton’s corporate authorities.”

Del Galdo said other statements he claims were defamatory include that they solely served as the village’s prosecutor, not village attorney, and that cases under Del Galdo’s representation had gone under default judgment.

Odelson said during the Feb. 22 meeting that “Dolton isn’t getting the representation it should.” The village trustees then voted to turn over files on pending litigation to Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath and stop paying Del Galdo.

Del Galdo said in an April

24, letter to the village that it would no longer “work for free” and ceased all legal assistance. They also warned that in recent cases there has been a struggle to find qualified municipal defense firms and insurers, and that “no one wants to represent the village.”

Since then, Dolton’s legal representation has been murky, with Odelson saying despite trustees approving payments to his firm, Mayor Tiffany Henyard has refused to send the checks, leading to hundreds of thousands of dollars owed over two years. In some cases, including that of a fatal police chase in which Dolton owes \$33.5 million,

the village is represented by attorney Michael Kasper, who has been strongly tied to Del Galdo and Madigan in the past.

“Her theory is that don’t pay me and I’ll go away,” Odelson said Tuesday. “Exactly what happened with Del Galdo.”

However, Odelson said he plans to continue supporting village trustees until the next village election in April, after which the village may be under new leadership.

“I’m not going away. We’re trying to help the people of Dolton,” he said.

Odelson called the defamation suit “totally meritless” and a waste of time and money.

But Del Galdo is not backing down, saying in a statement through the firm’s attorney, Jon Loevy of Loevy and Loevy, that “the complaint alleges that Mr. Odelson’s actions were designed to hurt our reputation and (Del Galdo law group), and its 40 plus employees depend on that reputation remaining intact.”

“Mayors and government officials don’t find their prospective attorneys in the yellow pages,” Del Galdo wrote. “Our entire industry is based on reputation and word of mouth.”

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## EDITORIALS

### New York discovers Chicago-style trash

On Monday, seemingly oblivious to the inherent hilarity, a serious-faced New York Mayor Eric Adams rolled out a wheelie bin before the cameras, picked up a tied bag of demonstrative trash, opened the lid of said wheelie and, wait for it, wait for it, placed his trash in the can and then closed up the container. He did so with all the mayoral gravitas he could muster.

This, in New York, counts as radical progress led by a can-do leader. Here in the Second City, the news conference looked like one of the sketches at our famed comedy theater, as was born of New York condescension.

For eons, Manhattanites have put their trash in plastic bags and shoved them (or had their supers shove them) out on the sidewalk. Walk down 45th Street at midnight and you'll have to pick your way through growing mountain ranges of heaped-up garbage.

**Why does New York face this absurdity? Simple. Hardly any alleys.**

This has only persisted because the Gotham equivalent of Chicago's famed "Streets and San" comes by daily, in theory anyway. But it's still absurd. And unsanitary.

And undesirable, unless you happen to an entrepreneurial scavenger.

Adams' news conference was an attempt to humanize the wheelie in a city that does not know them and thus mistrusts their presence.

They might block a bagel shop doorway, diverting pedestrians into the street. They might take away a precious parking space or occupy a loading zone. They might, well, *get in the way*.

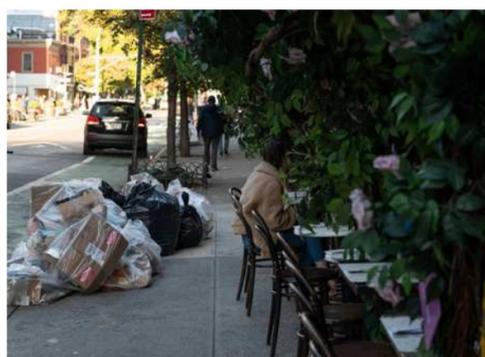
Why does New York face this absurdity? Simple. Hardly any alleys.

So as property tax bills arrive in many Chicago mailboxes and we collectively whine about one problem or another, it's worth also noting our good fortune that 18-foot-wide alleys have been part of this city's physical infrastructure since its beginnings. Sure, there are a few exceptions, especially on the Near North Side, but thanks to the forward thinking and careful platting and research of Daniel Burnham, Edward H. Bennett and others, you will still find alleys behind more than 90% of Chicago's residential streets. Therein, kids play, home mechanics tinker, dogs pee, CTA trains clatter, well-fed rats scurry.

Few put their trash out in Chicago; it *stays* out. Hidden away in the back. And there may it rest until reaching its final place of repose.

So, sure, we're impressed that Mayor Adams stands tough against the oppositional forces he clearly worries are girding for battle with the wheelie.

But he could just have suggested that everyone move to Chicago, where we solved this problem more than 100 years ago.



Trash bags are piled on the sidewalk next to a restaurant in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York on Oct. 14, 2022. **EMON HASSAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

### ABOUT FRENCH AND BRITISH ELECTIONS

In an election shock this week, French voters delivered a parliamentary victory to the leftist New Popular Front, which had allied with President Emmanuel Macron's centrist bloc in a successful bid to derail the expected victory of Marine Le Pen's far right National Rally, which ultimately came in third.

France is not totally out of the hot water, nor does it have a simple path ahead. Disparate parties and factions that came together to defeat the far right will now have to get to the much messier work of actually governing together. ...

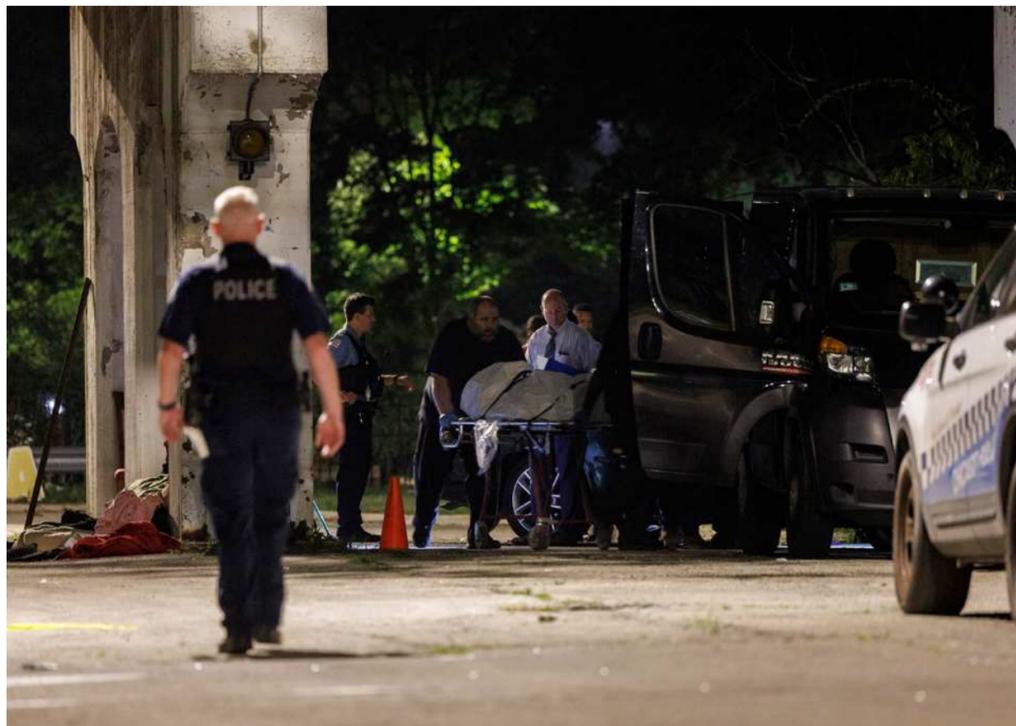
Still, all this uncertainty is far better than the certainty of the far-right's designs on the country, a testament to the power of the voting public to stand up and say "non." The country saw its highest turnout for a parliamentary election in decades as French from all walks of life saw the writing on the wall about Le Pen's surging prospects and did their job to stop it. ...

Across the Channel, the electoral demise of the Tories in Britain was no surprise, having been widely predicted in the run-up. ...

As unpopular as the Tories were, this loss wasn't automatic, either. Labour spent years positioning itself as a reasonable alternative, listening to voters' concerns and purging some elements of its own party, including ultimately unpopular former leader Jeremy Corbyn. That current leader and Prime Minister Keir Starmer was a relatively unknown figure in British politics up until recently is a further testament to the notion of political preferences and objectives over individuals.

These are lessons that we might learn here in our own fractured and fraught politics. There are many commentators and even some Democratic elected officials stating with full confidence that Donald Trump will for certain win the 2024 election. ... But the truth is, no one really knows; before Sunday's voting, the French far-right seemed like a lock, yet here we are.

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The body of a 25-year-old man who was fatally shot is transported from the scene of a shooting on the 5800 block of South Elizabeth Street in the Englewood neighborhood early on July 7 in Chicago. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

### Mayor finally strikes an outraged tone on gun violence. Follow it up with action.

It's taken more than a year, but at long last Chicagoans heard Mayor Brandon Johnson unequivocally lay blame for the horrifying gun violence plaguing Chicago where it belongs — on the people shooting the guns and killing their fellow Chicagoans.

The mayor spoke in anguish about the bloody Fourth of July weekend that featured three mass shootings, including one in which two women and three children were shot in a South Side home in the early-morning hours of July 4. The two adult women and an 8-year-old boy died.

All told, at least 109 people were shot, and 19 of them lost their lives over the five-day holiday weekend, Chicago police reported. None of the perpetrators of the mass shootings are in custody as we write.

"This is a choice. The choice to kill. The choice to kill women, the choice to kill children, the choice to kill the elderly," Johnson said during the Monday news conference. "These are choices that the offenders made and they calculated. We are holding every single individual accountable for the pain and for the torment that they have caused in this city."

At long last, in the words of this mayor, those who shoot to kill fellow Chicagoans have some agency over their actions. And should be held accountable and punished.

No more equivocating about the decades of disinvestment in South and West Side neighborhoods that Johnson often has cited in somehow explaining why people are drawing guns and killing their fellow human beings.

Week after week, Chicagoans are being gunned down at social gatherings. In homes. In front of schools. In parks. Pretty much anywhere.

Yes, Johnson on Monday repeated his disinvestment theme, too. He added a new wrinkle to that theme as well, weirdly tying the current state of the South and West sides to the 1968 election of Richard M. Nixon.

Apparently referencing President Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty, the mayor said, "We had a chance 60 years ago to get at the root causes (of violent crime). And people mocked President Johnson, and we ended up with Richard Nixon." (Note to the former social studies teacher-turned-mayor: Lyndon Johnson opted not to run

for reelection in 1968, not because his war on poverty was unpopular but because of his widely disliked prosecution of the Vietnam War.)

But those observations were not the emphasis. Johnson was angry and distraught. As he should have been and as are Chicagoans who survive these assaults, as well as those who live in fear in the violence-afflicted neighborhoods.

Mayor Johnson's significant change in tone represented baby steps, to be sure. As we've written before, public safety is a crisis and should be treated as such. So many of Chicago's woes are tied in one way or the other to public safety. Among them: population decline, economic stagnation, budgetary pressures and a national reputation that is about as low as it can get. There are substantial resources available from the business community, nonprofits, endowments and others to tackle this issue. But they're crying out for leadership, which so far has been weak.

Let's hope Johnson's changed messaging is a fresh start.

The first step to developing an effective strategy to fight this battle for Chicago's soul, as Johnson aptly put it on Monday, is to declare war on those causing the trouble. The source of most of this carnage is street gangs, pure and simple. This city desperately needs a plan to combat them, and at least as importantly, the will to fully execute that plan.

Johnson and police Superintendent Larry Snelling called for more federal help in controlling the flow of illegal guns into the city and for more federal resources to help the victims of mass shootings after the fact. Johnson also called on people living in the neighborhoods hardest hit by gun violence, including Austin where he and his family live, to provide more help to police in identifying the shooters when these appalling crimes happen.

All well and good. After months of stating that Chicago can't "police its way" out of its violent-crime disease, Johnson finally crossed the first threshold to getting a handle on this mayhem, and that was to point the finger of blame where it belongs — at criminals, not some systemic conspiracy.

Better policing isn't all that's needed, but it surely is a critical component. Keep it up, Mayor Johnson. Don't stop now.

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# OPINION

## What can the FAA and TSA do to handle spikes in flyers?

By Sheldon H. Jacobson

With the arrival of the summer travel season, airports and airlines are experiencing unprecedented passenger volumes, which means that most flights are filled or near capacity. This trend of higher passenger volume will not abate anytime soon.

With higher demand, the airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration will be pushed into uncharted territory. So what is needed to keep pace with this unprecedented demand?

The TSA screened more than 3 million passengers on July 7. The TSA faced similar volumes on May 24, June 9, June 14, June 24, June 27 and June 28. More such days are certain to happen this year. This uptick in volume demands a risk-based security strategy that more finely matches security resources with passenger risk.

Notably, time reductions at every step of the screening process translate into higher passenger throughput. For example, every second saved on a passenger when screening 3 million passengers translates into a reduction of 833 hours of total screening time.

How can the TSA find such time? One way is encouraging more passengers to enroll in TSA PreCheck, the poster child for risk-based security. Whether that means reducing the cost of enrollment, setting up enrollment centers at nonairport locations to ease access or working with airlines to provide airline loyalty program benefits that come with PreCheck status, this should be a top priority.

The TSA is also rolling out facial recognition to authenticate passenger credentials and confirm passengers' identity. Most recently, it began piloting self-service checkpoints at Harry Reid International Airport in the Las Vegas area for PreCheck passengers.

Each of these programs incrementally reduces time spent at airport security checkpoints, while maintaining the level of security required to protect the air system.

On the downside, the CT scanners being used at most airports to scan carry-on bags have operated at slower speeds than the X-ray machines they replaced. This issue will need to



A Transportation Security Administration officer checks a passenger's identification in Terminal 1 at Chicago O'Hare International Airport on April 3. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

be resolved, with artificial intelligence certain to play a role.

Air traffic control continues to get negative attention, as runway incursions put passengers and airplanes at risk. The good news is that most runway incursions are benign, involving an airplane harmlessly being out of position. The few more sensational incidents, such as two airplanes operating on the same runway, are the most dangerous.

Calls for more air traffic controllers abound. However, the system itself needs to be rethought. This is where AI can play an important role. AI systems cannot replace air traffic controllers, but they can support controllers' work and make their jobs more efficient and less burdensome.

Many air traffic controller tasks are repetitive, particularly during clear weather operations. As air traffic volume continues to increase, existing standard operating procedures will bend and eventually break. It is far better to

address such strains proactively rather than in response to an incident.

Incorporating AI into air traffic controller operations can ease the burden on controllers. An incremental process of adding AI capabilities is needed to improve airport operations and even create additional capacity around congested air corridors.

Airlines have been criticized for not taking care of passengers when flight disruptions occur. In response, the U.S. Department of Transportation has imposed new rules that require airlines to refund tickets and costs of services provided, further fueling the antagonistic relationship between airlines and the DOT. This does not serve the needs of passengers, who may not fully understand the implications of DOT-mandated policies and how to act in their own best interests when their flights are disrupted.

If the airlines are to handle an ever-growing population of travelers, they need to carve out policies

and procedures that are effective and flexible enough to address the different scenarios that invariably arise. Airlines understand that not every flight delay or cancellation is the same. Some are within airline control, such as airplane mechanical issues, and some are not — weather and air traffic control, for example. Some are more nuanced, such as flight crew rest limitations.

The current model incentivizes airlines to blame the weather or air traffic control on every delay or cancellation, an easy and immediate way to avoid responsibility.

To build a cooperative relationship between airlines and the DOT, any rules must ultimately place passengers first. For the airlines, this means offering more flights options, including regional airports that have seen significant cuts in service, post-pandemic. Enhancing FAA incentive programs would be a good first step in this direction.

Three million-passen-

ger screening days are fast approaching, and they will become more ubiquitous in the not too distant future. The TSA is making great strides to meet the challenge. The DOT, including the FAA, can do better. The airlines must also step up and become part of the solution. Using passengers as pawns in airline and government conflicts is not the answer.

All stakeholders should be committed to delivering a better product. The time to act is now, not in the aftermath of a crisis, when there is a dearth of sensible thinking and an abundance of overreaction and finger-pointing. Passengers deserve better.

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## Poor planning blocks the way for a vitally needed Chicago rail connection

By F.K. Plous

In September 2022, the Department of Buildings issued a permit for the construction of a 33-story apartment building at 350 N. Canal St. This past May, the new tower welcomed its first tenants.

But when the city signed off on the new building, it inadvertently foreclosed on the possibility of a critically needed regional transportation asset: 350 N. Canal blocks a potential connection of the former Chicago & North Western Railway's tracks serving the Ogilvie Transportation Center with the Amtrak main line that brings trains from north of the city into Amtrak's Chicago Union Station.

Wait. How can the Ogilvie tracks be connected to the Union Station tracks? Aren't the Ogilvie tracks elevated above street level, and don't they pass directly over the at-grade Union Station tracks just before entering the 16-track terminal at Madison and Canal streets?

Correct. But before the North Western's elevated depot opened in 1911, its tracks ran at ground level just east of the new elevated tracks. Those original tracks weren't removed (and they still connect with the elevated main line via a ramp near Elston Avenue and Augusta Boulevard). The legacy tracks terminate at the T-intersection of Kinzie and Canal streets. Rusty rails in the shadow of the 1911 elevation are still visible.

If that original alignment were reactivated and new rails and signals installed, and if 350 N. Canal had not been built, those tracks could have been extended less than 200 yards south to join



A visitor heads toward a parked Amtrak train open for tours as Amtrak celebrates its high-speed rail improvements at Union Station in Chicago in June 2023. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

the Union Station tracks where they cross Canal. In fact, if 350 N. Canal had been designed like its spectacular neighbor at 444 W. Lake St., with its ground floor one story above grade, the connecting railroad tracks could have passed right under its elevated lobby. With the connection in place, some of Metra's Union Pacific North Line trains from Kenosha, Waukegan, the North Shore and Evanston — and some of its Northwest Line trains from Harvard, Crystal Lake, Barrington, Arlington Heights — could have been routed into Union Station. Metra-UP passengers would be able to transfer directly to Amtrak trains, or to Metra's Burlington Northern, Southwest Service and Heritage trains to the southwest suburbs.

Why was 350 N. Canal allowed to go up in the path of this potentially vital rail connection?

Part of the answer seems to be our siloed bureaucracy.

The Department of Buildings is not a transportation planning agency. All it does is make sure the proposed new project meets all the construction, safety and zoning codes. Despite its name, the Chicago Department of Transportation does not deal with the entire transportation spectrum. It mainly takes care of the streets. The Illinois Department of Transportation basically builds highways, has only a tiny passenger rail bureaucracy and does not monitor the impact of local, private-sector construction on potential rail connections.

And our regional master planner, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, simply did not have in mind a potential Union Pacific-Amtrak connection at Canal and Kinzie. CMAP maintains a large inventory of existing, former and potential transportation assets, including abandoned and disused railroad tracks, but a Canal-Kinzie connection was

not on it.

"Nobody had expressed a desire to have some of the Metra UP North and Northwest trains access Union Station," a CMAP official said. "We do maintain an inventory of former rail lines. Some are hiking trails, some are bikeways, some are under consideration for being restored as commuter rail lines in the future. But Canal and Kinzie was not on our radar."

The problem, the official said, was a classic chicken-or-egg reasoning failure known as problem-solution myopia: "We didn't have a Canal-Kinzie connection in our inventory of potential projects because nobody realized it was there," he said. "And nobody realized it was there because nobody had been looking for that connection."

If CMAP does decide to contemplate a Union Pacific-Union Station hookup, there may just be one opportunity left to make it happen. The Union Pacific still uses one of the old ground-level tracks to deliver tank cars of corn syrup to the east side of the Blommer Chocolate Co. factory at Kinzie and Des Plaines streets. Blommer has announced it will soon close that facility and sell the property for demolition and redevelopment. IDOT, CMAP, CDOT, Metra, Amtrak and UP need to sit down and study whether the Blommer tracks that now stub on the north side of Kinzie can be extended across Kinzie into the one block of Jefferson Street between Kinzie and the Amtrak main line. At the south end of that block, the track could be curved eastward to join the Amtrak alignment into Union Station.

The fit would be tight. The

owners of the 365 N. Jefferson St. apartment tower would not enjoy the street in front of their building being turned into railroad tracks. The building would have to be reconfigured with a new front entrance. And the Echeleon Chicago apartment tower on Des Plaines would have to be provided with a new entrance to its parking garage, now accessed from the Jefferson side.

But the space is there, and Chicago is very creative at squeezing lots of transportation into a small footprint. Look at Midway Airport, the "L" in the Loop or the Jane Byrne Interchange. But as the CMAP official said, you won't go looking for a solution until you realize you have a problem, and you won't admit you have a problem until you suspect it might have a solution.

And Metra definitely has a problem: a lack of connectivity. In downtown Chicago, Metra's 11 lines terminate at four stations, and in the suburbs, its lines meet only at two points: downtown Blue Island, where Metra Electric terminates a block away from the Rock Island station, and at Prairie Crossing near Grayslake, where the North Central Line crosses the Milwaukee North Line. Neither meeting point has coordinated schedules, and the North Central service offers only seven daily round trips and no weekend service.

Metra will never be able to compete successfully with car travel until its routes connect the way our highways do. A Union Pacific-Union Station connection would be a good place to start.

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# OPINION

## Broken promises on property tax relief equal pain for Illinois homeowners and businesses



**Willie Wilson**

Gov. J.B. Pritzker in his 2020 State of the State address declared, “Property taxes in Illinois are simply too high. That’s why it’s time to put the best ideas to work from both sides of the aisle.” Pritzker’s words ring hollow. Four years later, Illinois has one of the highest property tax rates in America, and some Cook County homeowners just received the highest property tax bills in more than 30 years.

In August 2019, Pritzker announced the formation of a bipartisan, bicameral legislative task force to help “reduce the burden of property taxes felt by homeowners.” Another broken promise. The task force was a joke and failed to issue a report. Where is the common sense? Our Illinois legislators voted themselves consecutive pay raises totaling a 22% bump in their salaries since January 2023 — but have consistently failed to fix the unfair property tax system.

In Park Forest, the median bill is up by \$2,567 to \$7,152, the Tribune reported. In Dixmoor, the bill is up from \$1,073 in 2023 to \$1,950 in 2024. A Cook County treasurer’s report found that property taxes rose about \$706 million, with homeowners paying an extra \$611 million. Commercial properties owe an extra \$102.9 million. The increases in the south suburbs disproportionately affect lower-income Black residents.

Staggering tax hikes coupled with inflationary food, gas and energy costs will likely cause rents to go up, homeowners to lose their homes and businesses to close. In 2022, more than 55,000 properties were added to Cook County’s annual tax sale. Nearly half of the homes were owned by people who owed less than \$1,000, according to Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. Pritzker and the General Assembly have committed hundreds of millions in taxpayer funding to care for migrants’ food and housing. Imagine if Pritzker would have invested those resources to help stabilize property taxes in the south suburbs and other high-



Gov. J.B. Pritzker, center, mingles at a City Club of Chicago event on May 17. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

taxed communities.

Levies to support funding for schools are never adjusted down — they only go up. Too much government duplication, bloated payrolls and overlapping school districts drive up costs. Common sense tells us that raising taxes on older citizens and working-class families causes financial pain for residents.

Perhaps there is a quiet revolution taking place as citizens and businesses leave Illinois. A recent Wall Street Journal Editorial Board analysis of Internal Revenue Service data on the migration of taxpayers and adjusted gross income between states found that Illinois lost \$9.8 billion in 2022. That is income leaving Illinois and going to other states. Where is the common sense? With fewer people to tax because of outmigration, a disproportionate burden of taxation falls on a smaller number

of taxpayers. According to U.S. Census Bureau data, Illinois lost more than 263,000 residents from 2020 to 2023. Cook County lost 188,000 people, and Chicago lost 81,900 during the same period.

Ken Griffin, CEO of Citadel and a former Illinoisan, took his company to Florida. Griffin’s departure will hurt state tax collections. Boeing, Caterpillar and other companies have left Illinois for business-friendly states. It is common sense to know that migrants cannot make up for the population losses in Illinois. Our citizens deserve leaders who will implement policies that attract companies and the best citizens to our state.

The following are some suggestions to fix the broken property tax system:

1. Pritzker, House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch and Senate President Don Harmon should

create a business-friendly environment in Illinois. This means lower crime, lower cost of living, less taxes and less burdensome regulations. Prioritize student literacy — an educated workforce is attractive to companies.

2. Pritzker and Democrats in the General Assembly should provide more funding for public schools from the state to reduce burden on local governments. The state constitution mandates that the “primary responsibility for financing the system of public education” belongs to the state.

3. Pritzker and Democrats should consolidate duplicative units of government and remove state incentives that cause local governments to raise levies.

4. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle should continue to consolidate county offices that provide overlapping services. The recorder of deeds office was

successfully consolidated with the clerk’s office.

5. Illinois voters should vote for candidates who prioritize their basic needs.

The property tax system is broken — it has been for some time. Pritzker had the right words in 2020, but his actions did not align. It takes bold and committed leadership to fix a broken system. The Democrats have supermajorities in Springfield. The time is right to provide relief for homeowners — especially Black homeowners who disproportionately lose their homes. No more empty promises or excuses.

I write this commentary to make those comfortable with protecting an inequitable property tax system uncomfortable.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Reestablishing accountability

Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense,” published in 1776, was instrumental in convincing the British subjects in America to revolt, throw off the monarchy and create the United States of America. One central theme of “Common Sense”: the utter nonsense and even danger of a leader that, like the king, is above the law.

I learned of and became proud of this core tenet of my country as a boy, in my social studies classes, as well as in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

The ruling last week from our Supreme Court is flabbergasting and horrifying. It attacks this key basis of democracy in the United States of America.

The accountability of all citizens, including the president, must be reestablished. The only chance we, who do not have immunity, have is to vote wisely in November for candidates who support this key to our democracy.

— Mark Foisy, Evanston

#### Voters must prevent ‘checkmate’

Nothing better illustrates how dangerously wrong the Supreme Court’s majority decision on presidential immunity is than the words of Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s blistering dissent:

“The President of the United States is the most powerful person in the country, and possibly the world. When he uses his official powers in any way, under the majority’s reasoning, he now will be insulated from criminal prosecution.

“Orders the Navy’s Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival? Immune.

“Organizes a military coup to hold onto power? Immune.

“Takes a bribe in exchange for a pardon? Immune, immune, immune, immune.”

For Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett and Chief Justice John Roberts to make this decision is brazen and frighteningly irresponsible, particularly in light of the justices’ own words under oath at their Senate confirmation hearings that “no person in this country is above the law” — the very reason for which the American Revolution was fought. Their decision was an assault on the U.S. Constitution, which they have sworn to uphold.

These six justices know full well the former president’s own dangerous words about being a dictator on “day one,” as well as his actions already taken to remain in power against the will of the voters in the 2020 election, including but not limited to inviting a violent attack on the Capitol and doing nothing for more than three hours to stop it. Surely, they are aware of the former president’s reckless talk suggesting that Gen. Mark Milley be executed. Surely, they are familiar with his authoritarian rhetoric in which he said he would encourage Russia to “do whatever the hell they want” if NATO member countries don’t pay their fair share.

The Supreme Court’s decision on presidential immu-

nity has just granted the former president permission to unleash the retribution he has already promised — to be the sole arbiter of his actions. In other words, to do “whatever the hell” he wants.

As in a game of chess, these six justices have collectively made a calculated move: They have put our country and the American people in “check.” Now, it is up to the American people to make their move. All across the country, exercise your right to vote in November in numbers so large as to leave no doubt Americans have chosen democracy over authoritarianism.

By doing so, we can avert “checkmate” on our democratic way of life, in which power remains invested in the people, not in a wannabe dictator.

— Linda Smoucha, Arlington Heights

#### Is presidential ill intent present?

The Supreme Court’s immunity decision has truthiness. But it lacks depth. The justices ignored intent. Intent is intrinsic to the entire legal system.

They were correct to ignore intent for initial assessments of immunity protection of the office of the president. But consider this example. When men break into your children’s bedroom to take your kids away without your awareness, it might be criminal. It might be a rescue by firefighters. The actions are the same. The core difference is intent.

The proof of intent is the situation — Is there a need to be rescued? — and subsequent actions — Were the children freed after the rescue?

Each president, like all people, deserves the assumption that he or she is acting with good intentions up to a point. Also, official governmental obligations ought to provide additional deference in the form of layers of immunities.

However, each immunity should be able to be pierced when ill intent is found to have been demonstrated by actions and inactions.

For presidents, a finding of impeachable offenses pierces layers of immunity. Subsequent investigation should be able to pierce each remaining layer in turn if ill intent is found with the certainty appropriate for the step in the justice-securing process: investigate, indict, try, convict, appeal, sentence and appeal.

Everyone knows good intent is constitutionally required because the ratification of the document was done by people who spoke at length about high standards for ethical and moral behavior. It’s inconceivable that taking the oath of office was just a nice ceremony for them.

Should we believe it’s just suckers who take the oath seriously? In court, who will argue good intent is not foundational?

The electorate has the right to assume that appearance of ambivalence to truth is not ill intent. However, voters have the obligation to change their minds when ill intent is demonstrated to have abused the authority of the highest office. That change occurred in 2020 for the majority of the electorate, the House of Representatives and the

Senate. (The Senate fell short of the two-thirds required to immediately convict.)

Only the Supreme Court, of the three branches of government, has not acknowledged presidential ill intent. Perhaps the justices desire the greatness for our nation of the former Soviet Union central government, in which the ends always justified the means.

Could someone in the justices’ social circle please remind them that didn’t work?

— Christopher Olmsted, Chicago

#### Founders didn’t want immunity

I am not a constitutional scholar, but now that the Supreme Court has immunized the president from committing crimes, albeit under official acts of the office, the justices have effectively rewritten the Constitution. The Constitution bars the president from receiving any benefit from his actions. This is codified in the emoluments clause. The court’s decision is in contrast and in conflict with this clause. Which overrides the other? The court cannot cancel the Constitution without an amendment. How is this possible?

The Founding Fathers never meant for the president to have immunity. The impeachment clause recognized and anticipated presidential crimes (high crimes and even misdemeanors), allowing for him or her to be removed from office. Again, the justices cannot immunize the president for any reason, but here they go.

Why can’t this decision be challenged?

— Christopher N. Kurby, Bartlett

#### Signs of cognitive challenges

To those who advocate continuing to support President Joe Biden in his reelection campaign because of his past record, I pose this question: Would you feel comfortable continuing to entrust the health of your family to a beloved doctor who was showing the cognitive challenges that the president displayed during the June 27 debate and the follow-up interview with George Stephanopoulos?

— Jeanne Martineau, Chicago

#### Let’s emulate Britain’s speed

So the British prime minister asks for an election on May 24. The election is held on July 4. Results are just about the same day.

We could take a lesson and streamline our elections. What a waste of time and money.

— Gary Delson, Glenwood

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President Joe Biden answers a question as NATO leaders prepare for a photo Wednesday.  
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## Biden

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a crossroads, Biden faces the next public test Thursday at a scheduled news conference that many Democrats in Congress will be watching for signs of his abilities.

To be sure, Biden maintains strong support from key corners of his coalition, particularly the Congressional Black Caucus on Capitol Hill, whose leadership was instrumental in ushering the president to victory in 2020 and is standing by him as the country's best choice to defeat Trump again in 2024.

"At this moment, the stakes are too high and we have to focus," Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota told The Associated Press on Tuesday, saying Democrats are "losing ground" the longer they fight over Biden's candidacy. "Democracy is on the line. Everything we value as Democrats, as a country, is on the line, and we have to stop being distracted."

Pelosi has been widely watched for signals of how top Democrats are thinking about Biden's wounded candidacy, her comments viewed as important for the party's direction as members weigh possible alternatives in the campaign against Trump.

Because of her powerful position as the former House speaker and proximity to Biden as a trusted longtime ally of his generation, Pelosi is seen as one of the few Democratic leaders who

could have influence on the president's thinking.

The lack of a full statement from Pelosi backing Biden's continued campaign is what lawmakers are likely to hear most clearly, even as she told ABC later she believes he can win. Her remarks came as actor Clooney, who had just hosted a glitzy Hollywood fundraiser for the president last month, said in a New York Times op-ed that the Biden he saw three weeks ago wasn't the Joe Biden of 2020. "He was the same man we all witnessed at the debate."

Sen. Michael Bennet, a Democrat from Colorado, spoke forcefully late Tuesday about the danger of a second Trump presidency and said it's for the president "to consider" the options.

Stopping just short of calling for Biden to drop out, Bennet said on CNN what he told his colleagues in private — that he believes Trump "is on track to win this election — and maybe win it by a landslide and take with him the Senate and the House."

Bennet said, "It's not a question about politics. It's a moral question about the future of our country."

Another Democrat, Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, said Wednesday he was "deeply concerned" about Biden winning the election, which he called existential for the country.

"We have to reach a conclusion as soon as possible," Blumenthal said on CNN.

And Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia told reporters, "I have complete confidence that Joe Biden will do the patriotic thing for the country. And he's going to make that decision."

Democrats have been reeling over the question of whether to continue backing Biden after his poor showing in the June 27 presidential debate with Trump and his campaign's lackluster response to their pleas that Biden, at 81, show voters he is up for another four-year term.

Biden and his campaign are working more intently now to shore up support, and the president met with labor leaders Wednesday, relying on the unions to help make the case that his record in office matters more than his age.

With the executive council of the AFL-CIO, America's largest federation of trade unions, Biden told the crowd that even Wall Street was acknowledging the power of unions, as he once again articulated his vision for an economy built "from the bottom up and middle out."

"I said I'm going to be the most pro-union president in American history," Biden told the cheering crowd. "Well guess what? I am."

Biden spoke with a handheld mic and no teleprompter in sight. He thanked the union leaders for their support, and outlined his plans for the future, seeking to cast aside doubt over his reelection campaign.

**In 1985** Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros became the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 4,000 batters as he fanned Danny Heep of the New York Mets.

**In 1989** actor Laurence Olivier died near London; he was 82.

**In 1995** the U.N.-designated "safe haven" of Srebrenica fell to Bosnian Serb forces. Also in 1995 the United States normalized relations with Vietnam.

**In 1998** Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie, a casualty of the Vietnam War, was laid to rest near his Missouri home, after the positive identification of his remains, which had been enshrined at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va.

**In 1999** a U.S. Air Force cargo jet dropped off emergency medical supplies at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Center for a physician at the center who had discovered a lump in her breast.

**In 2000** a Middle East summit opened at Camp David, Md., between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Also in 2000 the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the nation's oldest black church, elected Rev. Vashti McKenzie of Baltimore its first female bishop. Also in 2000 Robert Runcie, the former archbishop of Canterbury, died in Hertfordshire, England; he was 78. Also in 2000 the American League defeated the National League 6-3 in the All-Star Game.

**In 2001** the Democratic-led Senate voted to bar coal mining and oil and gas drilling on pristine federally protected land in the West.

**In 2003** President George

W. Bush put responsibility squarely on the CIA for his disputed claim that Iraq had tried to acquire nuclear material from Africa, prompting Director George Tenet to publicly accept full blame for the miscue. Also in 2003 the World Trade Organization ruled that heavy duties on steel imports imposed by the United States violated global trade rules. Also in 2003 thousands marked the anniversary of the 1995 massacre at Srebrenica in Bosnia, burying 282 newly identified victims.

**In 2004** Joe Gold, the founder of the original Gold's Gym in 1965, died in Los Angeles; he was 82.

**In 2005** a top al-Qaida lieutenant and three other terror suspects escaped from a U.S. military jail in Afghanistan.

**In 2007** Lady Bird Johnson, the former first lady who had championed conservation and worked tenaciously for the political career of her husband, former President Lyndon Baines Johnson, died in Austin, Texas, at age 94.

**In 2012** Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation banning legislative scholarships, effective Sept. 1.

**In 2014** NBA superstar LeBron James, who won two championships with the Miami Heat, announced in a Sports Illustrated essay that he was returning home to Cleveland. Also in 2014 Tommy Ramone, a drummer and the last surviving original member of the punk rock band The Ramones, died in Queens, N.Y.; he was 65. Also in 2014 Charlie Hayden, a pioneering jazz bassist who received a lifetime achievement Grammy Award in 2013, died in Los Angeles; he was 76.

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### Death Notices

#### Breit, Mark

Mark Breit, age 72, beloved husband of Dorene, nee O'Connell, devoted father of Lindsay (Brendan Goldfarb) and Courtney Breit; dear brother of Judy Breit (Mike Izenstark) and Alan Breit. Devoted uncle to Larissa, Leana, and Ryan Breit, Brett and Austin Simon. Fond brother-in-law and uncle to many O'Connell's. Caring friend to many. Served six years in the United States Army Reserve. Owner of Breit & Clean Dry Cleaners and Breit & Johnson Sporting Goods; a compassionate man of the community, sponsoring many community teams. Service Friday 10:30 AM at The Oak Park Temple, 1235 N. Harlem Avenue, Oak Park. Interment will follow at 12 Noon at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mark's name to Shriners Children's Hospital, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or Wounded Warrior Project. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



#### Brown, Gwendolyn Marie

Gwen Brown, aged 103, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2024. Gwen was born to Joseph and Anne Melfi on April 27, 1921. She was one of 10 siblings growing up in a happy home on the Northwest Side of Chicago. Gwen married Robert "Bud" Brown in 1946 and had two children, Bruce (Sharon) and Barbara (Robert) Singer. She was a loving grandmother to Rhiannon (Robert) Midkiff, Corinne (Daniel) Bluhm, Megan (Janada) Brown and Stephanie (David) Kovarik. She was a cherished great grandmother to Josh, Andrew, Noah, Kaylee, Vivian and Reese. Beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews. Gwen was an active and vital person her entire life. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, fantastic cook, avid Cubs fan and a self-made career woman, becoming the communications director of Resurrection Hospital in Chicago. Her loves were family, friends, food, music and travel. Gwen was a long-time resident of Friendship (Encore) Village in Schaumburg and will be remembered as a sweet, compassionate soul, who was beloved by everyone she encountered. Visitation will be held at **The Oaks Funeral Home**, 1201 E Irving Park Rd (at Prospect), Itasca from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13th. A Funeral Mass will follow at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 254 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale at 10:30 am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities or a charity of your choice. For funeral info; 630-250-8588 or oaksfh.com

#### Goltra, Oliver Renard

Oliver Renard Goltra, age 81, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024. Born March 31, 1943 to William Brown Goltra and Pauline Seipp Goltra. His grandfather, Edward Field Goltra, was one of the founders of American Steel Foundries, and his great-grandfather Edward G. Uihlein was one of the four original owners of Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company. Ren grew up in Barrington, Illinois and attended high school at Deerfield Academy ('62). He will be remembered for his adventurous spirit, a deep devotion to his immediate and extended family, and a kindness and warmth that was shared with all who knew him.

Ren had the unique talent of making friends everywhere he went. At grocery stores in town, the post office, even the people seated next to him in restaurants, Ren created cheerful connections with others. His impact on the people in his life spanned far and wide.

In 1976 he married Alice Cotsworth and during 47 years of marriage they were rarely apart. The two settled in Lake Forest where they started a family. With a mutual love for travel the couple spent many happy years exploring the globe often with their children in tow. Ren had a love of the outdoors and had many adventures snow skiing, sailing, racing cars and climbing mountains including Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The family has happy memories of summers spent in Minocqua, Wisconsin. Ren loved the town and contributed to its development including Otto's, famous for the best brats north of Sheboygan. Ren focused his professional career as the President of Goltra Castings and was also passionate about real estate development throughout Colorado.

Ren cared for his community and held many civic positions serving as a Lake Forest Alderman, board member of Lake Forest Country Day School, Lake Forest Open Lands, Lake Forest College and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Ren was the beloved husband of Alice, loving and devoted father of Carolyn, Andrew (Melissa) and special "Opa" to his granddaughters Katherine and Elizabeth.

A memorial service and celebration of a wonderful life will be held at 4:00 pm Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at The Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Forest Open Lands or Lake Forest Country Day School.

#### Ogle, Robert S

Robert (Bob) Ogle (75) of Western Springs passed away peacefully at home Saturday, July 6, succumbing to a multiyear battle with Alzheimer's. Bob is survived by his wife Joan Werner, children Robert Ogle, Jr. (Linda), Erin Swanson (Chad), Adam Ogle (Lindsey), and Stuart Ogle (Rachel), 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brother of James Ogle III (Anna Marie), Karen Lyons, Barbara (Patrick) Coghlan, J. Gregory Perdue, Donald (Marie) Ogle, Kathy (Steve) Houseman, Russell (Carol) Ogle; son of the late James Ogle II, Grace (Ackerman) Ogle and Gloria (Perdue) Ogle. Bob will also be remembered by many friends, coworkers, and pole-vaulters. Memorial service to be held Saturday, July 20 1 pm at LaGrange Bible Church, 850 7th Avenue, LaGrange. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated.

#### Schumacher, Janet M.

Janet Marie Schumacher, age 64, of Stacy, Minnesota passed away surrounded by family on Friday, July 5, 2024 at Fairview Hospital, Wyoming, Minnesota. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 am, Friday, July 12, 2024 at St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church, Lindstrom, MN with a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with the **Grandstrand Funeral Home**, Lindstrom, MN. Condolences may be expressed online at www.grandstrandfh.com.

#### Staros, Rosemary

Rosemary Staros, nee Harmon; Beloved wife of the late James P. Staros; Devoted mother of Nancy (Thomas) Furlong, John (Sandra Fawkes), Robyn Staros; and the late James R. (the late Mary); Loving sister of the late Dorothy Brown and Judith Pesic. Member St. Louis de Montfort Church Knights of Columbus Council 14553, avid swimmer and sun goddess of Leesburg FL. Loved by her church ladies. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 to St. Gerald Church, 9310 S. 55th Ct., Oak Lawn. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For Funeral Info: (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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#### Tye, Rosemary Loretta

Rosemary Loretta Tye (nee Hess), 91, of Hinsdale, passed away July 9, 2024. Beloved wife of Joseph Tye; loving mother of Mark, Julie (Paul) Kelly, and Christopher (Nadine); proud grandmother of Joe, Sean, Emmet and Francis. Daughter of Kathryn and George Hess; fond sister of Joan Gardner, and the late George Hess, Bill Hess, Patricia Crivolio and John Hess. Fond aunt to dozens. Rosemary grew up on Chicago's west side — one of six kids — working her way up through the Illinois Bell Phone Company and Marshall Fields department store. As she grew into a young professional she met her husband — raising their family in Oak Park then later River Forest. While spending over a decade as a homemaker she developed a fierce entrepreneurial spirit. Opening first a floral shop in Oak Park then later as one of the first in the nation franchisees of a Chico's clothing store in Westmont. She would later move further west and establish new friends and professional endeavors in Hinsdale. She made new lifelong friends working at the Courtyard charity consignment shop and living in the Graue Mill Association. At the same time she was welcoming in the next generation of a family she was immensely proud of and whose company she loved to keep. None more than the love of her life, Joe Tye. The two were married for 62-years. Family and friends will be received at Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish located at 1530 Jackson Avenue, River Forest on Saturday July 13 from 9am to 10am with a funeral mass immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy: www.misericordia.com/giving/donate-online. Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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#### Wolf, Claude

Claude Wolf, Age 88. Beloved husband of Kippy for 65 years. Loving father of Karyn (Ronald) Mianulli, Daniel (Lisa) Wolf, and Amy (Mark) Rollins. Proud Grampa of Lisa (Gary) Lazzara, Michael (Belinda) Mianulli, Scott Wolf, Zoe Wolf (Ethan Andrews), Marissa Wolf, Jillian Wolf, and Kenan Rollins. Cherished Great-Grampa of Peyton, Logan, Natalie, and Jimmy. Services are private. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

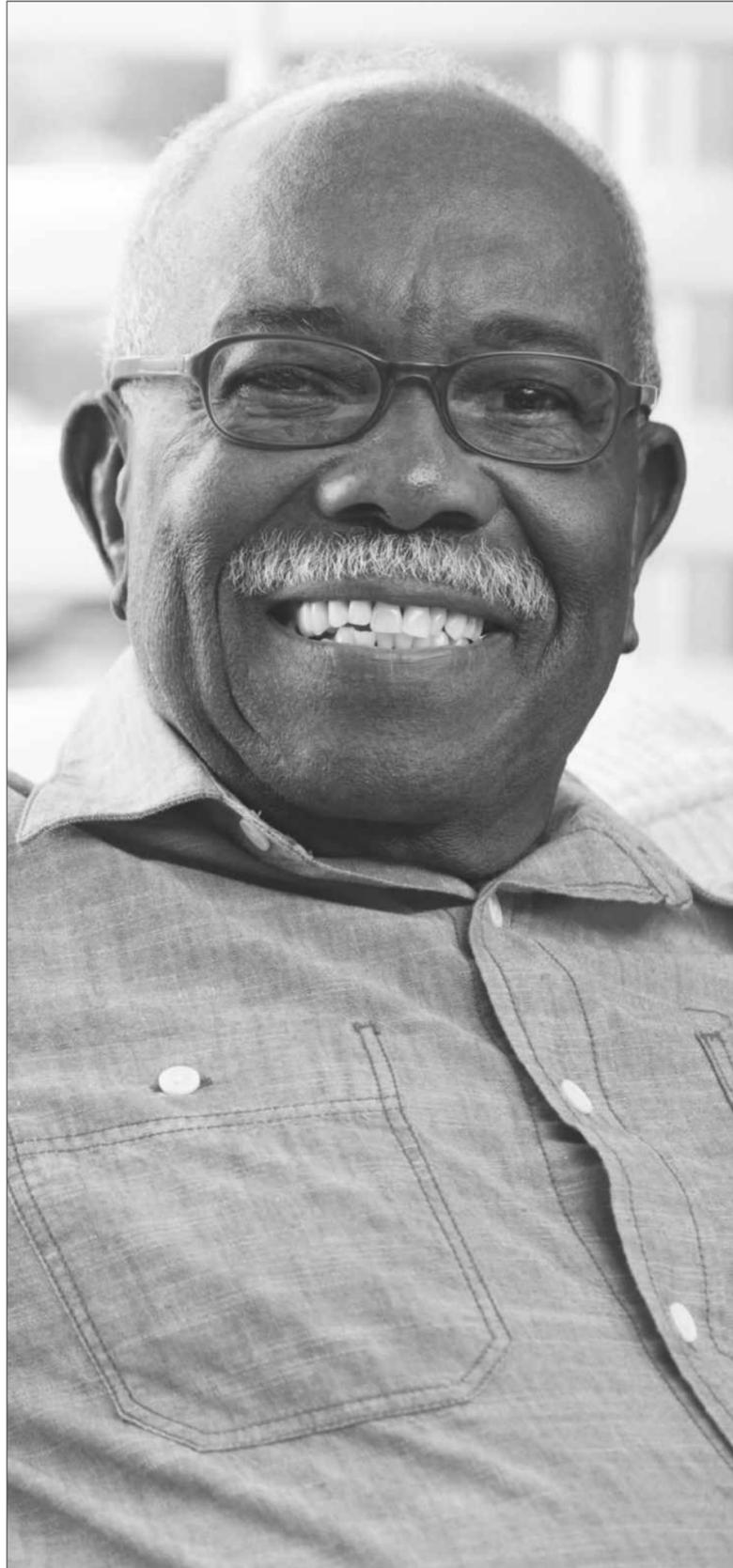
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 Under the Assumed Name of: THORNHILL, MICHAEL N., with the business located at: 7531 S. STONEY ISLAND AVENUE CHICAGO, IL, 60649  
 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: MICHAEL NORMAN THORNHILL 7531 S STONEY IS AVENUE CHICAGO, IL, 60649, USA 7/4, 7/11 & 7/18/2024 7661591

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. G24000283 on the Date: July 8, 2024  
 Under the Assumed Name of: Clever Crownsby with the business located at: 604 S Oak Park Ave Apt 2 Oak Park, IL, 60304  
 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Samantha Wrona 604 S Oak Park Ave Apt 2 Oak Park, IL, 60304 7/11, 7/18 & 7/25/2024 7663903

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SPECIFICATION NO: 1263351A  
 RFQ NO: 10304.1  
 BID OPENING DATE: July 11, 2024  
 REVISED BID OPENING DATE: August 2, 2024, Per Addendum #1  
 TIME: 11:00 a.m., Central Time

CONTACT: Melanie Polk-Stamps  
 Senior Procurement Specialist  
 Email: melanie.polk-stamps@cityofchicago.org  
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BID OPENING DATE: July 29, 2024  
 ORIGINAL BID OPENING DATE: July 9, 2024  
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CONTACT: Stacy Stewart,  
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Notification of Intent to Apply for CDBG-CV funding from the State of Illinois

Cook County Department of Planning and Development will apply for CDBG-CV funding from the State of Illinois. Cook County Department of Planning and Development is accepting public comments regarding their proposed use of CDBG-CV funding from the State of Illinois. The application requests \$2,000,000 in renovation funds for an 80-bed non-congregate shelter located at 8515 S Cicero, Chicago, IL 60652, operated by BEDsPlus.

Applicable Public Comment Period: July 12, 2024 - July 23th, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**ZIAH JACKSON**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Keneisha Jackson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 24AJ00279

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Michael Clayton (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 3, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Pamela Saindon** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **October 23, 2024, at 10:30 AM** in **CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martínez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2024 7663949

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**MICHAEL NUNNALLY AKA TERRELL JOHNSON**

A MINOR  
NO. 2024JD01095

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **MICHAEL NUNNALLY (FATHER)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **June 28, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **JOHN MULROE** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **July 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM** in **CALENDAR 68 COURTROOM 3**,

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Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

Iris Y. Martínez, CLERK OF COURT  
July 11, 2024

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
**M. RIGGS**  
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
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July 11, 2024 7663956

## FORECLOSURES

IN THE COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff, -v- Vanessa Bostic, Illinois Housing Development Authority, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Yukie Bostic, Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Cary Rosenthal, as Special Representative for Yukie Bostic (deceased), Defendants. 2023CH06988 33 E. 121ST PL CHICAGO, IL 60628 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above cause on 4/30/2024, an agreement of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on 8/7/2024 located at 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. LOT 32 IN BLOCK 2 IN HILLSTROM AND BLACK'S SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF BLOCK 15 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF BLOCK 16 IN 1ST ADDITION TO KENSINGTON IN WEST FRACTIONAL HALF OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 33 E. 121ST PL, CHICAGO, IL 60628 Property Index No. 25-27-122-015-0000 The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$154,497.74 Sale Terms: 20% down of the high bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. Relief fee for sale other than subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-23-04716. Auction.com LLC 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com). Attorney File No. 14-23-04716 Case Number: 2023CH06988 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 8120-942523 6/27, 7/11, 7/13/202476635009

TO: AIC HOLDINGS, LLC, c/o Richard J. Curry, Jr., its Reg. Agent; AIC HOLDINGS, LLC - Dissolved; C/O Alexi Giannoulakis, IL Secretary of State; AIC HOLDINGS, LLC; GLENN COFFEY, CHERYL COFFEY-CURRY; HOWARD MCELROY; ROSALIE MCELROY; WALTER C. JACKSON, SR.; WILLIE M. JACKSON; ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR GREENFIELD LIQUIDATION CO., f/k/a Parkway Mortgage, Inc., c/o Alexi Giannoulakis, IL Secretary of State; GREENFIELD LIQUIDATION CO., f/k/a Parkway Mortgage, Inc.; OCCUPANTS, 627 E. 92nd Pl, Unit #1, Chicago, IL 60619; OCCUPANTS, 627 E. 92nd Pl, Unit #2, Chicago, IL 60619; CYNTHIA MCELROY; LOUIS HOOVER; RICKY ISLER; RICHARD MCELROY; HOWARD HOOVER; ASHAURE HOOVER; CHANELL DIAMOND HOOVER; COUNT L C HOOVER; MAURICE SIMS; JASMINE J APPELWHITE; JOHN SAWYER; CALVIN B BROWN; CEDRIC GILES; COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001035 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0002839 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 627 E 92ND PL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-025-413-011-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663935

TO: HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLIFFORD MCINTYRE; JAMES L. HARDENBERG; OCCUPANTS, 2242 E. 96TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60617; CEDRIC GILES; COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001036 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0002876 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 2242 E 96TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-122-025-020-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663937

TO: VICTOR H. GARCIA a/k/a Victor H. Garcia, Jr.; MONSERRATE GARCIA, City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; OCCUPANTS, 217 E. 119th Street, Apt. 1, Chicago, Illinois 60628; OCCUPANTS, 217 E. 119th Street, Apt. 2, Chicago, Illinois 60628; CYNTHIA C. YOUNG; LINDA DAVIS; BRIAN WILLIAMS; ADRIEN BROWN; JILL DOLIND; ANTHONY; LAQUAN DAVIS; CHAKITA WINTERS; WILLIE TILMON; KAMARI DAVIS; ANDREA NEWMAN; LONNIE GRIFFIN a/k/a Lonnie Griffin Holmes; PATRICK DAVIS; TEREL BLUE; BRIAN WILLIAMS; CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001039 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0002942 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 217 E 119TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-27-104-020-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663938

TO: BURNETTA STEWART; MARCUS STEWART; ANDREW VILLARREAL; UNITED FIDELITY BANK, f/s/b, successor by merger to Highland Community Bank, City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, c/o C CORPORATION SYSTEM; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; OCCUPANTS, 11920 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago, IL 60628; OCCUPANTS, 11918 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago, IL 60628; ELEMENT INVESTMENT CORPORATION; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; TONY WHITE; ANTONETTA JOHNSON; CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001037 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0002943 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 11918-11920 S CALUMET AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-27-105-027-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663939

TO: LAURA ALISE BARNES; BMO Bank National Association f/k/a BMO HARRIS N.A. f/k/a Harris N.A.; OCCUPANTS, 13240 S. Riverside Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60627; OCCUPANTS, 13238 S. Riverside Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60627; Fonatin L. Plummer; Willie Whatley; Joe A. Starnes a/k/a Joe A. Starnes Jr.; Fantacia Bishop; Jennifer Newell; Harvey Patterson; CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001038 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0002955 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 13240 S RIVERDALE AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-34-113-030-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663941

TO: MACK SYKES; MAY W. SYKES; MAMIE JONES TRACY GOAR; MAMIE JONES; TRACY GOAR; MACK J SYKES Jr.; CAPITAL ONE, N.A.; DISCOVER BANK; OCCUPANTS, 13322 S. Riverside Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60627; JASON KINNAUR; MAMAR PRYOR; COLBYN VEG; ERIC GROVER; CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001040 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0002957 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 13322 S RIVERDALE AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-34-115-024-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663943

TO: HILUTERIO CHAVEZ; DONALD L DUVERNEY; OCCUPANTS, 10335 E. AVENUE 104, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617; ALEJANDRO FINA; RICARDO AGUADO; CEDRIC GILES, COOK COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD001042 FILED: 12/26/2023 AMENDED FILED: 4/26/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 11/9/2021 Certificate No.: 18-0003024 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessments 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: 10337 S AVENUE M, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No.: 26-08-312-023-0000 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 10/15/2024. 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 10/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 10/23/2024 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 10/15/2024 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 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: June 10, 2024 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 7/11, 7/12, 7/13/20247663946

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# CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



**ABC7 Outlook:** Partly cloudy and a bit muggy. Highs in the low 80s inland and in the mid-70s along the lake. Isolated storms. A breeze coming in off the lake at 5-15 mph.

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
High: <b>79</b>	Low: <b>65</b>	High: <b>85</b>	Low: <b>68</b>	High: <b>88</b>	Low: <b>72</b>	High: <b>92</b>	Low: <b>75</b>	High: <b>92</b>	Low: <b>76</b>	High: <b>92</b>	Low: <b>73</b>
Partly sunny, a stray thunderstorm; humid		Humid with clouds and sunshine		An afternoon thunderstorm in spots		Hot with a stray t-storm, becoming breezy		Mostly sunny and hot		Humid; a couple of morning showers	
POP: <b>40%</b>		POP: <b>0%</b>		POP: <b>45%</b>		POP: <b>40%</b>		POP: <b>0%</b>		POP: <b>70%</b>	
Winds: NE 6-12 mph		Winds: NE 6-12 mph		Winds: NW 7-14 mph		Winds: WSW 8-16 mph		Winds: W 8-16 mph		Winds: SSW 7-14 mph	

## CHICAGO FORECAST

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

2	5	9	5	2	0	
74	82	86	88	83	77	77

### Thursday Activities

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

6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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### Fishing Index

1	2	6	6	2	3
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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

### Wednesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	84
Low	66
Normal high	85
Normal low	66
Record high	102 (1936)
Record low	50 (1997)

### Local Temperatures

Location	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Aurora	85	66	85	62
Gary	79	66	84	65
Kankakee	83	64	85	65
Lansing	82	64	84	64
Midway	83	67	85	68
Romeoville	84	66	85	65
Valparaiso	78	65	85	64
Waukegan	78	65	82	62

### Wednesday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Wednesday*	0.61"	0.00"	0.12"
Month to date	1.78"	4.43"	1.12"
Year to date	20.15"	19.75"	19.95"

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

### Pollen as of 7/9

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Absent	Low	Absent	High

### Air Quality Index

Wednesday's reading: **Good**

### Thursday's forecast

**Moderate**

### Primary pollutant

Ozone  
 Source: AirNow.gov

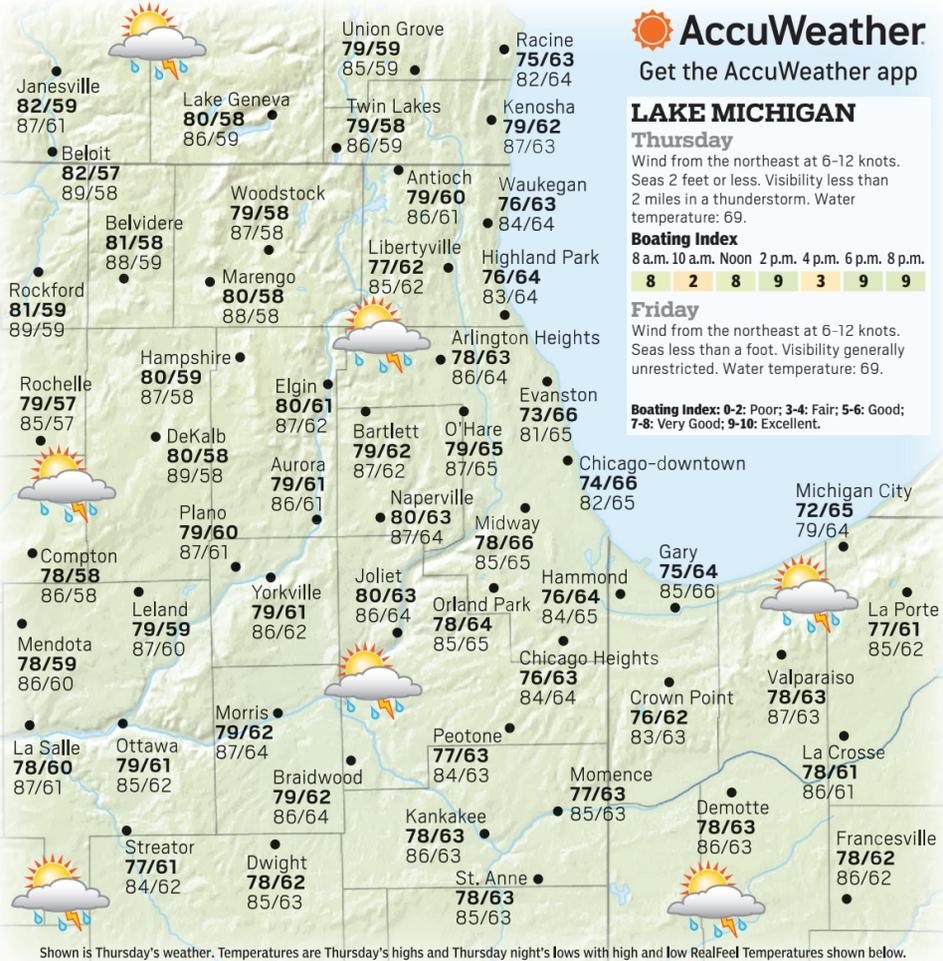
### Sun and Moon

	Thu.	Fri.
Sunrise	5:26 a.m.	5:27 a.m.
Sunset	8:26 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moonrise	11:03 a.m.	12:04 p.m.
Moonset	11:34 p.m.	11:52 p.m.

### Thursday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:30 a.m.	9:47 p.m.
Venus	6:15 a.m.	9:06 p.m.
Mars	1:46 a.m.	4:07 p.m.
Jupiter	2:41 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
Saturn	11:14 p.m.	10:36 a.m.

**Best viewing times today:** Venus: 8:45 p.m. Mars: 4:55 a.m. Jupiter: 4:55 a.m. Saturn: 4:55 a.m. Mercury: 8:45 p.m.



## AccuWeather

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### LAKE MICHIGAN

**Thursday**  
 Wind from the northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 2 miles in a thunderstorm. Water temperature: 69.

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

8	2	8	9	3	9	9
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**Friday**  
 Wind from the northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas less than a foot. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 69.

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



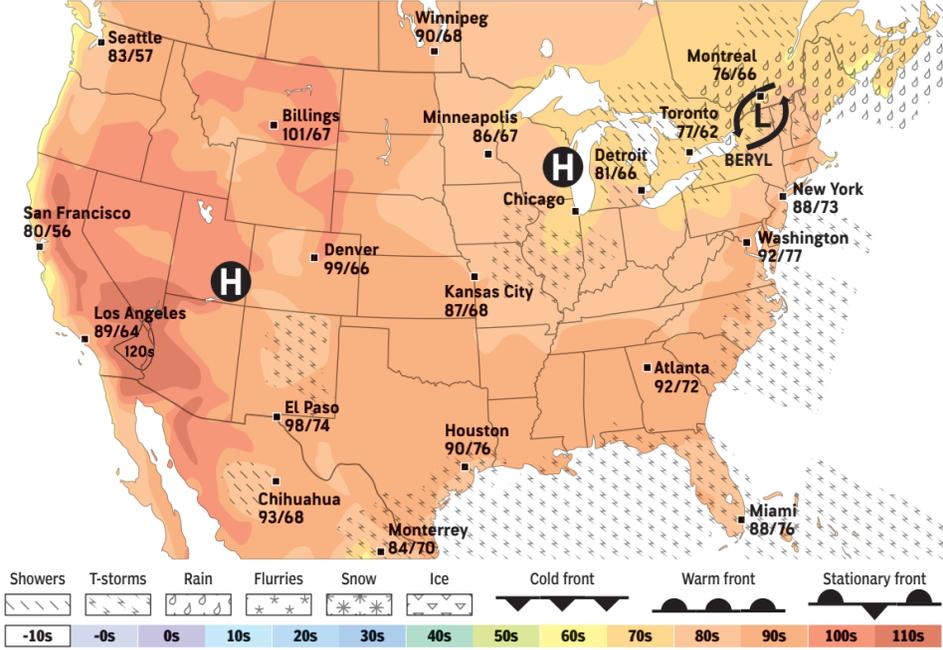
**QUESTION:** How much rain fell in our area from the remnants of Beryl?

**ANSWER:** Most locations in our area recorded 0.50 of an inch to 2.00 inches of rain from the remnants of Beryl. The highest amounts ended up in parts of NW Indiana where some locations received 4.00 to 6.00 inches of rain. It was a sharp cut off with Rensselaer, Ind., recording 3.38 inches, Valparaiso, Ind., recording 2.29 inches and Gary, Ind., receiving 1.22 inches of rain. Lincoln Park in Chicago got 1.33 inches of rain and Logan Square recorded 1.14 inches. Midway's number came in at 1.17 inches and O'Hare at 0.61 of an inch of rain from the remnants of Beryl. The total rain at O'Hare for July is now at 1.55 inches of rain.

Do you have a weather question for the ABC 7 team? Submit them at [abc7chicago.com/weather](http://abc7chicago.com/weather) or send them to:  
 Ask ABC 7 Weather Team  
 190 N. State Street  
 Chicago, IL 60601

## NATIONAL FORECAST

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



## REGIONAL CITIES

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

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	97/73/pc	97/75/s
Albany, NY	86/67/t	87/69/c
Albuquerque	91/66/c	95/69/c
Amarillo	95/69/pc	94/68/pc
Anchorage	66/54/c	66/52/c
Asheville	88/64/s	89/66/t
Aspen	83/50/pc	87/52/pc
Atlanta	92/72/s	93/75/pc
Atlantic City	84/72/t	79/74/t
Austin	95/73/c	93/74/pc
Baltimore	91/73/pc	81/74/t
Billings	101/67/s	102/65/s
Birmingham	92/69/s	94/71/s
Bismarck	92/65/s	95/65/s
Boise	106/70/s	107/74/s
Boston	88/72/pc	89/71/t
Brownsville	91/79/t	93/78/t
Buffalo	75/63/r	85/68/pc
Burlington, VT	83/69/t	84/66/pc
Charleston, SC	95/77/t	89/76/t
Charleston, WV	86/61/c	92/66/c
Charlotte	93/74/pc	87/73/t
Chattanooga	93/70/s	95/71/s
Cheyenne	92/59/s	96/60/s
Cincinnati	85/67/pc	89/69/t
Cleveland	78/64/c	84/66/pc
Colorado Spgs	92/62/s	97/64/s
Columbia, MO	86/67/t	90/70/t
Columbia, SC	96/75/pc	89/75/t
Columbus, OH	84/66/pc	89/68/t
Concord	91/66/t	91/66/c
Corpus Christi	89/78/t	89/78/t
Dallas	87/77/s	97/76/s
Daytona Beach	88/75/t	93/75/t
Denver	99/66/s	101/66/s
Duluth	80/60/s	83/65/pc
El Paso	98/74/c	99/74/s

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	65/51/c	73/54/c
Fargo	89/67/s	90/69/pc
Flagstaff	90/58/pc	92/61/t
Fort Myers	88/77/t	89/76/t
Fort Smith	93/72/pc	93/74/s
Fresno	110/77/s	109/73/s
Grand Junction	102/71/s	104/72/s
Great Falls	98/60/s	90/60/s
Harrisburg	88/69/pc	86/72/t
Hartford	93/69/pc	89/70/t
Helena, MT	102/63/s	102/60/s
Honolulu	87/77/sh	89/77/pc
Houston	90/76/t	88/77/t
Int'l Falls	86/62/s	87/62/s
Jackson, MS	94/71/s	96/74/c
Jacksonville	93/72/t	95/74/t
Juneau	62/53/sh	62/54/r
Kansas City	87/68/pc	91/73/t
Las Vegas	117/92/pc	115/90/pc
Lexington	88/67/s	90/68/s
Lincoln	87/66/s	94/71/s
Little Rock	93/73/s	94/72/s
Los Angeles	89/64/s	87/65/s
Louisville	88/70/pc	91/72/t
Macon	95/67/pc	96/70/t
Memphis	91/73/s	92/74/s
Miami	88/76/t	90/80/t
Minneapolis	86/67/s	87/70/s
Mobile	92/75/sh	93/76/sh
Montgomery	94/68/s	97/70/s
Nashville	91/69/s	94/71/s
New Orleans	88/77/t	92/78/t
New York City	88/73/pc	84/72/t
Norfolk	84/77/t	83/76/t
Oklahoma City	94/72/s	95/71/s
Omaha	86/66/pc	89/72/t
Orlando	86/75/t	91/76/t

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Palm Beach	84/76/t	89/78/t
Palm Springs	120/87/pc	118/89/s
Philadelphia	90/74/pc	83/73/t
Phoenix	117/92/s	116/91/s
Pittsburgh	84/63/c	90/65/pc
Portland, ME	84/68/t	86/66/c
Portland, OR	88/58/pc	90/60/s
Providence	83/70/pc	84/70/t
Raleigh	93/76/t	82/73/t
Rapid City	99/63/s	102/63/pc
Reno	105/69/s	102/72/pc
Richmond	91/73/t	79/73/t
Rochester	73/61/r	83/64/pc
Sacramento	111/67/s	108/63/s
St. Louis	89/71/t	90/73/t
Salem, OR	91/55/s	90/55/s
Salt Lake City	105/75/s	105/77/s
San Antonio	93/76/c	88/77/c
San Diego	77/67/pc	76/67/pc
San Francisco	80/56/s	77/59/s
San Juan	91/80/t	91/80/t
Santa Fe	86/59/pc	89/62/c
Savannah	95/76/pc	90/75/t
Seattle	83/57/s	84/59/s
Shreveport	97/74/pc	95/76/pc
Sioux Falls	85/64/s	88/69/s
Spokane	97/65/s	96/66/s
Syracuse	78/66/t	84/65/s
Tallahassee	95/73/t	97/76/t
Tampa	89/80/t	90/80/t
Topeka	92/69/pc	95/75/t
Tucson	108/81/t	109/81/t
Tulsa	95/75/s	97/74/s
Washington, DC	92/77/pc	82/74/t
Whitea	98/70/pc	100/73/t
Wilkes-Barre	83/65/pc	87/69/t
Yuma	115/86/s	113/87/s

## WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/77/t	90/76/pc
Algiers	92/70/s	93/68/s
Amsterdam	69/56/pc	62/55/sh
Ankara	85/63/t	84/61/t
Athens	97/78/s	98/78/s
Auckland	57/38/pc	55/38/s
Baghdad	120/90/pc	119/90/pc
Bangkok	92/80/t	91/80/t
Barbados	88/80/t	87/80/t
Barcelona	85/71/s	82/70/pc
Beijing	98/74/pc	91/73/t
Beirut	91/79/s	90/79/s
Berlin	79/63/sh	81/64/sh
Bermuda	85/78/s	85/77/s
Bogota	70/47/pc	67/49/sh
Brussels	74/56/pc	64/53/t
Bucharest	101/70/s	102/69/s
Budapest	99/73/s	99/71/s
Bueno Aires	51/38/s	52/40/s
Cairo	103/81/s	102/80/s
Cancun	91/78/t	91/80/t
Caracas	90/75/sh	91/74/t
Casablanca	88/68/s	89/66/s
Copenhagen	71/56/c	71/62/c
Dublin	63/48/c	63/51/sh
Edmonton	83/50/s	78/54/s
Frankfurt	82/64/pc	76/59/t

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# BUSINESS

## Bids for water rate hike draw fire

Lawmakers urge commission to reject proposals from Aqua, Illinois American

By Samantha Moilanen  
Daily Southtown

Four Illinois legislators and a Citizens Utility Board representative urged state regulators Wednesday to reject rate hikes proposed by the state's two largest private water utilities, Illinois American Water and Aqua Illinois.

The utilities serve dozens of towns in the Chicago area, including University Park, Orland Park, Homer Glen, Mokena, Frankfort and parts of Lemont.

"The amount of the increases vary on where you live, but it will be, on average, about \$30 a month

for Aqua Illinois and American Water consumers, which is an awful lot of money," said Bryan McDaniel, director of government affairs for the CUB. "This is just the latest in a long history of injustices."

For years, McDaniel said Illinois residents using water services from Aqua Illinois or Illinois American have faced the burden of policies that permit utilities to raise rates about every two years and spend without significant constraint.

In 2000, private water utilities got state approval to add a "qualifying infrastructure plant" surcharge to bills, which McDaniel says has

dramatically increased water costs for consumers.

Later in 2013, a state law was passed that allows Illinois American and Aqua Illinois to buy up depreciated water and wastewater systems, and charge consumers for the acquisition costs, according to CUB.

Since 2013, Aqua and Illinois American have purchased 59 water systems, according to the utility board's monitoring platform.

McDaniel said he and the legislators advocate for legislation that curbs the rapid rate increases and require a referendum to ensure fair cost sharing.

Now, McDaniel said consumers face a total of \$271 million in proposed rate hikes.

In January, Aqua, which serves

about 273,000 Illinois consumers, filed for a \$19.2 million rate hike request. In February, Illinois American Water, which service about 1.3 million consumers, followed suit and requested \$152.4 million.

A spokesperson for Illinois American said the rate hike request aims to fund substantial investments in aging water and wastewater systems through 2025.

"The request reinforces the company's ongoing commitment to investing in its water and wastewater systems to replace aging infrastructure, provide reliable service, enhance water quality and comply with local and federal environmental regulations," the company said in a statement.

Aqua Illinois President Dave Carter said in a statement that the

utility has bought and upgraded older water systems across Illinois for the last six years and a half years, which he says has been a costly but necessary endeavor to improve water systems.

"Aqua is committed to delivering reliable water to our customers across the state," he said. "Our customers have not seen an increase in rates during that time, but Aqua cannot sustain these continued investments in Illinois water infrastructure alone."

The legislators called on consumers to voice opposition to proposed rate hikes.

State Rep. Nabeela Syed, a Democrat from Palatine, argued against granting water utili-

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## Kane County OKs solar project

Aurora has opposed the proposal, offering its own plan for land

By R. Christian Smith  
Beacon-News

The Kane County Board on Tuesday approved a solar project just outside Aurora's city limits that the city has continued to oppose.

The project, proposed on about 40 acres of unincorporated land near the far West Side of Aurora along the west side of Barnes Road and north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks, has been opposed by the city of Aurora because city officials say a solar farm does not follow the city's plans for the property to be estate-style housing.

While the property is not within Aurora city limits, instead located in unincorporated Sugar Grove Township, Aurora has review rights over the property because it is within a mile-and-a-half of the city.

On May 28, Aurora aldermen voted 10-1 to protest the solar project, forcing the Kane County Board to pass the zoning petition for the proposed development with a super-majority vote. The board did just that at its meeting on Tuesday, where the petition passed with a vote of 20-2.

The County Board considered postponing the petition, as Aurora is currently looking to force annex the property. However, the County Board vote to postpone failed 8-14.

The possibility of the property being force annexed to Aurora came about after the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously on June 11 to recommend the project to the County Board despite the city's objections. The county's Development Committee also unanimously recommended the project on June 18.

According to previous reporting, Aurora asked the railroad company to annex into the city its tracks on the property's southern edge.

Aurora city limits already border the site on the property's east and north edges, and the forest preserve on the property's west edge counts toward surrounding the property.

At Tuesday's Kane County Board meeting, Aurora Planning and Zoning Director Ed Sieben said the force annexation should be complete by July 23. If the property is annexed, then the city of Aurora would have control over the property's zoning, not the county.

The land has been marked in the city's plans for estate-style housing development since 2002, according to Sieben. He said those plans were created with input from Kane County, among others.

Housing development would also fit the county's own long-term plans to maximize density near the Fox River and preserve open space in the western parts of the county, Sieben said.

Plus, he said the city already



Anna Teeter, a novel oilseed program manager with Cargill, looks at a field of camelina, an intermediate oilseed that could revolutionize the future of agriculture, before harvesting in Chatfield, Minnesota, on June 27. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE PHOTOS

## Camelina the crop of jet fuels, cleaner water

Cargill, Forever Green partner to more quickly develop regenerative crops

By Christopher Vondracek | Minneapolis Star Tribune

CHATFIELD, Minn. — A small crowd has gathered on this caramel-brown tangle of a field stretching across a small town subdivision to watch as a red, Case IH combine pulls up the street. On the edge of the Drifless Area in southeastern Minnesota, an experiment is taking place.

The star of these few acres is winter-planted camelina. The potential miracle crop might power tomorrow's jet engines and clean up waterways in the karst-rich hill country of the Upper Midwest. But before the sustainable possibilities can flourish, farmers need to know if the muscular, intermediate oilseed can actually grow during the region's notoriously cold winters and mild springs.

That starts with a field outside Chatfield.

"Camelina is extremely winter-hardy," said Anna Teeter, novel oilseed program manager for Minnetonka-based Cargill, the global commodity trader that has partnered with farmers this year to grow 2,000 acres of camelina across Minnesota and North Dakota. "Most farmers never learn how to do a new crop."

Growers in the fields around Chatfield, like those across the Upper Midwest, grow mainly corn and soybeans. They're staples for animal feed and biofuels and very profitable. But the dual-cropping system has led to polluted waterways and greenhouse gas emissions, as well.

In the global push to build sustainable farming, advocates are looking toward better crops that keep the soil covered from November to April, the groundwater in place, carbon out of the atmosphere and nutrients within the soil.



"Camelina is extremely winter-hardy," Teeter said. Cargill has partnered with farmers this year to grow 2,000 acres of camelina across Minnesota and North Dakota.

Farmers said they need markets more than programs, a refrain officials at Cargill hear loud and clear.

"We're trying to sneak that third crop into a two-year cycle," said Lyle DePauw, crop innovation director for Cargill.

"I wouldn't call it a commodity yet."

Just under 3% of Minnesota's 26 million acres of cropland has an environmentally sound cover crop during the winter. Often the protestation from farmers is the region is

too cold. Some might also begrudge growing something they won't take to market. They have to remove many cover crops — such as hairy vetch — in the summer.

Last fall, Cargill launched the pilot with a couple dozen growers. In February, the commodities giant announced a \$2.5 million investment with the University of Minnesota's world-renowned Forever Green Initiative — an incubator for developing farming's future crops — to develop novel oilseeds.

And Wednesday, Cargill announced a new research partnership with Forever Green, leaning on technical expertise — including a laboratory in Fort Collins — to more quickly develop regenerative crops like camelina.

It's all part of a carefully orchestrated dance to stand up a cropping system for camelina, from growers to processors to buyers.

Mitch Hunter, associate director of Forever Green, said demand for camelina has turbocharged as industry and governments are looking toward sustainable aviation.

"You can't overnight grow a million acres," Hunter said. "But our partnership with Cargill is letting us grow the acres pretty darn fast."

For more than a decade,

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# Biden to tax foreign metal imported through Mexico

Steel, aluminum tariffs take aim at China, Iran, Russia

By Josh Boak  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum shipped from Mexico that were made elsewhere — an attempt to stop China from avoiding import taxes by routing goods through one of the United States' closest trading partners.

Lael Brainard, director of the White House National Economic Council, said the tariffs announced Wednesday will be levied as part of an agreement with Mexico through section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, which applies to imports that could threaten U.S. national security.

There will be a 25% tariff on steel not melted or poured in Mexico and a 10% tariff on aluminum.

The new taxes on steel are meant to address the evasion of tariffs by China, the dominant producer of more than half of the world's steel. The aluminum taxes would

also hit production based in Belarus, China, Iran and Russia.

The move is also a clear political shot at former President Donald Trump, President Joe Biden's Republican predecessor and his likely opponent in November's election. Brainard noted that Trump could have taken similar actions but failed to do so.

"The president is taking action to close loopholes left by his predecessor that allowed China to circumvent trade rules," she said.

The financial impact of the tariffs is likely somewhat modest, though, given the volumes of steel and aluminum being routed this way through Mexico.

Administration officials said the U.S. imported 3.8 million tons of steel last year from Mexico, with 13% of that having been poured or melted outside that country. Similarly, the U.S. imported 105,000 metric tons of aluminum from Mexico and only 6% was smelted or cast outside that country.

Still, the issue could be politically relevant.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, has called for stopping Mexican steel imports, saying that a "surge" from that country is a threat

to U.S. steelworkers and a way to evade tariffs.

Brown is seeking reelection against Republican Bernie Moreno, a wealthy businessman from Cleveland. Ohio was once a political bellwether, but it has voted for Trump in the previous two presidential elections.

Implementation of the new tariffs began Wednesday with the announcement.

The Biden administration is also seeking to broaden its powers significantly to block foreign investments by making it harder to buy land near military bases, a move that could make it harder for Chinese companies to build factories in the United States.

The Treasury Department on Monday proposed a new rule that would add more than 50 military installations across 30 states to a list of locations it has deemed sensitive to national security.

If enacted, the rule would bolster a 2018 law that gave the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States the ability to block foreign land purchases if they are within a certain proximity of a base.

The New York Times contributed.

# CNN makes 100 job cuts, announces digital plan

By John Koblin  
The New York Times

CNN's leader announced 100 job cuts Wednesday as well as a strategy that would include a new subscription-only digital offering by the end of the year.

The company is laying off around 100 people, or about 3% of its workforce. The layoffs would come "across the company," Mark Thompson, the network's chair, said in a memo to employees. CNN last had significant layoffs in late 2022.

Thompson announced the job cuts as the company began to unveil steps on a digital plan that he said would help the network "regain a leadership position in the news experiences of the future."

Thompson, the former chief executive of The New York Times and a senior leader at the BBC, has been in charge of CNN since October 2023. He has promised a more robust digital strategy as people flee traditional cable packages in favor of streaming entertainment.

CNN's ratings have plummeted over the last two years, more so than those of its primary competitors, Fox News and MSNBC. Additionally, CNN's parent, Warner Bros. Discovery, has an enormous debt load, and its share price has fallen sharply this year.

Thompson also said that CNN.com's "first subscription product" would debut later this year. He noted that the company would create "a growing stable of 'news you can use' offerings" in lifestyle coverage. Additionally, he said the company would make a push into artificial intelligence.

Thompson laid out a reorganization that would include merging three separate newsrooms (U.S. news gathering, international news gathering and digital news) under one leader, Virginia Moseley.

## BUSINESS BRIEFINGS

### China investigates EU trade barriers

BEIJING — China announced an investigation Wednesday into whether the European Union has adopted unfair trade practices in its probes of Chinese companies bidding on projects in the 27-nation bloc.

The investigation will focus on wind power, photovoltaics, security equipment and electric trains, the Chinese Commerce Ministry said.

The EU has used a new regulation to investigate companies bidding for projects within the EU. These include a probe into whether Chinese subsidies give wind turbine companies an unfair advantage in the competition for projects in Bulgaria, France, Greece, Romania and Spain.

China accused the EU of protectionism and "reckless distortion" in response to that investigation. — Associated Press

### Microsoft leaves OpenAI board job

Microsoft has relinquished its seat on the board of OpenAI, saying its participation is no longer needed because the ChatGPT maker has improved its governance since being roiled by boardroom chaos last year.

In a Tuesday letter, Microsoft confirmed it was resigning, "effective immediately," and that it appreciated "the support shown by OpenAI leadership and the OpenAI board as we made this decision."

The surprise departure comes amid intensifying scrutiny from antitrust regulators of the partnership. Microsoft has reportedly invested \$13 billion in OpenAI.

Microsoft took the board seat after a power struggle in which OpenAI CEO Sam Altman was fired, then quickly reinstated, while the board members behind the ouster were pushed out. — Associated Press



Grandmother Siridzayi Dzukwa, right, talks May 15 to Tambudzai Tembo in Harare, Zimbabwe. TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/AP

# A grandma's ear and a bench

Mental health therapy concept started in Zimbabwe has been adopted by places like the US

By Farai Mutsaka  
Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — After her son, the family's shining light and only breadwinner, was arrested last year, Tambudzai Tembo went into meltdown. In Zimbabwe, where clinical mental health services are scarce, her chances of getting professional help were next to zero. She contemplated suicide.

"I didn't want to live anymore. People who saw me would think everything was OK. But inside, my head was spinning," the 57-year-old said. "I was on my own."

A wooden bench and an empathetic grandmother saved her.

Older people are at the center of a home-grown form of mental health therapy in Zimbabwe that is now being adopted in places like the United States.

The approach involves setting up benches in quiet, discreet corners of community clinics and in some churches, poor neighborhoods and at a university. An

older woman with basic training in problem-solving therapy patiently sits there, ready to listen and engage in a one-on-one conversation.

The therapy is inspired by traditional practice in Zimbabwe in which grandmothers were the go-to people for wisdom in rough times. It had been abandoned with urbanization, the breakdown of tight-knit extended families and modern technology. Now it is proving useful again as mental health needs grow.

"Grandmothers are the custodians of local culture and wisdom. They are rooted in their communities," said Dixon Chibanda, a psychiatry professor and founder of the initiative. "They don't leave, and in addition, they have an amazing ability to use what we call 'expressed empathy'... to make people feel respected and understood."

Last year, Chibanda was named the winner of a \$150,000 prize by the U.S.-based McNulty Foundation for revolutionizing mental health care. Chibanda said the concept has taken root in Vietnam, Botswana, Malawi, Kenya and Tanzania, and is in "formative work" in London.

In New York, the city's new mental health plan launched last year says it is

"drawing inspiration" from what it calls the Friendship Bench to address risk factors such as social isolation. The orange benches are now in areas like Harlem, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

In Washington, the group HelpAge USA is piloting the concept under the DC Grandparents for Mental Health initiative, which started in 2022 as a COVID-19 support group of people 60 and above.

So far, 20 grandmothers determined to "stop the stigma around mental health and make it OK to talk about feelings" have been trained by a team from Friendship Bench Zimbabwe to listen, empathize and empower others to solve their problems, said Cindy Cox-Roman, the president and chief executive of HelpAge USA.

Benches will be set up at places of worship, schools and wellness centers in Washington's low-income communities with people who "have been historically marginalized and more likely to experience mental health problems," she said.

Cox-Roman cited fear and distrust in the medical system, lack of social support and stigma as factors limiting access to treatment. "People are hurting, and a grandmother can always make you feel better," she said.

# US disrupts Russian disinformation effort

By Eric Tucker  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Russian propaganda campaign backed by the Kremlin that spread online disinformation in the United States and was boosted by artificial intelligence has been disrupted, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

U.S. officials described the internet operation as part of an ongoing effort to sow discord in the U.S. through the creation of fictitious social media profiles that purport to belong to authentic Americans but are actually designed to advance the aims of the Russian government, including by spreading disinformation about its war with Ukraine.

U.S. officials said the scheme was organized in 2022 after a senior editor at RT, a Russian-state-funded media organization that has registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent, helped develop technology for a so-called social media bot farm. It received the support and financial approval of the Kremlin, with an officer of Russia's Federal Security Service, or FSB, leading a private intelligence organization that promoted disinformation on social media through a network of fake accounts.

The RT press office did not respond directly to a question about the allegations.

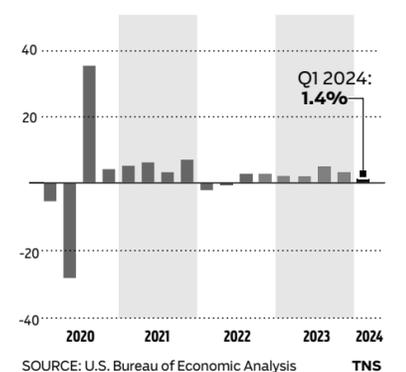
The disruption of the bot farm comes as U.S. officials have raised alarms about the potential for AI technology to impact this year's elections and amid ongoing concerns

that foreign influence campaigns by adversaries could sway the opinions of unsuspecting voters, as happened during the 2016 presidential campaign when Russians launched a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"Today's actions represent a first in disrupting a Russian-sponsored Generative AI-enhanced social media bot farm," FBI Director Christopher Wray said in a statement. "Russia intended to use this bot farm to disseminate AI-generated foreign disinformation, scaling their work with the assistance of AI to undermine our partners in Ukraine and influence geopolitical narratives favorable to the Russian government."

## GDP

Percent change from previous quarter, seasonally adjusted, advance estimate



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ties a rate increase, citing poor service experiences reported by her municipality and others.

Palatine, which is served by Aqua, experienced a water service disruption last year during the Fourth of July weekend. Syed said drawn out mitigation of the leak along with poor communication from the water utility left her village without water for five days.

After service disruptions were resolved, Syed said Palatine consumers received a \$100 gift card for the inconvenience, which she says is not enough. Syed said she wants the Illinois Commerce Commission, which is in charge of approving or denying the rate increases, to evaluate how the water provider operates.

"Let's have the ICC take a look at the performance of Aqua and Illinois American Water, and see how they're doing as a business, and see that because of their lack of proper communication, their failure to mitigate these crises, they don't deserve a rate hike, and our constituents are very, very upset by the fact that these

events keep occurring," Syed said.

Palatine was not the only municipality affected by Aqua service disruptions.

Aqua added a blended phosphate mix into University Park's public water system causing a chemical reaction that officials said removed a protective layer in residential plumbing, leading to elevated lead levels in the village's water supply. For at about four years, village residents relied on bottled water after a "do not consume" order was put in place in 2019.

The legislators called on consumers to voice opposition to proposed rate hikes.

Legislators said Wednesday they advocate against privatized water providers, which state Sen. Rachel Ventura, a Democrat from Joliet, said allows "profits to be put over people."

Other legislators urging the action Wednesday were Rep. Dagmara Avelar, a Romeoville Democrat, and Sen. Sue Rezin, a Republican from Morris.

McDaniel said once a water system is purchased by a private company, it is extremely difficult for the public to buy it back.

McDaniel said Homer Glen and Bolingbrook officials spent 10 years in court

trying to acquire an 18-mile pipeline that brings Lake Michigan water to several municipalities, including Homer Glen, Homer Township, and parts of Lockport, Lemont, Romeoville and Woodridge. The case finally settled, leaving ownership of the pipeline with the water utilities.

McDaniel said he encourages people to participate in the upcoming public forums where consumers have the opportunity to share any grievances with the commerce commission.

Illinois American's rate hike forums are scheduled for 7 p.m. July 22 at the Levy Center — Dupage Township, 215 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, and 7 p.m. July 23 at the Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign.

Aqua's rate hike discussions will take place at 7 p.m. July 29 at McHenry County College, Luecht Auditorium, 8900 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, and at 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at Olivet Nazarene University, Wisner Auditorium, One University Ave., Bourbonnais.

The commission is scheduled to decide on Aqua's requested rate hikes in November and on Illinois American's in December.

# DoorDash to crack down on drivers breaking traffic laws

By Dee-Ann Durbin

Associated Press

DoorDash said this week that it's stepping up efforts to identify dangerous delivery drivers and remove them from its platform after a flood of complaints from cities.

In a letter sent last month to DoorDash and other food delivery companies, Boston officials said they were seeing an increase in the unlawful and dangerous operation of motorcycles, mopeds and motorized scooters by delivery workers.

The city said riders were running red lights, traveling the wrong way on one-way streets, exceeding posted speed limits and driving on sidewalks.

San Francisco-based DoorDash said it has created a dedicated point of contact for the Boston Police Department to make it faster and easier to process requests for drivers' records.

The company said it would also consider

removing drivers from the platform if police report they have broken traffic laws.

DoorDash said it was starting the effort in Boston but may expand it to other cities.

DoorDash also said that it's partnering with Boston and other cities to share guidance on vehicle registration requirements in multiple languages. It will also warn delivery workers about activities that break local laws, like driving on sidewalks.

"We will remind Dashers that failing to comply with local laws or our standards could lead to removal from our platform," the company said.

Officials in Boston, New York and other cities have said that in many cases, drivers are using unregistered vehicles for deliveries. Some drivers may also share accounts, so a person with multiple traffic violations might be using a vehicle registered to someone else.

In New York, authorities

have seized 13,000 scooters and mopeds this year that were unregistered or used to break traffic laws.

"They have terrorized many of our pedestrians, particularly our senior and older adults," New York City Mayor Eric Adams said last month at an event where 200 motorized two-wheeled delivery vehicles were destroyed. "Riders who think the rules don't apply to them, they're going to see an aggressive enforcement policy that's in place."

In response, DoorDash said it will more frequently prompt drivers to submit a real-time selfie to prove their identity while they're making deliveries.

The selfie is then compared to previously submitted government identification.

DoorDash said it would remove drivers who fail to confirm their identities.

The company wouldn't say Tuesday how many drivers it typically removes from its platform each year for breaking traffic laws.

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has water and sewer infrastructure in place to support housing development on the property, paid for by city taxpayers.

Ben Jacobi, the attorney for the solar project's developer RLC Ventures LLC, which made the proposal through RPIL Solar 10 LLC, said he will be challenging the force annexation if it passes the Aurora City Council.

A ComEd transmission line runs through the property, and that land would also need to be annexed before the solar project property would be fully surrounded by the city, he said.

Despite Aurora's plans being in place for over 20 years, there has not been

any interest in the solar project property from residential developers, according to Jacobi. He said this is because of the railroad, the transmission lines and the property's common flooding issues.

However, this lack of interest from residential developers makes the property a perfect fit for solar, Jacobi said. The railroad and transmission lines will not impact the solar panels, and the flooding issue will be addressed by planting native grasses throughout the property, he said.

These native plants will also have an ecological impact, helping to support pollinators and linking with the nearby forest district land, according to Jacobi. Plus, he said solar is a temporary use, around 40 years or so, after which the land could be used for resi-

dential development.

Many Kane County Board members — including Michael Kenyon, Bill Roth and Jarett Sanchez — said they agreed that the property was the perfect fit for the solar project.

"You want to build next to a railroad? You want to build next to a power line? We'd be doing Aurora a favor if we gave them their solar farm," Kenyon said.

One of the two Kane County Board members opposed to the project was Bill Lenert, who represents District 5, where the proposed solar farm would be located.

He said the decision on the project should be made by the city of Aurora, not by the county, especially since the city is trying to annex the property.

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## Camelina

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the U.S. Navy has tested blending camelina-derived fuel stocks into fuel for fighter jets. Beginning in 2016, Forever Green started breeding oilseeds — including camelina, which is a member of the mustard family and native to the Mediterranean — for use in a relay-cropping system with soybeans.

One concern has been the seed's size. A camelina seed is far smaller than a soybean.

One task for researchers, Hunter said, will be breeding a bigger seed that can work with established farm equipment. For now, a crush plant in West Fargo will process this summer's harvest.

The batch of farmers who

stepped forward are among the first to see the crop with big potential growing on their fields. Cargill said they want to grow the number of camelina acres tenfold. A second round of the pilot opens for growers in Minnesota and the Dakotas in August.

Paul Novotny, a farmer in southeastern Minnesota who also serves on the Chatfield City Council, has old stands of Kernza along the edges of his field. He tried the perennial wheatgrass, another wonder crop with lineage through Forever Green, in this plot of land he farms near the elementary school.

"Where it started is water quality," Novotny said. "We have great water. But they call it 'young water.' When it lands on the surface, in 15 years, we could be drinking it. Whereas a lot of places,

it's 30 or 40 years old."

This year, Novotny's fields atop a hillock in Chatfield are one of the test plots for camelina. He hopped back in the red combine and turned the vehicle into the field, lowering the thresher.

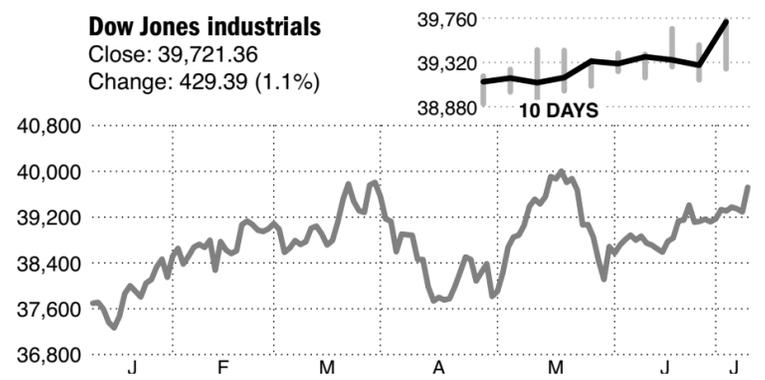
Soon, Novotny's red combine rolls smoothly over the fields, like a lawnmower gobbling up grass. Out the back, seeds spit. Novotny stops the machine, and Cargill and Forever Green staff kneel down to inspect the crop.

"This doesn't look too bad," Teeter said.

From the distance, a mother and three children watch behind the fence. It's unusual to see harvesting in the middle of summer. But the plant might be the future and could protect the water, long into the kids' old age.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 39,736.20 Low: 39,256.72 Previous: 39,291.97



**Nasdaq**  
+218.16 (+1.18%)

Close 18,647.45  
High 18,655.19  
Low 18,467.58  
Previous 18,429.29

**S&P 500**  
+56.93 (+1.02%)

Close 5,633.91  
High 5,635.39  
Low 5,586.44  
Previous 5,576.98

**Russell 2000**  
+22.28 (+1.10%)

Close 2,051.75  
High 2,051.75  
Low 2,032.18  
Previous 2,029.47

**10-yr T-note**  
-0.02 to 4.28%

**Gold futures**  
+12.10 to \$2,372.20

**Yen**  
+0.44 to 161.77/\$1

**Euro**  
-0.0010 to 92.38/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
+0.69 to \$82.10

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change	30-day % change	1-year % change
DOW +1.05	DOW +2.61	DOW +15.65
NASD +2.52	NASD +5.90	NASD +33.97
S&P +1.75	S&P +3.93	S&P +25.98

**FUTURES**

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 24	542	547.25	542	543.50	-10.75
		Sep 24	572	572.25	556.25	561.50	-10.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 24	399.75	405.75	399.75	403.25	+3
		Sep 24	393.75	398	390.75	395.75	+1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 24	1165.25	1165.25	1135.75	1141.25	-20.25
		Aug 24	1131	1138	1112	1113.25	-18
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 24	46.94	46.95	46.26	46.26	-0.60
		Aug 24	47.13	47.40	46.21	46.34	-0.61
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 24	379.00	379.00	374.50	376.30	+1.0
		Aug 24	346.00	347.20	338.10	339.20	-6.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Aug 24	81.81	82.66	80.81	82.10	+0.69
		Sep 24	80.92	81.60	79.95	81.07	-0.51
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 24	2.346	2.385	2.292	2.329	-0.15
		Sep 24	2.366	2.396	2.313	2.345	-0.15
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Aug 24	2.5330	2.5334	2.4921	2.5034	-0.0240
		Sep 24	2.4975	2.4981	2.4592	2.4730	-0.174

Source: The Associated Press

## LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	103.05	+1.41	Exelon Corp	O	34.69	+26	Mondelez Intl	O	65.93	+69
AbbVie Inc	N	168.14	+0.09	Federal Signal	N	84.98	+1.56	Morningstar Inc	O	296.23	+38
Allstate Corp	N	159.97	+1.25	First Indl RT	N	48.83	+94	Motorola Solutions	N	391.05	+33
Aptargroup Inc	N	141.29	+1.25	Fortune Brands Innov	N	64.84	+54	NISource Inc	N	29.21	+30
Arch Dan Mid	N	64.23	+1.10	GATX	N	136.34	+88	Nthn Trust Cp	O	85.40	+147
Baxter Intl	N	34.25	+24	Gallagher AJ	N	267.80	+3.87	Old Republic	N	30.43	+42
Brunswick Corp	N	71.24	+1.70	Grainger WW	N	903.28	-5.29	Packaging Corp Am	N	179.67	+3.25
CBIO Global Markets	N	169.33	+76	Hub Group Inc	O	41.90	+6.3	Paiocycle Hldg	O	132.77	-1.24
CCC Intellig Solut	O	11.12	+11	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	152.31	+3.68	RLI Corp	N	138.84	+1.77
CDW Corp	O	218.87	+4.07	IDEX Corp	N	198.44	+3.20	Ryan Specialty Group	N	56.16	-20
CF Industries	N	69.75	-12	ITW	N	235.91	+1.85	Stericycle Inc	O	58.52	+27
CME Group	O	193.58	-1.04	Ingredion Inc	N	113.27	+1.29	TransUnion	N	76.33	...
CNA Financial	N	46.19	+71	John Bean Technol	N	90.62	+1.84	US Foods Holding	N	50.21	+15
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.81	+0.7	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	207.59	+1.55	Uita Salon Cosmetics O	396.03	+0.2	
Deere Co	N	351.53	+2.69	Kemper Corp	N	60.14	-16	United Airlines Hldg	O	47.15	-05
Discover Fin Svcs	N	129.20	-80	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.92	-01	US Cellular	N	55.47	-1.22
Dover Corp	N	178.56	+3.43	LKQ Corporation	O	41.76	+51	Ventas Inc	N	52.11	-13
Envestnet Inc	N	61.70	-58	Littelfuse Inc	O	257.41	+6.09	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	11.26	+47
Equity Life Prop	N	64.57	+40	McDonalds Corp	N	250.49	+4.67	Wintrust Financial	O	100.16	+1.53
Equity Residential	N	67.84	-11	Middleby Corp	O	122.44	+2.42	Zebra Tech	O	323.81	+8.57

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	.33	+0.02
Palantir Technol	28.42	+1.03
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.37	+0.05
Ampco Pit	1.23	+0.47
Ford Motor	13.17	+2.27
AT&T Inc	18.74	+2.27
Pfizer Inc	28.35	+6.3
Bank of America	41.74	+3.2
Kenvue Inc	17.70	-5.2
Snap Inc A	16.84	+0.09
Carnival Corp	17.74	-16
GameStop Corp	24.97	+37
Nike Inc B	72.54	+0.8
Vale SA	11.47	+0.09
AMC Entertainment A	5.21	-25
Chipotle Mex Grill	58.30	+8.2
Barrick Gold	17.78	+34
Cemex SAB de CV	6.68	+4.1
Taiwan Semicon	191.05	+65.53
Speng Inc ADR	8.07	+5.6
Kinross Gold	8.95	+3.6
Nu Holdings Ltd	13.21	+0.6
Energy Transfer L.P.	16.28	+1.6
Ambev S.A.	2.12	+0.4

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
ASML Holding NV	1098.95	+38.98
Alphabet Inc C	192.66	+2.22
Alphabet Inc A	191.18	+2.20
Amazon.com Inc	199.79	+4.5
Apple Inc	232.98	+4.30
Berkshire Hath B	413.79	+3.27
Broadcom Inc	174.69	+11.38
Eli Lilly	939.78	+7.28
Exxon Mobil Corp	111.92	+9.8
JPMorgan Chase	207.80	+1.7
Meta Platforms Inc	534.69	+4.69
Microsoft Corp	466.25	+6.71
Novo Nordisk AS	142.74	+2.31
Nvidia Corporation	134.91	+3.53
Taiwan Semicon	191.05	+65.53
Tesla Inc	263.26	+9.3
UnitedHealth Group	500.93	+8.82
Visa Inc	263.00	-2.44
WalMart Strs	70.41	-5.1

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	43.24	+35	+27.5
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	35.20	+24	+19.1
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	55.23	+49	+16.4
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	67.54	+79	+23.3
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	69.39	+55	+12.8
American Funds FdmInvSA m	83.24	+87	+30.7
American Funds FdmInvSA m	76.02	+65	+34.7
American Funds IntAmrcA m	24.45	+19	+12.3
American Funds InvCmrcA m	58.		

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## ELECTION 2024 ANALYSIS

## Late play by Biden: Run out clock

His gambit could leave too little time to select successor

By Adam Nagourney and Jim Rutenberg  
The New York Times

President Joe Biden's resistance to pressure to end his reelection bid appears to be a strategy aimed at running out the clock, a play to leave his party so little time to come up with another candidate that his opponents stand down.

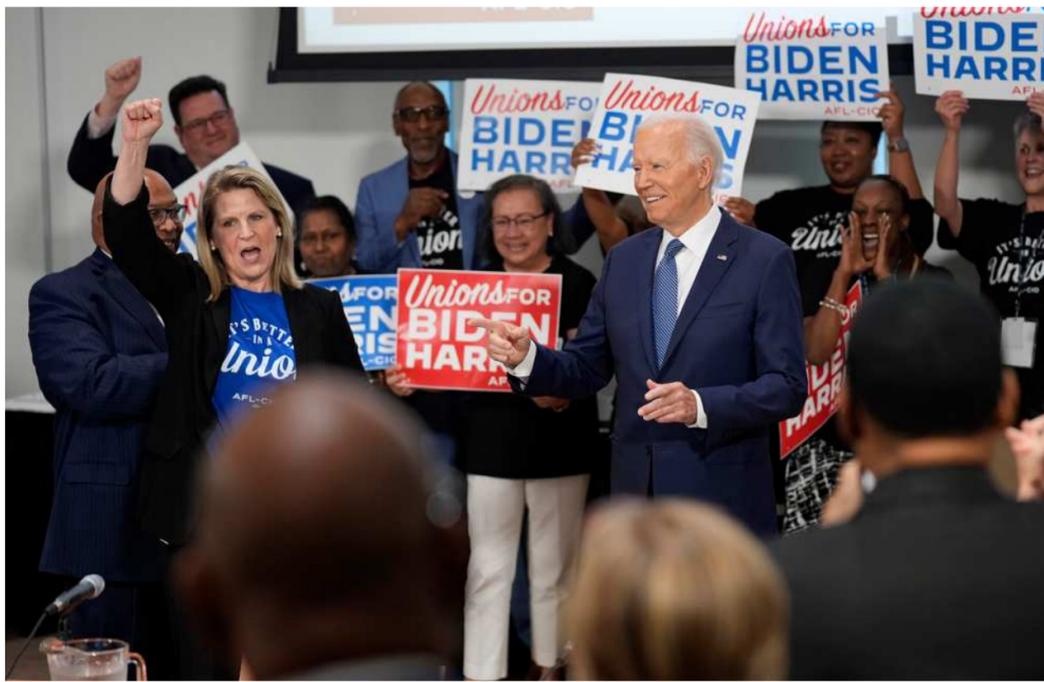
Every day that Biden defies pressure to step aside, the prospects, and logistics, of replacing him become more untenable, and riskier. And the potential of weeks of Democratic infighting, as a united Republican Party nominates former President Donald Trump, may start to look worse than rallying behind Biden, no matter the concerns about the 81-year-old president's health and ability to defeat Trump.

"It's a mess," said James Carville, a consultant who has been among a roster of Democrats pushing for Biden to step aside and clear the way for a new nominee. "Suppose he gets what he wants. Everybody gets exhausted and just says, 'It's too much trouble.'"

Biden's efforts to dig in were showing signs of initial success.

On Tuesday, some Democratic leaders in Congress expressed support for the president and said it was time to move on.

"The urgent need right now is for Democrats to stick together and focus on the danger of Trump and his extremist agenda," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo. "If we do that, we will win."



President Joe Biden visits the AFL-CIO headquarters and union leader Liz Shuler on Wednesday in Washington. EVAN VUCCI/AP

The calendar is on Biden's side.

In the coming days, attention will turn to Trump, who is expected to name a running mate before his party gathers next week in Milwaukee to nominate him for a second term. Biden will be somewhat out of the public spotlight, focusing on the behind-the-scenes campaign to keep nervous Democrats in line.

There are 35 days between July 18, when Trump is set to accept his party's nomination in Milwaukee, and Aug. 22, when Biden is set to accept his party's nomination in Chicago. But the Biden campaign, working with the Democratic National Committee, appears ready to compress

the calendar even further.

The party is planning a virtual roll-call vote weeks before the convention is gavelled to order Aug. 19, a move that appears meant to leave little to no doubt about who will be on top of the Democratic ticket on November.

None of this is binding; the party sets the rules, and the party can change the rules.

And Biden, for all his talk of sticking in the race, could change his mind, particularly if another bout of discouraging polls, or another performance like the one he had in his debate with Trump, shakes the party's confidence and encourages more defections. Biden's show of defiance

— portraying himself as standing up against elites, even as polling suggests that most voters believe he is too old to run — may be an act of self-preservation or a sophisticated political maneuver on the part of the president and his political team. But in either event, it has limited the party's options and flexibility should he step aside. (It is technically possible but politically unfeasible for the Democratic National Committee to vote to replace him if he does not voluntarily decide not to seek reelection.)

There is no handbook for what a party should do to replace a presumptive nominee after the primary season is finished: how to vet and

test potential replacements without the benefit of candidates enduring the voter examination and candidate training that comes with a primary. The ideas being floated require the kind of consensus in the party that gets only more difficult with the calendar closing in.

A late change at the top of the ticket could advantage one Democrat who has been mentioned as a potential successor: Vice President Kamala Harris. She has the name recognition, financing and institutional support to step in more easily than any of the other potential successors.

"There's an understanding that President Biden will be the nominee," said Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif. "But

in the case of unforeseen circumstances and Biden can't run, it will be Kamala Harris."

Yet as the Democrats wander through a world of no good choices, some argue that anointing Harris is hardly an ideal one. It would short-circuit the kind of competitive process that might allow the party to vet a nominee and, in doing so, minimize the prospect of intraparty strife and the appearance of party bosses choosing a candidate.

The scheduling of the virtual roll call is a clear example of how the party is moving to add to the perception of Biden's perceived inevitability.

The Democrats initially made plans to hold the earlier vote because an Ohio law required the party's candidates to be formalized by Aug. 7, or they would forfeit their place on the state's ballot.

Ohio officials have since passed a temporary measure moving the deadline to accommodate the timing of the Democratic convention this year. But the DNC says it is sticking to its plans for an early roll call vote, to guard against any maneuvers by Ohio Republicans to keep the Democratic presidential candidate off the November ballot.

"We're not playing with these people," said Donna Brazile, a former party chair now on the party's rules committee.

But that leaves less time for the party to search for a replacement should Biden step down. "They should move it later," said Jeff Weaver, a longtime adviser to Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and an advocate for a "mini-primary."

## Evacuation of Gaza City pressed by Israel military

Leaflet drop urges Palestinians to take 'safe routes' south

By Wafaa Shurafa and Samy Magdy  
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DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military urged all Palestinians to leave Gaza City and head south Wednesday, pressing ahead with a fresh offensive across the north, south and center of the embattled territory that has killed dozens of people over the past 48 hours.

The stepped-up military activity came as U.S., Egyptian and Qatari mediators met with Israeli officials in the Qatari capital, Doha, for talks seeking a long-elusive cease-fire deal with Gaza's Hamas in exchange for the release of dozens of Israeli hostages it is holding.

Israel says it is pursuing Hamas fighters that are regrouping in various parts of Gaza nine months into the war.

But heavy strikes in recent days along the length of the territory also could be aimed at putting more pressure on Hamas in the cease-fire talks.

In a visit Wednesday to

central Gaza, Israel's military chief, Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, said forces were operating in different ways, in multiple parts of the territory "to carry out a very important mission: pressure. We will continue operating to bring home the hostages."

Israel informed people in Gaza of the evacuation order by dropping leaflets urging "all those in Gaza City" to take two "safe routes" south to the area around the central town of Deir al-Balah.

Gaza City, it said, will "remain a dangerous combat zone."

Months ago, Israel ordered residents of northern Gaza, including Gaza City, to flee south, and much of the population left earlier in the war. Large parts of Gaza City and urban areas around it have been flattened or left a shattered landscape by previous Israeli assaults.

The United Nations says about 300,000 Palestinians have remained in the hard-hit north, with the bulk of those said to be in Gaza City.

Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people are crammed into squalid tent camps in central and southern Gaza.

Israeli troops have pushed into parts of Gaza City in

recent days, triggering the flight of thousands of Palestinians trying to escape shelling and airstrikes. This past week, the military ordered Palestinians to evacuate from eastern and central parts of the city.

There was no immediate mass exodus from the city following Wednesday's order. Many Palestinians have concluded that there is no refuge in war-stricken Gaza.

The military, meanwhile, said it wrapped up an operation launched late last month in the Gaza City neighborhood of Shijaiyah, where it killed dozens of combatants and destroyed eight underground tunnels.

Wednesday's evacuation order came after a series of deadly strikes over the past two days in other parts of the territory. Israeli bombardment early Wednesday hit four houses in Deir al-Balah and the nearby Nuseirat refugee camp, killing 20 Palestinians.

Among the dead were six children and three women, according to officials at al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where the casualties were taken. The house hit in Deir al-Balah was inside the "humanitarian safe zone" where Israel has told Pales-



A Palestinian man examines a destroyed Israeli vehicle Wednesday after the military withdrew from Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighborhood. The war began Oct. 7. OMAR AL-QATTAA/GETTY-APF

tinians to flee for refuge.

The overnight bombardment came hours after Israeli warplanes struck the entrance of a school sheltering displaced families outside the southern city of Khan Younis. The toll from the strike rose to 31 people killed, including eight children, and more than 50 wounded, officials at the nearby Nasser Hospital said Wednesday.

Footage aired by Al Jazeera television showed kids playing soccer in the school's yard when a sudden boom shook the area, prompting shouts of "a strike, a strike!"

The Israeli army said the airstrike near the school and reports of civilian casualties were under review. It claimed it was targeting a Hamas fighter who took part in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel that triggered the war, though it provided no evidence. The military blames civilian deaths on Hamas because the combatants fight in dense, urban areas. But the army rarely comments on what it is targeting in individual strikes, which often kill women and children.

In nine months of bombardment and offensives in Gaza, Israel has

killed more than 38,200 people and wounded more than 88,000, according to the territory's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count. Nearly the entire population has been driven from their homes. Many have been displaced multiple times.

During the Oct. 7 raid, militants killed some 1,200 people in southern Israel, most of them civilians, according to Israeli authorities. The combatants took roughly 250 people hostage. About 120 are still in captivity, with about a third said to be dead.

## US, Europe say Ukraine on 'irreversible' path to join NATO after war

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Lorne Cook  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ukraine is on an "irreversible" path to NATO membership, the military alliance said Wednesday in a final agreement from its summit, advancing assurances that Ukraine will be allowed to join the Western coalition but only after its war with Russia ends.

In another boost for Ukraine, the U.S., the Neth-

erlands and Denmark announced Wednesday that the first NATO-provided F-16s were on their way to Ukraine and would be flying this summer following months of work.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy tweeted his appreciation on the effort to strengthen his air force, coming soon after Ukraine saw one of the deadliest strikes of the war.

"Ukraine's future is in NATO," according to the communique from NATO's

32 members, whose leaders are meeting in Washington this week. "We will continue to support it on its irreversible path to full Euro-Atlantic integration, including NATO membership."

The alliance welcomed Ukraine's democratic, economic and security reforms needed to join and said it would get an invitation "when Allies agree and conditions are met."

Earlier, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg underlined that

Ukraine will not join the alliance's ranks immediately. But he insisted that must happen after the war is over to ensure that Russia never attacks Ukraine again.

Zelenskyy, in Washington for the NATO summit, has battled for at least a firm guarantee from NATO that Ukraine can join the military alliance. He has feared his country would otherwise be left to fight a stronger Russia indefinitely.

The U.S. and some other countries have opposed

membership for Ukraine during the conflict with Russia to avoid an escalation of tensions. They also have stressed that Ukraine must take steps to address corruption and as well as other systemic reforms.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has opposed neighboring Ukraine's fight to join the Western alliance, declaring it an encroachment on Russia's security and interests.

President Joe Biden, who later appeared on stage with

Stoltenberg, reaffirmed U.S. support for Ukraine but also more broadly the importance of NATO. He reiterated that since he took office, the number of allies spending at least 2% of their gross domestic product on defense has increased from nine to 23 and that the number of battle groups has doubled on NATO's eastern flank.

"We can and will defend every inch of NATO territory, and we will do it together," Biden said.

# Barrett shows independent streak

In last term, GOP appointee leaned surprisingly liberal

By Adam Liptak  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Justice Amy Coney Barrett, 52, is the youngest member of the Supreme Court and the junior member of its conservative supermajority. Last week, she completed what was only her third full term.

Yet she has already emerged as a distinctive force on the court, issuing opinions that her admirers say are characterized by intellectual seriousness, independence, caution and a welcome measure of common sense.

In the term that ended last week, she delivered a series of concurring opinions questioning and honing the majority's methods and conclusions.

She wrote notable dissents, joined by liberal justices, from decisions limiting the tools prosecutors can use in cases against members of the Jan. 6 mob and blocking a Biden administration plan to combat air pollution. And she voted with the court's three-member liberal wing in March, saying the majority had ruled too broadly in restoring former President Donald Trump to the Colorado ballot.

The bottom line: Barrett was the Republican appointee most likely to vote for a liberal result in the last term.

That does not make her a liberal, said Irv Gornstein, executive director of Georgetown University's Supreme Court Institute.

"Don't forget," he said, "she voted to overrule *Roe v. Wade*. She voted to outlaw affirmative action. She almost always votes against the administrative state. And she voted to reject every voting rights challenge."

"Yes," Gornstein added, "she is more principled and



Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett speaks Nov. 9 in Washington. ELIZABETH FRANTZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES

open-minded and thoughtful than some of the others. She cares more about precedent than some of the others. She is not as enamored with history and tradition as some of the others. But that's as far as it goes."

Still, some conservatives are alarmed, comparing Barrett unfavorably with the other two Trump appointees, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. Both men had served on federal appeals courts for more than a decade before joining the Supreme Court. Barrett spent most of her career as a law professor at the University of Notre Dame and sat on the federal appeals court in Chicago for just shy of three years.

While there, she wrote only one opinion of note, a dissent in a Second Amendment case, *Josh Blackman*, a law professor at South Texas College of Law Houston, asserted in a blog post. She arrived at the Supreme Court unformed and

untested, he added, making her susceptible to persuasion by the savviest member of its liberal wing, Justice Elena Kagan.

"Gorsuch and Kavanaugh are not cut from the same block of wood as Barrett. Barrett was a piece of unfinished wood, and Justice Kagan is coating her with one layer of glossy lacquer after another," Blackman wrote.

Barrett was rushed onto the court by Trump and Senate Republicans after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a liberal icon who died in September 2020. Barrett joined the court the next month, just before the presidential election.

"You have a long history of believing that your religious beliefs should prevail," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., told her during her 2017 confirmation hearings to the appeals court. She added, "The dogma lives loudly within you."

That phrase became a slogan in the culture wars,

embraced by social conservatives and appearing on T-shirts, tote bags and coffee mugs. It helped propel her to the Supreme Court.

At her 2020 confirmation hearings, Democrats called her a certain vote to overrule the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's 2010 health care law, and worried that she would favor Trump in litigation over the election that year.

Barrett's record so far has not confirmed their worst fears. She has mostly voted in favor of claims of religious freedom. But in a concurring opinion in her first term in 2021, she rebuffed a request to overrule an important 1990 precedent that limits First Amendment protections for religious practices.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Gorsuch said they were ready to overturn the decision, *Employment Division v. Smith*.

Barrett was sympathetic but wary, writing that the

court should not sweep aside a precedent unless it has a fully realized alternative. "I therefore see no reason to decide in this case whether *Smith* should be overruled, much less what should replace it," she wrote.

Her opinion struck another note that would become familiar. While she says she is an originalist, seeking to discern and follow the original public meaning of the Constitution, she is keenly aware of the limits of historical evidence. "While history looms large in this debate," she wrote, "I find the historical record more silent than supportive."

Democrats' unease about the Affordable Care Act turned out to be misplaced. Barrett joined a seven-justice majority in 2021 to deny the third major challenge to the law, on a theory that would come to play a significant role in her jurisprudence: that the plaintiffs had not suffered the sort of

injury that gave them standing to sue.

That was the ground on which the court preserved the widespread availability of an abortion pill and the basis of one of Barrett's majority opinions last month. In that case, *Murthy v. Missouri*, she rejected on standing grounds a Republican bid to prevent the government's communication with social media platforms to combat what it said was misinformation. Thomas, Alito and Gorsuch dissented.

In the fall of 2020, just after Ginsburg's death, Trump suggested that his third nominee would help him gain a second term. "I think this will end up in the Supreme Court," he said of the 2020 election. "And I think it's very important that we have nine justices."

But Barrett recused herself from election cases that arrived at the court as emergency applications that October. A court spokesperson explained that she did so "because of the need for a prompt resolution" and "because she has not had time to fully review the parties' filings."

And when the court rejected a lawsuit by Texas in December that sought to throw out the election results in four battleground states, its unsigned order did not indicate that any of Trump's three appointees had dissented. Alito, joined by Thomas, issued a brief statement on a technical point.

In the current election year, Barrett has written concurring or dissenting opinions in all three decisions involving or affecting Trump.

Derek T. Muller, a law professor at Notre Dame, said the nature of Barrett's jurisprudence is evident from an assessment of the whole of her work on the court. "She's intellectually independent," Muller said, "but still thoroughly a conservative."



Janice Taylor, left, and daughter Janell cool off and charge their electronic devices Tuesday at a furniture store in Houston that is being used as a temporary shelter. ERIC GAY/AP

## Anger builds as utility labors to restore power in Houston

By Juan A. Lozano  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston's biggest utility came under mounting pressure Wednesday over its response to Hurricane Beryl, as nearly 1.4 million area homes and businesses remained without power and frustrated residents searched for places to cool off, fuel up and grab a bite.

City Council member Abbie Kamin called the extended lack of power since Monday's storm a "life safety concern."

"We say 'everything we can do' to get the lights back on. In my opinion, respectfully, they should be on," Kamin told a CenterPoint Energy executive during a council meeting.

CenterPoint "needs to do a better job," restoring power, Mayor John Whitmire said. "That's the consensus of Houstonians. That's mine."

Residents who sought out community centers for a rest, air conditioning and a meal wondered how the nation's fourth-largest city could buckle under a storm that packed less punch than many others that have

pummeled the area over the last two decades.

Beryl came ashore as a Category 1 hurricane, the weakest type, but has been blamed for at least seven U.S. deaths — one in Louisiana and six in Texas — and at least 11 in the Caribbean.

Power outages peaked at 2.7 million customers after the storm made landfall in Texas on Monday, according to PowerOutage.us.

Brad Tutunjian, vice president for regulatory policy for CenterPoint Energy, defended the company's response and told council members that more than 1 million customers had their power restored by Wednesday morning, although the company's online tracker put the figure at just under a million at the time.

The company has acknowledged that most of the 12,000 workers it brought in to help the recovery effort were not in the Houston area when the storm arrived. Initial forecasts had the storm blowing ashore much farther south along Gulf Coast, near the Texas-Mexico border.

The company would not ask third-party workers from other companies and

municipalities to pre-emptively position and "ride out" the storm, "because that is not safe," he said.

Tutunjian noted how difficult it is to quickly restore power that was cut off by falling trees and branches.

"When we have storms such as this, with the tree completely coming down ... taking out our lines and our poles, that's where all the time comes in to do the restoration work," he said.

Council members pressed Tutunjian about why the company, which has been in the Houston area for about 100 years, hasn't placed more of its power lines underground. He replied that it has been laying new lines underground in residential areas for decades.

Beryl has been blamed for at least seven U.S. deaths — one in Louisiana and six in Texas — and 11 in the Caribbean. A post-tropical cyclone.

A flood watch was in effect for parts of Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire and Vermont. The storm spawned suspected tornadoes in Indiana and Kentucky.

## GOP House OKs bill on proof of citizenship for voter registration

By Ali Swenson  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a proof-of-citizenship requirement for voter registration, a proposal Republicans have prioritized as an election-year talking point even as research shows noncitizens illegally registering and casting ballots in federal elections is exceptionally rare.

The legislation, approved largely along partisan lines but with five Democrats voting in favor, is unlikely to advance through the Democratic-led Senate. The Biden administration also says it's strongly opposed because it says safeguards already are in place to verify voter eligibility and enforce the law against noncitizen voting.

Still, the House vote will give Republicans an opportunity to focus on two of their key issues — border and election security.

It also provides an opportunity to fuel former President Donald Trump's claims that Democrats have encouraged the surge of migrants so they can register them to vote, which would be illegal. Noncitizens are not allowed to vote in federal elections, nor allowed to vote in any state-wide elections.

Research and audits show there have been incidents of noncitizens who successfully registered to vote and cast ballots, but it happens rarely and is typically by mistake. States have mechanisms to check for it, but there isn't one standard protocol they all follow.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, a key backer of the bill, said in a news conference earlier this week that the Democratic opposition means many Democrats "want illegals to participate in our federal elections; they want them to vote."



Speaker Mike Johnson, right, meets Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in D.C. on Wednesday for the NATO summit. Johnson backs the voting bill. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

On his Truth Social platform this week, Trump suggested that Democrats are pushing to give noncitizen migrants the right to vote and urged Republicans to pass the legislation — the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act.

The fixation on noncitizen voting is part of a broader and long-term Trump campaign strategy of casting doubt on the validity of an election should he lose, and he has consistently pushed that narrative during his campaign rallies this year. It also is part of a wider Republican campaign strategy, with GOP lawmakers across the country passing state legislation and putting noncitizen voting measures on state ballots for November.

Democrats and voting rights advocates have said the legislation is unnecessary because it's already a felony for noncitizens to register to vote in federal elections, punishable by fines, prison or deportation. Anyone registering must attest under penalty of perjury that they are a U.S. citizen. Noncitizens also are not allowed to cast ballots at the state level. A few municipalities allow them to vote in some local elections.

They also have pointed to surveys showing that millions of Americans don't have easy access to up-to-

date documentary proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate, naturalization certificate or passport, and therefore the bill could inhibit U.S. citizen voters who aren't able to further prove their status.

During the Wednesday floor debate, Rep. Joe Morelle of New York, the top Democrat on the House Administration Committee, expressed concern that the bill would disenfranchise various American citizens.

He mentioned military members stationed abroad who couldn't show documentary proof of citizenship in person at an election office, as well as married women whose names have changed, Native Americans whose tribal IDs don't show their place of birth and natural disaster survivors who lost their documents.

Morelle said he doesn't see the bill as an attempt to maintain voter rolls, but as part of larger GOP-led plans to question the validity of the upcoming election.

"The false claim that there is a conspiracy to register noncitizens is a pretext for trying to overturn the 2024 election," he said.

Yet Republicans who support the bill say the unprecedented surge of migrants creates too large a risk of noncitizens slipping through the cracks.

# For tourists, it's the hot place to be

Park experts warn Death Valley temps can also be deadly

By Ty O'Neil, Claire Rush and Anita Snow  
Associated Press

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. — Hundreds of Europeans touring the American West and adventurers from around the U.S. are still being drawn to Death Valley National Park, even though the desolate region known as one of the Earth's hottest places is being punished by a dangerous heat wave blamed for a motorcyclist's death last weekend.

French, Spanish, English and Swiss tourists left their air-conditioned rental cars this week to take photographs of the barren landscape so different than the snow-capped mountains and rolling green hills they know back home.

U.S. adventurers liked the novelty of it, even as officials at the park in California warned visitors to stay safe.

"I was excited it was going to be this hot," said Drew Belt, a resident of Tupelo, Mississippi, who wanted to stop in Death Valley as the place boasting the lowest elevation in the U.S. on his way to climb California's Mount Whitney. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Kind of like walking on Mars."

The searing heat wave gripping large parts of the country also led to record daily high temperatures in Oregon, where it is suspected to have caused six deaths, the state medical examiner's office said Tuesday. More than 161 million people around the U.S. were under heat alerts.

At Death Valley National Park, tourists lined up for photos in front of a giant thermometer the National Park Service keeps near the visitor center. It's not precise, registering the temperature anywhere



A sign warns tourists of extreme heat Monday at Badwater Basin in Death Valley National Park in California. DANIEL JACOBI II/LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

from 1 to 5 degrees higher than more modern instruments kept by the National Weather Service nearby, providing a more impressive reading for photos.

"This is an incredibly popular place to be, as you can see from the visitors behind me," supervisory park ranger Jeanette Jurado said Tuesday by the thermometer, which read 120 degrees.

The early heat wave came as the global temperature in June was record warm for the 13th consecutive month and marked the 12th month in a row that the world was 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than pre-industrial times, the European climate service Copernicus said.

Most of this heat, trapped by human-caused climate change, is from long-term warming from greenhouse

gases emitted by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, scientists say.

In eastern California's sizzling desert, a high of 128 degrees was recorded over the weekend at Death Valley National Park, where a visitor died Saturday from heat exposure. Another person was hospitalized.

They were among six motorcyclists riding through the Badwater Basin area in scorching weather, the park said in a statement. The other four were treated at the scene. Emergency medical helicopters were unable to respond because the aircraft cannot generally fly safely over 120 degrees, officials said.

Death Valley is considered one of the most extreme environments in the world.

The hottest temperature ever officially recorded on Earth was 134 degrees in

July 1913 in Death Valley, though some experts dispute that measurement and say the real record was 130, recorded there in July 2021.

"It's impressive," Thomas Mrzliek, of Basel, Switzerland, said of the triple-digit heat. "(It's) like a wave that hits when you get out of the car, but it's a very dry heat. So it's not as in Europe."

Across the desert in Nevada, Las Vegas already had hit 103 degrees by 9:30 a.m. Tuesday before settling at 119 by day's end.

"Intense heat wave will continue to set records through the end of the week before moderating as increasing monsoonal moisture returns to the area," the National Weather Service in Las Vegas said.

In Arizona, the average temperatures for the first eight days of July have been

the hottest on record for Phoenix and Yuma, said the National Weather Service in Phoenix. It said both cities will remain at about 10 degrees above normal over the next few days, with highs mostly between 112 and 120.

Extreme heat and a long-standing drought in the West has also dried out vegetation that fuels wildfires.

In California, firefighters were battling least 18 wildfires Tuesday, including a 41-square-mile blaze in the mountains of Santa Barbara County. The Lake fire was only 12% contained, and forecasters warned of a "volatile combination" of high heat, low humidity and northwest winds developing late in the day.

North of Los Angeles, the 2-square-mile Vista fire chewed through trees in the San Bernardino National

Forest and sent up a huge plume of smoke visible across the region. A small but smoky blaze, dubbed the Royal fire, burned through more than 150 acres of forest west of Lake Tahoe and sent ash raining down on the tourist town of Truckee, California. Neither fire was contained Tuesday.

The National Weather Service said it was extending the excessive heat warnings across most of the Southwest through Saturday morning.

"Unusually high temperatures are now projected to linger through Friday, and then with increased cloud cover Saturday morning's lows may be the warmest of this entire episode," the service in Reno, Nevada, said. "Thursday could end up being the hottest overall day for most locations, so it's not over yet."

## NEWS BRIEFING

### Ark. rejects petitions to put abortion rights on November's ballot

From news services

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas election officials Wednesday rejected petitions submitted for an abortion-rights ballot measure that organizers hoped to put before voters this fall in a predominantly Republican state.

The secretary of state's office rejected the petitions submitted Friday by supporters of the proposal, saying the group didn't submit statements required regarding paid signature gatherers.

Organizers on Friday submitted more than 101,000 signatures. They needed at least 90,704 signatures from registered voters and a minimum number from 50 counties.

In his letter to organizers, Secretary of State John Thurston said that even if his office accepted the signatures it determined came from volunteers the total would amount to 87,382, below the required amount.

A spokesperson for Arkansas for Limited Government, the group behind the measure, said its legal team was reviewing the state's letter.

The measure would have barred laws banning abortion in the first 20 weeks of gestation and allowed the procedure later in pregnancy in cases of rape, incest, threats to the woman's health or life, or if the fetus would be unlikely to survive birth.

The U.S. Supreme Court removed the nationwide right to abortion with a 2022 ruling. An Arkansas law banning abortion took effect when the court issued its ruling. Arkansas' current ban allows abortion only to protect the mother's life in a medical emergency.

The proposal was viewed as a test of support for abortion rights in a Republican

state where top elected officials have touted their opposition to abortion.

**Baldwin trial:** A defense attorney told jurors Wednesday that the shooting death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins was an "unspeakable tragedy" but that "Alec Baldwin committed no crime; he was an actor, acting."

Baldwin's lawyer Alex Spiro emphasized in his opening statement in a Santa Fe, New Mexico, courtroom that Baldwin, who is on trial for involuntary manslaughter, did exactly what actors always do on the set of the film "Rust," where Hutchins was killed in October, 2021.

"I don't have to tell you any more about this, because you've all seen gunfights in movies," Spiro said.

Special prosecutor Erlinda Ocampo Johnson said in her opening statement that before the shooting, Baldwin skipped safety checks and recklessly handled a revolver.

"The evidence will show that someone who played make-believe with a real gun and violated the cardinal rules of firearm safety is the defendant, Alexander Baldwin," Ocampo Johnson said.

Hutchins' death and the wounding of director Joel Souza nearly three years ago sent shock waves through the film industry and led to one felony charge against Baldwin, 66, that could result in up to 18 months in prison.

**Giuliani bankruptcy case:** A judge said Wednesday that he was leaning toward throwing out Rudy Giuliani's bankruptcy case after lawyers for the cash-strapped former New York City mayor and his biggest creditors — two ex-Georgia election workers who won a \$148 million defamation judgment against him



**Panic at sea:** An armed bandit, left, makes his way onto a smugglers' boat during an aid group's attempt to rescue migrants Tuesday in the Mediterranean. Panicked migrants jumped into the sea as other bandits leapt aboard the boat from a dinghy and sped away with it. The aid group filmed the incident north of Libya's western coast. CHARLES THIEFAINE/SOS MEDITERRANEE

— agreed this was the best way forward.

The case has been roiled by creditors' allegations that Giuliani is flouting bankruptcy laws and potentially hiding assets. A dismissal would end his pursuit of bankruptcy protection, but it wouldn't let him off the hook for his debts. His creditors could pursue other legal remedies to recoup at least some of the money they're owed, such as getting a court order to seize his apartments and other assets.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane scheduled a hearing for 1 p.m. EDT Friday and could make his ruling at that time.

A lawyer for former election workers, Ruby Freeman and her daughter, Wandrea "Shayne" Moss, accused Giuliani of using the bankruptcy process as a "bad-faith litigation tactic" and said "he regards this court as a pause button on his woes while he continues to live his life unbothered by creditors."

Giuliani filed for Chapter

11 bankruptcy reorganization in December, days after Freeman and her daughter won their defamation case. They said Giuliani's targeting of them because of Trump's lies about the 2020 election being stolen led to death threats that made them fear for their lives.

**British crossbow killings:** British police said Wednesday they found the man suspected of killing the wife and two daughters of a well-known BBC radio commentator near London in a brutal crossbow attack.

In a statement, Hertfordshire Police said Kyle Clifford, 26, was found in the Enfield area of north London, near his home, and that he is receiving medical treatment for his injuries. Police did not say how those injuries happened but stressed that they had not fired any shots.

The BBC confirmed that the women killed Tuesday were members of the family of its commentator John Hunt — his wife, Carol

Hunt, 61, and their daughters Hannah, 28, and Louise, 25.

British media reported Clifford was an ex-boyfriend of one of the daughters.

**French election:** French President Emmanuel Macron said Wednesday that he will wait for the country's political parties to build a "republican" majority at the National Assembly before he can decide on a new prime minister, after no party won a majority in Sunday's legislative elections.

Macron's comment came in a letter published by French media outlets as political leaders of various parties have been trying to project themselves as the only solution to the current political turmoil.

"Nobody has won," said Macron in the letter. "No political force has obtained a sufficient majority on its own and the blocs or coalitions that emerge from these elections are all in the minority," he said.

Macron asked parties who adhere to "republican institutions, the rule of law, parliamentary norms, a (pro-)European orientation and the defense of French independence" to build a compromise.

A leftist coalition, the New Popular Front, won more seats than other groups, pushing the far-right National Rally into third place. Macron's centrist alliance came second.

**New NYPD motto:** The New York Police Department will stop promoting "Courtesy, Professionalism, Respect" on the exterior of its patrol cars, dropping the three-word motto decades after it was adopted to repair fraying community relations.

Instead, the department is outfitting its patrol vehicles with a decal that reads: "Fighting Crime, Protecting The Public."

A police spokesperson said the old slogan will be phased out as the department updates its fleet of some 10,000 patrol cars.

## ARTS &amp; LIVING



Sophie Pennes of Urban Farms L.A. checks in on the native landscape she planted in March 2023. SARA HARVEY GRANTNER/TRIBUNE PUBLISHING ILLUSTRATION

## Family's yard is transformed into colorful, 'showstopping' ecosystem that thrives without sprinklers or gas-powered tools



Owen Anido looks for bees and bugs in his front yard. His parents, Katie Cordeal and Kyle Anido, replaced their lawn last year with a colorful landscape. DANIA MAXWELL/LOS ANGELES TIMES PHOTOS

By Lisa Boone | Los Angeles Times

Looking out the front windows of their Los Angeles home, Kyle Anido and Katie Cordeal say their front yard is barely recognizable from a year ago when it was a lawn.

"It's crazy to see how lively the garden is now," says Anido, a 37-year-old camera operator. "There is so much bee activity."

"It has absolutely exploded," adds Cordeal, 38. "It's pretty incredible what has happened over the past 12 months. And we haven't even watered the yard this year."

The colorful ecosystem, which thrives without sprinklers, amendments, fertilizers, gardeners and gas-powered lawn equipment, is not lost on the couple's 2 1/2-year-old son, Owen.

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### HOME REMEDIES

## Tackle these projects in summer

By Angie Hicks  
Ask Angi

The start of summer saw heat descend over much of the nation, and we can expect more as the season continues.

Here's a look at some of the most common projects we see homeowners tackle during the warmest season.

#### HVAC maintenance

Air conditioning is often the single most significant energy drain in your home. Regular maintenance can save you money every month on utility bills and improve comfort in the sweltering heat.

You should hire an HVAC company to perform a tuneup on your AC, inspect your system and verify everything works smoothly to improve efficiency. This work usually costs about \$100; twice-yearly inspections are often included if you have an existing service contract with a local HVAC company.

In addition to keeping your system working in tip-top shape, regular inspections ensure that your service company is familiar with it. In many cases, they can catch small and easily repaired problems before they escalate into much larger and costlier system failures. It also helps to have a preexisting relationship with your HVAC company if something goes wrong in the heat. That often helps get you faster service in an emergency.

#### Window replacement

Summer is an excellent time to install new windows. Older windows are more likely to create drafts and don't block heat as efficiently. Window technology is constantly improving, so a new set of windows can cut energy costs and increase home comfort. Windows also provide an effective way to give your home a whole new look.

Check out your weather stripping even if you don't replace your windows. This is often thought of as a winter project, but weather strips also help keep cool air from escaping the home. Replacing weather stripping is a simple task that can pay off in a big way.

#### Upgrade your exterior

Your exterior gets plenty of attention during the summer months, and it's always the first thing people see when coming to your home. Good landscaping and exterior care increase enjoyment of your home and boost resale value.

Cleaning your outside elements plays a significant role in making your home stand out this summer. Pressure washing your siding, decks or driveway can blast away long-standing grime and give your home a shine that looks brand new. Resealing and staining your deck every few years adds to its life



Landscaping work is a quick and effective way to improve curb appeal. DREAMSTIME

span and gives it a face-lift. And, of course, hiring lawn maintenance pros to look after your yard will give your exterior an even better appearance.

To make your backyard truly barbecue-ready, add new elements such as

native plants or trees, or even an outdoor kitchen, new deck or patio. Features that extend your living area to the outdoors make a great entertaining option for socializing or relaxing and often increase home value.

If you're landscaping on a budget, do projects in phases that build upon each other.

Tweet your home care questions with #AskingAngi and we'll try to answer them in a future column.



Bob Dylan performs with members of the Band in February 1974 in LA. JEFF ROBBINS/AP

## CELEBRITIES

## Dylan to release box set of '74 tour

From news services

Bob Dylan fans who want to relive his 1974 concert tour with the Band will soon have that opportunity — ample opportunity.

He is releasing a 27-disc box set that includes full recordings of 27 of the 40 shows of that tour, Dylan's theatrical return to the stage with backing of the group with whom he made some of his most memorable music. Columbia Records/Legacy Recordings announced Tuesday that the set will drop Sept. 20 and retail for \$129.98.

The box includes some 417 previously unreleased performances, the record company said. Fans who want a slightly smaller bite can buy a three-album highlights box on vinyl.

It's definitely for completists: The set will contain 21 versions of "Lady Lay" alone. There was already a live album of songs from that tour, "Before the Flood," that was released in the 1970s.

Dylan has never been shy about giving fans the chance to hear him. "The 1974 Live Recordings" will be only his third largest box set — following the 47-CD complete album

collection released in 2013 and the 36-CD set chronicling Dylan and the Band's 1966 tour.

**'Devil Wears Prada' sequel in works:** A sequel to "The Devil Wears Prada" is reportedly in development.

The original 2006 box-office hit, based on Lauren Weisberger's 2003 book, starred Meryl Streep as fashion doyenne Miranda Priestly, alongside Anne Hathaway and Emily Blunt as her minions.

According to Puck News, the film's screenwriter, Aline Brosh McKenna, is on board for the follow-up that producer Wendy Finerman is working on. Original director David Frankel is also in talks to return, Deadline reports.

The rumored plotline will follow Priestly "at the end of her career, facing the decline of traditional magazine publishing," with her former assistant rising in the ranks with a new role — a position needed to help her.

Casting details have yet to be announced, but Streep, Hathaway and Blunt built excitement when all three actors reunited at the 2024 SAG Awards to present the trophy for best actor in a

comedy series.

**Tenor Bonsall dies:** Joe Bonsall, a Grammy winner and celebrated tenor of the country and gospel group the Oak Ridge Boys, died Tuesday. He was 76.

Bonsall died from complications of the neuromuscular disorder amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, according to a statement from representatives of his family.

Bonsall left his gospel group the Keystones in 1973 to join the Oak Ridge Boys, which originally formed in the 1940s. He saw the band through its golden period in the '80s and beyond, which included its signature 1981 song, "Elvira," its 1982 hit "Bobbie Sue" and 1983's "American Made."

Bonsall's memoir, "I See Myself," will be released in November.

**July 11 birthdays:** Actor Susan Seaforth Hayes is 81. Actor Bruce McGill is 74. Actor Mindy Sterling is 71. Saxophonist Kirk Whalum is 66. Guitarist Richie Sambora is 65. Singer Suzanne Vega is 65. Actor Lisa Rinna is 61. Actor Greg Grunberg is 58. Biologist Jeff Corwin is 57. Rapper Lil' Kim is 50. Singer Alessia Cara is 28.

## Teetotaler concerned about wife's heavy drinking habit

R. Eric Thomas  
Asking Eric

**Dear Eric:** We are a retired couple in our late 60s. In our younger days, we enjoyed an active social life that often revolved around drinking, sometimes to excess. As we've grown older, we've slowed down, improved our diet and taken up a near-daily fitness regimen that has us both in pretty good shape.

My wife still drinks more than she should, as measured by my opinion and numerous articles I've read. We've discussed it a few times, and she makes an improvement for a short term but soon backslides into her habit of having four, five, sometimes six glasses of wine a night. At the same time, I've eliminated alcohol entirely.

I don't nag her about it. I'm all for everyone making their own choices in life, but I know the effects of this amount of regular drinking is not healthy. I used to buy the alcohol for both of us, and since I stopped, she has purchased the wine on her own.

Yesterday, knowing that I will do this week's shopping, she put wine on the list. I am torn between telling her I won't enable her drinking (while expressing my hope that she can again reduce to a more reasonable level) and just keeping quiet about it.

— Winding Down

**Dear Winding:** When one partner changes, the whole system changes. But that change is often more complicated than we'd like it to be.

Let's put aside for a moment the facts around

alcohol consumption. In your marriage right now, you and your wife aren't aligned in a vision for how you want to live life together and individually.

Your wife hasn't made the same decision that you have about alcohol, and it bothers you because you care about her but also because it's different from the choice you made. Perhaps it even makes you question your decision.

There are hundreds of similar decisions that happen in a marriage. Conflict can arise from the fact that no one can make their spouse do what they think their spouse should do.

You don't have to keep buying the wine and shouldn't if it's causing you consternation. Tell her that you've made this decision and your reasons for doing it. Don't expect that your reasons are going to make her change. When we comment on a loved one's drinking (or any behavior), it can shift the loved one's thinking. However, people's decisions to change their behavior have to come from them.

If you feel her consumption is having a negative impact on your relationship, say that. I'm sure you've already presented her with the data — the U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend one 5-ounce glass of wine per night or less and the National Institute of Health on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism categorizes four or more drinks per day, or eight per week, as "heavy drinking."

Show your concern and love while also recognizing that this journey is new for both of you, and it will take you different amounts of time to get to wherever you're both going.

**Dear Eric:** I may be hopelessly old-fashioned at 73, but when my children

were young and received a gift, I gave them notecards, stamps and addresses, and explained the ways a "thank-you" could be worded.

I encouraged them to include information about their lives, school, etc. It seems that now parents don't care enough to teach their children to acknowledge a gift. I've been chastised for discontinuing to send cards/gifts/money to young people past the age of 15, who never thank me, or even acknowledge a gift.

I am frustrated that I am forced to contact the recipient simply to hear the excuse, "Oh yeah, I got it. Thanks." Am I wrong for expecting a thank-you and setting the consequences?

— Disgruntled Gift Giver

**Dear Giver:** Social mores may change but the words "thank you" still mean the same thing. You're not asking a lot, and if your relatives can't teach their kids to respect your boundary and acknowledge your gift, then you don't owe it to them.

Fifteen is old enough to learn the value of healthy communication. Besides, it's important to remember that relationships, especially with older relatives, aren't ATMs. Hold the line!

**Dear Eric:** In response to the letter writer looking for ways to respond when people ask what she does in retirement, I always say: "I wake up in the morning with nothing to do, and it takes me all day to do it."

— Booked Calendar

**Dear Booked:** Love it! Enjoy your crowded, care-free days in good health and good humor!

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## Habitat

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"Bees!" he yelled with delight from the front porch, pointing to the pollinators feeding on the native California flowers in his front yard.

"Owen loves bugs," Anido says of the boy's vibrant playground.

When the couple purchased their first home in 2021, the front yard was an uninspired swath of Bermuda grass, an oddly placed palm that real estate agents hastily planted for staging purposes and white gravel.

After renting an apartment in Brooklyn, the couple felt intimidated by caring for a home and yard and decided to keep the previous owners' gardener. They did this, they say, because it was easy, but the noise and environmental pollution from the weekly "mow and blow" proved difficult for Cordeal, who works from home as a film and television production accountant.

"We would have to close all the doors and windows because the gas-powered leaf blower was so loud," she says. "I hated the gas smell."

Interested in conservation and drought-tolerant plants, the couple contacted garden designer Sophie Pennes of Urban Farms L.A. after viewing her before-and-after turf transformations — and lawn rants — on TikTok.

"I identified with what seems to be Sophie's primary drivers — to support biodiversity, revitalize natural ecosystems and conserve water," Cordeal says. "Also, I could tell she is educated and passionate about what she does, and I enjoyed her dry humor."

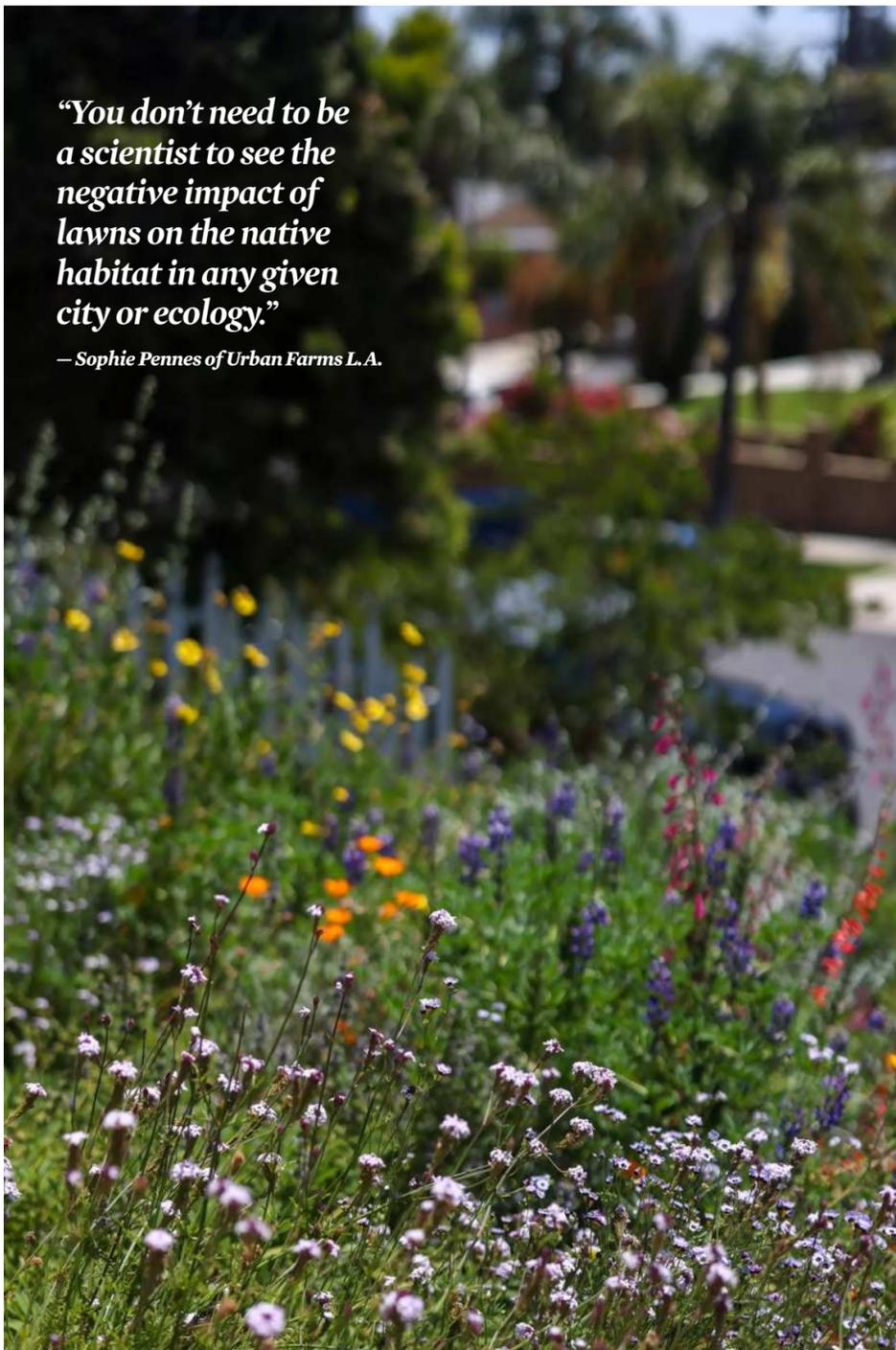
While this year's record-setting rainfall may feel like an excuse to reconsider the argument for removing thirsty turf, that's ludicrous, says Pennes, who specializes in edible gardens and California native gardens.

"Tearing out your lawn is about so much more than saving water," the landscape designer says. "You don't need to be a scientist to see the negative impact of lawns on the native habitat in any given city or ecology. It's obvious when you're walking through a neighborhood, and you stand in front of a grass lawn, and then you stand in front of a native garden: you can see the wildlife. We need to engage in the places where we live."

After agreeing on a plant palette that included lots of color, wistfulness, texture and tall

**"You don't need to be a scientist to see the negative impact of lawns on the native habitat in any given city or ecology."**

— Sophie Pennes of Urban Farms L.A.



Katie Cordeal and Kyle Anido sought a colorful, drought-tolerant landscape. DANIA MAXWELL/LOS ANGELES TIMES

grasses, the couple hired a landscape contractor to remove their lawn by hand. They then sheet mulched the front yard — smothering it in wet cardboard — and waited for three months.

When it was time to plant, Pennes installed repeat groupings

of three, including ceanothus, Canyon Prince Wild Rye and penstemon.

"I wanted to have a bold effect when things were in bloom," she says of the homeowners' request for a colorful landscape. "I didn't want it to be casual; I wanted it to

be showstopping"

A year later, the front yard is what they had hoped for. From the street, the 1937 residence appears modest, a two-bedroom house with two large picture windows. But the garden is indeed a showstopper. "It is

such a magical walk to the front door," Cordeal says of the lupine, poppies, penstemon and sage blooming on either side of the stairs up to the house.

Pennes designed the garden so that something is always in bloom regardless of the season. The purple Showy Penstemon is starting to fade, for instance, but the clarkia flowers are ready to open. On the parking strip, Hollyleaf Cherry and hardy Canyon Prince Wild Rye counter the pink clarkias and California bluebells. "Canyon Prince Wild rye has such a beautiful gray-green color that pops against the backdrop of the gray house," Pennes notes.

Non-native plants include African Basil, "which the bees love," Cordeal says, as well as Meyer lemon and Hass avocado trees, which the couple feed with water from their bathtub through a graywater system. Pennes also planted Mexican marigold to help repel pests and attract wildlife.

"The finches love it," Pennes says. "As soon as you put the plants in, the butterflies and birds find them. It really is an 'if you build it, they will come.'"

Over the past year, the couple also saw their water bill decrease by 90%. "Our June/July 2022 water bill was \$210.99," says Cordeal.

Their bill for June/July 2023 water was \$24.28, including the extra water used to establish the 1-gallon plants. But they are not stopping there. They are in preliminary talks with Pennes to overhaul their excessively hot backyard.

"We want to remove most of the concrete," says Cordeal. "We want a veggie garden and another fruit tree that can use graywater. We want a lot more foliage in general to cool the backyard. We also need to figure out lots of play space for our two boys, but we're not sure what ground cover that will be."

You can be sure it won't be artificial turf.

"My biggest enemy is plastic turf," Pennes says. "Even if I get the opportunity to tear it out, it ends up being plastic garbage in a landfill."

Cordeal says the beauty of the garden is more than just visual.

"Our front yard is an environmentally friendly site," she says. "It's so nice to look outside and see all the color and wildlife. I have a chair right by our front window, and when I'm nursing my 3-month-old, I can stare outside instead of at my phone. It's a joy."

## ASK THE BUILDER

## Pinpoint cause before repairing any cracks

By Tim Carter

Tribune Content Agency

Houses are just like you and me. As they age, they develop wrinkles or cracks. Some people don't like wrinkled skin. Just as Ponce de León was searching for the fountain of youth, many people look for products to re-create their smooth teenage skin. Home centers sell tons of crack-filling products each year that homeowners use in and around their homes.

I have first-hand experience with the magic one can employ to disguise wrinkles on faces as well as cracks in houses.

Nearly 20 years ago, I was a judge on the reality TV show "The Mansion." Each day I was on the set, I sat in a chair and a professional makeup artist touched me up before we started to record.

One day we were talking about spackling cracks in her old plaster walls. After I told her how to bridge the cracks using a mesh tape, she told me about a special cosmetic liquid that does the same thing for facial wrinkles.

"Oh, I use an amazing clear liquid on a person's wrinkles before I apply the foundation," she said. "The liquid dries fast and bridges all but the deepest wrinkles. This liquid makes older skin look as smooth as silk."

It just so happens that nowadays there are clear products you can use to fill cracks for many things around your home. I've had great luck with certain caulks that dry crystal clear. I used some on the rear window of my pickup truck cap to seal a leak. It continues to hold up well after two years.

But what about cracks in concrete slabs, brick, stone, concrete or concrete block foundations, and any other exterior parts of your



This crack in a small brick pier indicates a semi-serious structural problem, and things like this shouldn't be ignored. TIM CARTER

home? If the cracks could talk, what would they say to you?

I can tell you they'd have several different stories about why they suddenly appear.

Here's an example. About a month ago, Louis reached out to me via my website. Louis lives in Pittsburgh. He sent a great photo of an exterior brick column at his home. The column was no longer perfectly straight and had a crack in it. Think what a small stick would

look like if you tried to snap it in half.

Louis provided me with a very important piece of information to help diagnose what was causing the crack. He mentioned two things. First, there was a crack that ran from the ceiling to the floor in a room addition that was built in 1980. He mentioned he noticed the cracks at the same time not too long ago.

Think about that data point. All was well for a little over 40 years! Pitts-

burgh's topography is quite hilly. The cracks might be caused by land movement. A broken sewer pipe could be eroding the ground under the room addition. There are all sorts of things that could be going on. My advice to Louis was to pinpoint the cause of the cracks before he wastes time fixing them, as they might reappear within weeks or a month of the repair.

Some cracks around your home are minor and are to

be expected.

Every year I receive quite a few emails from homeowners who are steaming mad about cracks in their new concrete driveways, sidewalks and patios. They feel the new concrete should be free of all blemishes.

The truth is that concrete shrinks 1/8 of an inch for every ten horizontal feet that's poured. This shrinkage creates a tension force that tears the concrete apart just as you might rip

a piece of paper in two. Professional concrete masons know all about this tension force. This is why they tool or cut control joints in concrete slabs. The joints are an attempt to control where the crack will develop. A straight line looks so much better than a jagged crack in a concrete slab.

Control joint depth is critical. The minimum depth is one-quarter the thickness of the slab. Most tools used to create joints will not cut that deep. It's best to cut control joints in concrete.

If you want to ensure the cracks in concrete stay small, be sure to install reinforcing steel. I've had great success over the years using 1/2-inch rebar placed on 2-foot centers in both directions, much like graph paper looks. I make sure there's at least 1 1/2 inches of concrete under the steel bars.

If you see a crack start to develop, you should start to keep a journal. Take a pencil or permanent marker and make a line across the crack. Use a ruler with millimeter markings and measure the width of the crack. Take readings once a month to see if the crack is getting wider. Be sure to record the date you take each measurement. Note any other strange things that might be happening in or around your home. A professional will use this data to help diagnose the cause of the crack.

Realize some cracks in your home come and go as the seasons change. If your home is framed with lumber, the seasonal change in humidity can cause much of the lumber in your home to swell and then contract as the humidity drops in cooler weather. There's not much you can do to prevent this movement.

## Beetle battle in your yard? Here's what to do

By Beth Botts

For the Chicago Tribune

What is less lovely than a summer blossom? The sight of a Japanese beetle on that blossom, shiny as an oil slick.

"We're hearing quite a few reports about the beetles this year," according to Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist in the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. The iridescent bugs feed on about 300 different species of ornamental plants, but especially favor roses, grapevines, and crabapple, cherry and linden trees.

The adult beetles eat the tissue between the leaf veins, leaving just the skeleton of a leaf. In the larval stage of their life cycle, they are white grubs that live underground and eat the roots of turf grass. "If you have a lot of grubs, they can eat so many grass roots that you can peel patches of grass up like a carpet," she said.

The eggs and grubs thrive in moist soil, so rainy springs and overwatered

lawns lead to both grub damage and beetle damage.

Adult Japanese beetles have oval, metallic green bodies about 1/4- to 1/2-inch long, with coppery brown wing covers. Originally from Asia, they entered the United States more than a century ago and are now considered an invasive pest.

Here are some tips from the Plant Clinic for coping with Japanese beetles. Learn more at [mortonarb.org/japanese-beetles](http://mortonarb.org/japanese-beetles).

**Don't use traps.** Japanese beetle traps use sex pheromones to lure beetles, which are trying to find mates. "The problem is that the pheromone in the trap will attract beetles from all over the neighborhood, far more than the trap can hold," she said.

**Handpick or shake beetles from plants.** Fill a wide container, such as a quart-sized yogurt tub or small bucket, with soapy water. Either pluck the beetles and drop them into the water or hold the container under an infested leaf

or flower and shake the plant so the beetle falls in. The soap ensures that the beetles die.

**Try to get them early.**

When a beetle finds a good food source, it emits pheromones to attract other beetles. "If you can handpick the beetles before they send up their chemical flag, you'll have fewer beetles," Yiesla said. Don't expect to completely eliminate them; more beetles can always fly in.

**Go after the grubs.** The adult beetles are only active for a few weeks in early summer until they mate. Then the female digs down to lay eggs in the soil during July and August. The eggs soon hatch into grubs, which feed on plants' roots all through the summer, lie dormant in winter and resume feeding in spring.

**Avoid overwatering.** Moist soil in lawns also invites beetles to lay eggs, since the moist soil is easy to dig. Both the eggs and grubs thrive in moist soil. Lawns



Japanese beetles, like this one on a coneflower, can reduce the leaves of many plants to skeletons. To discourage them, don't overwater the lawn where their larvae live as grubs.

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with automatic watering systems are prime grub habitats. "To discourage grubs, turn off the timer and only water when the soil of the lawn is actually dry," Yiesla said. "Try to avoid watering the lawn at all in July and August, when beetles are laying eggs."

**Choose grub controls carefully.** If you have a heavy infestation of grubs, you may be considering a treatment for the lawn. Only some insecticides are effective, and only when the grubs are young, in August and September. Be sure you are using a product labeled for grub control and that you are using it in the right

way at the right time. Be aware that applying insecticides to your lawn can also kill beneficial organisms in the soil. Contact the Plant Clinic ([mortonarb.org/plant-clinic](http://mortonarb.org/plant-clinic)) for more guidance.

**Don't treat linden trees.** It is illegal to use the pesticide imidacloprid to treat linden trees against Japanese beetles. If you are considering applying any other insecticide to protect an especially valuable plant, be aware that insecticides can't guarantee control. Contact the Plant Clinic before using any insecticide to be sure you are using the right product in the right way.

**Consider biological control.**

You can enlist the help of beneficial nematodes — microscopic wormlike creatures that infest and kill grubs. These nematodes are not always sold in garden stores but are available through mail order and on the internet. Other products contain a species of soil bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis galleriae*, abbreviated Bt, that can be applied to the soil to kill beetle grubs, including Japanese beetles. Both nematodes and bacterial control must be applied in a particular way at a certain time and may take several years to build up enough to be effective. Another bacterial treatment, often called milky spore, is not recommended for the Chicago area because the bacteria don't reliably survive the winter.

**Plant more trees and shrubs.** Japanese beetles avoid laying their eggs in the shade, so adding more beautiful, shady plants to your landscape will discourage them.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (630-719-2424, [mortonarb.org/plant-clinic](http://mortonarb.org/plant-clinic), or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

## GARDEN Q&amp;A

## You can grow grass in shady patches

By Tim Johnson

For the Chicago Tribune

**Q: I planted a group of seven redbuds in the corner of my backyard a few years ago and have just pruned some of the lower limbs off, leaving a large open space under them. Will I be able to grow grass in the resulting shade?**

— Lily Webber, Highland Park

**A:** Your mass planting of redbuds must be quite a sight in the spring when they are flowering. In

addition to the pruning you have just completed, consider thinning out the crowns of the trees to increase the amount of light penetrating to the ground and to accentuate the form of the trees. The ground directly under the redbud trees will likely be too shady to grow grass, even if you use a shade blend of grass seed. I assume that the bare area under the trees is large, as you have planted a group of seven trees. You may be able to reduce the size of

the bare area under them by seeding grass along the edge of the bed where there will be more sun. Then I'd suggest planting a ground cover that will tolerate shade to fill the rest of the area.

To help a new groundcover planting get established, you will need to provide supplemental water. After three years, they will be fully established, needing water only during extended dry periods when the plants show stress. Hosta

will perform well in this situation and eventually grow dense enough to choke most weeds out. Choose a variety of cultivars with a mixture of leaf sizes, textures and colors. If deer are a problem, you may want to avoid hosta, a deer favorite. Other plants to consider are creeping lily turf, pachysandra and yellow archangel.

If you prefer native plants, consider Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*),

which is a good shade lawn alternative, with its fine-textured leaves and creeping habit. It actively grows in spring and fall when temperatures are cooler. Canadian ginger (*Asarum canadense*) spreads as well, but after getting established, it tends to be aggressive (including in deep and dry shade). I have found it crowding out other plants in my home garden in areas where I do not check its spread. These plants are not favored by deer. Virginia creeper is a native vine that will cover the ground under the trees. It stays low to the ground, but you will need to routinely cut it off the trunks of the redbuds and

cut it back as it spreads from the bed out into the lawn. This plant will be an inexpensive solution to cover a large area. Plant the vines on 2- to 5-foot centers, depending on how quickly you want to cover the bed. To minimize the impact on the roots of the redbud trees, I'd recommend not tilling the area to prepare for the new groundcovers.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at [plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org). Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

# Tricky balance between lawn, not-lawn

Take care of your little patch of earth in sustainable ways

By Jessica Damiano  
Associated Press

In lawn care, as in politics, an extreme, black-or-white approach can be impractical and turn off the masses. But in the garden, at least, gray can be the perfect shade of green.

Take, for instance, the No Mow May movement. Is it necessary to allow your entire property to turn into a weedy meadow for a whole month? No. But allowing nature to do its thing in a corner of the yard can help the birds and pollinators we depend on.

Should we rip out all our non-native plants and replace them with natives? That would be ideal, but if it isn't practical, removing invasives and incorporating native plants among your well-behaved exotics will help wildlife and improve sustainability in your garden.

And that brings us to the much-maligned lawn. Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and the gas-powered equipment used to maintain common turfgrasses contribute to air and groundwater pollution, while the lawn itself provides little ecological value in terms of food and shelter for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

In 2005, NASA satellites found that more than 40 million acres of the continental U.S. are covered in lawn. That's three times the amount of land used for corn crops. The estimate is still used today.

"An individual, quarter-acre lawn isn't a big ecological influence, but adding up all those quarter-acres for everyone in the country ... the ecological impact could be pretty big," NASA researcher Cristina Milesi said at the time.



A strip of lawn, including grass and clover, winds between flower beds June 11 in a lawn in Westchester County, N.Y. Lawns can be made to be more beneficial to pollinators. **JULIA RUBIN**

Yet it isn't likely that everyone reading this will give up their entire lawn. So let's talk about sustainable ways to care for it.

#### Mindful lawn care

If your lawn is large, consider replacing part of it with flower beds and borders, or a ground cover like clover. Then, embark on a thoughtful maintenance program.

Don't fight your climate. Research turf grass types and select ones that thrive best in your region. Aerate the soil and spread seeds in two directions. Water deeply just once, then sprinkle daily to keep seeds moist. Don't let them dry out even once, or you may have to start over. Sow more seeds every week and keep them lightly moist until the grass fills in densely, which will choke out weeds naturally. When it reaches 3 inches high, you can begin mowing.

For small lawns, use a push mower instead of an

exhaust-spewing, gas-powered model. For larger areas, consider a rechargeable electric mower. You'll reap financial and ecological benefits. Regardless of mower type, keep blades sharpened for clean cuts that heal before insects and diseases move in to take advantage of your convalescing grass.

Most turf varieties thrive best when kept at about 3 inches tall. Learn what's recommended for your species and set your mower height accordingly. Never remove more than one-third of grass height in a single session.

The trifecta of lawn woes — weeds, insect infestations and diseases — moves in when lawns aren't well cared for, so it's important to improve soil and grass health from the ground up.

Test your soil's pH. Most turf grasses thrive best in levels between 6.3 and 6.8. If your soil tests below that range, apply lime in the amounts recommended

on the package. If the pH is higher than the range, use sulfur to lower it. Never apply either of these amendments (or allow your landscaper to) as a matter of routine. Always test first to determine if there's a need.

#### Water, fertilizer and pesticides

A deep root system will sustain the lawn during hot, dry spells, allowing it to find underground water sources from a larger area. Encourage it by providing less frequent but longer watering sessions. Short, daily (or twice daily) sessions will moisten only the soil surface, providing no reason for roots to travel downward in search of moisture. Most grasses need about 1 1/2 inches of water per week, including rainfall. Adjust irrigation sessions accordingly.

Understand that cool-season grasses like Kentucky bluegrass, rye and fescues are supposed



A lawn with a mix of grass and other ground covers is seen June 11 in Waitsfield, Vermont. **CAROLYN LESSARD/AP**

to go dormant during summer. Warm-season species like Bermuda St. Augustine and Zoysia grasses sleep over the winter. It's normal for them to turn brown during their off-seasons. Let them.

Personally, I don't fertilize my grass or use synthetic pesticides in my garden. I maintain a small lawn to define my perennial beds and allow common turf grass weeds to run rampant. Once mowed, it's all green to me.

If that's too drastic for you, replace your lawn fertilizer with mulched grass clippings. As they decompose, they'll provide a free, natural source of nitrogen that, unlike synthetic nitrogen fertilizers, won't risk contaminating groundwater or running off to fertilize plants at the water table and upsetting the natural plant and wildlife hierarchy.

If you don't have a mulching mower, remove the bag and mow over the expelled clippings to chop them, then spread them over the lawn instead of sending them to a landfill.

If you still want to use fertilizer, opt for a slow-

release product and follow the dosing instructions on the package. Lawns cannot utilize more than the recommended amount, so any excess applied may result in leaching and salt buildup that will alter soil chemistry, adversely affect grass and increase thatch buildup. It's also a waste of money.

Using insecticides to kill pests also kills beneficial insects that help keep your lawn healthy. Earthworms, ground beetles, ladybugs and praying mantids, among others, eat harmful pests, aerate the soil and aid in the decomposition that nourishes soil. Your lawn needs them.

If you have a particularly stubborn weed problem and find you absolutely must use an herbicide, carefully target only the offending weed and do so on a windless day to avoid overspray.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, stop chasing perfection. It doesn't exist.

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Get your friends and family together for an outdoor extravaganza. **GETTY**

# Host a spectacular backyard movie night

Plan your outdoor event around film you have selected

By Jorie Nicole McDonald  
SouthernLiving.com

Great weather is the perfect excuse to get your friends and family together for an outdoor extravaganza that everyone is sure to remember. The best part? It's way easier than it sounds.

Start with a theme. Plan your party around the movie you'll be showing.

Is "Pretty In Pink" your

film of choice? Deck out your backyard with girly, pink decor, and serve a rosy cocktail like our raspberry beer recipe.

Will everyone be watching "Fried Green Tomatoes"? Be sure to have fried green tomatoes on the menu and a sign that says "Welcome to the Whistle Stop Café."

With a little bit of planning and a few easy make-ahead recipes in your arsenal, you'll be well on your way to hosting an unforgettable backyard movie night.

Continue reading to learn some easy tips and tricks to ensure your party

goes off without a hitch.

**Entrance:** The entrance to any party is key. It instantly sets the tone of the event. Be sure to place your favorite food items and decorations up front so guests will spot the unique embellishments as soon as they walk in.

**Featured recipe:** No bash is complete without a scrumptious recipe. Choose a main dish that complements the theme of the movie.

**Outdoor movie screen:** Of course, you'll need a movie screen to show the film of

choice. We suggest hanging a white sheet with a rope and drapery hooks. Then simply use a projector to stream the film for everyone to see.

**Air mattress:** But where will everyone sit? It's a valid question with an easy answer. Ask all of your party guests to bring air mattresses, blankets and pillows. It's an inexpensive and fun way to provide seating for everyone. And it creates an Instagram-worthy photo opportunity.

**Tiki torches:** Lining the perimeter of your outdoor movie night with Tiki

torches creates a relaxing ambience, and they will keep those pesky mosquitoes away.

**Beverages:** Be sure to have some chilled beverages ready to go.

**Showtime sign:** Adding an adorable showtime sign to your outdoor movie party immediately gets guests excited for the event. And it will remind them what time the movie is set to begin.

**String lights:** Hanging string lights around the event will provide extra illumination, and who

doesn't love twinkling lights to set the vibe?

**Themed dessert:** Try to choose something that's easy to make and super portable, like cookies or brownies.

**Themed sign:** For an extra touch, place chalkboards with notable movie quotes around your outdoor movie bash. Your party guests will appreciate the extra effort.

**Popcorn:** It's arguably the most essential part of movie night: popcorn. Take it up a notch with various popcorn seasonings for an extra flare.

# What to watch THURSDAY

July 11, 2024

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

## Vikings: Valhalla

Netflix ■ Season Premiere

The third and final season of this historical drama finds its heroes on different journeys seven years after the globe-trotting drama of the previous installment. Freydis (Frida Gustavsson) has become the spiritual leader of the pagan town of Jomsborg, but her enemies haven't forgotten about her violent past. Meanwhile, Leif (Sam Corlett) and Harald (Leo Suter) have settled as military advisers in Constantinople, putting to work the knowledge and warrior wisdom earned from their long journey down the Dnieper River. Will the far-flung friends ever return home?

## A Bit of Classic '80s

BBC America, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Big hair, big shoulders and big dreams: Today is all about the best of the 1980s. This movie marathon starts with the 1985 Val Kilmer comedy *Real Genius*, followed by *Stand by Me*, the 1986 Stephen King adventure drama starring River Phoenix and Corey Feldman, about a group of young boys looking for a missing body. Then, 1983's classic rebel teen drama *The Outsiders* and the 1987 vampire comedy *The Lost Boys* will end the '80s film marathon, after which they will all air for a second showing into the morning.

## The 2024 ESPYS

ABC, 7 p.m. Live

Tennis great Serena Williams is the master of ceremonies for the star-studded sports awards show taking place at Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

## Barnwood Builders

Magnolia Network, beginning at 7 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Mark Bowe and his team of skilled West Virginia craftsmen are back to salvage more antique barns and cabins. For the first five weeks of this new season, there will be two



PETER YANG

back-to-back hourlong episodes. First up tonight, in "Perfectly Imperfect," they head to Lower Salem, Ohio, to save a classic example of a pioneer log home, among other activities. Then, in "Community Building," the guys head to Canaan Valley, West Virginia, for the largest commercial project they've ever built.

## Don't Forget the Lyrics!

FOX, 7 p.m.

Two new episodes of the musical guessing game air back-to-back tonight with a social media star playing in "You Can't Judge a Book!" and an Army veteran going for the \$1 million prize in "She's a Fighter!"

## Shark Week

### 2024 Continues

Discovery Channel, beginning at 7 p.m.; also streams on Max

Three new specials air tonight: *Monster of Oz*, which follows an attempt to track down the

## CATCH A CLASSIC

### Star of the Month: Eva Marie Saint

TCM, beginning at 7 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong Thursday night celebration of legendary actress Eva Marie Saint continues this evening with the 1962 drama *All Fall Down* (pictured), co-starring Warren Beatty, Karl Malden and Angela Lansbury and directed by John Frankenheimer; the Western *Raintree County* (1957), also with Montgomery Clift and Best Actress Oscar nominee Elizabeth

unknown predator that has a taste for great whites and makes off the southwest coast of Australia; *Caught! When Sharks Attack*, in which experts analyze the most intense shark encounters captured on camera; and *Great White Danger Zone*, which follows Alison Towner and her team as they investigate a new great white hot spot off the coast of South Africa.

## Alone

History, 7 p.m.

Entering only their second week of competition, some survivalists get raided by unwelcome visitors, and one participant gets another chance at the shot of a lifetime in the new episode "Legacy."

## Christina on the Coast

HGTV, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Christina Hall takes on her most important clients yet — her parents, Paul and Laurie. After years of debating a move, they are finally ready to remodel Christina's childhood home. However, Paul and Laurie's nostalgia for the past might hinder Christina's plans for their future.

## Impractical Jokers

TBS, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The Jokers find a new home on their sister network TBS. Two back-to-back episodes make their premiere tonight and feature Brian "Q" Quinn, James "Murr" Murray and Sal Vulcano (still no Joe) taking their side-splitting antics to staggering new heights. From a pizza-shop mishap with Brooke Shields and an unforgettable dance party hosted by NSYNC's Joey Fatone to an NCAA March Madness takeover that goes wrong, plenty of laughs await.



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Taylor; *The Sandpiper* (1965), a drama led by Taylor and Richard Burton; and Saint's second film, the comedy *That Certain Feeling* (1956), which also features Bob Hope, George Sanders and Pearl Bailey and is making its TCM premiere.

## MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



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**Nightmare Neighborhood Moms** (2022, Suspense) Gina Simms, April Hale **LMN, 5 p.m.**

**Christmas Land** (2015, Romance) Nikki DeLoach, Luke Macfarlane **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

**Pacific Rim Uprising** (2018, Sci-fi) John Boyega, Scott Eastwood **SYFY, 6 p.m.**

**Deadly Wives Club** (2024, Suspense) Erin Boyes, Matt Hamilton **LMN, 7 p.m.**

**The Bourne Identity** (2002, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente **AMC, 7 p.m.**

**National Champions** (2021, Drama) Stephan James, J.K. Simmons **BET, 8 p.m.**

**Signed, Sealed, Delivered: To the Altar** (2018, Comedy-drama) Eric Mabius, Kristin Booth **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

**Geostorm** (2017, Action) Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess **SYFY, 8:30 p.m.**

**The Secret Sex Life of a Single Mom** (2014, Docudrama) Ashley Jones, Alex Carter **LMN, 9 p.m.**

**The Bourne Supremacy** (2004, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente **AMC, 9:30 p.m.**

**Let It Snow** (2013, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure, Jesse Hutch **Hallmark, 10 p.m.**

**The Upside** (2017, Comedy-drama) Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston **E!, 10:30 p.m.**

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# Etheridge's concert for women in prison captured in docuseries

By Brooke Lefferts  
Associated Press

Melissa Etheridge realized two career dreams with her new docuseries "Melissa Etheridge: I'm Not Broken": performing for incarcerated women and recording the concert for a live album.

The singer-songwriter grew up in Leavenworth, Kansas — an area home to a well-known federal penitentiary and other state and military prisons — and when she was starting out, she found a receptive audience in people incarcerated there. The two-time Grammy winner won permission for a live show at the Topeka Correctional Facility, a Kansas women's prison, with a film crew documenting the process.

In the series, now streaming on Paramount+, Etheridge meets and corresponds with several people in the prison, learning how they ended up there. Their stories inspired her to write a new song, "A Burning Woman." Many of the women had experienced drug addiction, and Etheridge said she connected with them after her 21-year-old son's 2020 opioid-related death. This interview with Etheridge has been edited for clarity and length.

**Q: How was the experience of meeting the inmates and hearing their stories?**

**A:** When I went and heard their stories, I was blown away that they were all mothers. That just really broke my heart. And then just how relatable. This could be my sister. This could be my friends. There but for the grace of God go I.

**Q: How was realizing your dream of recording a live album?**

**A:** When I grew up in the '60s and '70s, live albums



Melissa Etheridge, left, and her wife, Linda Wallem, work while filming "Melissa Etheridge: I'm Not Broken." **PARAMOUNT+**

were it. I mean, "Frampton Comes Alive!" That's what you do if you can get to a point as a rock 'n' roll artist. I always wanted to and by the time I got there in the '90s, they were like, "No, there's no live albums." So finally! And I love this. It's a really special concert. The set list was curated for them. It had the few hit songs in it, but it had really deep tracks that really dealt with that longing and guilt and pain.

**Q: You performed the new song at the live concert, and it echoes some of the pain you heard in the inmates' stories. How did it feel to see their support?**

**A:** It was even more than I thought it would be. That they jumped right on the call-and-response, and that they've got footage of the women saying "I'm not broken!" means everything. Because just saying "I'm not broken," just saying "I'm worth it," that was the whole intention for it. I hope people love it because it's a rockin' song. It's a Melissa Etheridge song. I really like that.

**Q: In the series, you play the new song for your wife, Linda Wallem, for feedback. Do you often solicit her opinion on new music?**

**A:** I love living with a creative woman. I love

being married to someone whom I really trust their taste, because she doesn't like a lot of things. She's in entertainment — she's been a director, a producer. She's really used to telling people, "Hey, you might be able to do it a little better" — very famous people. So I know she's not pulling any punches for me. And when she likes (the work) it means a lot to me because I don't really have a lot of people that I can trust and be so raw with. I'm blessed to have a partner like that.

**Q: There were several emotional moments in the concert, including when you sang about your son Beckett, who died from an opioid addiction — how was that experience?**

**A:** Before we walked on stage, I was with the band, and we all kind of huddled together and I just was like, "You know, this is a real dream come true." And I went (mimics crying) "Oh, no, I'm on the edge here. This is not OK!" So I gathered myself together, and I was all good until I started talking about that. To see 500 women who have been through more than I'll ever — they've been through their trials and are not with their children. To see them show such empathy and compassion for me, that blew me away.

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- 28 Locales
- 30 Hall & \_\_\_ (pop-rock duo)
- 31 Furniture with drawers
- 33 Sleeper's sound
- 34 Metric units, for short
- 35 Stairway parts
- 40 Likely to erupt
- 43 Cassette
- 45 Brahma, in Hinduism
- 48 Outdoor meal
- 50 Mistake
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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday (July 11):** Envision what you want to create this year. Consistent research reveals a prize. Take new professional directions this summer for exciting and fascinating autumn subjects. Repair and improve winter domestic spaces, before

landing creative victories next spring. Do the backstage work to realize your vision.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Today is a 9. Romance, creativity and passion come easier, with Venus in Leo for a month. You're especially lucky with love, fun and games. Artistic efforts flourish.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** 9. Feather your nest. Domestic bliss inspires this month, with Venus in Leo. Infuse love into your home. Beautify spaces. Prepare something delicious. Share with family.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** 8. Trust your heart to lead. You love learning, with Venus in Leo for a month. Develop interesting creative projects. Write, express and share your story.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** 9. Gather income. The next month, with Venus in Leo, can get lucrative. Profit from putting your heart into your work. Discover your financial comfort zone.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** 9. For the next month, with Venus in your sign, you're especially irresistible. Try a new style. Fall in love with a new passion.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** 8. Discover beauty in tranquility over the next month, with Venus in Leo. Dreams and fantasies abound. Make passionate, imaginative plans.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** 8. Get out in public. You're especially popular, with Venus in Leo this month. Participate with community causes. Get social. You can make friends easily.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** 8. Build work with a heart connection. Develop professional passion projects over the next month, with Venus in Leo. Watch for exciting opportunities to grow.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** 9. Venture forth into new terrain. This next month, with Venus in Leo, favors travel and exploration. Study, research and investigate a subject that you love.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** 9. It's all for love. Collaboration gets especially lucrative, with Venus in Leo. Get into a profitable groove with your partner this month.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** 8. Strengthen and renew bonds with your sweetheart. Partnerships flow with greater ease for the next month, with Venus in Leo. Share what you love.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** 9. Get your heart pumping. Physical action gets lovely results, with Venus in Leo. Balance a busy schedule with fresh air, nature and exercise.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 9 5	♥ K 8 5	♠ 8 6 3	♥ J 9 4 3 2
♦ A Q J 5 2	♣ K 5 3	♦ K 7 4	♠ 9 8
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ Q J 10 7 4 2	♥ Q 10	♠ A K	♥ A 7 6
♦ 8 3	♣ A J 4	♦ 10 9 6	♠ Q 10 7 6 2

The club's Saturday night duplicate was just getting under way. Hard Luck Louie was there, with his usual high hopes, and he found himself as declarer in today's deal after a routine auction.

At the sight of dummy, Louie saw that he had four top tricks in the major suits and a successful diamond finesse would give him five more for a total of nine. Louie won the opening spade lead and immediately ran the 10 of diamonds. Bad luck for Louie as East won with the king and returned a spade. West sat back with his established spade suit and the ace of clubs for an entry, and there was no

**The bidding:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1♣	2♠*	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

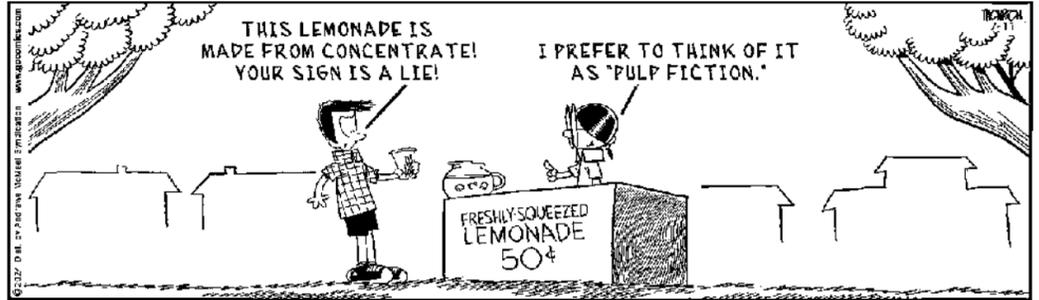
\*Pre-emptive  
**Opening lead: Queen of ♠**

way for Louie to come to more than eight tricks. "First deal of the night," said Louie, "and my bad luck is already starting".

Lucky Larry played the same contract a few rounds later, with the same opening lead. He won in hand and reasoned that West, for his vulnerable pre-empt, needed either the king of diamonds or the ace of clubs to justify his bid. He would not have both, however, or he would have made a simple overcall of one spade. Catering to West holding either card, Larry led a low club at trick two. West had to duck or Larry would have four club tricks. Dummy's king of clubs won the trick, and Larry now needed only four diamond tricks for his contract. He crossed back to his hand with a heart to the ace and ran the 10 of diamonds. That lost to East, but Larry had his nine tricks. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones  
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### Grand Avenue



### Baby Blues



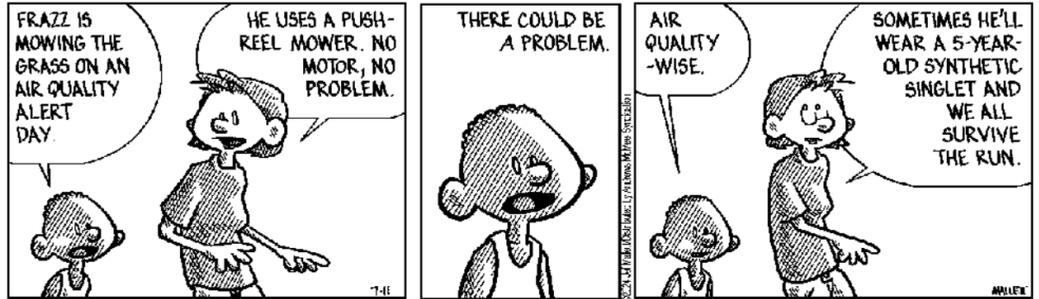
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### Mr. Boffo



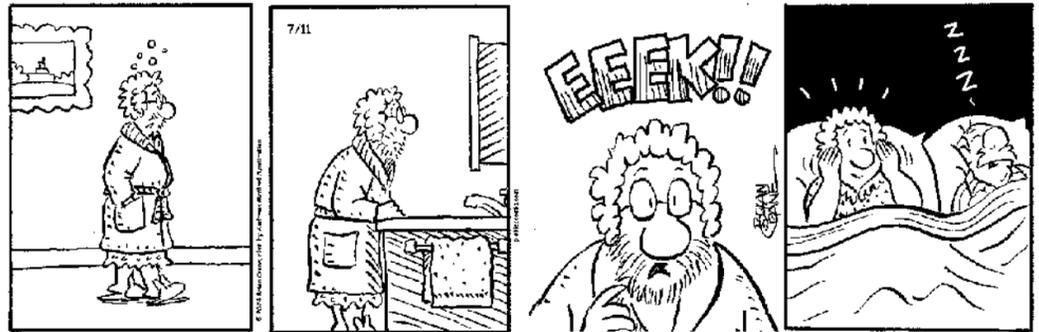
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### Classic Peanuts



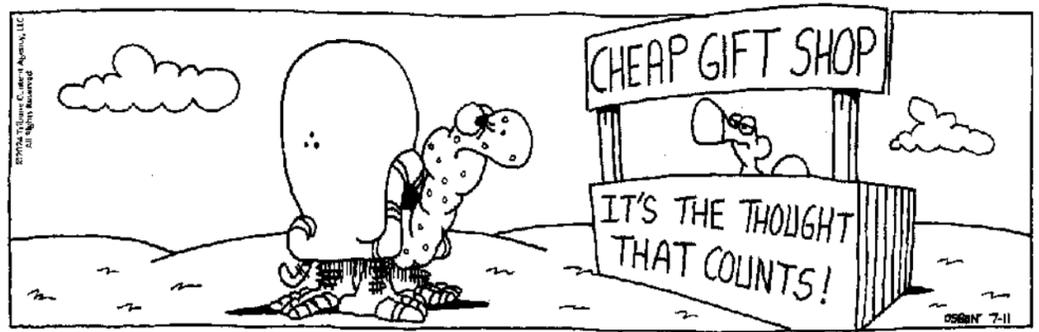
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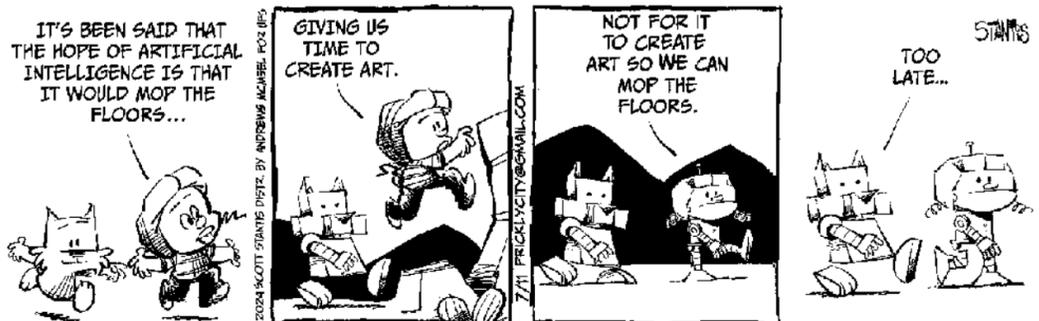
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





# BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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## SUDOKU

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

Level **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit from 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](https://sudoku.org.uk).

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

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## BOGGLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

V	O	A	D
A	L	N	R
Z	D	V	O
A	M	F	H

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

**BOGGLE POINT SCALE**  
 3 letters = 1 point  
 4 letters = 2 points  
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 6 letters = 4 points  
 7 letters = 5 points  
 8 letters = 10 points  
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 101-150 = Expert  
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 0-10 = Try again

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FORD HONDA VOLVO MAZDA

## WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counter-clockwise.

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## WORD SEARCH

### Wordsearch: Treasure Island

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

A	B	Z	J	I	M	H	A	W	K	I	N	S	M	R	I	H	Q
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I	R	O	G	E	N	Z	A	W	I	R	X	Y	A	O	W	K	A
H	Q	O	T	O	R	R	A	P	E	X	B	O	S	J	N	P	G
M	L	O	B	J	I	T	L	N	A	O	J	U	S	N	N	J	N
D	N	Z	E	P	M	B	O	Q	N	B	V	D	C	I	U	A	I
Z	L	O	G	B	O	O	K	E	P	I	S	T	O	L	G	S	R
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J	Q	Q	S	O	F	Z	J	G	O	D	K	C	A	L	B	R	A
V	X	O	S	A	E	N	I	U	G	R	T	W	S	W	C	E	E
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| ASHORE      | COMPASS     | MUTINY    |
| BEACH       | CREW        | PARROT    |
| BEN GUNN    | CUTLASS     | PIRATES   |
| BILLY BONES | GUINEAS     | PISTOL    |
| BLACK DOG   | HISPANIOLA  | SAIL      |
| BUCCANEER   | JIM HAWKINS | SCHOONER  |
| BURIED GOLD | JOLLY ROGER | SEAFARING |
| CABIN BOY   | LOGBOOK     | SKELTON   |
| CANNONS     | MAROONED    | SPY GLASS |
| COAST       | MUSKET      | WALRUS    |

## TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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46						47		

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### ACROSS

- Weatherman Al
- West, for one
- Actress Verdugo
- Q-tips, e.g.
- Mork's love
- "The Fresh \_\_\_ of Bel-Air"
- Home for the Loudons on "Newhart"
- "\_\_\_ the Clock"
- "\_\_\_ Dabba Doo!"
- Kob of "Today"
- Montana & Mantegna
- Bleachers level
- Gable's Lombard
- Olsen or Judd
- Boring
- "One \_\_\_ Hill"
- "\_\_\_ of the Times"; Petula Clark hit
- Mulgrew & Winslet
- Button alternative
- Refrain syllable
- "Down \_\_\_ in Beverly Hills"; 1986 film

### DOWN

- Do, \_\_\_, fa...
- Actor Ken
- Actor on "S.W.A.T."
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's \_\_\_"
- Charles or Romano
- "Last \_\_\_ Standing"
- "General Hospital" network
- 90 degrees from NNE
- Mrs. in Madrid
- "Dancing \_\_\_"
- Tiny vegetable
- Air gun ammo
- E-mail provider for millions
- Mayberry resident
- Jed Clampett's discovery
- Billy \_\_\_ Williams
- Suffix for moment or second
- "\_\_\_ This Morning"
- Actress MacGraw
- Dustcloth
- Linkletter or Carney
- "We're off to \_\_\_ the Wizard..."
- "This Is Spinal \_\_\_"; Rob Reiner film
- Actress Dennings
- Kook
- Hilarious person
- Jillian & Curry
- Phone inventor's monogram
- Gun rights org.
- "American \_\_\_!"
- Sunbather's reward
- "Norma \_\_\_"; Sally Field movie

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## KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

## Spot 10 differences

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## JUMBLE

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

H	A	F	I	T					
○	○	○	○	○					
H	E	S	O	W					
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S	I	R	A	L	O				
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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

See how easy that was? Now that the moths have emerged, we can use their cocoons to make the fabric.

THE CATERPILLAR WENT THROUGH METAMORPHOSIS, AND EVERYTHING HAD GONE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Jumbles: FAITH WHOSE SKIPPY SALOR  
 Answer: The caterpillar went through metamorphosis, and everything had gone

Chicago Tribune

# CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors



White Sox outfielder Luis Robert Jr. celebrates after hitting a two-run home run Tuesday in the sixth against the Twins. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO

## CUBS MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

### Horton making strides in return

Howard gets on track; Davis again sidelined

By Meghan Montemurro  
Chicago Tribune

BALTIMORE — Top prospect Cade Horton appeared to be on track this season to potentially help the Cubs in September.

It would have followed a similar path fellow former top pick Jordan Wicks took last year, earning valuable experience that helped position the left-hander to be part of the big-league staff this season. Horton, though, continues to recover from the moderate subscapularis strain he suffered in early June.

He is throwing on flat ground, assistant general manager Jared Banner said Wednesday, and is early in the build-up process. Horton, 22, dominated at Double-A Tennessee to earn a promotion to Triple-A Iowa, where the right-hander made five starts and posted a 4.46 ERA before the injury.

Another injury has sidelined outfielder Brennen Davis as he recovers from a back fracture. It's another frustrating setback for the 24-year-old who has been hampered by numerous injuries during his career, including multiple back ailments. There is no time frame for Davis' return with Banner calling it a day-by-day situation.

"Brennen's a great kid, he works exceptionally hard," Banner said. "To see him have to go through this adversity time and time again is tough for all of us as an organization. But we know he can handle it, and we know he's going to come out better on the other side."

**Matt Shaw, James Triantos earn Futures Game honor:** Two of the Cubs' top prospects will be showcased in the Futures Game on Saturday at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, as part of the annual All-Star festivities.

Infielders Matt Shaw and James Triantos will represent the Cubs while catcher Moises Ballesteros is slated to compete in the Futures Skills Showcase. Triantos is replacing outfielder Owen Caissie, who is dealing with a sore

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Pitcher Cade Horton is introduced during the opening ceremony of the Cubs Convention on Jan. 12. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## UP NEXT

**Cubs at Orioles** 5:35 p.m.  
Thursday, Marquee

# Test of the trade

Cubs and White Sox execs under the spotlight as MLB trade deadline nears

Cubs President Jed Hoyer knows the drill.

White Sox general manager Chris Getz is getting his first taste.

The upcoming July 30 trade deadline can be exhilarating, explosive and exhausting, especially for executives with as much at stake as our two Chicago honchos.

Hoyer must decide whether

Paul Sullivan  
In the Wake of  
the News

the Cubs' disappointing first half is an anomaly or a trend, then act accordingly. Three years ago Hoyer executed the biggest trade-deadline sell-off in Cubs history, so he's not afraid of criticism, no matter which direction he goes.

Getz has two of the biggest names on the market in All-Star

pitcher Garrett Crochet and center fielder Luis Robert Jr. The first-year GM needs to determine whether one or both are expendable in the Sox rebuild. With the worst team in baseball, no one is considered untouchable.

They're not alone. Twenty-eight other executives atop their respective food chains are in similar positions.

Major League Baseball's trade-deadline industrial complex has grown steadily over the last two decades, from a few weeks of rumors on the internet

to a virtual cottage industry.

The arrival of the website mlbtraderumors.com in 2005 was the first salvo in the Rumor Revolution, followed in 2009 by the launch of MLB Network, which MLB owns and devotes hour upon hour of trade speculation leading up to the deadline.

Twitter, the social media platform since renamed X, amplified almost every rumor and created a real-time sounding board for fans, letting executives get a feel for how fans would react to a

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## SKY

### WNBA legend's words ringing true

Bird said Carter would outplay her draft class. Sky guard believes it

By Julia Poe  
Chicago Tribune

Four years ago, WNBA legend Sue Bird made a bet.

Hours into an Instagram live session with Diana Taurasi, the (hypothetical) stakes were high: Put a million-dollar wager on the best player from the 2020 draft class.

Bird had an immediate answer. "Chennedy Carter," she said. "If Chennedy Carter gets her (stuff) straight — I mean, come on, bro." The four-time WNBA cham-

**UP NEXT**  
Sky at New York Liberty  
6 p.m. Thursday  
The U, Prime

## MORE COVERAGE

Chennedy Carter scores 19, Angel Reese keeps her double-double streak alive in closing seconds of the Sky's 78-69 win. **Page 2**

pion still was reeling from her last meeting with Carter, when the 5-foot-9 guard diced up Team USA as a Texas A&amp;M junior during a November 2019 exhibition. Carter dropped 34 points on the best players in the country, including Bird and Taurasi, to break a 23-year-old

scoring record for a college player against the national team.

"We anticipated that Chennedy would be really geeked up and rise up in big moments," Team USA coach Cheryl Reeve said after the game. "That's sort of what she does. She relishes these opportunities."

After taking Carter as her defensive assignment, Bird was more straightforward in her assessment: "You couldn't guard her. I was like: 'What the (bleep)? Why the (bleep) am I guarding her?'"

Bird's praise made some waves at the time, but it dwindled as Carter's development was stunted by two haphazard years

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The Sky's Chennedy Carter drives to the basket past the Dream's Allisha Gray during Wednesday's game. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Team	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<b>CUBS</b>	@BAL 5:35 p.m.   Marquee	@STL 7:15 p.m.   Apple TV	@STL (DH) 1:15, 7:15 p.m.   Marquee	@STL 1:15 p.m.   Marquee	
<b>WHITE SOX</b>		PIT 7:10 p.m.   NBCSCH	PIT 1:10 p.m.   NBCSCH	PIT 1:10 p.m.   NBCSCH	
<b>SKY</b>	@NY 6 p.m.   The U, Prime		NY Noon   ABC-7		
<b>FIRE</b>			NYC 7:30 p.m.   Apple TV		
<b>RED STARS</b>					Next game July 20 vs. NJ/NY

**SKY 78, ATLANTA DREAM 69**



Angel Reese shoots past the outstretched arm of Tina Charles during the second half of Wednesday's game at Wintrust Arena. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

# Double trouble

Reese keeps streak alive in closing seconds to extend league record

Associated Press

Chennedy Carter scored 19 points and Angel Reese secured her 14th straight double-double in the closing seconds to extend a WNBA record as the Chicago Sky beat the Atlanta Dream 78-69 on Wednesday at Wintrust Arena.

Carter forced a jump ball with 1:03 left and the Sky leading 70-69. Atlanta coach Tanisha Wright was called for a technical foul after the

play, but Dana Evans missed her first free throw of the season in 33 attempts.

The Sky took possession and Carter sank a jumper from the free-throw line for a 72-69 lead. After an Atlanta miss, Carter found Reese wide open under the basket for a five-point lead with 25.8 seconds left.

Evans stole an inbounds pass, was fouled and made two free throws with 20.6 seconds left. Marina Mabrey blocked an Atlanta shot and quickly passed to Reese, who was fouled with 6.4 seconds left. Reese got a friendly roll on the first attempt to complete the double-double.

Reese, who passed Candace Parker on Sunday for the longest double-double streak in league history, finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Sky (9-12). Kamilla Cardoso also had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

It's the third time this season Reese and Cardoso recorded a double-double in the same game — the most by a rookie duo in WNBA history.

Allisha Gray scored 20 points for Atlanta (7-14), and Haley Jones and Naz Hillmon each scored 12. The Dream were without Rhyné Howard, Jordin Canada and Aerial Powers.

## Sky

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with the Atlanta Dream — who drafted her with the No. 4 pick in 2020 — and an unexpected waiver by the Los Angeles Sparks in March 2023.

A clip of Bird's prediction resurfaced on social media over the past week as Carter continues her rapid ascent to lead the Chicago Sky in scoring.

"It's viral," Carter said with a grin before scoring 19 points in the Sky's 78-69 victory against the Dream on Wednesday at Wintrust Arena.

The compliment is nothing new to Carter, who first heard Bird's assessment of her in 2020 shortly after the livestream.

"And I believed it," Carter added. The weight behind that praise hasn't worn off in the years since.

Carter still relishes the memory of that matchup against Team USA, grabbing rebounds and sinking 3s over Olympic medalists.

"I just remember being in college and being free," Carter said. "I know that a lot of people seeing that game was like, 'OK, she was going off' — which I was. But I was really just having fun."

That freedom is something Carter had been chasing throughout her WNBA career — until she landed in Chicago with coach Teresa Weatherspoon.

The connection was instant.

Weatherspoon challenged and encouraged Carter in equal turn, elevating her into the starting lineup 13 games into the season and never looking back. Carter has risen to 14th in the WNBA in scoring with 16.6 points per game, slicing apart defenses with her crafty pull-up game and acrobatic finishes at the rim.

"It's really just Spoon trusting in me and putting me in the right position and not putting a harness on me," Carter said. "Just letting me play and letting me be free. And it's opening the court up for everybody, including myself."

A year ago, it seemed like Bird's prediction never would come true. After the Dream suspended Carter indefinitely midway through the 2021 season and then traded her to the Sparks that offseason, she started only two games in one frustrating season in Los Angeles before getting waived.

Spending the 2023 season out of the league turned into an opportunity, not a catastrophe.

Carter built workouts focused on turning on-ball creativity into second nature — cycling through handling drills on a grass field with a tennis ball, shutting off the lights in her garage and practicing weaving the ball between cones without the benefit of sight.

Carter knows she can't settle for just being quick. Now that teams are attuned to her first step, she wants to add a layer of deceptiveness to her movement, slowing

down and speeding up in rapid succession to shake off defenders and open up her teammates.

Weatherspoon noted the key to Carter's ability to pick apart defenses is a first step that's both quick and controlled, allowing her to dodge in a different direction whenever a defender overcommits while attempting to keep up.

And it's this fluidity that gives Weatherspoon confidence in Carter's offensive creation. If Carter gets her feet into the paint, the Sky are in position to score.

"We don't place a ceiling on her," Weatherspoon said. "She'll just blow right on out of it and keep going."

It's a desire every day to want to be better. Even if you play a heck of a game and everybody's cheering about the game and talking about how great you're playing, you still want more. That's how Chennedy Carter thinks.

Despite a few years' delay, Bird's prediction has begun to come true. Carter figured herself out. And measured against the rest of the 2020 draft class, she trails only No. 1 pick Sabrina Ionescu in offensive production.

Four years later, Carter is eager to keep proving Bird right.

"She's still one of my favorite players to this day," Carter said. "I'm thankful that she's able to give me the credit like that on the highest level and people are seeing it."

"Her words are true. In due time. Just keep watching."

# Ex-marathon winner banned for doping

Associated Press

MONACO — Kenyan runner Lawrence Cherono, a former winner of the Boston and Chicago marathons, has been banned for seven years for doping and trying to use fake documents to explain his failed drug test.

Cherono tested positive for the banned substance trimetazidine in 2022 and was suspended just before he was due to compete at the world championships in Eugene, Oregon. He won the Boston and Chicago marathons in 2019, and his personal-best time of 2 hours, 3 minutes, 4 seconds from 2020

remains the 12th-fastest in history. The ban is backdated to the start of his provisional suspension in 2022, but at age 35, it still could end his top-level career. In a case that took nearly two years to reach a final verdict, the Athletics Integrity Unit said Wednesday that Cherono had been banned for the original positive test and for "tampering" with the anti-doping process in his attempts to explain it away.

The AIU said Cherono claimed he had been injected with an "unknown substance" by a doctor for a stomach complaint and tried to implicate supposedly "jealous" training partners.

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proposed trade or acquisition. And with the addition of a third wild-card team in each league in 2022, the number of would-be contenders has only increased, making the debate about whether a club should be sellers or buyers a trending topic in all but a handful of locales.

Media coverage has always fueled the speculation, but The Athletic, a website that debuted in 2016 and features beat reporters covering most of the 30 teams (excluding the White Sox), has taken it to another level. The Athletic has a recurring MLB "trade deadline watch," and a national writer — former GM Jim Bowden — who specializes in the rumor mill.

This season, Bowden began the fun well before Memorial Day, projecting six "definite" sellers some 70 days before the deadline: the White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Los Angeles Angels, Miami Marlins, Oakland A's and St. Louis Cardinals.

Oops. The Cardinals went 28-16 from the time Bowden's article was posted on May 20 through Tuesday and held the second National League wild-card spot. Barring a prolonged losing streak, it's unlikely Cardinals President John Mozeliak would be a seller and upset his fan base.

But hey, no harm, no foul. All part of the game.

Managers and players contend they pay little attention to trade-deadline talk, citing two main reasons: "You can only control what you control" and "It is what it is."

Cubs manager Craig Counsell confirmed last week that he talks with Hoyer daily but only about the present. This would suggest an inability to multi-task and think about the present and the future at the same time, one of Counsell's strengths as manager. But he sees no upside in talking about their deadline options, so it is what it is.

Some executives leak information on who is available to favored outlets, if only to create the illusion of a growing market for their trade bait. It's also part of the game. Picture Brad Pitt as A's GM Billy Beane in "Moneyball," playing GMs off each other on separate phone lines to get a deal for Ricardo Rincón.

We don't know what executives say to each other in text messages. But assuredly it's nothing like what late A's owner Charlie Finley said in a phone call to Detroit Tigers GM Jim Campbell before the 1976 trade deadline:

"Charlie called me on Monday night, June 14th. He said, 'I've got meat for sale. I'm selling my ballplayers who are playing out their options.'"

Campbell was testifying in a lawsuit Finley had filed against Commissioner Bowie Kuhn for voiding trade-deadline sales of A's stars Joe Rudi and Rollie Fingers to the Red Sox for \$1 million each and Vida Blue to the New York Yankees for \$1.5 million.

Trying to get something in return for players who will ultimately leave via free agency has become an accepted part of the baseball landscape. Calling them "meat" is still not preferred, though players should know that's how some

GMs look at them.

A personal favorite trade deadline occurred 20 years ago, when the 2004 Cubs were looking for a shortstop to replace Alex Gonzalez.

"It happens every year, like clockwork," former Cubs manager Dusty Baker told the media of trade rumors. "There's nothing you can do about it. You can't worry about what might happen. If it doesn't happen, you waste a lot of time (worrying); if it does happen, then there's nothing you can do about it."

Baker was trying to downplay a rumored deal of starter Matt Clement to the Boston Red Sox for shortstop Nomar Garciaparra. Cubs executive Gary Hughes had to pull Clement aside to inform him the rumor was just that. Still, more than a dozen reporters crowded around Clement's locker to get his reaction.

"As far as I know, there's nothing to (the rumor)," Clement said. "Until I do, I'm not going to worry about it."

Two days later, general manager Jim Hendry took part in a four-team blockbuster, sending Class A left-hander Justin Jones to the Minnesota Twins for first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, then dealing Mientkiewicz, Gonzalez and Triple-A players Francis Beltrán and Brendan Harris to the Red Sox for Garciaparra and Class A outfielder Matt Murton, a first-round draft pick in 2003.

Red Sox GM Theo Epstein dealt Gonzalez, Beltrán and Harris to the Montreal Expos for shortstop Orlando Cabrera, completing the complicated trade.

The North Side rejoiced. The Cubs had added a superstar without giving up any of their stars.

"When I got out of the car this morning at about 7, I was prepared for it to be a real big day for the Cubs," Hendry said afterward. "Or else I'd be in here hanging my head a little bit."

Boston was in shock, and Garciaparra, a Red Sox icon, was bittersweet about the deal.

"I'm going to a phenomenal city with great tradition as well, phenomenal fans, great organization," Garciaparra said. "Hopefully we'll see (Boston) in the World Series."

Spoiler alert: Despite the addition of Garciaparra to a star-laden team, the 2004 Cubs complained and collapsed down the stretch in spectacular fashion, wasting all the good will they had built up with fans during the 2003 season. Epstein's '04 Red Sox ended an 86-year championship drought, making him a made man in Boston ... at least until he left in 2011 to try to end another famous curse in Chicago.

Epstein and Hoyer, then the Cubs GM, managed to do that in five memorable seasons. But a failure to replicate 2016 led to Epstein's decision to step down after 2020 and Hoyer's ascension to the throne.

Now the former sidekick is under the spotlight with a Cubs team that's under .500 and on the fringe of a bunched-up NL wild-card race. Across town, Getz is busy trying to fast-forward the Sox rebuild with the possibility of a major fire sale.

However it turns out, one thing is certain: It is what it is.

## BASEBALL

WHITE SOX 3-2, TWINS 1-3



Sox starter Erick Fedde gets high-fives from teammates after pitching five scoreless innings against the Twins in Game 1 on Wednesday. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

# Fedde finds form

Shines with Kopech as Sox claim Game 1; Twins rally to gain split

By LaMond Pope  
Chicago Tribune

Erick Fedde's control was off just a tick to begin Game 1 of Wednesday's doubleheader against the Twins.

The White Sox starter went to a full count to each of the first three batters. He issued a walk, surrendered a single and then another walk to load the bases with no outs.

It was so dire that reliever Chad Kuhl started warming up in the bullpen.

Fedde shook off the rust at just the right time. First, he got Jose Miranda to fly out to shallow center field. The ball wasn't hit deep enough to score the runner from third.

Fedde then struck out Carlos Santana. And he escaped the jam without allowing a run when Brooks Lee grounded into a force-out.

"I thought to myself, 'I can't let my first half go to waste on an inning like this,'" Fedde said. "I need to bear down and get through it. Luckily made some pitches and got through with a zero."

Fedde settled in from there, pitching five scoreless innings in a 3-1 victory in Game 1 of the doubleheader at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The Sox could not complete the doubleheader sweep, losing 3-2 in Game 2.

The Sox built a 2-0 lead before Lee and Carlos Correa hit back-to-back home runs for the Twins against starter Drew Thorpe in the sixth. Ryan Jeffers broke the tie with an RBI single against Sox reliever Michael Soroka in the seventh.

The Sox dropped two of three in the series. Wednesday's Game 1 victory served as their first win against the Twins this season. They had lost the first eight meetings.

Fedde led the way in the win, allowing four hits, struck out five and walked two in the 90-pitch outing while lowering his ERA to 2.99. Fedde ranked ninth in the

American League and 13th in the majors in the category at the time of his exit.

Manager Pedro Grifol made a case of Fedde joining Garrett Crochet for the All-Star Game if a pitching slot becomes available.

"How he's not a part of that All-Star Game, I don't really understand it," Grifol said. "He's top five in the league in WAR, has a 2.99 ERA. He's 7-3, some people don't think that's a big deal, but that's a big deal. These guys get paid to win baseball games. He's given us a chance to win every time out."

"To take a record into the break of 7-3 when our team is not winning many games is a tribute to him. Eleven out of 19 starts has gone six innings or more. This kid is extremely deserving of representing the White Sox in the All-Star Game."

Fedde appreciated the sentiment but said, "That's one where there are plenty of deserving players."

"Of course I would be honored to do something like that," Fedde said, "but you know, I'm a big believer if you don't like it, play a little better, right? We'll see what happens."

It's been an impressive first half for Fedde, who signed a two-year, \$15 million deal with the Sox in the offseason after earning MVP honors in the Korea Baseball Organization in 2023.

He entered Wednesday tied for fourth among all pitchers in bWAR (3.9). Before the game, Grifol praised Fedde's consistency.

"The reports that we got from Korea last year were spot on on who Erick Fedde is: consistent, weapons, competitor, keeps you in ballgames, gives you a chance to win, great makeup, durable," Grifol said. "You name it, that's what he's brought to the table for us. He's a really good major-league pitcher."

"I didn't see Erick when he was with Washington (2017-22). Obviously I saw some video this offseason of him in Korea. You don't just win MVPs for the hell of it, I don't care what league you're in. You're doing something really good and you've figured something out. And he did. He's been as consistent as

anybody in baseball."

Fedde said he's "very happy" with the first-half performance.

"Still a lot of starts left, a lot of time to make it better or make it worse," he said. "Trying not to think too much about it. I couldn't be happier with myself in the first half. I've thrown well, grown, for the most part."

Fedde exited Wednesday with a 1-0 lead thanks to a sacrifice fly in the fifth by Paul DeJong. Luis Robert Jr. hit a two-run homer against Twins starter Bailey Ober in the sixth, making it 3-0.

The Sox had a 3-1 lead in the ninth when Michael Kopech threw nine pitches, all strikes, for his ninth save.

"You could definitely say I needed that," Kopech said. "It's been a tough stretch, just felt a little bit inconsistent. Had a game plan that I've been tentative to lean on, and we finally leaned into it (more offspeed pitches) the last couple days."

"(Catcher) Korey (Lee has) done a great job of sticking with me through that, and to see it pay off was extremely rewarding. I didn't expect it to be in that manner, but it was pretty fun."

Kopech said he previously accomplished an immaculate inning during "a lower-level minor-league game." According to statistician Christopher Kamka, the last White Sox immaculate inning on record was from Hollis "Sloppy" Thurston on Aug. 22, 1923.

"This one felt a little better," he said.

The Sox carried over the momentum early in Game 2. Andrew Benintendi had an RBI double in the second and Martín Maldonado homered in the third for a 2-0 lead.

Thorpe surrendered the back-to-back home runs with one out in the sixth. He allowed the two runs on three hits with one strikeout and one walk in six innings.

Byron Buxton began the seventh with a double against Soroka and scored on the one-out single by Jeffers. Soroka fell to 0-10.

The Sox were limited to four hits in the nightcap and had a combined eight hits on the day.

CUBS 9, ORIOLES 2 LATE TUESDAY

# Happ continues on scorching stretch

Cubs begin an important week by throttling Orioles

By Meghan Montemurro  
Chicago Tribune

BALTIMORE — As he slogged through April's struggles, Ian Happ believed it would be only a matter of time before his offensive performance turned.

Over the past month, Happ's sizzling stretch has fueled the Cubs offense, and Tuesday night he joined rare company. Happ's three-run home run in the fourth inning off Baltimore Orioles starter Dean Kremer landed on Eutaw Street, where brass baseball plaques are embedded on the walkway to mark home runs that cleared the right-field fence.

The blast broke the game open and gave right-hander Jameson Taillon all the run support he needed en route to the Cubs' 9-2 win.

Happ's home run was the fifth hit onto Eutaw Street this season and second by a visiting player. He is the second Cub to accomplish the feat, joining Jason Heyward (July 14, 2017).

"It's a pretty cool tradition in baseball," Happ said. "To be a part of that small group is really special."

Since June 2, Happ owns a .290 average, a .415 on-base percentage and a 1.014 OPS with eight home runs and 31 RBIs. That consistency — along with Michael Busch's continued steadiness, featuring a first-pitch home run in the first inning — is giving the lineup multiple hitters who are locked in.

"It makes it easier on the whole offense," Happ said. "Having runners on, guys driving in runs and had plenty of chances to do it. Today was a perfect example that we had a bunch of guys getting on base all over the place, guys beating out double play balls to extend innings, just little things like that keep giving us a chance to score runs."

Miles Mastrobuoni's defense at third base again had a big role in the win. Shifted in the hole between third and shortstop with lefty Anthony Santander at the plate with runners on the corners and nobody out in the third inning, Mastrobuoni made a diving stop to his left and threw from his knees to second base to begin a double play.

While the Orioles scored a run on the sequence, it helped Taillon get out of the inning without further damage after he retired the next hitter. Manager Craig Counsell called it a "huge" play and "a real game changer." Taillon credited Mastrobuoni for stopping the bleeding and preventing the Orioles from tallying three consecutive hits on ground balls, "which can be a little backbreaking."

Mastrobuoni's reliability at third came up big in Friday's win

versus the Los Angeles Angels and helped Justin Steele record his first complete game. In describing his defensive performance lately, Mastrobuoni said he's just trying to do his job.

"I'm giving them everything I've got so long as you do that every single day, I trust my ability to just go out there, be athletic and let everything take care of itself," Mastrobuoni told the Tribune.

The victory represented one of the Cubs' best all-around games since the beginning of May when the offense began its monthslong funk. Although they went 4-for-17 with runners in scoring position and left 12 on base, their 14 hits tied a season high, and the Cubs found ways to tack on runs after taking a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the second. They put up two more in the third behind Seiya Suzuki's RBI single and Dansby Swanson's forceout with the bases loaded that brought home a run.

Six Cubs drove in a run and five reached base at least twice, led by Busch (4-for-6), Happ (2-for-4, walk) and Mastrobuoni (2-for-3, two walks).

"We've got a lot of baseball left and we've just got to keep moving in that direction," Mastrobuoni said. "I've said this plenty of times, I'll take this team against anybody in this league. We've just got to keep doing those things, having team at-bats. Guys are starting to swing it, get hot. ... You mix that with good defense and we're a tough team to stop."

The pitching staff did its job to keep a dangerous Orioles lineup in check for the rest of the game. Taillon and three relievers — Tyson Miller, Mark Leiter Jr. and Hunter Bigge in his MLB debut — didn't allow a run after the third inning with only one batter reaching base in the last five innings.

The Cubs (43-49) have won four of their last five games as they begin an important week heading into the All-Star break. They must start making their move up the National League wild-card standings to compel the front office to add to the roster rather than move players before the July 30 trade deadline. With two more games against the Orioles and four over the weekend in St. Louis, the Cubs have an opportunity to get closer to .500.

"Each game's going to matter, we haven't done ourselves many favors," Taillon said. "That being said, none of that matters. All that matters now is tomorrow. Today is already over with. We need to show up tomorrow ready to go against a really good team. We need to win games, but at the same time, it's just one day at a time."

"I know that can be hard to do for everybody, but you've got to focus on each day and hopefully by the end of the year, we can look up and be happy with where we're at."



Ian Happ watches his three-run home run during the fourth inning Tuesday night vs. the Orioles in Baltimore. NICK WASS/AP

## Cubs

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back. Triantos has built off a stellar offensive performance in the Arizona Fall League.

"It's his consistency," Banner said. "He's always made a lot of contact, not a strikeout guy. He's increased his power output a bit this year, just making better decisions and in the box, avoiding slumps."

**Ed Howard getting on track:** Ed Howard's road in professional baseball hasn't been smooth.

Selected by the Cubs in the first

round of the shortened 2020 draft, the Mount Carmel product got off to a slow start when he suffered from a devastating hip injury that cost him most of the 2022 season and part of last year. In his third season at High-A South Bend, Howard is getting on track fully recovered from the injury and showing some of the upside the Cubs believed in when they took him with the No. 16 pick.

"He just needs reps, and that's something he and I talked about a lot this spring," Banner said. "And as he's gotten those reps, he's continued to get better and I expect that to continue."

In 57 games with South Bend

this year, Howard, 22, is hitting .255 with a .304 on-base percentage and .644 OPS. A slow start to July has hurt his overall numbers, but Howard's production over 72 at-bats in June (.319/.364/.375 slash line) is a reminder of his potential.

"He has continued to work hard through both his injuries and some struggles through the early part of his career, and I think what he's been able to do in the first half of this season is a major story," Banner said. "He's again responding to adversity. He's built his body back up to where he's moving the same way again. He's hitting the ball as hard as he used to and

continuing to make adjustments, and it's showing in this performance. I'm proud of the work that he has done."

**Nazier Mulé getting first taste of full-season affiliate:** Tommy John surgery delayed the beginning of right-hander Nazier Mulé's professional career after the Cubs took him in the fourth round in 2022.

Since joining Low-A Myrtle Beach at the end of May, Mulé has made six starts, averaging three innings per outing. The 19-year-old has shown electric stuff and is working on his command with 18 walks in 18 innings. That can

be part of the process coming back from surgery as a pitcher works to regain his form. One of the adjustments going from the Arizona Complex League to Low A is learning about execution and how to make in-game adjustments if things aren't going well, Banner said.

"It's just great to see him healthy again and competing under the lights and in a full-season affiliate," Banner said.

"I know when guys are down in Arizona for such a long period of time it can be challenging, so I'm glad to have him around the guys playing for hopefully a play-off spot."

# BASEBALL

## American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	57	35	.620	—	—	5-5	L-2	29-19	28-16
New York	56	38	.596	2	+4½	3-7	W-1	25-19	31-19
Boston	50	41	.549	6½	—	7-3	L-1	21-24	29-17
Tampa Bay	45	47	.489	12	5½	4-6	L-1	24-26	21-21
Toronto	41	50	.451	15½	9	4-6	L-1	21-24	20-26

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	57	34	.626	—	—	5-5	L-1	30-11	27-23
Minnesota	53	40	.570	5	+2	7-3	W-1	27-18	26-22
Kansas City	50	43	.538	8	1	5-5	W-2	31-18	19-25
Detroit	44	49	.473	14	7	7-3	W-1	21-23	23-26
Chicago	27	68	.284	32	25	3-3	L-1	17-31	10-37

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	51	43	.543	—	—	4-6	W-2	30-18	21-25
Houston	47	44	.516	2½	3	7-3	W-1	25-19	22-25
Texas	44	48	.478	6	6½	7-3	W-5	24-21	20-27
Los Angeles	37	54	.407	12½	13	2-8	L-3	18-28	19-26
Oakland	35	59	.372	16	16½	5-5	W-1	22-25	13-34

### BOX SCORES

#### GAME 1: CHI. WHITE SOX 3, MINNESOTA 1

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Castro 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.270
Correa ss	4	0	3	0	1	.310
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	2	.238
Miranda 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.331
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.244
B.Lee dh	4	0	0	0	1	.393
Wallner rf	4	1	2	1	2	.206
Margot cf	3	0	0	0	0	.231
a-Kepler ph	1	0	0	0	1	.258
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	2	.199
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pham lf	3	0	0	0	1	.264
Vaughn 1b	3	1	1	0	1	.242
Robert cf	3	1	1	2	1	.226
Sheets rf	3	1	1	0	0	.229
Julks rf	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Jimenez dh	3	0	1	0	0	.238
Sosa 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.245
DeJong 3b	2	0	0	1	1	.228
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	0	.247
K.Lee c	3	0	0	0	2	.225
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	

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a-struck out for Margot in the 9th.  
**LOB:** Minnesota 7, Chicago 1. **2B:** Sheets (19), Vaughn (18), HR: Wallner (3), off Leasue; Robert (11), off Ober. **RBIs:** Wallner (7), DeJong (37), Robert (21).  
**SF:** DeJong. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 2 (B.Lee 2); Chicago 0. **RISP:** Minnesota 0 for 3; Chicago 2 for 3. **GIDP:** Vaughn. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Miranda, Castro, Santana).

**MINNESOTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
 Ober, L, 8-5 6 4 3 3 1 6 4.14  
 Sands 2 0 0 0 0 3 3.70

**WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
 Fedde, W, 7-3 5 4 0 0 0 2 5.299  
 Anderson, H, 3 1 0 0 0 0 1 4.56  
 Leasure, H, 9 1 1 1 1 0 0 5.34  
 Briebbia, H, 13 1 0 0 0 2 4.38  
 Kopech, S, 9-14 1 0 0 0 0 3 5.18  
**Umpires:** Home, Jacob Metz; First, Jeremy Riggs; Second, D.J. Reyburn; Third, John Libka. T: 2:05.

#### GAME 2: MINNESOTA 3, CHI. WHITE SOX 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
B.Lee 3b	5	1	1	1	2	.364
Correa ss	3	1	1	1	0	.310
Kepler rf	4	0	0	0	0	.253
Miranda dh	4	0	0	0	0	.235
Buxton cf	4	1	1	0	0	.281
Wallner lf	2	0	1	0	0	.222
Margot lf	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Jeffers c	4	0	1	1	2	.239
Santana 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.242
Farmer 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.189
b-Castro ph-2b	2	0	0	0	1	.268
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pham lf	4	0	0	0	0	.259
Vaughn 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.240
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	1	.220
Sheets dh	2	0	0	0	0	.228
a-Jimenez ph-dh2	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Sosa 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.246
Benintendi lf	3	0	1	1	0	.195
DeJong ss	4	0	1	0	1	.228
Mendick 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.194
Maldonado c	3	1	1	1	1	.113
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	

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a-grounded out for Sheets in the 6th.  
 b-struck out for Farmer in the 7th. **E:** Farmer (1), Vaughn (3). **LOB:** Minnesota 7, Chicago 5. **2B:** Buxton (19), Benintendi (8), HR: B.Lee (2), off Thorpe; Correa (13), off Thorpe; Maldonado (4), off Lopez. **RBIs:** B.Lee (9), Correa (47), Jeffers (47), Benintendi (25), Maldonado (11), SB: Robert (8). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 3 (Jeffers 2, B.Lee); Chicago 3 (Mendick 2, Jimenez). **RISP:** Minnesota 1 for 8; Chicago 0 for 4. **Runners moved up:** DeJong.

**MINNESOTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
 Lopez 5 4 2 2 1 5 5.11  
 Okeert, W, 3-0 1 0 0 0 0 0 3.95  
 Alcala, H, 10 2 0 0 1 1 1.62  
 Duran, H, 14 1 0 0 0 1 2.101  
 Jax, S, 14-15 1 0 0 0 0 2 3.03

**WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA**  
 Thorpe 6 3 2 2 1 1 3.58  
 Soroka, L, 0-10 1 2 1 1 1 2 5.25  
 Kuhl 2 0 0 0 0 1 1 4.15  
**HBP:** Kuhl (Wallner). **WP:** Kuhl.  
**Umpires:** Home, Rob Drake; First, D.J. Reyburn; Second, John Libka; Third, Jeremy Riggs. T: 2:23. A: 13,607(40,241).

#### MLB DRAFT

Sunday-Tuesday in Ft. Worth, Texas

1. Cleveland	2. Cincinnati
3. Colorado	4. Oakland
5. Chi. White Sox	6. Kansas City
7. St. Louis	8. L.A. Angels
9. Pittsburgh	10. Washington
11. Detroit	12. Boston
13. San Francisco	14. Chi. Cubs
15. Seattle	16. Miami
17. Milwaukee	18. Tampa Bay
19. N.Y. Mets	20. Toronto
21. Minnesota	22. Baltimore
23. L.A. Dodgers	24. Atlanta
25. San Diego	26. N.Y. Yankees
27. Philadelphia	28. Houston
29. Arizona	30. Texas
<b>Prospect promotion incentive picks</b>	
31. Arizona	32. Baltimore

#### COMPENSATION PICKS

33. Minnesota (Compensation for Sonny Gray; Cardinals forfeited their second-round pick for signing Gray)	34. Milwaukee (Acquired from Orioles in Corbin Burnes trade)
35. Arizona	36. Cleveland
37. Pittsburgh	38. Colorado
39. Kansas City	

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

through Tuesday's games	BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Kwan Cle	64	262	95	54	363	
Witt KC	92	367	119	72	324	
Altuve Hou	88	366	113	53	309	
Judge NYY	91	328	101	70	308	
Correa Min	72	267	81	49	303	
J.Smith Tex	86	280	83	42	296	
Devers Bos	78	294	87	58	296	
Y.Alvarez Hou	87	329	97	56	295	
Henderson Bal	90	355	104	77	293	
Kiner-Falefa Tor	82	257	75	32	292	

#### Home Runs: Judge, New York, 32;

Henderson, Baltimore, 27; Santander, Baltimore, 23; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 23; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 22. **RBIs:** Judge, New York, 83; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 77; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 70; Soto, New York, 63; Henderson, Baltimore, 61; Witt, Kansas City, 61; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 59; Rutschman, Baltimore, 59; Devers, Boston, 58; Santander, Baltimore, 57. **Pitching:** Lugo, Kansas City, 11-3; Rodriguez, Baltimore, 11-3.

## National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Philadelphia	60	32	.652	—	—	6-4	W-2	35-14	25-18
Atlanta	51	39	.567	8	+5	6-4	W-4	29-17	22-22
New York	46	45	.505	13½	½	6-4	W-2	23-25	23-20
Washington	42	51	.452	18½	5½	3-7	L-4	20-24	22-27
Miami	32	59	.352	27½	14½	3-7	L-1	18-31	14-28

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	53	39	.576	—	—	4-6	L-1	27-14	26-25
St. Louis	48	43	.527	4½	+1½	6-4	L-1	24-19	24-24
Pittsburgh	44	47	.484	8½	2½	5-5	W-2	22-24	22-23
Chicago	44	49	.473	9½	3½	6-4	W-3	25-21	19-28
Cincinnati	44	49	.473	9½	3½	5-5	L-1	22-27	22-22

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	55	38	.591	—	—	4-6	L-3	28-19	27-19
San Diego	49	47	.510	7½	—	4-6	L-4	25-26	24-21
Arizona	45	47	.489	9½	2	6-4	L-2	22-23	23-24
San Francisco	45	47	.489	9½	2	6-4	W-1	26-19	19-28
Colorado	33	60	.355	22	14½	5-5	W-1	20-27	13-33

### TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE	2024	2023 VS OPP	LAST 3 STARTS
<b>TEAM PITCHERS</b>	<b>TIME</b> <b>W-L</b> <b>ERA</b> <b>REC</b>	<b>W-L</b> <b>IP</b> <b>ERA</b>	<b>W-L</b> <b>IP</b> <b>ERA</b>
Tor Gausman (R)	6-8 4.64 8-10	0-1 6.0 1.50	1-2 16.1 6.61
SF Hicks (R)	2:45p 4-5 3.47 8-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 14.0 7.07
ChC Steele (L)	1-3 2.95 4-9	1-0 5.0 3.60	1-0 22.1 2.42
Bal Suarez (R)	5:35p 5-2 2.48 7-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 17.0 3.71
Mia Munoz (R)	1-3 5.48 3-5	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 14.2 7.36
Hou Bloss (R)	7:10p 0-0 4.91 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 3.2 4.91

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2024	2023 VS OPP	LAST 3 STARTS
<b>TEAM PITCHERS</b>	<b>TIME</b> <b>W-L</b> <b>ERA</b> <b>REC</b>	<b>W-L</b> <b>IP</b> <b>ERA</b>	<b>W-L</b> <b>IP</b> <b>ERA</b>
Cle Howard (R)	1-1 5.62 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 10.1 8.71
Det Flaherty (R)	12:10p 5-5 3.24 8-7	0-1 6.0 3.00	2-1 16.1 3.31
NYY Cortes (L)	4-7 3.40 7-12	0-1 12.1 2.92	0-2 17.1 3.63
TB Baz (R)	5:50p 0-1 4.50 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 14.1 6.91
Oak Medina (R.)	2-3 4.37 2-5	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 14.0 3.86
Bos Houck (R.)	6:10p 7-6 2.68 12-6	1-0 6.0 0.00	0-1 14.1 6.28
Sea Castillo (R)	7-9 3.72 9-10	1-0 7.0 0.00	1-1 17.0 4.24
LAA Kochanowicz (R):838p	0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2024	2023 VS OPP	LAST 3 STARTS
<b>TEAM PITCHERS</b>	<b>TIME</b> <b>W-L</b> <b>ERA</b> <b>REC</b>	<b>W-L</b> <b>IP</b> <b>ERA</b>	<b>W-L</b> <b>IP</b> <b>ERA</b>
Col Gombor (L)	2-5 4.47 7-10	0-1 9.2 8.38	1-1 18.1 4.91
Cin Greene (R)	12:10p 5-4 3.45 5-13	0-0 4.0 13.50	0-2 15.2 4.02
Was Gore (L)	6-7 3.83 8-10	0-1 10.0 6.30	0-1 14.0 7.07
NYM Peterson (L)			

## SCOREBOARD

## TENNIS

## THE 137TH WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; London; outdoors, grass  
**MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS**  
 #2 Novak Djokovic d. #9 Alex de Minaur, walkover.  
 #25 Lorenzo Musetti d. #13 Taylor Fritz, 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

MUSETTI	Time: 3:27.	FRITZ
7	Aces	10
3	Double faults	1
61%	1st serve in %	61%
76%	1st srv points won %	65%
54%	2nd srv points won %	57%
22-31	Net points won	25-41
6-13	Break points won	4-9
55-144	Receiving points won	45-137
22	Service games	23
1	Service winners	3
107	Avg. serve speed (mph)	111
128	Fastest serve (mph)	135
35	Winners	41
39	Unforced errors	55
147	Total points won	134
17056.1ft	Distance covered	16809.2ft
60.7ft	Dist. covered/pt.	59.8ft

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS**  
 #4 Elena Rybakina d. #21 Elina Svitolina, 6-3, 6-2.  
 #31 Barbara Krejčíková d. #13 Jelena Ostapenko, 6-4, 7-6(4).

## MEN'S ROAD TO SEMIFINALS

#2 Novak Djokovic  
**R1:** Vit Kopriva, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2  
**R2:** Jacob Fearnley, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5  
**R3:** Alexei Popyrin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3)  
**R4:** #15 Holger Rune, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2  
**QF:** #9 Alex De Minaur, walkover  
**SF:** vs. #25 Lorenzo Musetti

## #3 Carlos Alcaraz

**R1:** Mark Lajal, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-2  
**R2:** Aleksandar Vukic, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-2  
**R3:** #29 Frances Tiafoe, 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2  
**R4:** #16 Ugo Humbert, 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5  
**QF:** #12 Tommy Paul, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.  
**SF:** vs. #5 Daniil Medvedev

## #5 Daniil Medvedev

**R1:** Aleksandar Kovacevic, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2  
**R2:** Alexandre Muller, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 7-5  
**R3:** Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (3)  
**R4:** #10 Grigor Dimitrov, 5-3, retired  
**QF:** #1 Jannik Sinner, 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-3.  
**SF:** vs. #3 Carlos Alcaraz

## #25 Lorenzo Musetti

**R1:** Constant Lestienne, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-2  
**R2:** Luciano Darderi, 6-4, 4-6, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4  
**R3:** Francisco Comesaña, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-3  
**R4:** Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2  
**QF:** #13 Taylor Fritz, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.  
**SF:** vs. #2 Novak Djokovic

## WOMEN ROAD TO SEMIFINALS

#4 Elena Rybakina  
**R1:** Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-3, 6-1  
**R2:** Laura Siegemund, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3  
**R3:** Caroline Wozniacki, 6-0, 6-1  
**R4:** #17 Anna Kalinskaya, 6-3, 3-0, ret.  
**QF:** #21 Elina Svitolina, 6-3, 6-2.  
**SF:** vs. #31 Barbara Krejčíková

## #7 Jasmine Paolini

**R1:** Sara Sorribes Tormo, 7-5, 6-3  
**R2:** Greet Minnen, 7-6 (5), 6-2  
**R3:** Bianca Andreescu, 7-6 (4), 6-1  
**R4:** #12 Madison Keys, 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 5-5, retired  
**QF:** #19 Emma Navarro, 6-2, 6-1.  
**SF:** vs. Donna Vekic

## #31 Barbara Krejčíková

**R1:** Veronika Kudermetova, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (1), 7-5  
**R2:** Katie Volynets, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (5)  
**R3:** Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, 6-0, 4-3, ret.  
**R4:** #11 Danielle Collins, 7-5, 6-3  
**QF:** #13 Jelena Ostapenko, 6-4, 7-6(4).  
**SF:** vs. #4 Elena Rybakina

## Donna Vekic

**R1:** Wang Xiyi, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4  
**R2:** Erika Andreeva, 6-2, 6-3  
**R3:** #28 Dayana Yastremska, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (3), 6-1  
**R4:** Paula Badosa, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4  
**QF:** Lulu Sun, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1  
**SF:** vs. #7 Jasmine Paolini

## WTA NORDEA OPEN

Wednesday at Bastad Tennis Stadium; Bastad, Sweden; outdoors, Red clay  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**  
 #1 Diana Parry d. Darja Semeristaja, 6-4, 6-1.  
 Katarzyna Kawa d. #2 Jaqueline Adina Cristian, 6-7(4), 6-3, 7-6(7)  
 #3 Tamara Korpatsch d. Tamara Zidansek, 6-7(3), 6-4, retired.  
 Katarina Zavatska d. #4 Anna-Karolina Schmiedlová, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.  
 Nuria Parrizas Diaz d. #6 Maria Carle, 6-4, 6-7(6), 7-5.  
 #7 Martina Trevisan d. Miriam Bianca Bulgaru, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Ann Li d. #9 Kamilla Rakhimova, 6-2, 6-2.  
 Louisa Chirico d. Mananchaya Sawangkaew, 6-2, 6-3

## WTA GRAND EST OPEN 88

Wed. at Tennis Club de Contrexeville; Contrexeville, France; outdoors, Red clay  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**  
 #3 Mayar Sherif d. Maria Mateas, 6-1, 6-1.  
 #4 Lucia Bronzetti d. Kateryna Baindi, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.  
 Margaux Rouvroy d. Diana Martynov, 6-3, 6-1.

## WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	4	.818	—
Connecticut	17	5	.773	1
Chicago	9	12	.429	8½
Indiana	1	14	.091	9½
Atlanta	7	14	.333	10½
Washington	6	17	.261	12½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	6	.727	—
Las Vegas	14	7	.667	1½
Seattle	14	8	.636	2
Phoenix	12	10	.545	4
Los Angeles	5	17	.227	11½
Dallas	5	18	.211	11½

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

New York 71, Connecticut 68  
 Chicago 78, Atlanta 69  
 Washington 89, Indiana 84  
 Las Vegas 84, Seattle 79  
 Phoenix 100, Dallas 84

## THURSDAY'S GAME

Chicago at New York, 6p.m.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.  
 Phoenix at Indiana, 6:30p.m.  
 Minnesota at Seattle, 9p.m.

## TUESDAY'S RESULT

Minnesota 82, Los Angeles 67

## RECENT 20+ POINT, 20+ REBOUND WNBA PLAYER GAMES

PLAYER	PT	RB	DATE	TM
Aja Wilson	24	20	Wed.	LVA
Alyssa Thomas	21	20	8-1-2023	Con
Sylvia Fowles	29	20	8-24-2021	Min
Sylvia Fowles	23	20	5-23-2018	Min
Jonquel Jones	23	21	5-28-2017	Dal
Glory Johnson	23	22	7-5-2016	San
Sylvia Fowles	20	21	8-18-2013	Chi
Candace Parker	27	20	6-1-2013	LA
Sylvia Fowles	24	22	5-31-2013	Chi
Nneka Ogwumike	22	20	7-12-2012	LA
Tina Charles	23	22	6-17-2012	Con
Tina Charles	27	23	6-28-2011	Con
Tina Charles	27	20	7-7-2010	Con
Sancho Lyttle	20	20	6-19-2010	Atl
Michelle Snow	21	23	8-4-2006	Hou
Cheryl Ford	21	22	5-22-2004	Det
Lauren Jackson	23	20	7-31-2003	Sea
Chamique Holdstock	24	25	2-23-2003	Was
Lisa Leslie	24	21	7-22-2002	LA
Chamique Holdstock	29	21	6-25-2002	Was
Natalie Williams	22	20	6-22-2002	Uta

## SOCCER

## MLS EASTERN

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Cincinnati	15	4	3	48	42
Inter Miami CF	14	4	5	47	51
Columbus	11	3	6	39	40
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	4	9	36	36
New York City FC	11	9	2	35	33
Charlotte FC	9	8	5	32	24
Orlando City	7	9	6	27	32
Nashville	6	8	8	26	25
Toronto FC	7	13	3	24	30
Atlanta	6	10	6	24	31
CF Montréal	5	9	8	23	31
New England	7	12	1	22	38
Chicago	5	11	6	21	28
Philadelphia	4	9	9	21	36
D.C. United	4	11	8	20	30

## WESTERN

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	13	4	4	43	43
Real Salt Lake	12	3	7	43	48
LA Galaxy	12	4	7	43	40
Colorado	11	8	4	37	44
Portland	9	8	6	33	45
Vancouver	9	7	5	32	34
Seattle	8	7	7	31	26
Houston	8	7	6	30	29
Austin FC	8	8	6	30	25
Minnesota United	8	5	9	29	37
FC Dallas	6	11	5	23	32
St Louis City	4	8	10	22	39
Sporting KC	5	13	2	30	48
San Jose	4	16	2	14	30

Three points for win, one point for tie.

## SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Charlotte FC at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.  
 Nashville at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.  
 Atlanta at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.  
 Orlando City at New England, 6:30p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 6:30p.m.  
 Seattle at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.  
 New York City FC at Chicago, 7:30p.m.  
 LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 7:30p.m.  
 Minnesota at Houston, 7:30p.m.  
 Vancouver at St Louis City, 7:30p.m.  
 N.Y. Red Bulls at Colorado, 8:30p.m.  
 Real Salt Lake at Portland, 9:25p.m.  
 Columbus at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.  
 Sporting KC at San Jose, 9:30p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

New York City FC at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.  
 Chicago at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.  
 Charlotte FC at Columbus, 6:30p.m.  
 Toronto FC at Miami, 6:30p.m.  
 CF Montréal at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30p.m.  
 New England at Philadelphia, 6:30p.m.  
 Austin FC at FC Dallas, 7:30p.m.  
 D.C. United at Minnesota, 7:30p.m.  
 Orlando City at Nashville, 7:30p.m.  
 Colorado at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.  
 Houston at San Jose, 9:30p.m.  
 St Louis City at Seattle, 9:30p.m.  
 Sporting KC at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.  
 Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC, 9:45 p.m.

## NWSL CLUB

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Orlando	11	0	5	38	32
Kansas City	10	1	5	35	40
Washington	11	4	1	34	32
Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	19
Portland	8	5	3	27	20
North Carolina	7	7	2	25	20
Chicago	7	7	2	23	22
Bay FC	6	10	0	18	19
Louisville	3	6	7	16	21
San Diego	3	7	6	15	12
Angel City	4	9	3	15	16
Houston	3	8	5	14	11
Seattle	2	9	5	11	16
Utah Royals FC	2	11	3	9	8

Three points for win, one point for tie.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 23

Orlando at Houston, 8p.m.  
 Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 9:30p.m.

## U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (3-4-1)

**Sat., Jan. 20:** Slovenia 1, U.S. 0  
**n-Thu, March 21:** U.S. 3, Jamaica 1 AET  
**n-March 24:** U.S. 2, Colombia 0  
**June 8:** Colombia 5, U.S. 1  
**June 12:** U.S. 1, Brazil 1  
**c-June 23:** U.S. 2, Bolivia 0  
**c-June 27:** Panama 2, U.S. 1  
**c-July 1:** Uruguay 1, U.S. 0  
**Sept. 7:** vs. Canada, 6 p.m.  
**Sept. 10:** vs. New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
**Oct. 12:** vs. Panama, 8 p.m.  
*c-COPA America; n-Nations League*

## COPA AMERICA SEMIFINALS

All matches begin at 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday in East Rutherford, N.J.**  
 Argentina 2, Canada 0  
**Wednesday in Charlotte, N.C.**  
 Uruguay vs. Colombia

## THIRD PLACE

Saturday, Charlotte, N.C.  
 Canada vs. TBD, 7 p.m.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, July 14, Miami Gardens, Fla.  
 Argentina vs. TBD, 7 p.m.

## U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (9-1-0)

**9-Feb. 20:** U.S. 5, Dominican Republic 0  
**9-Feb. 23:** U.S. 4, Argentina 0  
**9-Feb. 26:** Mexico 2, U.S. 0  
**9-March 3:** U.S. 3, Colombia 0  
**9-March 6:** U.S. 2, Canada 2 (US 3-1 pk)  
**9-March 10:** U.S. 1, Brazil 0  
**9-April 6:** U.S. 2, Japan 1  
**9-April 9:** U.S. 2, Canada 2 (US 5-4, pen)  
**June 1:** U.S. 4, South Korea 0  
**June 4:** U.S. 3, South Korea 0  
**Saturday:** vs. Mexico, 1:30 p.m.  
**July 16:** vs. Coasta Rica, 6:30 p.m.  
**w-July 25:** vs. Zambia, 2 p.m.  
**w-July 28:** vs. Germany, 2 p.m.  
**w-July 31:** vs. Australia, 1:30 p.m.  
*g-CONCACAF W Gold Cup*  
*s-SheBelieves Cup; w-Olympics*

## U.S. OPEN CUP QUARTERFINALS: Wednesday's results

Sporting KC vs. Dallas FC, late  
 Los Angeles FC vs. New Mexico United, late  
**Tuesday's results**  
 Indy Eleven 2, Atlanta United 1  
 Seattle FC 2, Sacramento Republic 1

## ODDS

## MLB THURSDAY

American League	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Detroit	-136	Cleveland	+116	
NY Yankees	-130	at Tampa Bay	+110	
at Boston	-235	Oakland	+194	
Seattle	-154	at LA Angels	+130	
National League	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at NY Mets	-134	Washington	+114	
at Cincinnati	-210	Colorado	+176	
Pittsburgh	-132	at Milwaukee	+112	
at Philadelphia	-162	LA Dodgers	+136	
Atlanta	-134	at Arizona	+114	

## Interleague

**FAVORITE** **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**  
 at San Fran. -156 Toronto +132  
 at Baltimore -132 Chi. Cubs +112  
 at Houston -198 Miami +166  
*For the latest odds, go to*  
*BetMGM Sportsbook,*  
*https://sports.betmgm.com/en/sports*

## NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

**SALT LAKE CITY LEAGUE**  
**Delta Center; Salt Lake City**  
**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**  
 Oklahoma City 80, Memphis 77  
 Philadelphia vs. Utah, late

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Memphis 87, Philadelphia 85  
 Oklahoma City 98, Utah 75

## CALIFORNIA CLASSIC WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

**Chase Center; San Francisco**  
 Miami 80, L.A. Lakers 76  
 Sacramento vs. Golden State, late

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

**Golden 1 Center; Sacramento**  
 San Antonio 89, Team China 67  
 Charlotte 86, Sacramento 82

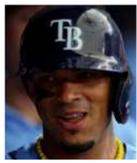
## NBA 2K25 SUMMER LEAGUE

**Cox Pavilion and Thomas & Mack Center; Las Vegas**  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 Cleveland vs. Orlando, 4 p.m.  
 New Orleans vs. Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
 Sacramento vs. Memphis, 6 p.m.  
 Houston vs. L.A. Lakers, 6:30p.m.  
 Brooklyn vs. Indiana, 8 p.m.  
 Atlanta vs. Washington, 8:30p.m.  
 Denver vs. LA Clippers, 10 p.m.

# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

## SHORTS

### Franco to stand trial for sexual abuse



Rays All-Star shortstop Wander Franco is scheduled to go to trial Aug. 14 after being charged with sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl in the Dominican Republic, authorities said Wednesday. Prosecutors filed charges against Franco, 23, six months after a judge ordered that he be investigated in connection with sexual and psychological abuse of the girl. The indictment also includes the girl's mother. Prosecutors say Franco paid the girl's mother thousands of dollars to consent to the abuse, which lasted four months. The most serious charges that Franco faces are rape and human trafficking, each for which he could receive sentences of between 10 and 15 years in prison. "Ultimately, serious charges, very concerning," Rays manager Kevin Cash said Wednesday. MLB placed Franco — who has a \$2 million salary this year — on its restricted list, cutting off the pay he had been receiving under administrative leave. He reportedly had been receiving 50% of his salary on that leave. MLB said in a statement that "our investigation remains open." Franco hasn't played since Aug. 12.

### VP Harris visits with US hoops team



Vice President Kamala Harris was a surprise guest at the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team's practice Tuesday, and her message was clear. "Bring back the gold," Harris said. Harris — who flew to Las Vegas on Tuesday for campaign appearances — addressed the team briefly at the end of its training camp practice session. The Oakland, California native is a longtime Warriors fan; the U.S. team is coached by the Warriors' Steve Kerr and includes Warriors guard Stephen Curry. "It's a great reminder of the fact that we're playing for our country," Kerr said. "Vice President Harris told the guys how much she admired them." Harris shook hands with the players, chatted briefly with LeBron James and a few others, and posed for a group photo with the team. On Wednesday, USA Basketball announced that Kawhi Leonard will not play in the Olympics. The 33-year-old two-time NBA Finals MVP missed 12 of the Clippers' final 14 games this past season with right knee inflammation but had been practicing with the team in Las Vegas. Celtics guard Derrick White will replace Leonard on the roster.

### England returns to Euro title match



England reached a second straight European Championship final by beating the Netherlands 2-1 thanks to substitute Ollie Watkins' stoppage-time winner on Wednesday in Dortmund, Germany. Watkins, who came on for captain Harry Kane in a bold call by coach Gareth Southgate, turned and smashed a fierce shot into the bottom corner in the first minute of added-on time. England will play Spain in Sunday's final in Berlin. It will be England's first title match on foreign soil, having won the World Cup in 1966 and lost to Italy in the Euro 2020 final — both times at Wembley Stadium. In an open first half, Harry Kane's 18th-minute penalty canceled out Xavi Simons' brilliantly struck opener for the Dutch in the seventh minute. Watkins, above, had only made one previous appearance at Euro 2024 — as a substitute in the group game against Denmark — so it was a surprise when he was introduced by Southgate in England's biggest match so far. The gamble paid off. "Unbelievable — I've been waiting for that moment for weeks," Watkins said. —AP

## OLYMPICS

# Spark was lit a long time ago

US athletes reflect back on their earliest inspirations

By Eddie Pells and Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press

Jordan Larson remembers the little, white TV that was perched on a swivel in the kitchen, making it easy to keep an eye on things while cooking or eating. One summer during Larson's childhood, the Olympics were on — Olympic gymnastics, to be more specific.

"I was like, 'I think I'm going to be a gymnast,'" Larson, now 37, said of her reaction to watching the Games play out on the small screen.

Nature disrupted those plans. Larson grew to be 6-foot-2, so when it came to her dreams to be the next Mary Lou Retton or Shannon Miller, she thought, "Maybe that's not the thing."

Still, a seed was planted. This month, some three decades after those formative memories at home, Larson is heading to Paris for her fourth Olympics as part of the U.S. volleyball team. She already has a full collection of medals — one gold, one silver, one bronze.

"Just watching them achieve greatness at the highest level, it was so inspiring," she said. "And I saw myself there, and I didn't know what that was going to look like. But that was the first memory that I have of, 'Wow, it's a possibility. Now what does it look like to get there?'"

The AP spoke to athletes about their early Olympic memories, and how those fueled a passion that propelled them to compete at the Olympics they used to only try to envision — in this case, the 2024 Summer Games in Paris. Here are some of their stories:

### Maggie Steffens (water polo)

Water polo player Maggie Steffens didn't have to turn on the TV to find her Olympic inspiration. Her older sister, Jessica, was a U.S. water polo player in 2008, when she won a silver medal. Four years later, the sisters were teammates in London.

Maggie remembers sitting in the stands during the 2008 final against the Netherlands — a loss for Jessica and her teammates.

"I was 15 at the time, and my dad looked down at me and he was, like, 'Now it's your turn.' And I knew what he meant," Maggie said. "We had both watched that. We felt so emotionally connected to my sister and to the team, and it was just exactly that little push, that stair-step to say, 'OK, now go out there and do it.' And I was lucky enough the next year to join my sister and play with her, and we ended up together in 2012."

Maggie teamed with Jessica for the gold medal in 2012 and has gone on to become one of the greatest water polo players in history. The U.S. is the three-time defending Olympic champion, and Maggie is looking to extend the streak to four on this, her fourth Olympic team.

### CJ Nickolas (taekwondo)

CJ Nickolas, an African-American taekwondo athlete, said seeing another Black man, Terrence Jennings, win a bronze medal in the sport at the 2012 London Games sparked something inside him.

"That was the first Olympic memory that I have," Nickolas said. "A young Black man going and medaling in the Olympics — I didn't even know who he was prior to (that). Seeing that kind of woke me up, made me think, 'I can do this.'"

Evvy Leibfarth, canoe/kayak  
Evvy Leibfarth remembers the pageantry involved at an Olympic Day celebration at her home club, the Nantahala Outdoor Center in North Carolina, when she was 8. Everywhere she turned, there were Olympic hopefuls, some of them with their pictures plastered on trading cards.

She remembers telling her dad about one of the rowers: "I want that to be me." And he's like, "OK, well, if you want to go the Games, you have to start training now." And that's the day that I decided that I wanted to go to the Olympics in kayaking."

Paris will be her second Olympics.



Many current U.S. Olympians say as kids they took inspiration watching swimming great Michael Phelps make history. MARK J. TERRILL/AP 2008



At 15, Maggie Steffens, right, watched older sister Jessica, left, and the U.S. women's water polo team win silver at the 2008 Olympics. Four years later, they both won gold. ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

### Ashleigh Johnson (water polo)

Ashleigh Johnson saw an Olympic future for herself in the water, though she dreamed of being on an Olympic relay team with her siblings.

She ended up playing goalie for the water polo team, and Paris will be her third Olympics — not a bad backup plan.

"I think the biggest defining moment watching the Olympics growing up was always watching the swimming relays," she said.

"I swam growing up, and I was always swimming with my siblings.

"And I always imagined myself swimming in the Olympics with my siblings. That was a place I could really visualize myself and the people who were close to me. My heart rate would get up, anticipating the race. We would mime diving into the couches ... and just be so into it."

### Emily Sonnett (soccer)

Emily Sonnett was only 3 during the Atlanta Olympics, so her memories from those Games are sparse. Still, the Olympic legacy runs deep in Georgia's capital, and it certainly played a part in sparking the passion of an athlete going to her second Olympics.

"I got to see the torches that are left and the Olympics rings downtown," said Sonnett, a member of the U.S. women's soccer team. "I think at a young age, seeing those, is something I remember. I have T-shirts around the house that my dad and mom bought when they attended."

### Evita Griskenas (rhythmic gymnastics)

Rhythmic gymnast Evita Griskenas' core memories of the Olympics have to do with

... herself. Evita drew pictures of Evita on a medal stand and envisioned herself winning one of those medals someday.

"I would sing myself to sleep with the national anthem. I'd pretend I was at a huge competition, and I could sing the anthem," she said. "I didn't realize my parents could hear me in the next room over. But if you ask them, they'd say many, many nights, I'd do that."

### The Phelps factor

Finally, one name came up more than any other during these interviews, mostly with 20-somethings whose formative memories began around 2008, when swimming superstar Michael Phelps was beginning a string of dominance that would end with him winning a record 28 Olympic medals, 23 of them gold.

■ Jimmer Fredette, 3-on-3 basketball: "I watched the Olympics constantly. I loved it. I mean, the one that comes to mind is Michael Phelps."

■ John Tolkin, soccer: "The biggest thing was Michael Phelps, probably — all the swimming medals he won."

■ Bobby Finke, swimming: "One of the first memories I have was watching Phelps in 2008 in the 100 fly. I was 8 at the time. ... I was just in the bedroom with my mom. It was playing on the TV, and we were watching."

■ Daniella Moroz, sailing: "I remember watching the 2008 Beijing Summer Games. That was the first one I really remember watching on TV. I was really into swimming growing up. I remember watching Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte and Missy Franklin. I remember those Games."

■ Ben Hallock, water polo: "For me, it was 2008. It was a combination of watching Michael Phelps go on his historic run, and then also 2008 and the men's water polo team got silver. I was 12 years old. I remember watching it with my family and for aquatics and the aquatics family, it was a pretty special memory. I just remember the emotion of it."

# Illinois Lottery celebrates 50 years of jackpots



Charles Selle

Along with marking the nation's birthday on July Fourth, there was another celebration taking place last week. The Illinois Lottery's 50th birthday was July 1.

Since its inception, it's been a bonanza for the Land of Lincoln. First-year sales of mainly Lotto tickets topped \$129 million from sales of some 100 million tickets.

Compare that to today's earnings, where all the games of chance offered generate about \$3 billion per year. The state collects more than \$700 million of that, with the rest going to winners, marketing and the Lottery's 7,000 ticket retailers.

"The Illinois Lottery started our journey back in July of 1974 and was the first state to air a drawing live on television," Harold Mays, Illinois Lottery director, said in a statement. "When we look back on all these years, there is so much nostalgia, excitement, and history to be proud of."

"Our rich history is what made the Illinois Lottery what it is today, and we continue to strive to make a difference in local communities across the state of Illinois," he added.

Mays noted that since 1985, the lottery has contributed more than \$24 billion to the Common School Fund, which remains the lottery's major benefactor, to assist funding for K-12 public schools.

It was in the early '70s when Illinois officials were looking for more tax revenue, and in 1974 they settled on a state-wide lottery. Lottery profits first were shoveled into the state's



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General Revenue Fund. In 1985, the legislature made sure most of the profits went toward school funding.

From the weekly Lotto game (there are now three drawings a week), the lottery over the years has expanded to include several daily games, the twice-weekly Mega Millions and the thrice-weekly Powerball, and "instant" tickets. And during the same period, the price of tickets has risen.

The lottery has an operating budget of about \$30 million a year and employs 152 people. It has been privatized since 2018.

State lottery games also helped make gambling more palatable for Illinoisans, ushering in first riverboat gambling sites, then "video gaming," which has turned neighborhood bars and eateries into mini-casinos. Eventually, land-based casinos, such as The Temporary by American Place in Waukegan and Bally's in Chicago's Loop, have spread across the state, and finally sportsbooks.

Left behind in this gambling gold rush is the state's once-solid horse racing industry. Gone are several racetracks, including Arlington Park, the legendary and premier course in Arlington Heights that was leveled by the Chicago Bears organization.

Yet, thanks to the lottery's humble beginnings, the state has become a real player in the gambling industry. For good or evil.

Even with the odds against us,

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# Court ruling puts vulnerable at risk

Joe Jackson knew things were not looking good after traveling to Washington, D.C., in April while the U.S. Supreme Court was hearing oral arguments that he knew could greatly impact those he serves as executive director of Hesus House in Aurora.

Nor did Colleen Boraca who, as director of the Northern Illinois University College of Law Health Advocacy Clinic, listened intently to the justices from her on-site office at the large homeless shelter on River Street.

The 6-3 decision handed down June 28 in the case of Grants Pass v. Johnson confirmed their worst fears.

The court's majority determined laws that impose civil and criminal penalties on the home-



Denise Crosby

less do not violate the Eighth Amendment prohibition on "cruel and unusual punishment."

Which both Jackson and Boraca view as a blow to some of society's most vulnerable people because it will allow municipalities across the country to outlaw the unsheltered from sleeping outside, even if they have no other choice on how to survive.

The ruling upended a 2018 appeals court decision that determined you can't ban sleeping on public property if there is no available shelter. Writing for

the court's majority, Justice Neil Gorsuch said that while people may disagree on how best to address homelessness, the federal judiciary should not be the decider of those policies.

But Jackson declares the June 28 ruling is "ominous" because it "opens the door for municipalities and states to take a punitive approach to homelessness," which, he added, has "been proven not to work."

Boraca, who was recently named the Hesus House 2024 Humanitarian of the Year, told me what she struggles with after the disappointing but not surprising decision is the fact that the people who could be penalized have nowhere else to go.

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Colleen Boraca, top center, works with people at Hesus House in the Law Health Advocacy Clinic at the homeless shelter in Aurora. She is disappointed by the recent Supreme Court ruling that allows municipalities to penalize unhoused people for resting on public property. "They are not just deciding to sleep in parks because they want to," Boraca insisted. "There is no shelter available for them." **HESED HOUSE**

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the lottery also has made a lot of Prairie State residents rich and they don't have to be identified as mega-winners, unless they want to. That must keep relatives from coming round asking for a slice of the winnings.

Like the anonymous winners of a million bucks who hit the May 20 Lotto drawing with a ticket purchased at the BP gas station at Route 41 and Wadsworth Road in Wadsworth. For selling the winning ticket, the station receives a bonus of 1% of the prize amount, \$10,000.

According to the lottery, so far this year more than 2.9 million winning Lotto tickets have been sold, with

total prizes amounting to more than \$35.4 million. Another unnamed lucky Illinois lottery winner took home an epic prize of \$552 million in the May 4 multi-state Mega Millions game after playing online. It was the largest jackpot won in an online lottery. The Illinois Lottery has offered online sales since 2012.

The prize was the ninth-largest Mega Millions in the game's history, and the second-largest prize ever won in Illinois, according to lottery officials. In July 2022, a ticket bought at a gas station in Des Plaines won a \$1.337 billion Mega Millions jackpot. That remains the benchmark for the largest lottery prize ever won in Illinois.

"I've always dreamed of retiring early and enjoying

life with my family," the new multimillionaire told lottery officials. "I think it's safe to say my dream just came true."

Which is the allure for those of us who play the lottery games daily and weekly. Occasionally, you hit a \$2 winner or \$5 scratch-off.

That's enough to keep the "Champagne wishes and caviar dreams"—as Robin Leach used to promise—alive. Maybe there's some luck available for us in the lottery's next 50 years for, as the man says, "You can't win if you don't play."

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"They are not just deciding to sleep in parks because they want to. There is no shelter available for them," she declared. And this ruling has now made it clear we all have to make a choice on "what kind of society we want to be."

Discussing these laws is important, both advocates say, because homelessness is on the rise across the country, and our Fox Valley communities are no exception.

For example, the number of unsheltered in Aurora has increased greatly since 2020, when Hased House served 142 people per night, they noted. The state's second-largest shelter now serves 293 people nightly, and for the first time since it opened 41 years ago has a wait list.

As of last week, there are about 70 people on the streets at night because there is no room at Hased House, said Jackson, adding that "rather than pass laws and city ordinances to criminalize them, there needs to be more

effort into housing them."

Which makes far more financial sense, he and Boraca contend. For example, the median rent for a studio apartment in Illinois is \$989 a month—or \$11,868 annually—compared with the \$37,000 per year it costs to incarcerate one individual.

More startling statistics: According to a 2023 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, forcibly displaced people die at rates two to six times higher than the average person, have an 11% reduction in life expectancy and a 50% increase in hospitalizations, all of which greatly increase health care costs.

Boraca and Jackson also point out that when cities impose fines on unhoused people who do not have the financial resources to pay them, that debt goes into collection, which in turn harms their credit, preventing them from obtaining housing and making it even more difficult to find jobs.

As disheartened as they are about the Supreme Court decision, Jackson is hopeful the ruling will not only reinvestigate an

already caring staff and volunteers at Hased House but will also "add to the argument" for more affordable housing.

The good news is that Aurora, particularly as of late, has been "unparalleled" in its response to the issue, noted Jackson, as partnerships have been formed with many social service agencies to address both short- and long-term housing shortages.

But it takes time to turn that big ship around. And there's no question, both advocates agree, that the Supreme Court ruling puts an already vulnerable population more at risk.

"This is definitely a setback for Hased House, but does not knock us out," said Jackson, adding that there have been plenty of conversations about the Supreme Court decision around the shelter's dinner tables. And the Outreach Team at the shelter has been fielding more questions as well.

"They ask us if they have to worry," he said. "They look to us as experts who can help them. But we don't have an answer."

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vs. JESSICA M. JORDAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,  
**23 CH 5063**

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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

vs. RONALD BELFIORE; VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Defendants,  
**18 CH 1307**

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Lot 8 in Block 9 in Westbrook Unit Number 2, being Mills and Son's Subdivision in the East half (1/2) of Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - LAW DIVISION Able Die Casting Corp, Plaintiff,

vs. Scott A. Richter Defendants,  
**20 L 969 - LLC**

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9425 Seymour Avenue, Schiller Park, 60176 - a commercial warehouse building consisting of approximately 7,280 square feet. There is one tenant, which operates a bakery and occupies the entire building. The current rent is \$4,800/month, gross, with a 2019 base year for real estate taxes. The tenant has an option to purchase the property for \$380,000 during the term of the lease. The lease term expires in November 2025. The building is subject to a mortgage with a balance of approximately \$180,000.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union Plaintiff,

vs. Piotr Gorski; 8059 W. Grand Avenue Condominium, Inc. d/b/a 8059 W. Grand Condominium; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,  
**23 CH 3254**

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UNIT NUMBER 3N AND P-3N IN THE 8059 W. GRAND AVENUE CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 2 IN VOK BROTHERS' CHICAGO HOME GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING SOUTH OF GRAND AVENUE AND LOT 7 IN BLOCK 2 IN VOK BROTHERS' CHICAGO HOME GARDENS BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING SOUTH OF GRAND AVENUE, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS AN EXHIBIT TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED JANUARY 31, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0503145004, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as 8059 Grand Avenue, Unit 3N, River Grove, IL 60171.  
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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Plaintiff, -v- LOUIS D. FRIEDMANN, ELIZABETH G. FRIEDMANN, LOUIS F. FRIEDMANN AS TRUSTEE OF THE FRIEDMANN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D JANUARY 23, 2019, BYLINE BANK F/K/A COMMUNITY BANK OF OAK PARK RIVER FOREST, PNC BANK, N.A., F/K/A NATIONAL CITY BANK, ELIZABETH G. FRIEDMANN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE FRIEDMANN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D JANUARY 23, 2019 Defendants 2023 CH 05580 31 KEYSTONE AVENUE RIVER FOREST, IL 60305 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 9, 2024, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 31 KEYSTONE AVENUE, RIVER FOREST, IL 60305 Property Index No. 15-12-319-005-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$868,772.84. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

vs. MICHAEL F. VILLAGOMEZ; CHRISTINA CRUZ-VILLAGOMEZ; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,  
**24 CH 430**

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LOTS 25 AND 26 IN BLOCK 13 IN FRANK A. GAGE ADDITION TO FRANKLIN PARK, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

vs. MICHAEL F. VILLAGOMEZ; CHRISTINA CRUZ-VILLAGOMEZ; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,  
**24 CH 430**

NOTICE OF SALE  
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P.I.N. 12-22-312-004-0000.  
Commonly known as 3241 Rose Street, Franklin Park, IL 60131.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

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## LEGALS

## Bid Notice

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Please take notice that the Board of Education, LaGrange Highlands School District 106, Cook County, Illinois will take bids, for "Elevator Modernization" on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Specifications for this bid may be obtained from the Administrative Offices, 1750 W Plainfield Rd, LaGrange, IL 60525 Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Specifications will also be posted on the district website, www.district106.net, under the Administration tab, choose Finance/Operations, and then choose Bids/Proposals. All bids must be sealed and marked "Elevator Modernization" and must be received no later than 10:00 A.M. on Monday, July 29, 2024. The bid opening will be in the Administrative Offices, 1750 W Plainfield Rd, LaGrange, IL 60525. All questions should be directed to Parin Schmidt at pschmidt@district106.net. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Parin Schmidt, Director of Buildings and Grounds

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## BIBLIORACLE

# 'When the Clock Broke' traces the origins of our current political mess

By John Warner  
For the Chicago Tribune

I'm confident I'm not the only person looking at this November's presidential election through parted fingers, feeling powerless to stop what appears to be an unstoppable horror. The U.S. political system has descended into a kind of madness and dysfunction.

Worries about crime, immigration, and economic inequality and the seeming inability of our political leaders to address these problems abound. Migrants are demagogued as an invading force. White supremacists are seen as a viable political constituency. Cities are declared to be unlivable cesspools of crime. Misinformation and hate flow freely.

It's more than sort of terrifying, to me at least. A tremendously interesting, highly entertaining new book argues that the roots of our present-day crack-up can be found in an earlier time, and that perhaps the forces that were almost unleashed then cannot be contained now.

The book is "When the Clock Broke: Con Men, Conspiracists, and How America Cracked Up in the Early 1990s" by John Ganz.

"When the Clock Broke" is a masterful yoking together of historiography, political science, sociological analysis, cultural criticism, and political theory, rendered in the always lively and engaging style of the author, who is most known for his independent newsletter, "Unpopular Front."

As the subtitle suggests, the book is a tapestry of major, minor and even forgotten figures in the political landscape of the post-Reagan years, and how these figures contributed ingredients to what has become a truly toxic stew.

The book starts with David Duke, the neo-Nazi and former Klansman who was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives before making failed runs for governor, senator and then president. An overt white supremacist, Duke was thwarted by a political establishment that rallied against him, but as Ganz notes, in each of his state-level races, Duke achieved a majority of the white vote thanks to voters who approved of his racial demagoguery.

Ganz segues to Pat Buchanan, who looked at the success of David Duke and wondered if Duke's message would go over better in a Washington-ready package like him. Buchanan's insurgent challenge to incumbent George H.W. Bush, which focused on repelling an "invasion" at the border, threw a brief scare into the sitting



Third-party candidate Ross Perot speaks during a 1992 news conference in Annapolis, Maryland. Perot first ran for president in 1992 and is one of the political figures featured in "When the Clock Broke: Con Men, Conspiracists, and How America Cracked Up in the Early 1990s" by John Ganz. **ARNOLD SACHS/GETTY**

president.

Out of these origins, Ganz traces the additional forces that shaped the political landscape, voter "rage" that made room for a Ross Perot candidacy in 1992 that had the Texan leading in the polls during the summer before the public got to know him and didn't like what they saw. Another chapter looks at the rise of political talk radio, particularly Rush Limbaugh, and the effect of relentless partisan propaganda and demonization of the media on public opinion.

Each chapter shows attacks on our various institutions — political parties, governments, media, schools — that leave them badly battered. As a government fails to fulfill the needs of people, other forces fill the gap, preying on alienation for power and profit. In New York City, the mob of John Gotti and the mayorship of Rudy

Giuliani are two sides of the same coin. Subsequent events have shown they may actually occupy the same face. The subtext of Ganz's narrative and analysis is the creation of a world where a Trump figure not only achieves power, but is able to co-opt institutions to his own venial ends, as a kind of mobster who understands how to pull the raw levers of power.

The way Ganz braids these stories makes not just a convincing case, but an engaging, and dare I say entertaining one.

And also, maybe a little bit reassuring one. We've been here before, and managed to stumble forward. Perhaps this can happen again.

*John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities." Twitter @biblioracle*

## Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

*John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.*

1. "The Most Fun We Ever Had" by Claire Lombardo
2. "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston
3. "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt
4. "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden
5. "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese

— Lydia P., Arlington Heights

For Lydia I'm recommending one of my favorite suspense thrillers of recent vintage, the sharp and witty "Who Is Maud Dixon?" by Alexandra Andrews.

1. "The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War" by Erik Larson
2. "The Inner Game of Tennis" by W. Timothy Gallwey
3. "The Stand" by Stephen King
4. "Lovecraft Country" by Matt Ruff
5. "Resurrection Walk" by Michael Connelly

— James P., Chicago

For James, I'm recommending a book with a connection to Stephen King, because it was written by one of his sons, Joe Hill. The title is "Heart-Shaped Box."

1. "Cosmicomics" by Italo Calvino
2. "Collected Stories" by Gabriel García Márquez
3. "In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote
4. "The Stories of John Cheever" by John Cheever
5. "The Every" by Dave Eggers

— Blaine R., Milwaukee

Since Blaine is a fan of collected short stories, I'm recommending a book by a quiet, underappreciated master of the form, Charles Baxter: "Gryphon: New and Selected Stories."

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# puzzle island

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## HE'S OK: As six men here have been

By FRED PISCOP | Edited by STANLEY NEWMAN  
(stanxwords.com)

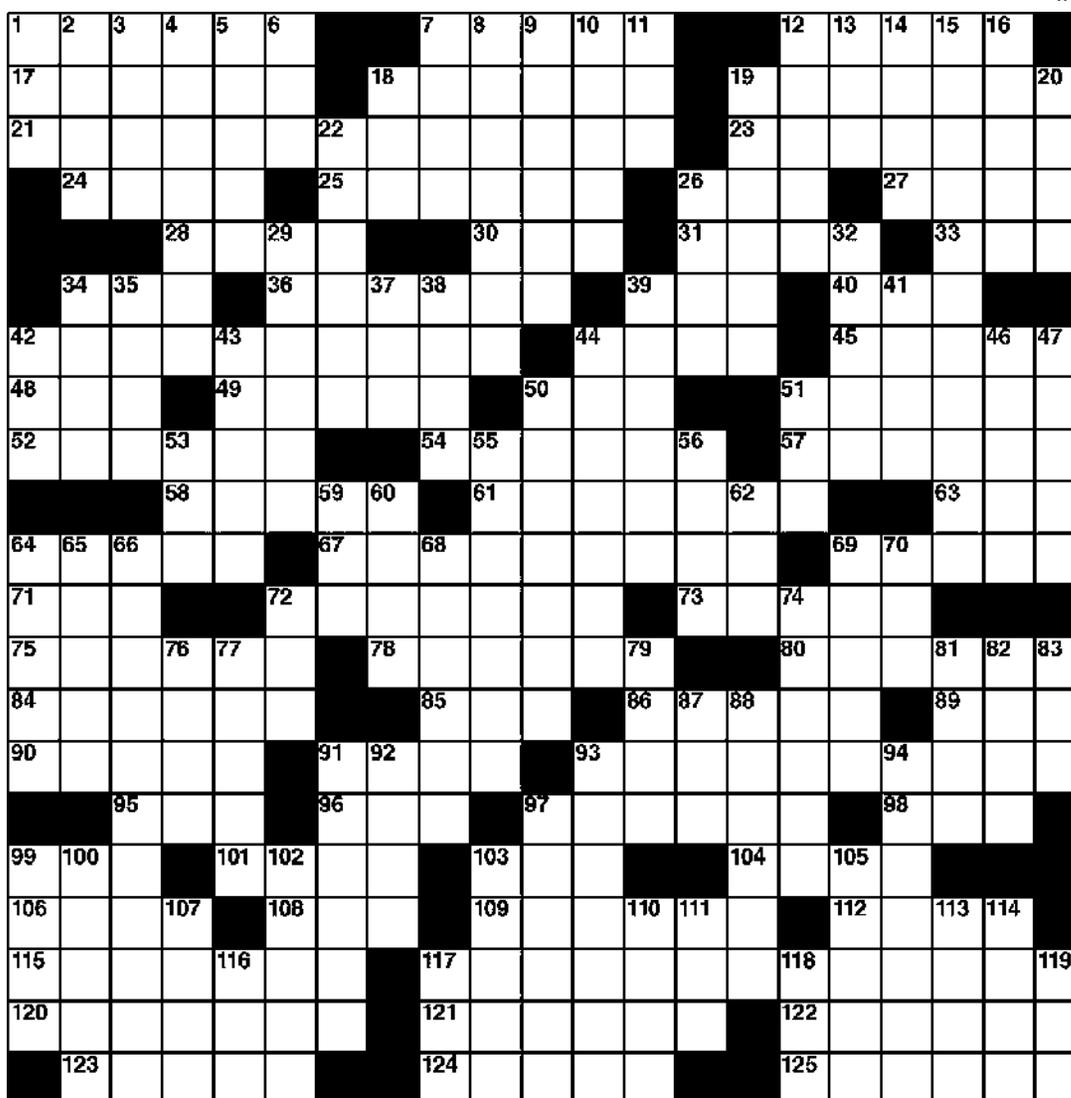
### Across

- 1 Erupted, as tempers
- 7 Tree surgeon procedure
- 12 Carefree escapades
- 17 Hotshot pilot
- 18 Evening party
- 19 Sullies
- 21 *Frontier Marshal* (1939)
- 23 Run-down place
- 24 Horse's restraint
- 25 Find a new adopter for, as a pet
- 26 Prefix for spell
- 27 Caesar's rebuke
- 28 Brown soda flavor
- 30 Little bit
- 31 Keatsian creations
- 33 Cerise or cardinal
- 34 TV listing abbr.
- 36 Formally passes
- 39 "u r so funny!"
- 40 Ostrich cousin
- 42 *Wichita* (1955)
- 44 Quote as a reference
- 45 Grand view
- 48 Get more mellow
- 49 Ordered out
- 50 UN observer group
- 51 Teaching session
- 52 Nautical
- 54 Seers' decks
- 57 Aim (to)
- 58 Common Irish surname
- 61 Take for a dry run
- 63 Spike or Ang
- 64 Colonel's subordinate

- 67 Western legend portrayed by the six longest answers
- 69 Joins with a torch
- 71 Slangy suffix
- 72 More tearful
- 73 Prevent, in legalese
- 75 Salsa ingredient
- 78 Spanish saint
- 80 Scratchy-throated
- 84 Baby's bodysuit
- 85 Tub trio of rhyme
- 86 *Pirates of Penzance* heroine
- 89 Aural receiver
- 90 Pine extract
- 91 Gratified
- 93 *My Darling Clementine* (1946)
- 95 Comic's line
- 96 Flatbread of India
- 97 Broad-winged bird
- 98 Pollen carrier
- 99 Neighbor of BC
- 101 Gush out
- 103 Debate participant
- 104 Low-carb regimen
- 106 "A \_\_\_ pittance!"
- 108 Grafton's \_\_\_ for *Alibi*
- 109 Defoe's French contemporary
- 112 Chamber of loss
- 115 Caters (to) ignobly
- 117 *Gunfight...* (1957)
- 120 Heavy hammers
- 121 Banquet hosts
- 122 Number on pumps
- 123 Check for fit
- 124 Impolite glances
- 125 Give as a gift

### Down

- 1 Miles away
- 2 Falsifier
- 3 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 4 Groundbreaking
- 5 Low-budget prefix
- 6 Costa \_\_\_ Sol
- 7 "Gee whiz!"
- 8 Lasagna cheese
- 9 Fragrances
- 10 Threw a party for
- 11 Vietnamese New Year
- 12 Renter's document
- 13 Astern
- 14 Repetitive learning
- 15 *Tombstone* (1993)
- 16 List of candidates
- 18 Nautical pronoun
- 19 Horse's restraint
- 20 Starchy side dish
- 22 Move with swagger
- 26 Pointless to debate
- 29 Hopkins Oscar role
- 32 Evening hour
- 34 Caesarean garb
- 35 Tavern serving
- 37 NL West team
- 38 Euro fraction
- 39 Ray of *Goodfellas*
- 41 Thin fog
- 42 Strawberry spread
- 43 Posh residence
- 44 Effective salespersons
- 46 Moderated, with "down"
- 47 Chile's range
- 50 11- or 12-year-old
- 51 Kindled
- 53 Texter's "I believe"



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- 55 Dressed (in)
- 56 Feeling offended
- 59 Leave amazed
- 60 Russian refusal
- 62 Increases
- 64 Glider's lack
- 65 Without help
- 66 *Sunset* (1988)
- 68 Tarzan nickname
- 69 Novelist Virginia
- 70 Smog-monitoring org.
- 72 Adversity
- 74 "And \_\_\_ off!" (racetrack shout)
- 76 Near East locale
- 77 Sounds from a small bell
- 79 Congregation affirmation
- 81 Name meaning "born again"
- 82 Marquis de \_\_\_
- 83 Noteworthy period
- 87 "Not to mention..."
- 88 Needing repair
- 91 Granitelike rock
- 92 Successful legislation
- 93 Cell phone pouch
- 94 Woodwind players
- 97 Strong-arm
- 99 Small scamps
- 100 Handed out
- 102 ) or (
- 103 Fancy feather
- 105 Negligible amount
- 107 Small whirlpool
- 110 Tavern servings
- 111 Metered utility
- 113 Physician's imperative
- 114 Casino numbers game
- 116 Self-concern
- 117 \_\_\_ Paese cheese
- 118 Picnic discard
- 119 Camcorder button

# Work With What You've Got

By **WILL PFADENHAUER**  
 Edited by **PATTI VAROL**

## Across

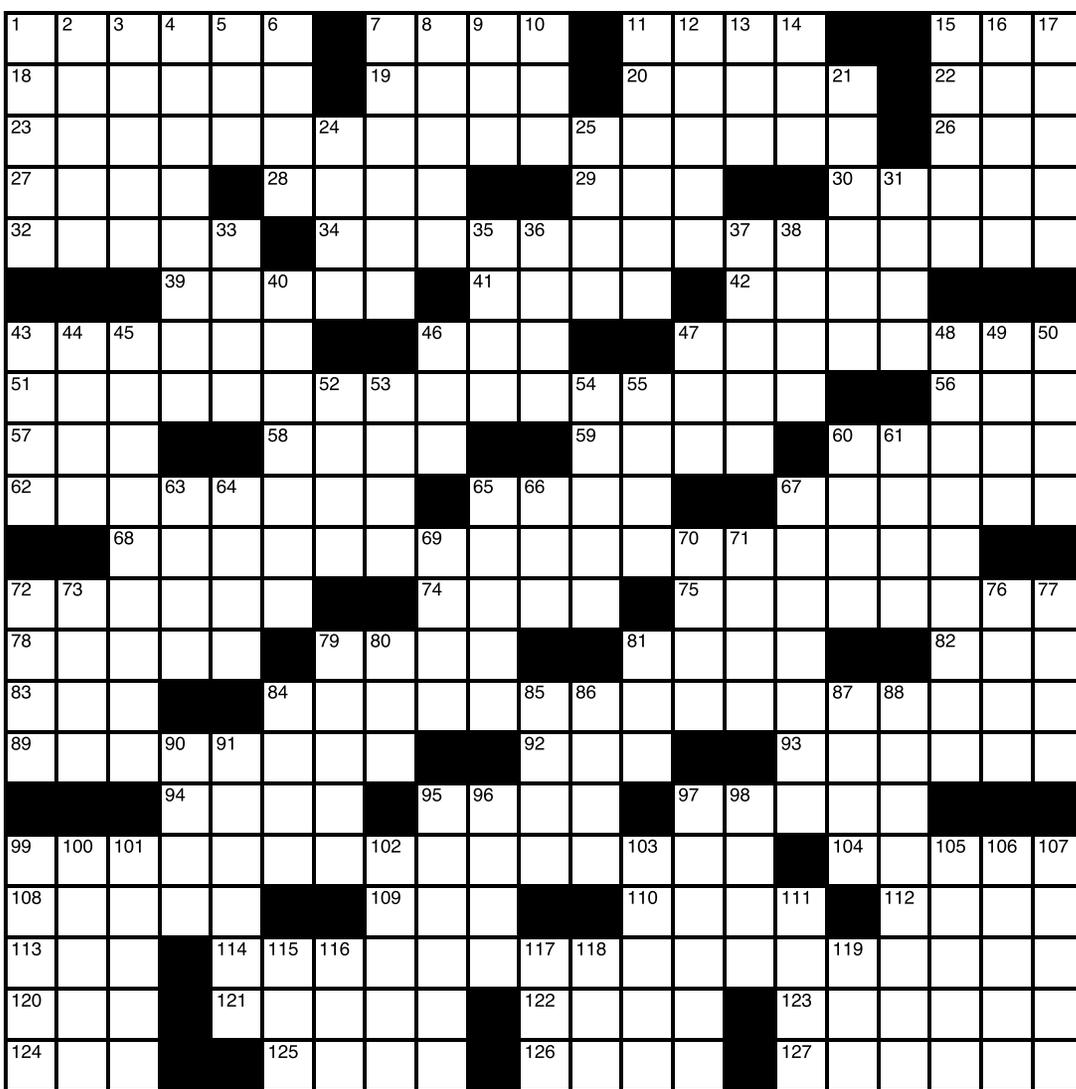
- 1 Enter quickly
- 7 Like many cagers
- 11 Cries during a Real Madrid vs. Barcelona match
- 15 "Right on!"
- 18 Flammable gas
- 19 Southernmost Great Lake
- 20 Come clean?
- 22 Cards, on scoreboards
- 23 \*Often color-coordinated wedding attire
- 26 Uncle, in Spanish
- 27 Place to check out
- 28 Buckwheat noodle
- 29 NorCal neighbor
- 30 Forced (open), as a pistachio
- 32 Tijuana toast
- 34 \*Camden Yards player
- 39 Phrase on some menus
- 41 Eclipse, to some
- 42 Slightly
- 43 Savanna tree
- 46 Pal
- 47 Marches, maybe
- 51 \*\*\*"Star Wars" action sequence
- 56 Greek X
- 57 Dined
- 58 Animal sidekick in "Frozen"
- 59 Some tree snakes
- 60 Paintball cry
- 62 Lookouts
- 65 "I don't want to \_\_, but ..."
- 67 Woodward of "The Long, Hot Summer"
- 68 \*Sports car introduced in 1953
- 72 NBA star Wade
- 74 Charity fun run distance
- 75 Doing some lawn work
- 78 Supply with new hardware
- 79 Friendly nudge at a green light
- 81 Unreturned serves
- 82 Actor Daniel \_\_ Kim
- 83 Blvd. kin
- 84 \*Event for social workers?
- 89 Nerdy yet fashionable
- 92 Vitality
- 93 Longs (for)
- 94 Christmas carol
- 95 Dead even

- 97 Plague
- 99 \*Spot where one might find boxers?
- 104 "Shrinking" star Jason
- 108 Spindrift ingredient
- 109 \_\_ Paulo, Brazil
- 110 Like many language exams
- 112 Hello, in Oaxaca
- 113 Before, poetically
- 114 Parts used over and over again, such as the letters in the answers to the starred clues
- 120 Intel analyst's org.
- 121 Smooth
- 122 Superlative acronym
- 123 Spots for bracelets
- 124 FDR's party
- 125 Many
- 126 Chromosome subsection
- 127 City south of Yosemite National Park

## Down

- 1 Arrears
- 2 Airy lobbies
- 3 Scammer's aide
- 4 Dined at midday
- 5 Hero's end?
- 6 Loch for monster hunters
- 7 Item with a steep price?
- 8 Common font for important documents
- 9 Tupperware top
- 10 Took charge
- 11 Shakespeare's king of the fairies
- 12 \_\_ tag
- 13 UFO occupants
- 14 "That's all \_\_ wrote"
- 15 9-to-5, e.g.
- 16 Disney princess with six sisters
- 17 The "D" of LED
- 21 Vivacity
- 24 Swarms
- 25 Where all roads lead, proverbially
- 31 Baptism, e.g.
- 33 "I dare you!"
- 35 String of concerts
- 36 Film trivia source
- 37 Some noblemen
- 38 Woodwind simulated in "Happy Together"
- 40 Enormous
- 43 "Such a shame!"
- 44 Reference

- 45 Representative's charge
- 46 Platt of "Dear Evan Hansen"
- 47 "Licorice Pizza" director, to fans
- 48 Landlord in the "One Day at a Time" reboot
- 49 Scanty
- 50 Venue
- 52 State convincingly
- 53 Spanish X
- 54 Taken \_\_: disconcerted
- 55 "For here or \_\_?"
- 60 Tiny amount
- 61 Damon of "Oppenheimer"
- 63 Tom yum cuisine
- 64 Lodger's expense
- 65 \_\_ box
- 66 Rec from GPS
- 67 Some uniform tops
- 69 Circuit
- 70 The Boston Marathon, for one
- 71 Swerve
- 72 Queen's garb
- 73 "\_\_ all been there?"
- 76 Bread served with butter chicken
- 77 Appreciates
- 79 Sheer fabric
- 80 Tolkien beast
- 81 Bread box?
- 84 Masticate
- 85 Motor home driver, for short
- 86 Verdi tragedy
- 87 Pro shop purchases
- 88 Interest-ing development?
- 90 Plié joint
- 91 Apple accessories
- 95 Follows closely
- 96 Megastar
- 97 Rebuke
- 98 Part of QED
- 99 Flip over
- 100 Hospital worker
- 101 Think big
- 102 To date
- 103 Wonder \_\_: role for Lynda Carter
- 105 Objectives
- 106 Pompeo who plays Dr. Grey
- 107 Coach Beard's colleague
- 111 Canadian flag icon
- 115 Shape of a corner sofa
- 116 Boardroom VIP
- 117 Big Green \_\_: backyard smoker
- 118 Buck's counterpart
- 119 Time off, for short



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## Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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URDCEE

TOCIXE

WAANLM

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## Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**

	6							3
8			4		5			
		4		6		5	1	9
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## Quote-Acrostic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

### Clues Words

A. Fail to notice	<u>120</u> <u>61</u> <u>24</u> <u>126</u> <u>134</u> <u>108</u> <u>117</u> <u>28</u>
B. Complain noisily	<u>90</u> <u>11</u> <u>122</u> <u>65</u> <u>80</u> <u>102</u>
C. Challenge; compete	<u>123</u> <u>47</u> <u>23</u> <u>152</u> <u>115</u> <u>147</u> <u>91</u>
D. Completely: 3 wds.	<u>112</u> <u>130</u> <u>99</u> <u>104</u> <u>124</u> <u>103</u> <u>138</u> <u>159</u> <u>52</u>
E. Keep	<u>54</u> <u>154</u> <u>127</u> <u>50</u> <u>97</u> <u>137</u>
F. Deal's partner	<u>96</u> <u>74</u> <u>59</u> <u>135</u> <u>113</u>
G. Act of sacrifice	<u>93</u> <u>155</u> <u>121</u> <u>149</u> <u>81</u> <u>101</u> <u>87</u> <u>62</u> <u>139</u> <u>72</u>
H. Affectionate	<u>145</u> <u>119</u> <u>31</u> <u>67</u> <u>3</u> <u>84</u>
I. Aversion	<u>141</u> <u>35</u> <u>114</u> <u>73</u> <u>44</u> <u>70</u> <u>17</u> <u>20</u>
J. Swallow up	<u>110</u> <u>94</u> <u>7</u> <u>41</u> <u>98</u> <u>111</u>

K. Immortal	<u>39</u> <u>156</u> <u>30</u> <u>118</u> <u>88</u> <u>34</u> <u>106</u> <u>142</u> <u>118</u>
L. Involve in conflict	<u>89</u> <u>100</u> <u>80</u> <u>64</u> <u>48</u> <u>71</u> <u>1</u>
M. Vow; pledge	<u>148</u> <u>140</u> <u>68</u> <u>49</u> <u>27</u> <u>157</u> <u>15</u>
N. Brawler	<u>77</u> <u>32</u> <u>18</u> <u>132</u> <u>161</u> <u>92</u>
O. Disorganized: 3 wds.	<u>53</u> <u>22</u> <u>133</u> <u>56</u> <u>58</u> <u>40</u> <u>85</u> <u>82</u> <u>69</u> <u>109</u>
P. No-charge item; sl.	<u>86</u> <u>9</u> <u>78</u> <u>8</u> <u>19</u> <u>131</u> <u>29</u>
Q. Ill-educated	<u>12</u> <u>107</u> <u>78</u> <u>37</u> <u>5</u> <u>95</u> <u>105</u> <u>21</u>
R. Quite a bit: 3 wds.	<u>83</u> <u>57</u> <u>66</u> <u>6</u> <u>146</u> <u>13</u> <u>46</u> <u>43</u> <u>151</u> <u>75</u>
S. Fraudulent	<u>25</u> <u>136</u> <u>158</u> <u>153</u> <u>33</u> <u>38</u> <u>10</u> <u>45</u> <u>55</u>
T. Complicated situation	<u>144</u> <u>79</u> <u>63</u> <u>14</u> <u>125</u> <u>4</u> <u>26</u> <u>150</u> <u>128</u>
U. Farewell act: 2 wds.	<u>42</u> <u>148</u> <u>2</u> <u>51</u> <u>16</u> <u>129</u> <u>36</u> <u>160</u>

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## Like It Is

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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# Get to know 2 musicians in Northlight's '2 Pianos 4 Hands'

By Myrna Petlicki

Two talented pianists dream of success on the concert stage while sharing tales of parents, teachers, critics and more in the hilarious, music-filled "2 Pianos 4 Hands," presented July 5-Aug. 4 at Northlight Theatre.

Performances of the two-person play by Richard Greenblatt and Ted Dykstra are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, plus 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; the schedule varies.

This is the seventh production of "2 Pianos 4 Hands" for Matthew McGloin. "It's my very first time doing it with new people," McGloin said of the Northlight production. "All the other six times that I've done the show have been with the same other actor and the same director."

He is enjoying working on this production because "It's an opportunity to discover new things in the script," McGloin said. And because he has a new costar and director, "everything in the show is different than I've ever done it before."

The only thing that hasn't changed is the fact that the actor is playing Richard.

"Richard is Type A, high-functioning and also compassionate. I think Richard is a heart-driven person," McGloin said. He's also a perfectionist.

In addition to playing Richard, McGloin plays a dozen or so other characters as he shares stories of his life. The challenge is "finding a physicality and a voice to quickly distinguish one from another," he said.

McGloin particularly enjoys playing the character Marsha because she is "over the top, eccentric," he said.

The show requires both actors to play a wide variety of musical styles, including classical, pop, rock and jazz.

McGloin is well qualified for that requirement because he started playing piano when he was 4 or 5 and has played consistently since then — in churches, with jazz bands, at parties, in theater productions and for other occasions.



Matthew McGloin, left, and Adam LaSalle play a pair of would-be concert pianists in "2 Pianos 4 Hands," staged July 5-Aug. 4 at Northlight Theatre in Skokie. **JEFF KURYSZ**

The actor praised director Rob Lindley for creating an atmosphere of "collaboration and play."

Adam LaSalle plays the character Ted.

"What's so cool about this show is that it follows the journey of these two young men who kind of grow up obsessed with classical music and the pursuit of a career in the arts," LaSalle said. "It's a show about reinventing oneself. It's a show about how you respond when you invest everything in your dreams and the world complicates that. It's a very magical little piece."

LaSalle began playing piano when he was in middle school. He earned a degree in music, and worked as a music teacher when he was in his 20s.

The actor lauded Lindley for encouraging the two actors to bring the Canadian-based play into the United States and for encouraging them to bring their own lives into their characters.

"Ted is a version of me," LaSalle said. "My character struggles with performance anxiety. He struggles

with finding his place in the world."

In terms of the many other characters, LaSalle said, "I'm a visual learner so I kind of make a vision board with all the different characters."

His favorite character is Mr. Scarlatti, "who's this older Italian gentlemen. I have a father who's 100% Italian. When I read this character, I could only hear my father's voice."

LaSalle praised the show as being so human, noting, "Even though these two men start in the world of classical music, as they evolve, so do their musical tastes," he said. "You have moments in the show when they're supposed to be practicing their Mozart piece but they find themselves playing some boogie-woogie, or some Billy Joel."

"We're having a blast," Lindley said, describing his cast as "generous, sweet, kind human beings who are so funny. Both of them blow me away on a daily basis."

Lindley said that he knew nothing about this show until Artistic Director BJ Jones proposed it to him. "It's a wonderful journey

## '2 PIANOS 4 HANDS'

**When:** July 5-Aug. 4

**Where:** Northlight Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

**Tickets:** \$46-\$84

**Information:** 847-673-6300; northlight.org

getting to know the show, getting to know the cast," he said.

There's a special challenge directing a show with only two cast members, Lindley said. "You better make sure every moment is full of humanity and heart," he observed.

This show has that and more, Lindley said. "People are going to be laughing till their bellies hurt," he said. "I think they're going to be wowed by their amazing piano playing. And I think there are going to be a couple moments that are so poignant that you might have the wind taken out of you."

*Myrna Petlicki is a freelancer.*

## MORE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Here are some other events occurring the week of July 11-17 in Doings and Pioneer Press suburbs.

### Four famous favorites

■ Metropolis Performing Arts Centre presents "Million Dollar Quartet" July 11-Aug. 4 at 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights.

■ **Tickets:** \$30-\$45; \$20 students. 847-577-2121; metropolisarts.com.

■ Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins make music history when they unite for the greatest rock 'n' roll jam session ever recorded.

### Real wheel stories

■ The Skokie Bike Network presents Tales from the Trails noon-2 p.m. July 14 at Sketchbook Taproom & Brewery, 4901 Main St., Skokie.

■ **Tickets:** free. skokiebikenet.org/activities/tales-from-the-trails.

■ Bike enthusiasts will share stories on the theme "Bike Intelligence: What I've learned (or not) while riding a bike."

### Nothing fishy

■ SPACE presents Walter Trout at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. July 14 at 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

■ **Tickets:** \$25-\$35. 847-492-8860; evanstonspacemusic.com.

■ The fabled blues-rock performer's latest album, "Broken," focuses on the schisms of modern life without succumbing to them.

— Myrna Petlicki

*Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.*

## Thursday, July 11

**The Minks rock the Sidebar:** 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Free. FitzGerald's Sidebar presents The Minks. Mixed with raw, jangly instrumentation and soulful saccharine vocals, it's as much a throwback as it is an answer to the often overlooked underbelly of Nashville's rock 'n' roll scene. They spread the gospel of letting your hair down and having a good time.

**Singo at Pub 78:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pub 78, 3733 Grand Blvd., Brookfield. Free. (708) 255-5542. pub78.com. Singo at Pub 78. Prizes will be awarded to winners of each game!

**Crime Readers Book Discussion — “The Expats”:** 7-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For readers who like twisty, thrilling plots and solving mysteries. This month's book is “The Expats” by Chris Pavone (2012). Book description: An international spy thriller about a former CIA agent who moves with her family to Luxembourg where everything is suspicious, and nothing is as it seems.

**Family Night — Firefighter Meet & Greet:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For families with children of all ages. Visit with Tri-State Fire Protection District firefighters while enjoying an up-close look at a real fire truck. Learn more about firefighting while you explore, try on gear, and make a craft. This program is held inside in case of weather issues.

**Teen Tech Take Apart:** 4-5 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is for grades 7-12. What's inside a computer? Join us for some careful deconstruction in this hands-on program as we open up computers and laptops and learn about the hardware inside.

**AAUW Elmhurst Branch Annual Used Book Sale:** 6-9 p.m. Sandburg Middle School, 345 E. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. Free. The Elmhurst Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is holding its annual Used Book Sale. Thousands of used books, CDs, DVDs and LPs will be available to purchase. There will also be a selection of children's and collector's books.

**Chamber Business After Hours:** 5-7 p.m. Park Place of Elmhurst, 1050 S. Euclid Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 834-6060. chambermaster.elmhurstchamber.org. This month's Chamber Business After Hours will be hosted by Park Place of Elmhurst. Networking events are free for members to

attend, please register online. Prospective members are also welcome to attend, please call the office to register.

**“Designing Donkey Hodie”:** 12-5 p.m. Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst. \$5-\$18. elmhurstart-museum.org. “Designing Donkey Hodie: From Make-Believe to Someplace Else” (May 18-Aug. 12) is a exhibition exploring the visual evolution of the PBS Kids show “Donkey Hodie” produced by Fred Rogers Productions and Spiffy Pictures. Also explore the outdoor public art installation created by over 300 local children.

**Elmhurst History Museum Exhibit - “Victory at Home: 1941-1945”:** 1 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 833-1457. elmhursthhistory.org. The exhibition “Victory at Home: 1941-1945,” will be on display through Aug. 18. The Elmhurst History Museum is open to all ages and offers free admission. Open hours are: 1-5 p.m. Sunday & Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and closed Monday and holidays.

**Botanical Tapestry:** 6 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. There are no more seats remaining. There are waitlist seats remaining. Have you ever wanted to learn to make a tapestry? Join Tamara Kowalski to weave a combination of plants, fabric and yarn to create your own one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

**Culinary Arts Film Fest — “Wonka”:** 10 a.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. July is National Culinary Arts Month and we're celebrating with a series of film screenings featuring some great movies for food lovers. This week: “Wonka.” Register: 708-867-2299, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

**Desi Roots and Wings:** 12-4 p.m. National Indo-American Museum, 815 South Main St., Lombard. \$0 - \$10. (630) 376-6358. niam.org. Desi Roots and Wings defines Desi Americans & the circumstances that led them to leave their motherland. Raja Nadimpalli says, “The exhibit documents Indian-American history & experience, from the earliest arrivals to present times, & explores commonalities with other immigrant & native communities...”

**Nature Down the Road:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 31st St., Oak Brook. Free. (630) 206-9566. dupageforest.org. The fotoMuses reveal their latest photo exhibit, “Nature Down the Road” at the Mayslake Peabody Estate, on display July 2 to Aug. 24. A complimentary reception is on Wednes-

day, July 17, from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit began during COVID as the fotoMuses were seeking solace behind the lens of their camera.

**Puttshack Turns up its Tech-Infused Mini Golf Summer Experience:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Puttshack Oakbrook, 1828 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook. \$14. (773) 831-7888. puttshack.com. Puttshack Perks members: buy-1-get-1-free mini golf game with code: MAXEDOUT for use every Monday. High scores of 550 or higher on Mondays are emailed a \$50 digital gift card. On Wayback Wednesday: \$10 off \$50 or more for dine in with promo code: WAYBACK. Visit the website for other deals & events.

**The Richard H. Driehaus Lapidary Collection:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook. \$5 - \$10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Chicago philanthropist Richard Driehaus left a rich legacy of art objects to his Foundation. The Lizzadro Museum is the recipient of his lapidary collection including a variety of unique stone objects from around the world and two 19th century Roman micromosaics on loan. Regular Museum Admission.

**Drury Lane Presents — Ain't Misbehavin':** Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. drurylanetheatre.com. Runs: June 26 - August 18. Stride along with the toe-tapping, finger-snapping revue that journeys through the Harlem Renaissance with the music of legend Fats Waller. The crooners of Ain't Misbehavin' bring soulful melodies to life, capturing the essence of an era where the joint was always jumpin'.

## Friday, July 12

**Movie in the Park - “Monsters, Inc.”:** 7-9 p.m. Wilder Park, 175 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 993-8900. epd.org. Grab a picnic blanket and join Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst Public Library at Wilder Park for a showing of “Monsters, Inc.” under the stars. Event opens at 7 p.m. Sponsors are on-site at that time, plus make time for yard games and a visit to the playground. The movie begins at dusk.

**Family English Language Social Hour:** 2 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. wp.me. Join us for an hour of casual conversation with other families who are learning English. No lessons, this is just a place to practice your English skills, and a place for children to meet and connect with other kids.

**CARMEN LYNCH at Comedy Plex:** 8-10 p.m. Comedy Plex Comedy Club, 1128 N Lake St (Lower Level), Oak Park. \$20. comedyplex.com. Carmen Lynch is a NY

based stand up comedian who's been on a string of late night TV shows. This show features Paul Farahvar. There is a two drink minimum per person. For 21 and over unless accompanied by an adult.

## Saturday, July 13

**Nikki Hill:** 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$20-\$180. FitzGerald's Nightclub presents: Nikki Hill with special guest Laura Chavez! Hill is an original force in American music; she is tender and tough, flamboyant, witty and dangerous.

**Saturday Night in the Sidebar w/ Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones:** 9 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Free. Doug Deming has garnered widespread attention for his deft guitar work and memorable songwriting. Leading his band The Jewel Tones, Doug continues to bring noteworthy traditional and original roots music to his audiences. “Book Now” to RSVP for guaranteed entry for this free show.

**Cook County Nature Wellness Walk:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunset Bridge Meadow, Des Plaines River Trail, River Grove. tinyurl.com. This walk is designed for those 18 & older. The July Cook County Nature Wellness Walk offers participants a guided, slow, leisurely walk that incorporates mindfulness and meditative practices. A tea ceremony is held after the walk. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3r8ampd6>

## Sunday, July 14

**X at FitzGerald's Outdoors — Smoke & Fiction Tour:** 5 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$49. FitzGerald's Outdoors is their outdoor concerts held on the “Campus” utilizing state-of-the-art sound/lights/stage/tenting for a “festival style” experience. FitzGerald's presents X for The End Is Near: Smoke & Fiction Tour. The band lineup: Exene Cervenka, John Doe, Billy Zoom and DJ Bonebrake.

**Adaptive Hour:** 12 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhower.librarycalendar.com. Families with children 12 and under who have a diagnosis or disability are invited to visit the Kids World Department for a special hour exclusively for you! Kids will be able to do crafts, and explore Kids World. Register: 708-867-2298, eisenhowerlibrary.org.

## Monday, July 15

**Baby Playdate:** 3-3:45 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is for ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Come socialize with other adults while playing

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and reading books with baby. Registration not required but recommended to receive a reminder.

**Mission Math Drop-In:** 2-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). For grades 1-6 who need some help completing their Mission Math packets or who want to get answers checked and explained. Stop by the VolunTeen table. Mission Math packets can be taken and turned in any time during the Summer Reading Program. Drop in for one-on-one math assistance with a VolunTeen.

**Reading Buddies:** 2-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). This is for grades 1st - 4th, to stop by to practice reading skills with a teen volunteer. Bring a favorite book or read one of ours. Spend 15 minutes one-on-one with a teen mentor reading aloud. Chat about favorite books & authors in a no-pressure environment. Register for each reading session.

**Take Flight with Paper Airplanes:** 5:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2298. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). Those in grades 4-6 learn about historic pilots and their famous airplanes as we use STEAM to create our own paper airplanes! An Eisenhower Library Card is required. Others are placed on a pending waiting list. Register: 708-867-2298, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Suburban Garden Club:** 7-8:30 p.m. Indian Head Park Administrative Building, 201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park. Free. Join us as Kent Taylor presents Our Climate Crisis, based on Al Gore's movie, "An Inconvenient Sequel." Learn how global warming is affecting our oceans, health, agriculture and economy, and how common sense approaches can mitigate these effects.

**Bingo Mondays:** 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange. \$15. (708) 354-3300. [post1941@sbcglobal.net](mailto:post1941@sbcglobal.net). Bingo Mondays at the La Grange American Legion Post 1941. \$15 for 10 Games, optional Bonus Games, \$10,000 Progressive Jackpot, and Split the Pot. Bar and kitchen open. Doors open at 6 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 16

**Songwriter Circle — Jenny Bienemann and guests Joel Simpson and James Jewell III:** 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Free. FitzGerald's Sidebar presents Songwriter Circle hosted by Jenny Bienemann, plus guests Joel Simpson and James Jewell III. "Book Now"

to RSVP for this free show.

**Family Storytime:** 10:15 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). This program is for families with children ages 7 & under. Join in for stories, songs, and fun! Registration is for all seven weeks.

**Mid-Kids Chess Club:** 2-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). For all players in grades 1-6 who want to learn to play, practice playing, or improve their game in a social environment.

**Nonfiction at Night Book Discussion — "Poverty, by America":** 7-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). This month's book is "Poverty, by America" by Desmond Matthew (2023). The book description: The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why? Pick up books at the Guest Services Desk one month in advance or go to the catalog and reserve the book.

**Board Game Night:** 7 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). Game Night! Drop in to play some tabletop board games from the Library's growing collection at the Library or bring your own favorite games to share. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Tuesday Tales, Ages 0-6:** 10-10:30 a.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. [riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com](http://riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com). This program is designed for young children to attend with a caregiver. Please plan to be engaged with your child during this program. Children under age 5 must be in the immediate supervising vicinity of a caregiver at all times while at the library.

## Wednesday, July 17

**Open Mic at Pub 78 Hosted by Kelly Ott:** 8-11 p.m. Pub 78, 3733 Grand Blvd., Brookfield. Free. (708) 255-5542. [pub78.com](http://pub78.com). Open Mic at Pub 78 Hosted by Kelly Ott. House drum kit available.

**Business Builders Workshop:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Darien Police Department, Training Room, Darien. [darien.chamber.com](http://darien.chamber.com). Come join our chamber board members Tom Sailer, of Exit Realty, and Nancy Urban, of the Darien Arts Council, as we look at ways to further help you build and expand your business.

**Storytelling with Victoria Montalbano:** 6 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com).

Storytelling for Performers is for those adults 18 & over who want to learn personal narrative storytelling. Writer and actress Victoria Montalbano de-mystifies the writing process and offers the tools needed to get on one's feet to perform one's work. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Yoga for Adults:** 3 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). Those age 18 and up can join Jodi from Yoga Garden for a month of yoga classes for adults. Bring a mat if you have one! Register for all four Wednesday morning classes at one time. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Community Art Project, Grades K-4:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. [riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com](http://riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com). Stop in for a few minutes or the whole hour and work with others on a piece of community art that will be displayed at the library! The community art project occurs select Wednesdays and is ongoing. Last day to participate is Aug. 14. Kids ages 7 & younger must be with a caregiver at all times.

**Summer Sounds '24 Free Concerts on the Quad:** 7-9 p.m. Dominican University Quad, 7900 Division St., River Forest. Free. (708) 488-5000. [dom.edu](http://dom.edu). Join us this summer for a series of free concerts in the Quad on Wednesday nights through Aug. 14. Bring a blanket or chair, a picnic dinner and some friends and enjoy great music from a variety of local bands. See the website for full lineup.

## Thursday, July 18

**Jazz Guitar in the Sidebar w/The Steve Knight Trio:** 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Free. FitzGerald's Sidebar presents The Steve Knight Guitar Duo. "Book Now" to RSVP for guaranteed entry to this free show.

**Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band:** 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald's Nightclub, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$20 - \$150. [fitzgeraldsnightclub.com](http://fitzgeraldsnightclub.com). The country blues trio that won over crowds on more than one Warped Tour knows how to make an audience move. "I like songs that sound happy but are actually very sad," Peyton says. "I don't know why it is, but I just do."

**Women's Wellness:** 6:30 p.m. Burr Ridge Community Church, 15W100 Plainfield Road, Burr Ridge. Free. (630) 654-4544. [brucc.org](http://brucc.org). If you are feeling disconnected, overwhelmed, lonely, or exhausted and are looking for support, connection, and authenticity — please consider joining us.

The tragedies and joys you've experienced could become someone else's hope. Here you will find people who care by sharing and listening.

**Thursday Afternoon Movie — "Waitress" (PG-13):** 2-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). This movie is sponsored by the IPPL Foundation & Friends, about: Jenna, who is a pregnant, unhappily married waitress in the Deep South. She meets a newcomer to her town and falls into an unlikely relationship as a last attempt at happiness. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Popcorn is provided. Register.

**Culinary Arts Film Fest — "Waitress: The Musical":** 10 a.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). July is National Culinary Arts Month and we're celebrating with a series of film screenings featuring some great movies for food lovers. This week: "Waitress," the hit Broadway musical about a small-town pie baker with big dreams. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Rock Painting for Teens:** 5 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). What started as a fun pastime of leaving painted rocks for others to find, has become a national movement. Ages 13-18 years can join to paint rocks with inspirational art & messages. Find a spot to release your work or bring them home to inspire yourself. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerpld.org](http://eisenhowerpld.org)

## Friday, July 19

**Film Lover Fridays (adults):** 1-3:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. [riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com](http://riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com). Join other movie lovers on the third Friday of every month to watch classic films. This summer, we're paying tribute to the king of summer blockbusters, Steven Spielberg. Snacks are provided. Brought to you in partnership with the River Forest Township.

## Saturday, July 20

**A Tribute to Stevie Wonder featuring Brandon James:** 8:30 p.m. FitzGerald's, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. \$20 - \$150. FitzGerald's Nightclub presents A Tribute to Stevie Wonder featuring Brandon James. \$20 General Admission; \$25 per seat Reserved Tables.

**Darien Garden Club Garden Walk:** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 Cass Ave., Darien. \$15-\$20. [dariengardenclub.com](http://dariengardenclub.com). The Darien Garden Club announces: "Every Garden Tells a

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Story” Garden Walk with six member gardens open to the public. DGC Members are your tour guides, providing insight into each unique objective, challenge and success.

**In-Person ESL Conversation Group**

**Drop-In:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). Adults can practice their English pronunciation and conversation skills with this group.

**Mutt Strut Virtual 5k Run/Walk:** 12

a.m.-11:59 p.m. Animal Care League, Oak Park. \$30 - \$35. 708-848-8155, ext. 132. [tinyurl.com](http://tinyurl.com). Unite with runners, walkers, and animal lovers in your community to go the distance for animals in need. Join us for Animal Care League’s 9th Annual Mutt Strut 5k to Benefit Homeless Animals! Register at [tinyurl.com/ACLmuttstrut24-register](http://tinyurl.com/ACLmuttstrut24-register)

**Sunday, July 21**

**Plant Swap:** 1:30-3 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 279-8696. [elmlib.org](http://elmlib.org). Plant lovers of all ages are invited to meet at the Library to trade gardening supplies and pest-free plants, including houseplants, potted plants, cuttings, succulents, and more. No registration required for this live, in-person event.

**Monday, July 22**

**Excel Series:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). In this two-part class (July 22 & 24), learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel for making spreadsheets. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Hearing Loss Presentation:** 1 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). Adrienne Tarnoff, Hearing Instrument Specialist, offers the opportunity to learn more about hearing loss, its signs and symptoms, and the potential long-term cognitive effects of untreated hearing loss. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Raining Pianos at the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association:** 1-2 p.m.

Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Free. Our Steinway piano has been lovingly restored and we want to share it with our community. The first drop of “Piano Rain” features Heather Peterson on June 24 in the first floor member lounge. This event will be held on the fourth Monday during the months of June, July, August and September.

**Tuesday, July 23**

**Lego Day:** 5 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2298. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). An Eisenhower Library Card is required.

**For ages 4-7 with an adult. Using the Library’s Lego brick collection, let’s have fun building a display for the Kids World department. Register:** 708-867-2298, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Mystery Book Club — “The Beekeeper’s Apprentice”:** 7 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). This month’s book is “The Beekeeper’s Apprentice” by Laurie R. King. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Wednesday, July 24**

**Mini Music Makers:** 10-10:30 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien. (630) 887-8760. [ippl.libcal.com](http://ippl.libcal.com). For children 6 months to 5 years with an adult caregiver to join local music school Edge Music Academy for an early childhood music class. Young children can experience music in an intimate, hands-on setting. Register for each week you plan to attend.

**Chess Club:** 6 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). Join our bi-weekly chess club for a few games in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere for high school aged players and older. No experience required. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**Thursday, July 25**

**Culinary Arts Film Fest — “The Menu”:** 10 a.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). July is National Culinary Arts Month and we’re celebrating with a series of film screenings featuring some great movies for food lovers. This week: “The Menu,” a horror satire of the high brow world of fine dining. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

**It’s a Can Can Show:** 7 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. [eisenhower.librarycalendar.com](http://eisenhower.librarycalendar.com). Andrea de la Torre, Queen of Can-Can, brings the classic cabaret dance into the 21st century while keeping its old fashioned charm alive. Attendees must be 16 or older. Register: 708-867-2299, [eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org).

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Lavender oil could soothe itchy bites from chiggers

By Joe Graedon, M.S. and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.

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**Q:** Chiggers are brutal here in South Carolina in the summertime. I've tried tons of home remedies without much success.

Last year, you ran a letter from a man who said that lavender essential oil worked for him, so I tried it. It works! One tiny drop on the bite stops the itch, then I reapply for any remaining redness over the next 24 to 48 hours.

Sulfur powder from a garden center helps repel them, but beware: When I sprinkled it on my shoes, socks and lower legs and then walked in wet grass, it ate my leather work boots into holes and ruined the pant material. It's also hazardous to breathe, so caution is necessary when applying or around pets.

**A:** Thank you for the words of wisdom. Lavender essential oil has anti-inflammatory activity when applied to itchy skin (Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, March 18, 2018). Others may find it helpful against chigger bite itches.

We have heard from many readers using sulfur powder on their socks and shoes to discourage chiggers. Thanks for the warning to stay out of wet grass and avoid breathing the powder.

**Q:** My wise family doctor in our hometown in Texas began testing my Lp(a) in the early 2000s. It was around 21. My other lipids were off, so he prescribed a combination statin with niacin (Simcor). They eventually stopped making that medication.

We moved and I didn't have my Lp(a) levels tested again until recently.

Lavender essential oil possesses anti-inflammatory properties that calm itchy skin.

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**It was 121! I couldn't believe it.**

I've been taking simvastatin for years. All my other lipid numbers are good. I'm perplexed about my high Lp(a) level. What will bring it back down?

**A:** Lipoprotein (a), abbreviated Lp(a), is an important risk factor for heart disease. This particle contains both LDL cholesterol and a sticky protein that helps Lp(a) form artery-clogging plaque.

Unfortunately, statin drugs that lower cholesterol do not reduce Lp(a) levels. They may even raise it (BMC Cardiovascular Disorders, Nov. 8, 2022). That may explain why your Lp(a) went so high on simvastatin alone. Levels above 50 mg/dL increase the risk for serious cardiovascular problems.

The pharmaceutical industry is now developing drugs to manage Lp(a) levels. In the meantime, some dietary supplements have a modest effect. Niacin and L-carnitine bring this blood lipid down. A healthful low-carb diet can also reduce this risk (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, January 2022).

**Q:** I have a question about the gin-raisin remedy for arthritis. If tart cherries also help ease joint pain, would it work to soak dried tart cherries in gin instead

of raisins?

I'm not in the habit of drinking fruit juice, so I often forget to drink the tart cherry juice I buy. I've found it easier to eat dried cherries. Would soaking them in gin up the ante?

**A:** You raise an intriguing idea. Although there are no studies of gin-soaked raisins for arthritis, scientists have studied tart cherries. Several trials show that tart cherries or cherry juice can reduce inflammation from gout (Arthritis Research & Therapy, Sept. 7, 2023).

A review found that tart cherries ease inflammation broadly (Ageing Research Reviews, March 2021). There is no research on gin-soaked cherries, but it might be worth trying.

Other nondrug approaches against inflammation include Knox Gelatine, pineapple, turmeric, ginger, stinging nettle and Certo and grape juice. Such remedies are less risky than nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs.

If you try gin-soaked tart cherries, let us know the outcome. Reports from our readers are how we learn about new strategies for treating arthritis.

*In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*

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# La Grange 5-bedroom home with movie theater: \$3.6M

**Address:** 200 S. Stone Ave., La Grange

**Price:** \$3,599,000

**Listing date:** June 19, 2024

This five-bedroom home has four full bathrooms, three half baths, 9.5-foot-high ceilings and oversize Marvin windows. The house has a Lutron home automation system to control temperature, lighting and power shades. The kitchen is equipped with an imported Mugnaini wood-burning pizza oven, a Blue Star double oven, a Miele refrigerator and two Thermador dishwashers, as well as two Sub-Zero fridge drawers. The living room on the first floor has a two-sided fireplace, a billiards room and a family room with views of the backyard. Of the four bedrooms on the second floor, the primary bedroom offers a full bath with two sinks, a Victoria and Albert soaker tub, a porcelain shower, a heated floor and a walk-in closet. The upper level has a fifth en-suite and additional entertaining space. The lower level has a custom bar with a granite countertop, an 1,000-bottle wine cellar and walnut-paneled walls. There is also a



seven-seat movie theater, a home gym and additional entertaining space. This home is completed by a backyard with a pool, hot tub, pergola and fire pit.

**Listing agents:** Ellyn Collins, 708-310-5926, and Michael Collins, 917-593-0160, Coldwell Banker Realty

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