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President backs Harris, who vows to rally Democrats, beat Trump

Reversal leaves uncertainty as GOP calls for president's resignation



President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden at the airport in Atlanta following his debate with former President Donald Trump on June 27. HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Decision creates questions for Chicago convention, Pritzker's political future

By Rick Pearson, Jeremy Gornier and Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

President Joe Biden's stunning decision Sunday to drop his reelection bid cast Democrats into unprecedented uncertainty less than a month before they gather in Chicago for their national convention and try to unite around a new nominee to challenge former President Donald Trump.

Biden's decision also recasts the role of J.B. Pritzker from the convention's home state governor to a potential candidate. A loyal supporter and surrogate for Biden's reelection, Pritzker also has a personal interest in the White House and now faces

a decision on whether to back the president's call to support Vice President Kamala Harris for the nomination or seek to join her on the ticket as a candidate for vice president.

One state Democratic source, who was not authorized to speak publicly about internal party conversations, said they were told Pritzker, the billionaire entrepreneur and heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune, would issue a statement about his political future on Monday and that they expected the second-term Illinois governor "would be running for something."

In a statement, Pritzker did not discuss his own ambitions

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By Zeke Miller, Coleen Long and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, ending his bid for reelection after a disastrous debate with former President Donald Trump that raised doubts about the incumbent's fitness for office. The unprecedented announcement, delivered less than four months before the election, immediately upended a campaign that both political parties view as the most consequential in generations.

The president — intent on serving out the remainder of his term in office — quickly endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to take on Trump and encouraged his party to unite behind her, making her the party's instant favorite for the nomination at its August convention in Chicago.

The announcement is the latest jolt to a tumultuous campaign for

the White House, coming a week after the attempted assassination of Trump at a Pennsylvania rally.

A party's presumptive presidential nominee has never stepped out of the race so close to the election. President Lyndon Johnson, besieged by the Vietnam War, announced in March 1968 that he would not seek another term after just a single state's primary. Biden's July decision comes after more than 14 million Democrats cast votes supporting him through the primary process.

Harris, in a statement, praised Biden's "selfless and patriotic act" and said she intends to "earn and win" her party's nomination.

"I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party — and unite our nation — to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda," she said.

Biden's decision to bow out came after escalating pressure from his Democratic allies to

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DuPage bickering reveals lack of oversight

Millions of tax dollars not collected while disputes between clerk, county officials, auditor continue

By Robert McCoppin and George Wiebe
Chicago Tribune

When recreational marijuana became legal in Illinois in 2020, it seemed like an easy source of new revenue for local governments. DuPage County was among many that enacted a sales tax on cannabis.

But by mid-2021, officials there noticed they weren't getting any of the new money.

The Illinois Department of Revenue said the county never notified it to collect the tax.

The county clerk said she sent notification, but there was no record of it. County officials estimate they lost some \$3 million in 18 months.

Then a separate dispute arose in DuPage over \$265,000 in clerk's bills for election materials. County officials delayed payment, saying the bills didn't comply with requirements — while the clerk replied that the county had no such authority over her.

While dealing with that, officials discovered that the county auditor

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DuPage County Clerk Jean Kaczmarek sits in her art-filled office at the county administration building in Wheaton on Thursday. Kaczmarek has been in office for over five years. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Quarterback Caleb Williams is learning on the fly

The Bears continued to progress through the ramp-up period of training camp Sunday, as the team's rookie quarterback showed flashes of talent. **Chicago Sports**



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Piping plover chick gets a name

Montrose Beach baby bird to be called Nagamo after communitywide contest

By Karina Atkins
Chicago Tribune

The surviving piping plover chick on Montrose Beach now has a name.

The chick, born this summer to parents Imani and Searocket, was named Nagamo, which means "he/she sings" in Ojibwe, one of the languages spoken by the Anishinaabe people. The city of Chicago is located on their traditional homeland. Imani was born in 2021 to beloved couple Monty and Rose.

Nagamo's name, announced Saturday, was selected via a community-wide contest organized by the Chicago Bird Alliance, Chicago Ornithological Society and Illinois Ornithological Society. Participants were encouraged to submit ideas reflecting Chicago's heritage, culture and diversity. A panel of leaders from local environmental and birding organizations made the final decision to select the name submitted by Mike Doty.

Piping plovers are known for their melodic "pi-low" chirp. Their scientific name, *Charadrius melodus*, also pays homage to their song-like call.

So far, Nagamo seems to be wearing the name well.

"On the day of the naming selection, Imani and Sea Rocket's little chick was heard piping," according to the Chicago Piping Plovers



A piping plover chick walks on Montrose Beach on July 10. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Instagram account, which provides regular updates on the Montrose Beach bird family.

Nagamo and parents are being closely monitored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Chicago Park District and volunteers from Chicago-area birding organizations. Researchers have yet to determine Nagamo's sex.

Piping plovers are federally protected endangered species native to the Great Lakes and known for pairing up to rear young. The Montrose Beach family is part of an ongoing effort to

restore the piping plover population, which reached an all-time low of 13 pairs in the 1980s.

Historically, 500 to 800 piping plover pairs nested in the Great Lakes, according to the Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Team.

Today, Imani and Searocket are one of 80 pairs of piping plovers in the region.

Conservationists celebrated earlier this summer when Searocket became one of the first captive-reared piping plovers to lay eggs in Illinois.

Her four chicks hatched on June 30 and July 1, but

Nagamo is the lone survivor. The three siblings all died in the span of five days, about two weeks after they were born.

One disappeared and was later found dead with a growth on the side of its neck. The other two were observed being lethargic and died within hours of being taken to the Lincoln Park Zoo for care, despite showing no earlier signs of illness or injury.

Nagamo appears healthy and was banded with a U.S. Department of Agriculture tag on its right leg for continued monitoring.

State police: Boy, 7, shot while riding on Dan Ryan

By Karina Atkins
Chicago Tribune

A 7-year-old boy was shot on the Dan Ryan Expressway early Sunday morning, according to Illinois State Police.

The young victim was riding down the northbound express lanes at 73rd Street when shots came from an unknown vehicle at approximately 2:40 a.m.

The driver of the victim's vehicle pulled over at East

22nd Street and South Michigan Avenue to call for help, according to state police. The boy was taken to a hospital with injuries.

The northbound lanes at the site of the shooting were shut down for about an hour

while police were investigating but were reopened just before 5 a.m., according to state police.

Police did not give an update on the boy's condition. They said say the investigation is ongoing.

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had failed to file legally required quarterly reports since taking office in 2020.

This dysfunction was unusual for DuPage, but was not unprecedented in Illinois. Kane County also missed out initially on cannabis taxes due to a similar lack of notice to the state, leading to finger-pointing among county officials. At least every decade or so, the Illinois attorney general has been drawn into battles between county boards and elected county officials.

This time, the DuPage clerk controversy even led to a change in state law. But the bickering continues, and more are apt to crop up statewide.

"This is an issue of transparency and fiscal responsibility with our voters," DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy said. "We're doing everything we can to make sure ... we can stop these disputes."

Clerk Jean Kaczmarek blames county officials for failing to realize they were missing out on cannabis taxes, and remains defiant, refusing to appear before the County Board, saying the law is on her side.

"I came in as an activist, and I'm going to continue to challenge the county and make sure they're following the law," she said. "I'm not going to look the other way."

Kaczmarek, a Democrat, was part of a sea change in the politics of the county, which had been a Republican stronghold for decades. She was first elected in 2018 as part of a "blue wave" on a pledge to improve DuPage County elections. Even critics credited her with speeding up election results and allowing residents to vote at any polling place, though Republicans challenged the 2020 results.

Conroy, a former state representative and school board member from Elmhurst, became the first Democrat in decades and first woman to lead the majority-Democratic County Board when she was elected in 2022.

Auditor Bill White, an attorney and certified internal auditor, was elected in 2020 by a thin 58-vote margin against incumbent Bob Grogan, who plans to



DuPage County Auditor Bill White stands in the DuPage County Administration Building in Wheaton on Thursday. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy holds a budget meeting with Chief Administrative Officer Nick Kottmeyer, left, and Chief Financial Officer Jeff Martynowicz in her office at the DuPage County Administration Building in Wheaton on Thursday.

run again this year. White describes himself as "vigilant watchdog" of county finances, and said the failure to file quarterly reports was due in part to a lack of technology and staff, after several key office members left.

He said he will get those reports filed by the end of July doing it the old-fashioned way, by hand.

Both Kaczmarek and board members have criticized White, but Conroy said he at least is trying to work with the county to do his job.

To prevent a repeat of the cannabis tax fiasco, White filed a report recommending the clerk develop written procedures for transmittal of ordinances, including using certified mail to ensure delivery to the state.

Kaczmarek said while the clerk's office routinely sends hundreds of such notices,

it's up to the county Finance and other departments to make sure that ordinances are being followed and taxes collected.

The county administration and clerk have resolved most of the initial backlog of bills. But new contract payments keep getting delayed because county officials maintain they should have been put out to bid, or gotten proper authorization or paperwork.

"We are concerned that the clerk's office is not following Illinois state law and continues to not listen to or take the legal advice of our state's attorney office," 10 board members wrote in a letter to Conroy. "This issue of the clerk not working with the county has come to a tipping point and now we are talking about hundreds of thousands of 'taxpayers money' that have no oversight or transparency."

Kaczmarek said she runs an independent office that has to make expenditures to ensure fair elections and has internal controls to keep contracts on the up and up.

Frustrated by the clerk's lack of cooperation, Conroy got state lawmakers to change the law to require county officials to comply with procurement procedures, she said. The clerk's office said it's unclear what effect the change will have.

Meanwhile, contractors continue to have to wait months to be paid.

Truly Engaging CEO Brenda Baird-Watterson called for the county to pay her company and other vendors.

"Whoever has the legal authority ... please pay your bills, pay us and pay those that are waiting as well."

The County Board is due to meet Tuesday and may consider some of these issues.

Alisa Kaplan, executive director of good-government group Reform for Illinois, urged the parties to come together to improve these basic functions.

"There seem to be several layers of dysfunction here, both within individual offices and in their relationships with each other," she told the Tribune. "It does seem like county officials are taking these issues seriously and trying to address them. Hopefully there'll be a thorough review of how these failures happened and how to prevent similar problems in the future."

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State struggles with vacancies on boards

Audit shows appointed posts remain empty

By Olivia Olander
Chicago Tribune

State boards and commissions tasked with solving some of Illinois' biggest problems have been left with hundreds of vacancies for appointed positions and often didn't have enough members to conduct business, a report released last month from the state auditor general found.

The report covered a two-year period ending in 2022, but many of the issues in filling seats on boards and commissions have persisted for years. Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office has said it has since made several changes to improve the ability of the many appointed panels to function.

Failing to fill enough seats so those boards can fully function has the potential to stymie progress on fixing issues that legislators or state officials thought, at least at one point, were significant enough to warrant their own task force.

"They were created for a reason. They do have a purpose. But it's our job to see the agencies and the governor's office are meeting their requirements, getting them the resources to do it," Auditor General Frank Mautino said.

In the two years ending in June 2022 covered by the report, 30% of the boards that existed — with purposes as disparate as reforming campaign finance in judicial elections to promoting amateur sports — were inactive, the IG found. Some weren't working because they didn't have enough members, while others had just recently been created during the time of the audit or were inactive for other reasons, auditors found.

More than 30 had been inactive since at least 2018, the report said.

The audit found nearly two thirds of the state's 339 boards and commissions had at least one vacancy, with more than 1,300 vacancies statewide at the time the audit was completed. The majority also had at least one vacancy that



Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino, center, stands in the state Capitol in Springfield in January 2020. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

was supposed to be filled by the governor.

In many cases, boards can function without a full roster of members, but 50 were inactive because they didn't have enough members to conduct business, the report said.

The governor's office maintains an online database of its board appointments, which shows progress from the time of the report.

There were 688 governor-appointed vacancies as of Friday, according to the database, down from 839 reported during the audit.

The idea that boards aren't at full capacity is "disappointing," said Alisa Kaplan, executive director at the nonprofit Reform for Illinois, both "in a democratic sense" because lawmakers "claim they're doing something about a certain issue," and to invested stakeholders.

"Often task forces and commissions are created by legislation to placate constituencies or kick the can down the road," Kaplan said.

Organizations as recognizable as the Prisoner Review Board and Illinois Labor Relations Board are included in the scope of "boards and commissions," along with lesser-known entities such as the Commission on Amateur Sports and the Illinois Flag Commission.

The positions are typically

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not salaried, though some are. Members in many cases are provided with some kind of compensation such as per diem or travel reimbursements, according to the auditor's office.

"I don't think most vacancies happen for any sinister reason," Kaplan said. People are busy and may not want to take the time to do the work in such a public position "in the line of fire," she said.

Sometimes, it's the appointing authority itself that gets busy, she added.

And regardless of the reason, "it undermines the public's trust to have a bunch of commissions that are supposed to be doing a job for them and aren't," she said.

While the period auditors studied in this report overlaps with part of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration, its findings reflect a long-standing issue.

A slightly greater proportion of

boards and commissions — just over a quarter — were inactive during the period of the 2021-2022 audit than reported being inactive during the last major audit, which focused on fiscal 2008 when Rod Blagojevich was governor. Some boards studied in 2021 and 2022 blamed the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic for their inactivity, according to the report.

The Governor's Office of Executive Appointments has made organizational changes since the audit to be more efficient, according to a response letter signed by Pritzker from May that was included in the report. The office made a record number of appointments to boards and commissions during fiscal 2023, the letter said.

"The Office looks forward to working collaboratively with State agencies and the General Assembly to continue to identify opportunities for improvement, the office said in response.

Among boards that weren't active during the latest audit were some meant to protect some of Illinois' most vulnerable residents.

An Advisory Council on Youth HIV/AIDS Prevention was one of three boards that was inactive due to funding or appropriations issues; a contact for the group said they didn't know if any money was ever appropriated, auditors wrote.

Among the boards that didn't have enough members to operate, the Task Force on Transitional Housing for Sex Offenders, created in 2008 to study housing options for people convicted of sex offenses and released from incarceration, did not have any members appointed during the time of the audit, the report said. A task force contact said the group had "not met in years," the report found.

The Racial Disproportionality in Child Welfare Task Force, created in 2021, did not begin meeting until after the end of the period that was audited. Auditors could not determine why it was inactive at the time, according to the report, though it has now met more than 20 times, according to records maintained by the Department of Children and Family Services.

With many paid positions having been eliminated in recent decades, the total amount spent on salaries and other payments related to the boards was down significantly since that 2011 report. About \$1.75 million was spent on compensation in fiscal 2022, compared with more than \$8 million in fiscal 2009, according to auditor reports.

Pritzker's administration has been receptive to auditors' recommendations on the issues, Mautino said.

The administration agreed with all of the report's recommendations, including removing from its website boards and commissions that have completed their work or been repealed. The administration also said it had begun implementing a new tracking system as of November for term expirations, meant to mitigate the issue of vacancies.

The full extent to which the administration is able to fix the long-standing problems may become more clear in the coming years: The auditor's office plans to follow up in 2025, with an update to the report expected in 2026.

Illinois for decades has implemented a series of ethics reforms to boards and commissions, including a ban under Blagojevich on lobbyists serving on them. Blagojevich, who later served time in prison for corruption, came under scrutiny for awarding influential board seats to campaign donors even after that reform was enacted.

Hundreds of boards and commissions were eliminated in the 1970s and '80s, and the scope was again cut around 2011, Mautino said. The sheer number of boards doesn't necessarily reflect an inefficiency, but boards that are no longer needed should be shut down by the General Assembly or the governor, and vacancies should be filled, he said.

"There may be good work that has to be done, and we need to see more concentration on filling those positions. ... They were created for a reason, and they need to have all of their components available in order to continue to work," Mautino said.



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“It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term.” — President Joe Biden, in a letter posted Sunday to his X account

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step aside since the June 27 debate, in which the 81-year-old president trailed off, often gave nonsensical answers and failed to call out the former president’s many falsehoods.

“It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term,” Biden wrote in a letter posted Sunday to his X account.

Nearly 30 minutes after he bowed out, Biden threw his support behind Harris.

“Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year,” he said in another post on X. “Democrats — it’s time to come together and beat Trump.”

There were early signs that the party was moving to coalesce around Harris, who scored the endorsements of the Congressional Black Caucus, former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton even before she had commented on Biden’s decision to quit the race.

“We are honored to join the President in endorsing Vice President Harris and will do whatever we can to support her,” the Clintons



A woman backs President Joe Biden at the White House after he ended his reelection bid Sunday. SAMUEL CORUM/GETTY-AFP

said in a statement.

Former President Barack Obama, who had privately shared doubts about Biden’s reelection chances, stopped short of endorsing Harris even as he praised Biden for his decision to leave the race.

“I have extraordinary confidence that the leaders of our party will be able to create a process from which an outstanding nominee emerges,” he said.

Biden’s decision came as he has been isolating at his Delaware beach house after

being diagnosed last week with COVID-19, huddling with a shrinking circle of close confidants and family members about his political future. Biden said he would address the nation this week to provide more “detail” about his decision.

Biden had been reflecting on his future for the past couple of days, and the decision was closely held.

Now Democrats have to urgently try to bring coherence to the nominating process in a matter of weeks and convince voters in a

short time that their nominee can handle the job and beat Trump. And for his part, Trump must shift his focus to a new opponent after years of training his attention on Biden.

The decision marks a swift and stunning end to Biden’s 52 years in electoral politics; donors, lawmakers and even aides expressed to him their doubts that he could convince voters that he could plausibly handle the job for another four years.

Biden won the vast major-

ity of delegates and every nominating contest but one. Now those delegates will be free to support another candidate.

Harris, 59, appeared to be the natural successor, in large part because she is the only candidate who can directly tap into the Biden campaign’s war chest, according to federal campaign finance rules.

Biden’s backing helps clear the way for Harris, but a smooth transition is by no means assured.

The Democratic National

Convention is scheduled for Aug. 19 to 22 in Chicago, but the party had announced that it would hold a virtual roll call to formally nominate Biden before in-person proceedings begin.

It remains to be seen whether other candidates would challenge Harris for the nomination. The Democratic National Committee’s chair, Jaime Harrison, said in a statement that the party would “undertake a transparent and orderly process” to select “a candidate who can defeat Donald Trump in November.”

Trump reacted on his Truth Social site, posting that Biden “was not fit to run for President, and is certainly not fit to serve.”

While Trump and his team had made their preference for facing Biden clear, his campaign had nonetheless ramped up its attacks on Harris as pressure on Biden to step down intensified.

Speaker Mike Johnson’s statement said: “If Joe Biden is not fit to run for President, he is not fit to serve as President. He must resign the office immediately.”

Democratic officials quickly released statements praising Biden’s decision.

Biden’s granddaughter Naomi Biden Neal said on social media: “I’m nothing but proud of my Pop.” She said he has served the country “with every bit of his soul and with unmatched distinction” and “our world is better today in so many ways thanks to him.”

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or mention Biden’s call to back Harris, the nation’s first Black and Asian American vice president, as the party’s new nominee. Instead, he hailed Biden’s service and warned that Trump “threatens the fundamental American ideals we hold dear.”

“I will work every day to ensure that he does not win in November,” Pritzker vowed.

Citing a litany of Biden’s accomplishments, Pritzker said that “perhaps most consequentially, President Biden restored dignity to the Oval Office, bringing the statesmanship and honor that have been the hallmarks of his years of service, back to the White House.”

Former Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, a member of the Democratic State Central Committee and a convention delegate, said his “strong desire” is to support a Harris-Pritzker ticket, though he would back a Pritzker bid for the presidential nomination if the governor made that decision.

“Pritzker’s record in five and a half years as governor is fantastic. You can look at it from a centrist point of view on what he’s done with the budget, the credit upgrades,” said Cullerton, who served as Senate president from 2009 to 2020.

“Then there’s his overwhelming support for women’s reproductive rights that he’s invested

money in throughout the nation,” he said, referring to Pritzker’s “Think Big America” organization, which has spent millions of dollars supporting abortion rights initiatives around the country. Reproductive rights, Cullerton said, “is what’s going to drive the turnout and that’s why we’re going to win.”

Leading Democrats, who had been preparing to virtually nominate Biden early next month and who had been working on programming to sell the Biden-Harris ticket to the American public during the Chicago convention set for Aug. 19-22, pledged the party would undertake a transparent and orderly process to select a new nominee.

Jaime Harrison, the chair of the Democratic National Committee, called the party’s work in the days to come “unprecedented,” but said “our delegates are prepared to take seriously their responsibility in swiftly delivering a candidate to the American people.”

Details on the nomination process will come “in short order,” Harrison said.

Like Pritzker, many of the state’s top Democrats issued statements or took to social media to thank Biden for his accomplishments but they also showed that there’s uncertainty within the party of selecting a successor nominee by not mentioning Harris.

Former President Barack Obama, under whom Biden served two terms as vice

president, acknowledged Democrats “will be navigating uncharted waters in the days ahead.”

“But I have extraordinary confidence that the leaders of our party will be able to create a process from which an outstanding nominee emerges,” Obama said in a statement. “I believe that Joe Biden’s vision of a generous, prosperous, and united America that provides opportunity for everyone will be on full display at the Democratic Convention in August. And I expect that every single one of us are prepared to carry that message of hope and progress forward into November and beyond.”

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, the state’s senior senator and the second-ranking Democrat in the chamber, said, “The Democratic Party must unite behind a candidate who can defeat Donald Trump and keep America moving in the right direction. I will do everything in my power to help that effort.”

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth said Biden’s decision not to seek a second term “ensures that Democrats can focus on the goal that unites each and every one of us: defeating Donald Trump and preventing another four years of his destructive chaos and corruption.”

State Rep. Elizabeth “Lisa” Hernandez, who chairs the state Democratic Party, which is heavily influenced by Pritzker, said, “We will mobilize, organize, and vote to ensure that the

Democratic ticket prevails in November.”

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, the head of the county’s Democratic Party, thanked Biden in a social media post for his “unwavering and selfless commitment and service to our country,” but made no reference to Harris.

Illinois delegate and Chicago Ald. Gilbert Vellegas, 36th, called on Democrats to “regroup and set their sights on November” with Biden’s support, but

Details on the nomination process will come “in short order,” said Jaime Harrison, the chair of the Democratic National Committee.

when asked, he declined to say whether he supports Harris as the party’s nominee.

But other Democrats, most notably Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, said they were following Biden’s lead and backing his choice of Harris for the nomination.

“It is vital for our entire party to come together and support Vice President Harris,” Johnson wrote in a statement. “Vice President Harris is the visionary leader that we need now to defeat the threat of another Trump presidency.”

Earlier this month, Johnson had proven himself to be one of Biden’s staunchest big-city mayoral cheerleaders, questioning “why there is a debate” over the president’s lackluster debate performance that ultimately

led to the president’s decision to bow out of a bid for a second term.

State Rep. La Shawn Ford, a convention delegate from Chicago’s West Side, said he believed Harris was in the best position to give Trump “the greatest challenge in such a short time.” He also said he wanted to see Pritzker as her running mate.

“He understands exactly how to be inclusive in government, and he’s also wealthy and he’s from Illinois,” Ford said. “Other than

of Harris, saying it’s “time to rally together” to “elect our first Black, Asian and woman President!”

Another delegate, former Democratic state Sen. Jacqueline Collins, of Chicago’s South Side, also said she supports Harris to be president since she’s spent the last three and a half years in the executive branch and has the “intellect and the stamina” to bring in younger voters and is “the best advocate and spokesperson” on abortion rights.

“Speaking as not only a delegate but as a Black woman, I feel that she’s deserved the opportunity to take on the Trumpsters,” Collins said. “But I believe that as many know by now that Black women, really, they are the foundation of the Democratic party, and I think it’s going to energize a whole segment of individuals, Democrats who might have felt that they were going to sit it out.”

Illinois Republicans, following the Trump campaign’s lead just days after their national nominating convention in Milwaukee, trained their attention on Harris.

U.S. Rep. Mary Miller of downstate Hindsboro accused Harris of leading “the Democrats’ cover-up of Joe Biden’s severe cognitive decline. Their donors only forced Biden out once they got caught.”

Tribune reporters Jake Sheridan, Olivia Olander, Dan Petrella and A.D. Quig contributed.



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ELECTION 2024

Area residents, activists react to withdrawal

Wonder how new Dem candidate will address the issues

By **Adriana Pérez** and **Karina Atkins**
Chicago Tribune

President Joe Biden's decision Sunday to withdraw his candidacy from the presidential race after months of pressure from fellow Democrats comes as Chicago ramps up preparations for the Democratic National Convention amid a variety of concerns from residents.

Mark Sanes, 23, from Englewood, has been drumming buckets in front of the Art Institute since he was 13. He said he was shocked — but not surprised — when he heard the news during a break from his drumming Sunday afternoon.

"Where I'm from, it didn't affect us," he said. "Nothing changed (under Donald Trump or Biden)."

Local activists and organizers also say any shifts by the Democratic Party won't alter their plans; their approach will remain assertive as they push the establishment to support their causes, including immigration reform, peace in Palestine and environmental justice.

"We plan to still march on the DNC," said Faayani Aboma Mijana, an organizer with the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, part of a larger coalition planning to rally ahead of and during the convention next month. "That's because it's not about Biden as an individual, it's about the party's leadership and how they are the ones who are ultimately pushing to support Israel, and they're the ones who are funding and aiding the genocide in Palestine."

The March On DNC coalition represents a protest against both parties, which Aboma Mijana called "rotten options." The coalition's main organizing principles include solidarity with Palestine and ending U.S. aid to Israel after the latter launched its bombardment of Gaza after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel, where the group killed some 1,200 people and took 250 hostages. Since then, more than 38,000 Palestinians have been killed, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.



Mark Sanes, 23, of Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, drums a bucket near the steps of the Art Institute of Chicago on Sunday. Hearing the news that President Joe Biden dropped out of the race for the White House, Sanes said: "Where I'm from it didn't affect us. Nothing changed (under Trump or Biden)." **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Kristian Armendariz, a young activist from Little Village, said the DNC has highlighted longstanding issues within Chicago that must be faced.

"I know a lot of my neighbors and colleagues were not so happy that the Democratic National Convention was coming to Chicago," he said.

Armendariz said many Chicagoans are more concerned about local issues than supporting or caring about hosting a convention in the city. These include the scramble by local authorities to provide shelter for the thousands of immigrants who have been bused from the U.S.-Mexico border, the unhoused population in the city even



David Vasquez, 60, left, of Des Plaines, and Susan Radtke, 76, of Burr Ridge, relax at Millennium Park in Chicago on Sunday. Vasquez was pleased to hear that Biden dropped out of the race for the White House but wishes Biden had endorsed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton instead of Vice President Kamala Harris. Radtke said she wishes Biden had endorsed former first lady Michelle Obama.



as a homeless encampment was torn down by city workers in preparation for the DNC earlier this week, and violent crime.

"How are we supposed to guarantee all these tourists, all these politicians (will be safe) in our city, if we can't even keep our own city, our own neighborhoods, safe?" he mused.

Ultimately, Armendariz is glad Biden dropped out and said he's sure other Chicagoans feel similarly.

David Vasquez, 60, a resident from Des Plaines who was locking his bike up to a rack outside Millennium Park, said he regretted voting for Trump in 2016, so he voted for Biden in 2020. He was planning to do so

again this year until last month's presidential debate when concerns about the president's age and health made him consider not going to the polls.

On Sunday, he felt relieved that Biden had dropped out and said he would vote for Vice President Kamala Harris if she is chosen as the Democratic nominee. Biden endorsed Harris on Sunday.

"At this point, if she's the only one other than Trump, I'll vote for her," he said. "I definitely don't want to vote for Trump again." But she's not his first pick; rather, he'd like to see Hillary Clinton run again — and thinks she might be able to beat Trump this time.

Baltazar Enriquez, president of the Little Village Community Council, said he hopes a Harris candidacy and presidency could propel the country into becoming a global leader in climate policy.

"But, you know, money talks, so that's the concerning part. ... And politicians are always up for sale," Enriquez said, adding that lobbyists for industries like fossil fuels "know how to bring them to their side."

He said he hopes whoever wins the Democratic candidacy — and possibly the presidency — will hold companies and corporations responsible for environmental pollution in communities of color like Little Village. He referenced the need for stronger consequences for the company behind a botched demolition of a former coal plant that covered the neighborhood in dust four years ago. Northbrook-based Hilco Redevelopment Partners settled earlier this year to pay \$12.25 million to residents whose health and property was affected.

"There are laws out there, but nobody's really holding them accountable, and the EPA doesn't have a lot of teeth," Enriquez said. "We want to make sure that they

get prosecuted if they're dumping chemicals in our water, they get prosecuted if they're dumping stuff in our air. ... They kill people. They kill people in our neighborhood. They got people sick, (but) they didn't get held accountable. So we hope that Vice President Harris holds them accountable, makes policies and enforces them."

Environmental activists hope Harris will continue upholding the Biden administration's climate policies and goals, including the Inflation Reduction Act, which has been called the largest climate legislation in American history, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions by half before 2030.

Wearing a USA T-shirt, 76-year-old Susan Radtke was at the top of Willis Tower with her 8-year-old grandson, his friend and her husband when she found out Biden had withdrawn from the race Sunday.

"We think it's very good for the party," said the Burr Ridge resident and lifelong Democrat. "We're very proud of what Biden has accomplished, but at this point, I don't think we'd have a chance to win with him in the race. We were very afraid."

Harris, however, would not be her first choice as the Democratic nominee. The vice president, Radtke said, is "widely unpopular." Radtke said she started disliking Harris after she sharply criticized Biden for his race and school busing policies during a 2020 presidential primary debate.

Radtke hopes former first lady Michelle Obama will step up and win the Democratic nomination but believes the chances of that are slim. Ultimately, she said she'll support any Democratic candidate running against Trump — including Harris.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Self-perceptions
 - 5 Spoken
 - 9 Contributed
 - 14 Actor Alan
 - 15 Unadulterated
 - 16 Ablaze
 - 17 Carrot or parsnip
 - 18 Shade trees
 - 19 Emergency signal
 - 20 "Toxic" singer: 2 wds.
 - 23 ___ capital
 - 24 Perform on stage
 - 25 Board rider
 - 28 Infectious germs
 - 33 Cafeteria carriers
 - 34 Ice cream holders
 - 35 Money dispenser: Abbr.
 - 36 Japanese sash
 - 37 Smack or swat
 - 38 Red wine, for short
 - 39 Young boy
 - 40 Uses a rotary phone
 - 42 Aroma
 - 44 Looks over thoroughly
 - 46 Town crier's call: 2 wds.
 - 47 Get older
 - 48 Yearn
 - 49 Letter writer
 - 55 Actor Dornan
 - 56 Nabbed
 - 57 Require
 - 59 Come up
 - 60 "What ___ do you want?"
 - 61 Yellow NYC vehicle
 - 62 Tub soaks
 - 63 Said "guilty," perhaps
 - 64 Liberal ___
- DOWN**
- 1 Body part with a lobe
 - 2 Amorphous mass
 - 3 Rotten scent
 - 4 Fulfill
 - 5 First game in a doubleheader
 - 6 Reigned
 - 7 Fighting force
 - 8 Not as much
 - 9 Has an influence on
 - 10 Become wider
 - 11 Beloved
 - 12 Screws up
 - 13 Easter egg color
 - 21 Casual tops
 - 22 Walking speed
 - 25 Vodka brand
 - 26 Of cities
 - 27 Surprise attacks
 - 28 Cooks in a kettle
 - 29 "Soldier" insects
 - 30 NASCAR competitor
 - 31 Milan's country
 - 32 Walk slowly
 - 34 Informal talk
 - 40 College credentials
 - 41 Frozen drink brand
 - 42 Mail
 - 43 Purplish red
 - 45 Church district
 - 46 Used the horn
 - 48 Not taut
 - 49 Singer Irene
 - 50 Don't include
 - 51 Stairway part
 - 52 Survey
 - 53 Close by
 - 54 Smartphone message
 - 55 Quick punch
 - 58 Insult, slangily
- Solutions**
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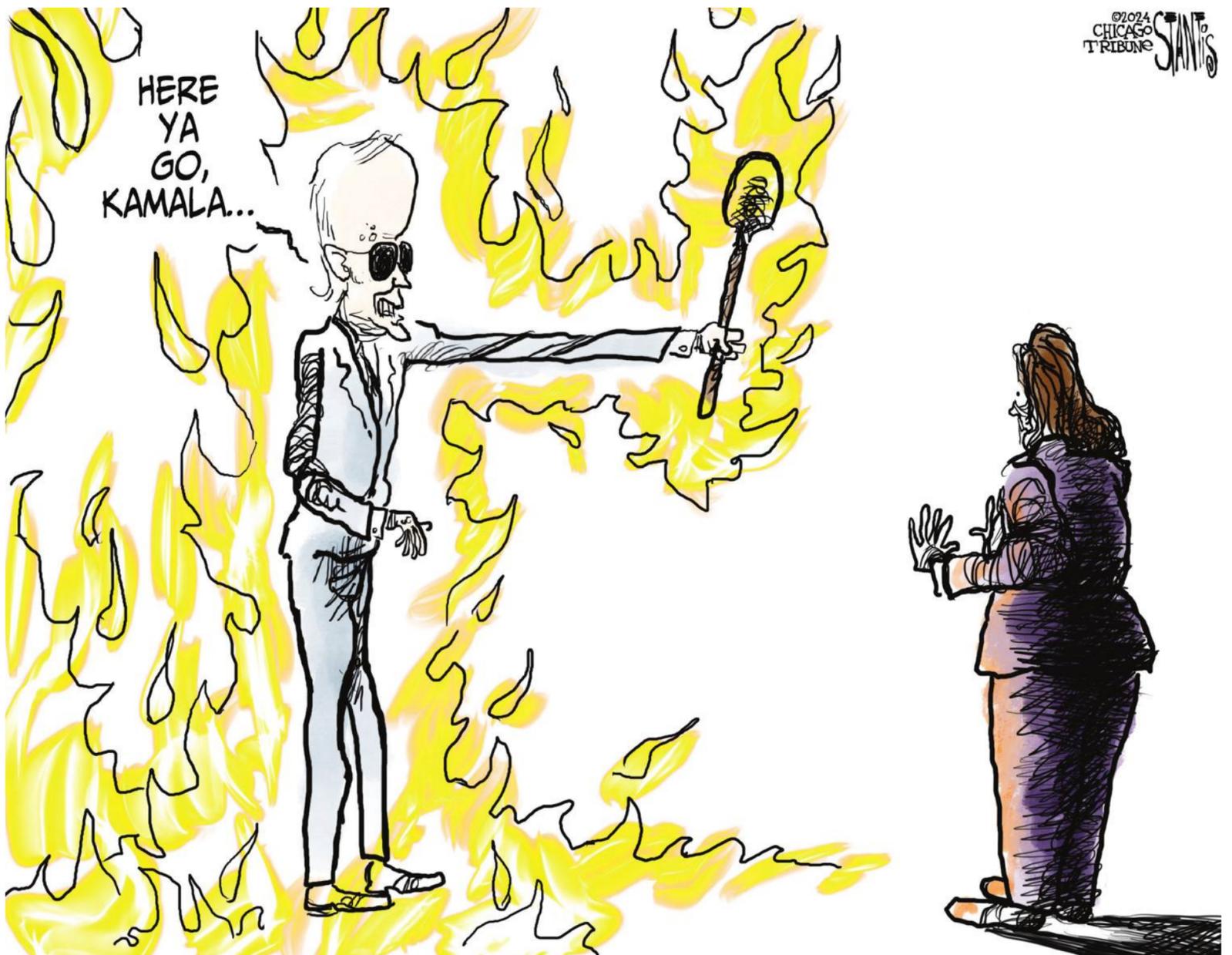
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Biden finally bows to the inevitable and leaves race

Joe Biden began his national political career in 1972, improbably ousting a Republican senator in Delaware at the age of 29. Biden was so young that he was elected before he was old enough, per the Constitution, to serve in the Senate. He turned 30 on Nov. 20 of that year, enabling him to take the seat in early 1973.

He ended his career Sunday some 52 years later as the oldest president in U.S. history, a man forced to step aside from a reelection campaign less than four months before voters go to the polls by leaders in his own party who determined his elderly state made him unelectable. The weekend timing might have been a surprise but the exit was inevitable.

Simply put, Biden had lost the support of the vast majority of his party and, crucially, also those who burnish its coffers.

Both William Shakespeare and the ancient Greeks excelled at writing tragedies, and the story of Joe Biden is one squarely in a tradition reaching back thousands of years. The brash upstart becomes the hubristic old lion who doesn't realize when his time is up and is forced under the white-hot spotlight to suffer a humiliating end to his story of public life. He became part an Oedipus and part a King Lear, howling with rage at a perceived injustice actually born of his own mortality.

So what to make of America's 46th president now that his ill-considered initial choice to run has left his party in a chaotic shambles as it again faces an ascendant Donald Trump, a presidential candidate Democrats both fear and detest?

In many respects, this spectacular miscalculation reflects the Joe Biden that Americans of a certain age have long known.

He's a man who has repeatedly made mistakes — bad ones at times — and has made many other poor decisions.

His first run for the presidency in 1988 crumbled after the emergence of credible plagiarism allegations in a speech he gave. His leadership as Senate Judiciary Committee chairman of Clarence Thomas' 1991 Supreme Court confirmation hearings, in which he gave short shrift to the sexual-harassment allegations of Anita Hill, a former aide to Thomas, was a notable blemish on his record for which he later apologized. He voted against President George H.W. Bush's war against Iraq in 1991 and in favor of President George W.



President Joe Biden walks down the steps of Air Force One at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Wednesday. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

Bush's war against Iraq in 2002. With the benefit of hindsight, most would say those votes should have been reversed.

In short, while Biden has been a man gifted with the political appeal of relatability for the working-class voters who often decide presidential elections, he hasn't always been a great decision-maker.

So it was in April 2023 when Biden announced he would run for reelection. Even at the time, there were misgivings about his age. Those grew rapidly. By late last year, polls showed age to be an acute Biden vulnerability. And the evidence of his decline, to the extent Americans were permitted to glimpse it given the White House's obvious efforts to shield Biden from embarrassing "senior moments," was there for all to see.

The party — and, let's be honest, some partisans in the media — reproached Americans for questioning Biden's stamina and clear diminishment. Biden soldiered on, confident in his belief that the election would turn on Americans' desire not to relive the chaotic Trump era rather than his record and, more importantly, his clear

ability to do the job for another four years.

He was wrong, as we all now know. It was most consequential blunder of his career.

As Democrats move on to determine who their presidential standard-bearer now will be under the tightest of deadlines, Biden's overall legacy will continue to be debated. Time may be kinder than most Democrats feel in a moment when Biden did not make it easy for his party.

There have been many bright spots, of course. His single term was a welcome return to a presidency in which Americans didn't have to think virtually every day about what the occupant was doing or saying. He worked hard — and ultimately successfully — to ensure continued U.S. support for Ukraine in its existential battle with Russia. And, to his credit, he stood by his long-held principles when it came to supporting Israel, if not always its current administration.

Biden also points, with justification, to a decent economic record, marked by substantial job growth and a bullish stock market. The rough post-pandemic

inflationary pressures soured Americans on their economic fortunes, and Biden could do little to tame them or convince the public things were better than polls reflected. He wasn't the first president to be burned by inflation, and he won't be the last.

As vice president, Biden was an able and wise counselor to Barack Obama and an indispensable administration emissary to his former colleagues on Capitol Hill. That the veteran senator who'd first taken office when Obama was just 11 would agree to play second fiddle to the nation's first Black president is not forgotten by Black voters, who've emerged as perhaps Biden's final firewall of support since he shockingly flubbed his debate with Trump more than three weeks ago.

There's no small amount of irony, then, that it was Obama who helped dissuade Biden from running to succeed him in 2016, choosing instead to support Hillary Clinton. Democrats ever since, including Biden, have wondered whether the country would have been spared Trump in the first place had Obama chosen otherwise. It's quite possibly the case.

Biden's life story is one of uncommon resilience.

He famously almost quit his newly won Senate seat after his wife and daughter were killed in a car crash but ultimately carried on, commuting back and forth via train from the capital to Wilmington, Delaware, so he could tend to his two sons who survived the crash.

As in those timeless tragedies, though, Biden's belief that the only response to setbacks and losses was to "get back up," in his words, failed him in the end.

Alas, there's no prevailing over the ravages of age, which arrive at different moments for different people and do so without regard to deserving.

Grit and toughness no longer are enough at some point toward the end. The trick is knowing when to leave the stage. And having the courage to know that the right moment is probably one when you still feel far from done in your own head.

The compensation for our physical and cognitive declines as we get older is the wisdom gleaned from all those years.

Biden thought that experience could beat Trumpism and cheat Father Time. As he exits the political ring, both of those mythologies still are standing.

CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



AccuWeather Outlook: Partly sunny with a thunder-shower in spots this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight; humid downtown.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Sunday Temperatures
O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	84
Low	66
Normal high	85
Normal low	67
Record high	103 (1901)
Record low	51 (1970)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Sunday

Location	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Normal
Aurora	82	60	84	62	82
Gary	81	61	85	66	81
Kankakee	80	62	84	65	80
Lansing	82	61	84	65	82
Midway	83	67	85	68	83
Romeoville	82	64	85	65	82
Valparaiso	81	58	85	64	81
Waukegan	79	64	82	62	79

Sunday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Sunday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.12"
Month to date	5.55"	5.77"	2.42"
Year to date	23.92"	21.09"	21.25"

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

Pollen as of 7/19

Trees Absent Grass Moderate Weeds Low Mold High

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Air Quality Index

Sunday's reading: Moderate

Monday's forecast: Moderate

Primary pollutant: Ozone

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

	Mon.	Tue.
Sunrise	5:35 a.m.	5:36 a.m.
Sunset	8:19 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise	9:38 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Moonset	6:41 a.m.	8:01 a.m.

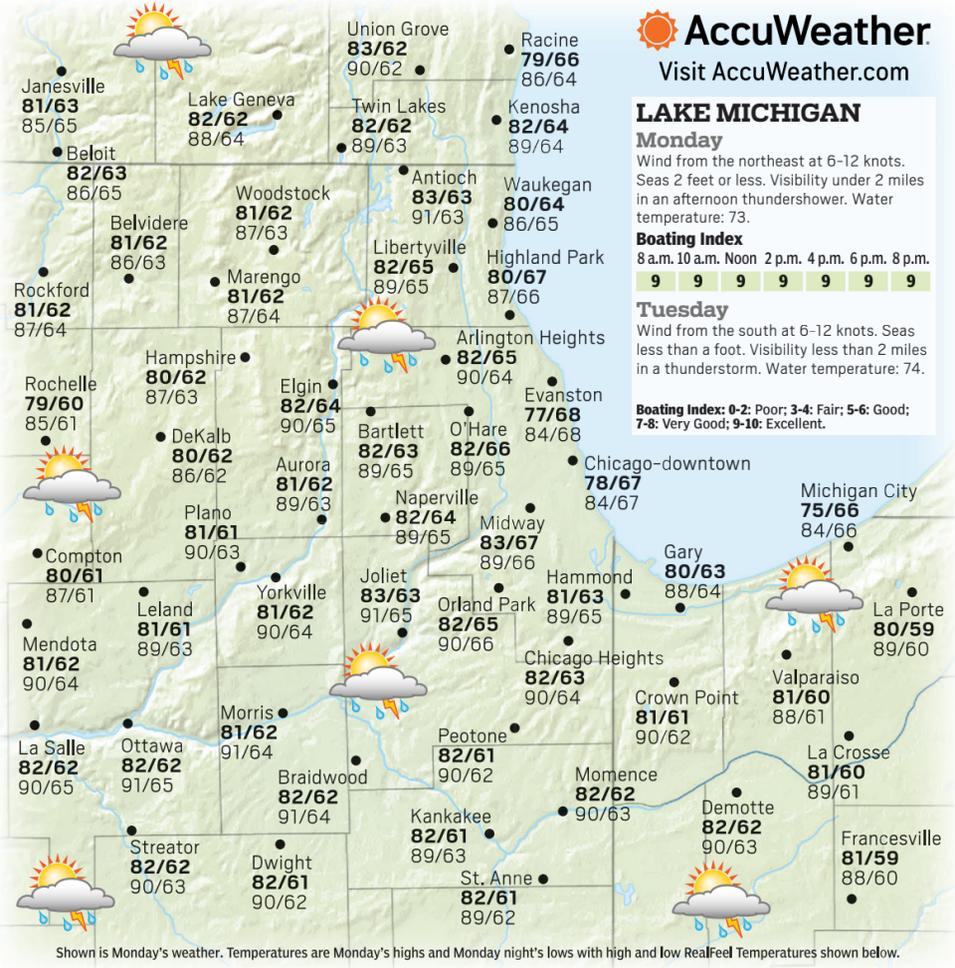
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Monday's Planet Watch

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Mercury	7:58 a.m.	9:28 p.m.
Venus	6:41 a.m.	9:04 p.m.
Mars	1:26 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
Jupiter	2:05 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Saturn	10:30 p.m.	9:51 a.m.

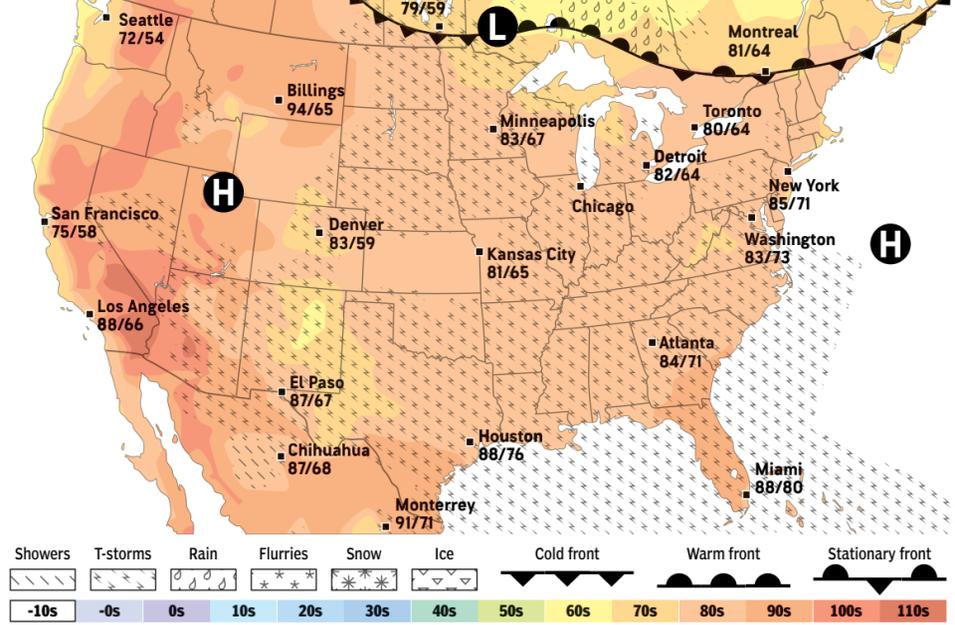
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NATIONAL FORECAST

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



Legend for weather symbols: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Cold front, Warm front, Stationary front. Temperature bands: -10s, -0s, 0s, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110s.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	85/69/t	90/69/t
Albany, NY	88/69/t	84/68/sh
Albuquerque	81/63/t	86/67/t
Amarillo	81/63/t	87/64/t
Anchorage	66/57/pc	66/54/pc
Asheville	80/65/t	79/66/t
Aspen	77/45/s	80/49/pc
Atlanta	84/71/t	85/71/t
Atlantic City	80/73/c	82/74/t
Austin	87/73/t	87/70/t
Baltimore	83/72/t	89/74/t
Billings	94/65/pc	98/68/pc
Birmingham	85/73/t	84/72/t
Bismarck	89/63/t	86/63/pc
Boise	107/72/pc	106/75/pc
Boston	78/69/pc	76/67/sh
Brownsville	93/79/t	92/80/t
Buffalo	83/67/c	83/68/t
Burlington, VT	85/67/c	81/67/pc
Charleston, SC	90/77/t	89/76/t
Charleston, WV	81/67/t	82/69/t
Charlotte	84/72/t	88/71/t
Chattanooga	86/71/t	82/73/t
Cheyenne	78/54/pc	86/55/s
Cincinnati	82/66/t	82/66/t
Cleveland	81/66/c	85/67/t
Colorado Spgs	77/54/t	82/56/pc
Columbia, MO	81/65/pc	85/66/pc
Columbia, SC	88/73/t	90/74/t
Columbus, OH	83/67/pc	83/68/t
Concord	87/66/s	77/64/sh
Corpus Christi	95/78/t	87/76/t
Dallas	86/74/t	86/75/t
Daytona Beach	91/75/t	90/76/t
Denver	83/59/t	89/61/s
Duluth	80/58/t	65/56/t
El Paso	87/67/t	91/72/s

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	86/58/s	88/60/s
Fargo	87/65/t	83/59/pc
Flagstaff	82/55/t	84/55/t
Fort Myers	90/75/t	90/74/t
Fort Smith	84/70/t	89/69/c
Fresno	109/79/s	110/78/s
Grand Junction	96/68/s	98/69/pc
Great Falls	96/63/pc	103/62/pc
Harrisburg	83/72/t	90/73/t
Hartford	90/70/pc	84/67/pc
Helena, MT	100/65/pc	106/66/s
Honolulu	88/77/sh	89/79/r
Houston	88/76/t	85/73/t
Int'l Falls	72/60/t	69/54/t
Jackson, MS	88/74/t	85/72/t
Jacksonville	91/75/t	91/76/t
Juneau	66/53/c	58/51/r
Kansas City	81/65/pc	86/67/pc
Las Vegas	109/88/pc	109/90/s
Lexington	83/68/t	80/68/t
Lincoln	83/64/t	88/64/pc
Little Rock	83/71/t	84/73/t
Los Angeles	88/66/s	87/67/s
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New Orleans	85/77/t	89/78/t
New York City	85/71/pc	84/72/t
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Athens	97/78/s	98/79/s
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Barbados	87/81/sh	87/80/t
Barcelona	83/69/s	85/72/s
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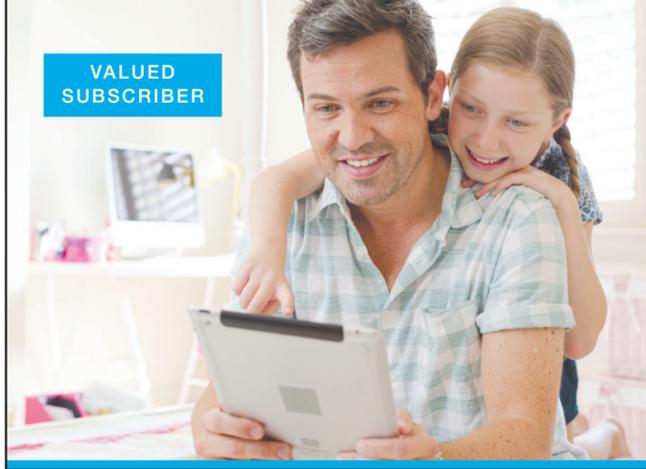
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NATION & WORLD

Israel downs Houthi-fired missile

Launch in Yemen follows Tel Aviv's bombing of port

By Gabby Sobelman and Matthew Mpoke Bigg
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — Israel's military said Sunday that it had intercepted a missile fired from Yemen, suggesting that the Yemen-based Houthi militia would keep trying to strike Israel, despite the bombing by Israeli fighter jets of a port in Yemen on Saturday.

The Houthis, which are backed by Iran, said in a post on the Telegram messaging app that they had launched the missile at Eilat, Israel's southernmost city on the coast of the Red Sea, "in response to the American, British and Israeli aggression against our country." The post said the strike had "achieved its goals," without giving details.

The conflict between Israel and the Houthis has escalated as the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also fighting Hamas in the Gaza Strip and trading aerial attacks with Hezbollah, a militia also backed by Iran, across its northern border with Lebanon.

Israeli air defenses intercepted a missile that "approached Israeli territory from Yemen" following an air raid siren in the Eilat area, according to a statement by the Israeli military. The area is a popular beach resort, and mid-July is high season for Israeli vacationers.

"The projectile did not cross into Israeli territory. Rocket and missile sirens were sounded following the possibility of falling shrapnel," it said in a statement on



A man photographs a fire at oil storage tanks Saturday, a day after Israeli strikes on the port in Hodeida, Yemen. GETTY-AFP

social media.

The Israeli airstrikes in Yemen were launched in retaliation for a deadly Houthi drone strike Friday on Tel Aviv. Israeli warplanes hit the Red Sea port of Hodeida, leaving parts of the port in flames. The strikes targeted a power station as well as gas and oil depots, sites used for military purposes, the Israeli military said. It was the first time Israel had publicly struck the group following months of escalating Houthi attacks.

The Ministry of Health in Houthi-controlled Sana, Yemen's capital, said Sunday that the strikes had killed three people and injured 87, many of whom suffered severe burns. The port plays

a critical role in the economy of Yemen, and fuel stored there is vital for the effort to feed the population, which faces a hunger crisis.

The Houthi drone attack early Friday breached Israel's multilayered air-defense system and hit an apartment building near the U.S. Embassy branch office in Tel Aviv, killing at least one person and wounding eight.

Israel Katz, Israel's foreign minister, said the retaliatory strikes Saturday were meant to send a regional warning.

"The blow delivered to the port of Hodeida and another location, a power plant, delivers an important message," he said on Kan radio, part of Israel's public media network.

"When we saw that Iran and Hezbollah are eyeing this and wondering if perhaps Israel is deterred — Israel's powerful operation sends a clear message around, because Iran is located 200 kilometers closer than the port of Hodeida."

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the Israeli military spokesperson, said earlier that the port was a major supply stop for Iran to funnel weapons to its Houthi allies, who have fired more than 200 missiles and drones at Israel over the past several months.

The strikes and counterstrikes involving Yemen in recent days are further evidence of the rippling consequences of the Oct. 7 attack on Israel led by Hamas, in which around

1,200 people were killed.

Since Netanyahu launched a war to destroy Hamas in response to that attack, more than 38,000 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed, according to Gaza's health ministry. The enclave has been devastated by Israeli airstrikes and fighting, and almost all of its 2.2 million people have been forced to flee their homes.

At the same time, there has been a sharp rise in violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and Israel and Hezbollah have exchanged thousands of cross-border aerial attacks.

In April there was a significant escalation in what had been a shadow war between Israel and Iran when Iran launched more than 300

drones and missiles at Israel in retaliation for an apparent Israeli strike on an Iranian embassy in Syria.

Since October, the U.S. government, while providing diplomatic and military support to Israel, has worked to curtail the possibility that the violence could mushroom into a full regional war.

Netanyahu and Biden: Netanyahu is scheduled to meet President Joe Biden on Tuesday afternoon, according to a statement from the prime minister's office. Netanyahu will leave Israel on Monday for the first time since Oct. 7. He is scheduled to address a joint session of Congress on Wednesday.

The visit comes at a fraught time for both sides, with Biden ending his bid for reelection and Netanyahu facing pressures domestically over a prospective cease-fire and hostage deal for Gaza, as well as international censure of Israel's conduct in the war.

Ultra-Orthodox in the Israeli military: The Israeli military began sending initial conscription orders to ultra-Orthodox men Sunday after a landmark decision ordered an end to their longtime exemption from military service.

The military said roughly 1,000 ultra-Orthodox men ages 18 to 26 would receive the orders as part of an attempt to gradually ramp up conscription while avoiding a head-on confrontation with the insular community.

The Supreme Court of Israel ruled in June that the government had to begin drafting the men, placing a strain on Netanyahu's coalition, which depends on two ultra-Orthodox parties that support the exemption.

ELECTION 2024

Harris could be first woman to hold highest office in US

Vice President sets sights on next goal in storied career

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — She's already broken barriers, and now Vice President Kamala Harris could shatter several more after President Joe Biden ended his reelection bid and endorsed her.

Biden announced Sunday that he was stepping aside after a disastrous debate performance catalyzed fears that the 81-year-old is too frail for a second term.

Harris is the first woman, Black person or person of South Asian descent to serve as vice president. If she becomes the Democratic nominee and defeats Republican candidate Donald Trump in November, she would be the first woman to serve as president.

Biden said Sunday that choosing her as his running mate was "the best decision I've made" and endorsed her as his successor.

"Democrats — it's time to come together and beat Trump," he wrote on X,

formerly Twitter. "Let's do this."

Harris called Biden's decision to step aside a "selfless and patriotic act," saying he was "putting the American people and our country above everything else."

"I am honored to have the President's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination," Harris said. "Over the past year, I have traveled across the country, talking with Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election."

Prominent Democrats followed Biden's lead by swiftly coalescing around Harris. But her nomination is not a foregone conclusion, and there have been suggestions that the party should hold a lightning-fast "mini primary" to consider other candidates before its convention in Chicago next month.

A recent poll from the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 6 in 10 Democrats believe Harris would do a good job in the top slot. Two in 10 Democrats don't believe she would, and another 2 in 10 say they don't know enough to say.

The poll showed that 4 in 10 U.S. adults have a favorable opinion of Harris, while about half have an unfavorable opinion.

Harris, a former prosecutor and U.S. senator from California, saw her bid for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination implode before a single primary vote was cast. She later became Biden's running mate, but she struggled to find her footing after taking office as vice president. Assigned to work on issues involving migration, she was repeatedly blamed by Republicans for illegal border crossings.

But Harris found more prominence as the White House's most outspoken advocate for abortion rights after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022. She also played a key role in reaching out to young people and voters of color.

In addition, Harris' steady performance after Biden's debate debacle solidified her standing among Democrats in recent weeks.

Even before Biden's endorsement, Harris was widely viewed as the favorite to replace him on the ticket. With her foreign policy experience and national



Vice President Kamala Harris campaigns Wednesday in Kalamazoo, Michigan. "My intention is to earn and win this nomination," she said Sunday. ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

name recognition, she has a head start over potential challengers, including California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Harris will seek to avoid the fate of Hubert Humphrey, who as vice president won the Democratic nomination in 1968 after President Lyndon Johnson declined to run for reelection amid national dissatisfaction over the Vietnam War. Humphrey lost to Republican Richard Nixon.

Vice presidents are always in line to step into the top job if the president dies or is incapacitated. But Harris

has faced an unusual level of scrutiny because of Biden's age. He was the oldest president in history, taking office at 78. Harris is 59.

She addressed the question of succession in an interview with The Associated Press during a trip to Jakarta in September 2023.

"Joe Biden is going to be fine, so that is not going to come to fruition," she said. "But let us also understand that every vice president — every vice president — understands that when they take the oath they must be very clear about the responsibility they may have to take over the job of being president. I'm no different."

Harris was born Oct. 20, 1964, in Oakland, California, to parents who met as civil rights activists. Her hometown and nearby Berkeley were at the heart of the racial and social justice movements of the time, and Harris was both a product and a beneficiary.

Harris' parents divorced when she was young, and she was raised by her mother alongside her younger sister, Maya. She attended Howard University, a historically Black school in Washington.

After graduating, Harris returned to the Bay Area for law school and chose a career as a prosecutor, surprising her activist family.

Scrutiny of Harris' views on abortion, climate, other issues lies ahead

By Maggie Astor
The New York Times

With Vice President Kamala Harris being eyed as a potential replacement for President Joe Biden on the Democratic ticket, her stances on key issues will be scrutinized by the nation's voters and both parties.

She has a long record in politics: as district attorney of San Francisco, attorney general of California, a senator, a presidential candidate and vice president.

Here is an overview of where she stands.

Abortion

Harris supports legislation that would protect the right to abortion nationally, as Roe v. Wade did before it was overturned in 2022, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

After the Dobbs ruling, she became central to the Biden campaign's efforts to keep the spotlight on abortion, given that Biden — with his personal discomfort with

abortion and his support for restrictions earlier in his career — was a flawed messenger. In March, she made what was believed to be the first official visit to an abortion clinic by a president or vice president.

She consistently supported abortion rights during her time in the Senate, including co-sponsoring legislation that would have banned common state-level restrictions, like requiring doctors to perform specific tests or have hospital admit-

ting privileges to provide abortions.

Climate change

Harris has supported the Biden administration's climate efforts, including legislation that provided hundreds of billions of dollars in tax credits and rebates for renewable energy and electric vehicles.

"It is clear the clock is not just ticking, it is banging," she said in a speech last year, referring to increasingly severe and frequent

disasters spurred by climate change. "And that is why, one year ago, President Biden and I made the largest climate investment in America's history."

Democracy

Harris was tasked with leading the Biden administration's efforts to secure voting rights legislation, a job she asked for. The legislation, which went through several iterations but was ultimately blocked in the Senate, would have coun-

tered voting restrictions in Republican-led states, limited gerrymandering and regulated campaign finance more strictly.

This year, she met with voting rights advocates and described a strategy that included creating a task force on threats to election workers and challenging state voting restrictions in court.

She also has condemned former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election results.

ELECTION 2024

Path ahead neither easy nor obvious

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

ATLANTA — With President Joe Biden ending his reelection bid and endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris, Democrats now must navigate a shift that is unprecedented this late in an election year.

Democrats are set to hold their convention Aug. 19 to 22 in Chicago. What was supposed to be a coronation for Biden now becomes an open contest in which nearly 4,700 delegates will be responsible for picking a new standard-bearer to challenge Republican Donald Trump in the fall.

The path ahead is neither easy nor obvious, even with Biden endorsing Harris. There are unanswered questions about logistics, money and political fallout.

Can Biden redirect his delegates?

Biden won every state primary and caucus this year and only lost the territory of American Samoa. At least 3,896 delegates had been pledged to support him.

Current party rules do not permit Biden to pass them to another candidate. Politically, though, his endorsement is likely to be influential.

What could happen at the convention?

With Biden stepping aside, Democrats technically start with an open convention. But realistically, his endorsement pushes Democrats into murky territory.

The immediate burden is on Harris to solidify support across almost 4,000 delegates from the states, territories and District of Columbia, plus more than 700 so-called superdelegates that include party leaders, certain elected officials, and former presidents and vice presidents.



President Joe Biden, seen July 1 with first lady Jill Biden, ended his reelection bid Sunday, a month before his party holds its convention in Chicago.

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Will anyone challenge Harris?

Even before Biden announced his decision, Democrats floated California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as potential contenders in addition to Harris.

Yet some Democrats argued publicly, and many privately, that it would be a no-brainer to elevate the first woman, first Black woman and first person of South Asian descent to hold national office.

Given how important Black voters were to Biden's nomination and his choice of Harris as running mate, it would be risky, to say the least, for Democrats to pass her over for a white nominee. Democrats already faced historical headwinds before Biden's withdrawal. Newsom and Whitmer, who are white, and any other Democrat would also have to weigh the benefits of challenging Harris now versus preserving goodwill for a future presidential primary.

What happens to Biden's campaign money?

Biden's campaign recently reported \$91 million cash on hand. Allied Democratic campaign committees brought the total at his disposal to more than \$240 million. Campaign finance experts agree generally that Harris could control all those funds since the campaign was set up in her name as well as Biden's. If Democrats do nominate someone other than Harris, party accounts could still benefit the nomi-

nee, but the Biden-Harris account would have more restrictions. For example, legal experts say it could become an independent expenditure political action committee but not simply transfer its balance to a different nominee.

How will a vice presidential nomination work?

The vice presidential nomination is always a separate convention vote. In routine years, the convention ratifies the choice of the nominee. If Harris closes

ranks quickly, she could name her choice and have the delegates ratify it. In an extended fight, though, the vice presidency could become part of horse-trading — again, a return to conventions of an earlier era.

Can Republicans keep Harris off state ballots?

Any curve ball during a U.S. presidential campaign is certain to produce a flurry of state and federal lawsuits in this hyper-partisan era, and some conservatives have threatened just that.



A resident watches rescuers put out a fire Sunday at a house destroyed during a missile attack in Kostyatyivka, in Ukraine's Donetsk region. ANATOLII STEPANOV/GETTY-AFP

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia, Kyiv trade assaults; 2 US bombers intercepted

By Samya Kullab
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia and Ukraine exchanged drone, missile and shelling attacks on Sunday. At least two people were killed in Ukrainian strikes on the partly Russian-occupied Donetsk region, Russian state media said, while Ukrainian officials said Russian strikes wounded at least five people.

Also Sunday, Russia said it scrambled fighter jets to intercept two U.S. military long-range bomber aircraft that approached the Russia border over the Barents Sea in the Arctic.

"The crews of the Russian fighters identified the aerial target as a pair of U.S. Air Force B-52H strategic bombers," Moscow's defense ministry wrote on the social media platform Telegram, specifying that the planes scrambled were MiG-29 and MiG-31 fighters.

"As the Russian fighters approached, the U.S. strategic bombers turned away from the State Border of the Russian Federation."

The U.S. routinely carries out flights over international waters. Moscow has recently responded more aggressively to the exercises, accusing the U.S. in June of using its reconnaissance drone flights over neutral waters in the Black Sea to help Ukraine strike Russian-occupied Crimea.

Along the front line in the east, Russia said it had taken control of two villages, one in the Kharkiv region and one in the Luhansk region.

Ukrainian shelling of Russia-held areas of the Donetsk region killed two people in the village of Horlivka, Russian state news agency RIA Novosti said.

Three people were wounded by Russian drone strikes in southern Ukraine's partly occupied Kherson region, local officials said Sunday morning. In the country's northeast, officials in the Kharkiv region said two people were wounded when a village was hit by Russian shells.

Overnight into Sunday, Ukraine's air defenses intercepted 35 of the 39 drones launched by Russia, accord-

ing to air force commander Mykola Oleschuk. In addition, Russia launched three ballistic missiles and two guided air missiles, which did not reach their targets.

Russia's Ministry of Defense said Sunday that its troops had taken control of two villages: Pishchane Nizhne in the Kharkiv region and Andriivka, sometimes referred to as Rozivka, in the Luhansk region. Kyiv did not immediately comment.

Officials in the northern Sumy region said Sunday that Russia launched a missile strike on "critical infrastructure facilities" in the city of Shostka. Mayor Mykola Noha specified that "two heating facilities" had been destroyed and urged residents to use electricity sparingly and stock up on water.

With few changes reported along the 600-mile front line, where a recent push by the Kremlin's forces in eastern and northeastern Ukraine has made incremental gains, both sides in the war have taken aim at infrastructure targets.

Secret Service chief, who had 'zero fail' view, poised to testify

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Kimberly Cheatle led the Secret Service's operations to safeguard the American president and other dignitaries, she said she would talk to agents in training about the "awesome responsibility" of their job.

"This agency and the Secret Service has a zero fail mission," Cheatle, who is now director of the agency, said in 2021 during a Secret Service podcast called "Standing Post." "They have to come in every day prepared and ready with their game face on."

Now, the Secret Service and its director are under intense scrutiny over that "zero fail" mission since an assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump during a rally July 13 in Pennsylvania that wounded his ear. Lawmakers and others across the political spectrum are questioning how a gunman could get so close to the Republican presidential nominee when he was supposed to be carefully guarded.

Adding to that scrutiny is the agency's acknowledgment late Saturday that it had refused to grant some of the Trump campaign's requests for added security at his events, after initially denying that it had done so.

Cheatle, who will testify to lawmakers Monday after congressional committees and the Biden administration launched a series of investigations, told ABC News that the shooting was "unacceptable." When asked who bears the most responsibility, she said ultimately it is the Secret Service that protects the former president.

"The buck stops with me," Cheatle said. "I am the director of the Secret Service." She said she has no plans to resign, and so far she has the administration's backing.



Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, seen June 4 in Chicago, is expected to testify Monday about the shooting at Donald Trump's July 13 rally. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Democratic President Joe Biden appointed Cheatle in August 2022 to take over an agency with a history of scandals, and she worked to bolster diverse hiring, especially of women in the male-dominated service. The second woman to lead the Secret Service, Cheatle worked her way up for 27 years before leaving in 2021 for a job as a security executive at PepsiCo. Biden brought her back.

Now, she faces her most serious challenge: figuring out what went wrong with the agency's core responsibility to protect presidents and whether she can maintain the support — or the job itself — to make changes.

Details are still unfolding about signs of trouble the day of the assassination attempt, including the steps taken by the Secret Service and local authorities to secure a building that the shooter, Thomas Matthew Crooks, climbed within 147 yards of where Trump was speaking. A retired fire chief at the rally, Corey Comperatore, was killed and two other people were wounded.

The Biden administration has directed an independent review of security at the rally. The Homeland Security Department's inspector general has opened three investigations and congressional

committees have launched others as calls mount for Cheatle to resign.

Two Republican senators demanding answers followed her as she walked through the Republican National Convention this past week.

"The nation deserves answers and accountability," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., posted on the social media platform X. "New leadership at the Secret Service would be an important step in that direction."

House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., said on X that Biden should fire Cheatle immediately, noting Comperatore's death and saying "we ... were millimeters away from losing President Trump. It is inexcusable."

Rep. Brendan Boyle, D-Pa., said in a statement Saturday that "the evidence coming to light has shown unacceptable operational failures" and he would have no confidence in Cheatle's leadership if she were to stay in the job.

The House Oversight and Accountability Committee subpoenaed Cheatle to appear Monday, and she is expected to be there. Kristie Canegallo, Homeland Security's acting deputy secretary, said the department has the "utmost confidence" in Cheatle.

160 years of protecting presidents

Duties, number of agents have grown since Lincoln's day

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — During Abraham Lincoln's presidency, anyone could come to the White House and see him.

Come they did: mothers looking to have their sons released from military service, wives urging that their husbands be freed from prison after resisting the draft, others who simply wanted to meet the president.

"Some only wanted comfort in a terrible time, and that he freely gave," James B. Conroy wrote in his book "Lincoln's White House: The People's House in Wartime."

The world has vastly changed since the 1860s, and so has protection for presidents. Protective details have grown in size, responsibility and technology over more than a century of the Secret Service protecting presidents.

When presidents leave the White House, they are accompanied by a phalanx of Secret Service officers and agents.

Cars can no longer drive past what is often dubbed "the people's house" at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

The fence has been raised, and don't even try to get past the gate without an appointment or badge.

The number of people under guard also has grown as vice presidents, former presidents, candidates, family members and more get protection.

During the Civil War, Lincoln was hesitant to make the White House look like an armed camp, but in late 1864 several police officers were assigned to guard him, the White House Historical Association said.

President Franklin Pierce was the first to have a full-



President Ronald Reagan waves just before being shot outside the Washington Hilton in D.C. **WHITE HOUSE 1981**

time bodyguard, in 1853.

It wasn't until 1901, after President William McKinley was assassinated, that Congress asked the Secret Service — originally a Treasury Department division that went after counterfeiters — to take up the charge of protecting the commander in chief.

Since then, protective details have grown and evolved, often in response to assassinations, close calls or other major security events.

Former Secret Service agents say the agency is studying the attempt on former President Donald Trump's life July 13 at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and making changes to adjust to it. A bullet grazed Trump's right ear.

The attempt to kill President Ronald Reagan in 1981 is often cited as a turning point in how the Secret Service operates.

Reagan was coming out of the Washington Hilton hotel when John Hinckley

Jr. opened fire from a crowd of onlookers and journalists just 15 feet away.

Hinckley got off six shots before Secret Service officers tackled him. The last shot ricocheted off a limo and into Reagan.

Some of the changes that followed aren't obvious to the outside observer but still critical.

For example, the Secret Service started assigning an agent to the small group of reporters who travel with the president so they would know whether someone was infiltrating the group.

After Reagan's shooting, presidents were driven into buildings through underground parking garages. When that's not possible, a cover is erected around the entrance to obstruct the line of sight as the president gets into or out of a vehicle.

"Nobody walks through the front door any more," said retired supervisory Secret Service agent Bobby McDonald, a crim-

inal justice lecturer at the University of New Haven. "Presidents and protectees of the Secret Service have seen more loading docks and have walked through more kitchens than ever before."

Joseph LaSorsa, a retired Secret Service agent who served from 1976 to 1996 and was on Reagan's protective detail, said the post-Reagan era also saw the increased use of metal detectors for crowds approaching the president to eliminate the possibility of a weapon getting into the "secure area" around the leader.

Changes also were made after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 as he drove through Dallas in a convertible, former agents say.

Presidents no longer sit in open vehicles but wave to onlookers through the thick glass of a heavily armored limousine nicknamed "the beast."

Former agents say the focus on advance work for

trips increased significantly and more was done to secure routes taken by the motorcades.

The White House also has seen changes designed to make it more secure.

On one day in May 1995, an estimated 26,000 cars drove along Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House.

The next day, the street was eerily quiet after workers stacked concrete barriers at each end to cut off access. Mounting security concerns a month after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 at a federal building prompted the closure.

There were other changes, too, such as air traffic restrictions after a small plane crashed onto the White House lawn in 1994. Gunfire hit the mansion twice that same year as well.

Then-President Bill Clinton said closing the street was necessary to protect against the kind of attack seen in Oklahoma City but

vowed that "people's access to the White House and their president" would not be impeded.

He even vowed that protesters would still have the right to walk up to the White House property.

Many still do.

Thomas Jefferson first encircled the White House with a wooden post-and-rail fence around 1801. He replaced that with a stone wall by 1808, which was later replaced by a series of metal fences into the 21st century.

To deter fence jumpers, sharp metal points were installed in 2015, and the height later doubled to about 13 feet. Under that later renovation, the space between the bars got slightly wider — just enough to allow a wee or naughty child to squeak through.

Increased security around the president inevitably expands the distance from Americans. While people can still visit the White House, they must request tours through their congressional member and submit their identification information to the Secret Service ahead of time.

Paul Eckloff, a retired Secret Service agent who served on details protecting three presidents during his 23-year career, said he often hears people say the president shouldn't do outdoor rallies or should be kept away from people.

He understands the trade-off — more security means more separation between the president and the people.

As an agent, Eckloff said, he always considered his job not as protecting the person but the office of the presidency.

"If I woke up in a country where the president of the United States stayed in a castle, never engaged with the voters, no common American ever had a chance to see him, I wouldn't consider my sacrifice worthy," he said.

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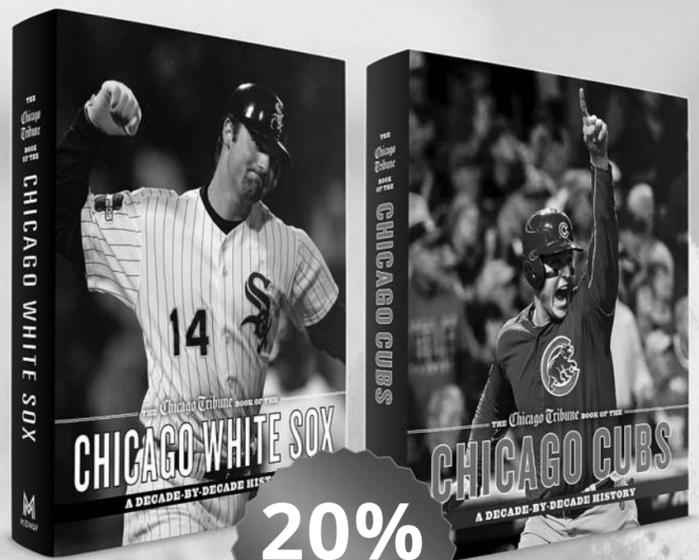
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NEWS BRIEFING

China, Philippines ink deal to stop clashes at shoal claimed by both

From news services

MANILA, Philippines — China and the Philippines reached a deal they hope will end confrontations at the most fiercely disputed shoal in the South China Sea, the Philippine government said Sunday.

The Philippines occupies Second Thomas Shoal but China also claims it, and increasingly hostile clashes at sea have sparked fears of larger conflicts that could involve the United States.

The crucial deal was reached Sunday, after a series of meetings between Philippine and Chinese diplomats in Manila and exchanges of diplomatic notes that aimed to establish a mutually acceptable arrangement at the shoal without conceding either side's territorial claims.

The Philippine government issued a brief statement announcing the deal without providing details.

"Both sides continue to recognize the need to deescalate the situation in the South China Sea and manage differences through dialogue and consultation and agree that the agreement will not prejudice each other's positions in the South China Sea," the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said.

Neither side has yet released the text of the agreement.

China has disputes with several governments over land and sea borders, many of them in the South China Sea, and the rare deal with the Philippines could spark hope that similar arrangements could be forged by Beijing with other rival countries to avoid clashes while thorny territorial issues remain unresolved. It remains to be seen, however, if the deal could be implemented successfully and how long it will last.

Chinese coast guard and other forces have used powerful water cannons and dangerous blocking maneuvers to prevent food and other supplies from reaching Philippine navy personnel at Manila's outpost at the shoal.

The yearslong territorial standoff at the site has flared repeatedly since last year between Chinese coast guard, navy and suspected militia ships and Philippine coast guard-escorted navy boats transporting food, water and fresh navy and marine personnel to an outpost on a long-grounded and rusting warship, the BRP Sierra Madre.

In the worst confrontation, Chinese forces on motorboats repeatedly rammed and then boarded two Philippine navy boats June 17 to prevent personnel from transferring food and other supplies, including firearms, to the ship outpost in the shallows of the shoal, according to the Philippine government.

After repeated ramming, the Chinese seized the Philippine navy boats and damaged them with machetes and improvised spears. The violent faceoff wounded several Filipino navy personnel.

Houston power outages: Almost two weeks after Beryl hit Houston, heat-related deaths during the prolonged power outages have pushed the number of storm-related fatalities to at least 23 in Texas.

The combination of searing summer heat and residents unable to power up air conditioning in the days after the Category 1 storm made landfall on July 8 resulted in increasingly dangerous conditions for some in America's fourth largest city.

Beryl knocked out electricity to nearly 3 million



Water warning: A municipal worker stands near water swirling into a drain Sunday on a flooded street in Mumbai, India, as he warns drivers of the hazard. Downpours were expected to continue Monday. **SUJIT JAISWAL/GETTY-AFP**

homes and businesses at the height of the outages, which lasted days or much longer, and hospitals reported a spike in heat-related illnesses.

Power finally was restored to most by last week, after over a week of widespread outages.

Bangladesh unrest: Bangladesh's top court on Sunday scaled back a controversial quota system for government job applicants, a partial victory for student protesters after days of nationwide unrest and deadly clashes between police and demonstrators that have killed scores of people.

Students, frustrated by shortages of good jobs, have been demanding an end to a quota that reserved 30% of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence.

Ruling on an appeal, the Supreme Court ordered that the veterans' quota be cut to 5%, with 93% of jobs to be allocated on merit. The remaining 2% will be set

aside for members of ethnic minorities and transgender and disabled people.

The protests have posed the most serious challenge to Bangladesh's government since Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina won a fourth consecutive term in January elections that the main opposition groups boycotted. Universities have been closed, the internet has been shut off and the government has ordered people to stay at home.

With most communications offline, it was unclear whether the verdict satisfied protesting students.

The protests turned deadly Tuesday, a day after students at Dhaka University began clashing with police. Violence continued to escalate as police fired tear gas and rubber bullets and hurled smoke grenades to scatter stone-throwing protesters.

Bangladeshi authorities haven't shared any official numbers of those killed and injured, but at least four local newspapers on Sunday reported that over

100 people have been killed.

Salt Lake City wildfire: A wildfire in Salt Lake City forced people living uphill from Utah's state capitol to evacuate, and it remained uncontained Sunday as more than 100 firefighters worked to protect nearby homes.

Helicopters and airplanes were dropping buckets over the flames as ground crews tried to contain the fire on Ensign Peak. Firefighters were working to save homes about 1.2 miles up East Capitol Boulevard, and evacuees were offered a space in the capitol complex where they could escape the heat.

Officials did not know the cause or origin of the brush fire, which grew to about 200 acres. By Sunday morning, the Utah Fire Info website listed the blaze as human-caused, and zero percent contained. Hot and dry conditions were expected to continue Sunday.

Overall, Utah has had 585 fires burning over 40,000 acres so far this wildfire

season, and 421 of them have been human-caused, the website says.

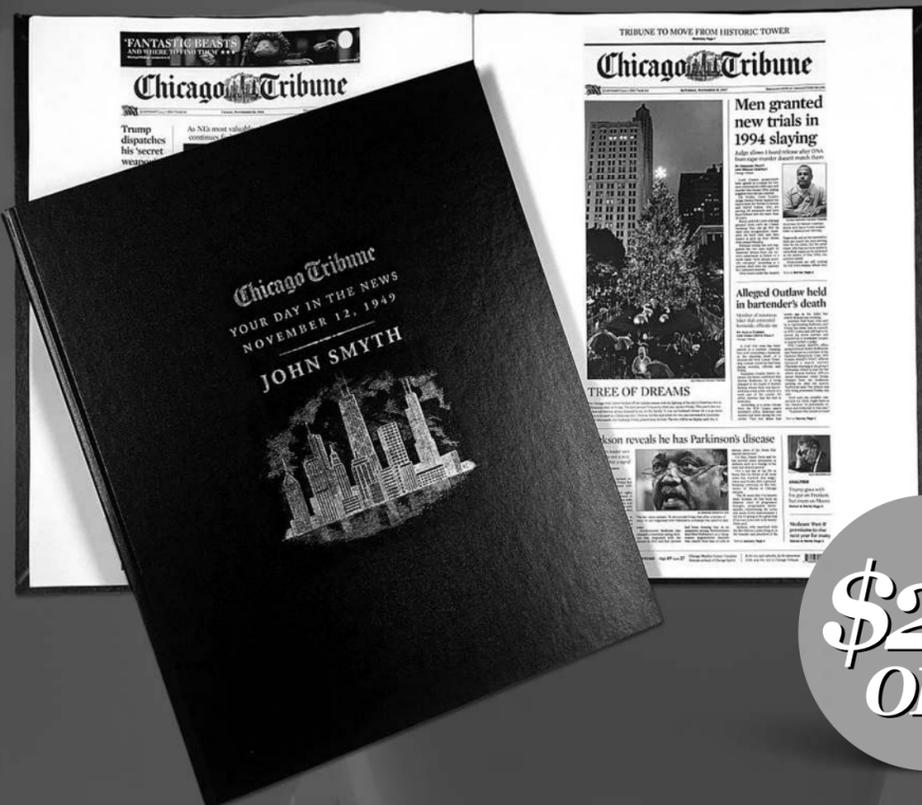
Miami airport stabbing: A man stabbed a woman at Miami International Airport Saturday night, setting off fears that an active shooter was in the terminal, and hundreds of other travelers were evacuated as a precaution, authorities said.

The woman was stabbed around 11:30 p.m. local time in Terminal J on the fourth floor, outside the secure area. Det. Angel Rodriguez, a spokesman for the Miami-Dade Police Department, said the man also tried to throw the woman over a railing, but she was able to get away. Officers recovered the weapon as they arrested the man without incident, he said.

Rodriguez called the incident an "unprovoked altercation," but police have not said whether the two people involved knew each other. The woman was hospitalized in critical condition with several knife wounds, police said.

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Incentives help block aid to Gaza

Far-right groups get tax-deductible donations from US

By Uri Blau, Milan Czerny and Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Under American pressure, Israel has pledged to deliver large quantities of humanitarian aid into the war-ravaged Gaza Strip. But at the same time, the U.S. and Israel have allowed tax-deductible donations to far-right groups that have blocked that aid from being delivered.

Three groups that have prevented humanitarian aid from reaching Gaza — including one accused of looting or destroying supplies — have raised more than \$200,000 from donors in the U.S. and Israel, The Associated Press and the Israeli investigative site Shomrim have found in an examination of crowdfunding websites and other public records.

Incentivizing these donations by making them tax-deductible runs counter to America's and Israel's stated commitments to allow unlimited food, water and medicine into Gaza, say groups working to get more aid into the territory. Donations have continued even after the U.S. imposed sanctions against one of these groups. By not cracking down on these groups, Israel is showing a "lack of coherence" in its Gaza aid policy, said Tania Hary, executive director of Gisha, an Israeli nonprofit that has long called on Israel to improve conditions in the territory.

"If you're on the one hand saying you're allowing aid in but then also facilitating the actions of groups that are blocking it, can you really say you're facilitating aid?" she said.

Israeli officials did not respond to requests for comment. The U.S. State Department said it is committed to ensuring the delivery of aid, but had no comment on the fundraising efforts by the far-right groups.

Israel has said repeatedly it does not restrict humanitarian aid and that the United Nations has failed to distribute thousands of truckloads of goods that have reached the territory. The U.N. and aid groups say deliveries have repeatedly been hampered by military operations, lawlessness inside Gaza and delays in Israeli inspections.

The three groups exam-

ined by AP and Shomrim have slowed the delivery of aid by blocking trucks on their way to Gaza, either by snarling traffic or simply standing in front of the main Kerem Shalom crossing into Gaza.

While these organizations are not the primary impediment to aid shipments, they have received tacit support from some Israeli leaders. Israel's ultranationalist minister for national security, Itamar Ben-Gvir, has said aid shipments to Gaza should be blocked and he supported the right of opponents to demonstrate, though he said it should not be done violently.

One of the groups, Mother's March, has raised the equivalent of over \$125,000 via Givechack, an Israeli crowdfunding site, the AP and Shomrim found. The group also raised some \$13,000 via JGive, a U.S. and Israeli crowdfunding site. Donations to charitable organizations are tax-deductible in Israel and the U.S.

Mother's March does not raise the money directly. Instead, it works with an allied group called Torat Lechima that raises funds on its behalf.

Torat Lechima, whose name translates loosely as "combat doctrine," is active in Israeli nationalist circles and works to "strengthen the Jewish identity and fighting spirit" among Israeli soldiers, according to its website. Torat Lechima continues to solicit funds for Mother's March on the JGive site in the U.S.

Until it was sanctioned last month, a third group, Tzav 9, raised over \$85,000 from close to 1,500 donors in the U.S. and Israel via JGive. JGive said that donations made to Tzav 9 were frozen even before the sanctions were imposed and not delivered to the group.

All three groups, which have ties with Israel's ultranationalist far right, say Israel should not be aiding the Palestinians as long as Hamas is holding dozens of people hostage. They also claim that Hamas is stealing much of the aid, though aid groups have disputed that.

"No to 'humanitarian' aid that grants fuel to the enemy who kills us! No to the hundreds of trucks that pass every day through Kerem Shalom — and drag out the war!" Mother's March said in a recent crowdfunding campaign. It said the funds were needed for demonstrations, shuttles, printing materials and publicity campaigns.

Hundreds of activists set

up tents at Kerem Shalom for several nights in early February to stop the delivery of aid. The head of Mother's March, Sima Hasson, was briefly detained by Israeli police in January after temporarily blocking trucks.

Israeli news reports have shown large convoys of cars blocking aid trucks from traveling on Israeli highways, as well as activists looting trucks and destroying supplies.

In its sanctions order, the White House accused Tzav 9 of violently blocking roads, damaging aid trucks and dumping supplies on the road. It said in May that Tzav 9 members looted and set fire to two trucks in the West Bank carrying aid destined for Gaza. Last week, the White House imposed sanctions on the group's co-founders. On Monday, the European Union also sanctioned Tzav 9.

Israeli police, who fall under the authority of Ben-Gvir, have made few arrests, though the group appears to have stopped its activities in recent weeks.

Tzav 9 defended its actions as "within the framework of the law, in a democratic protest." It called the sanctions from the U.S. "anti-democratic intervention."

Neither Mother's March nor Torat Lechima responded to requests for comment.

Those who violate the sanctions against Tzav 9 could have their assets frozen or face travel and visa bans.

It's unclear how effective these sanctions will be. Extremist Israeli settlers in the West Bank say similar U.S. sanctions imposed on them have had little effect, in part because Israeli leaders helped circumvent them.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office declined comment. The Justice Ministry, which regulates nonprofits, said it would investigate but had no further comment.

JGive said it complies with Israeli laws. In addition to freezing Tzav 9's donations, it noted that the Mother's March campaign ended over four months ago.

Hary, of the Israeli activist group Gisha, noted that the efforts of Mother's March and Tzav 9 appear to have quieted down in recent weeks. But as they continue to seek donors, she said they could resume activities at any moment.

"They're getting signals from various places in the government that Gaza should be completely cut off," she said.

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Death Notices

Pappas, Barbara Estelle

Barbara Estelle Pappas, nee Lotus, of Oak Brook formerly of Wheaton, age 82. Beloved wife of George; loving mother of Dheanna (Dr. George) Fikaris, Michele (John) Glavanovits and Laina (Michael) Krabbe; proud grandmother of Maria (Quinn), Justin, Michael (Clare), Jeremy, Joshua, Faith and Austin; great-grandmother of Gigi; dear sister of Thomas (Nancy), Cathy (Peter), the late Peter (Jean) and the late Joyce (Tom); fond aunt and Godmother to many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All to meet Wednesday at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester for a 10:30 a.m. Funeral Service. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



Schindler, Laura

Laura Schindler, of Burr Ridge, IL and formerly of Hinsdale, IL, died July 20, 2024 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Schindler, Jr., her daughter, Emily Schindler, her sister, Leah Laurie and many nieces and nephews. Laura was born in Chicago to Mary, nee Thomson, and John J. Kennelly. She attended the Faulkner School for Girls, Hinsdale Central High School, and graduated from University of New Hampshire. She obtained her MSW from Loyola University and her MLS from Rosary College. She worked for many years as a librarian at Helen Plum Library in Lombard. She was a long-time member of Westmont Alano Club and Avondale Golf Club of Palm Desert California. Special thanks to her long-time caregiver, Maria Mapula. Visitation Tuesday, July 23rd from 4:00-6:30PM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale, IL 60521. Funeral Mass Wednesday, July 24th at 10:30AM at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W 4th St., Hinsdale, IL 60521. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Heart of Mercy at misericordia.com are suggested. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home, Hinsdale**. (630) 323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.



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ON JULY 22 ...

In 1587, a second English colony, fated to vanish four years later under mysterious circumstances, was established on Roanoke Island off present-day North Carolina.

In 1796 Gen. Moses Cleveland founded the city of Cleveland.

In 1822 botanist Gregor Mendel was born Johann Mendel in Heinzendorf, Austria.

In 1849 Emma Lazarus, author of the 1883 poem "The New Colossus," which is inscribed in the base of the Statue of Liberty, was born in New York.

In 1862 President Abraham Lincoln presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

In 1882 painter Edward Hopper was born in Nyack, N.Y.

In 1890 Rose Fitzgerald, who would become the matriarch of the Kennedy political dynasty, was born in Boston.

In 1898 sculptor Alexander Calder was born in Lawnton, Pa. Also in 1898 poet and novelist Stephen Vincent Benet was born in Bethle-

hem, Pa.

In 1908 journalist and etiquette expert Amy Vanderbilt was born in New York.

In 1916 a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1933 American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world in 7 days, 18 hours and 49 minutes.

In 1934 bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by FBI agents outside the Biograph Theater on the North Side of Chicago.

In 1936 novelist Tom Robbins was born in Blowing Rock, N.C.

In 1937 the Senate defeated President Franklin Roosevelt's proposal to enlarge the Supreme Court.

In 1941 funk singer and producer George Clinton was born in Kannapolis, N.C.

In 1942 wartime gasoline rationing began along the Atlantic Seaboard.

In 1943 U.S. forces under Gen. George Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, in World War II.

In 1946 Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing about 100 people.

In 1967 poet Carl Sandburg died at 89 in Flat Rock, N.C.

In 1975 Congress restored the citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1977 Elvis Costello's debut album, "My Aim Is True," was released by Stiff Records.

In 1981 Mehmet Ali Agca was convicted in Rome and sentenced to life in prison for shooting Pope John Paul II. (Agca was freed Jan. 18, 2010, after serving 19 years in prison in Italy for attacking the Pope and about 10 years in prison in Turkey for the 1979 murder of a journalist.)

In 1990 Argentine novelist ("Kiss of the Spider Woman") Manuel Puig died at 57 in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

In 1991 Milwaukee police arrested Jeffrey Dahmer after human parts were discovered in his apartment. (He was slain in prison in 1994.) Also in 1991 former White Sox owner Bill Veeck was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Eric Burton of Black Pumas performs during Pitchfork Music Festival at Union Park, on Friday in Chicago. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A GLORIOUS DAY 1

Black Pumas, Sudan Archives and 100 Gees are highlights of festival in Union Park

By Doug George and Kayla Samoy | Chicago Tribune

Pitchfork Music Festival opened in Union Park Friday with the kind of July weekend NASCAR can only dream about — bright sun, lake breeze. Music headliners for the weekend: Black Pumas on the mainstage Friday, DJ/musician Jamie xx on Saturday and original fearless female rocker Alanis Morissette Sunday.

If Pitchfork is the festival more about the music, less about the scene, must-see bands pop up on all three stages through the weekend. On Saturday, Kara Jackson and Carly Rae Jepsen are part of the afternoon and evening mix, hip hop legend Grandmaster Flash is Sunday afternoon. Condé Nast, the owner of its namesake Pitchfork music publication, folded the title into GQ at the start of this year and some have grumbled that the 2024 band lineup is more mainstream. Indeed, Morissette — is she a nostalgia act? — is an atypical choice.



Laura Les of 100 Gees, which drew the first really big crowd of Friday on the Green Stage.

Big change inside the grounds this summer is new towers with platforms for VIP ticketholders, set back from the centers of the main Green and Red Stages, which have the effect of somewhat dividing the crowds in two. Pitchfork said in a statement “We’ve intentionally positioned VIP areas where they will not obstruct sight lines or create barriers for fans. The elevated viewing platforms are situated over the sound booths, which have historically been elevated, so this obstruction is not new.”

Morissette may be nostalgic for 20-something fest-goer Samantha Schubbe of Schaumburg “but she’s also iconic,” she said, and has a big influence on present-day artists. Morissette’s signature angry, outspoken 1995 album “Jagged Little Pill” has

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REVIEW ‘SIMONE BILES RISING’ ★★★

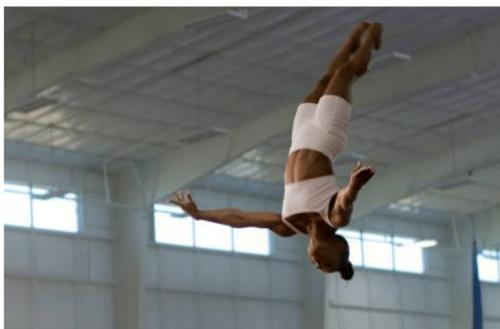
An elite gymnast untangles the twisties in life, career

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Ahead of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, where gymnast Simone Biles is set to compete, the two-part Netflix documentary “Simone Biles Rising” focuses on a pivotal event in her athletic career: Pulling out of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics because of the twisties, a term of art describing the disorientation a gymnast experiences mid-maneuver when they lose their sense of place in the air.

Here’s how her coach Laurent Landi puts it: “She could not sync her body and her mind together to compete. Something broke.” The only way to cure the twisties, he says, is to take time off and try to understand why it’s happening. “And most of the time, it’s unrelated to gymnastics.”

The subtext to all of this is Larry Nassar, the team doctor who was charged with sexually assaulting gymnasts. Biles was



Gymnast Simone Biles in the documentary “Simone Biles Rising.” NETFLIX

among them, and she speculates that a delayed trauma response to her own assault and Nassar’s conviction ultimately impacted her performance in Tokyo. “I didn’t get the proper care before because I just thought I was OK,” she says. “But your mind and your body are actually the first ones to say, ‘Actually, no.’”

The first two parts of the docuseries are open-hearted and a straightforward conversation with Biles about her experi-

ence at the 2020 Olympics (which took place in 2021, delayed due to the pandemic) and her life in the years since. Director Katie Walsh will continue to follow Biles in Paris for two forthcoming episodes; Netflix has not said when those will premiere.

Tom Brady and Michael Strahan’s sports media production company Religion of Sports is one of the producers here, along with the Olympic Chan-

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REVIEW

Strait, joined by Stapleton, plays old-school country

By Bob Gendron

Stadium shows don’t come much more authentic than the concert George Strait headlined Saturday at a packed Soldier Field. As balanced, forthright and unruffled as his name suggests, the iconic singer-guitarist harkened back to a simpler, purer era of country music without over-indulging in nostalgia. Free of pretense or frills, he played five decades’ worth of traditionally minded songs that seemed to have always been around — even if they were brand-new or a few years old.

Backed by his fantastic Ace in the Hole band, Strait sang of faith, faithfulness and freedom, as well as the interspaces that occasionally slip in between those constructs. The Texas native projected a mixture of steadiness, humility, class and confidence that on the surface appeared plain, but which jibed with the relatability, recognizability and directness



George Strait performs Saturday at Soldier Field in Chicago in a concert with Chris Stapleton. BOB GENDRON FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

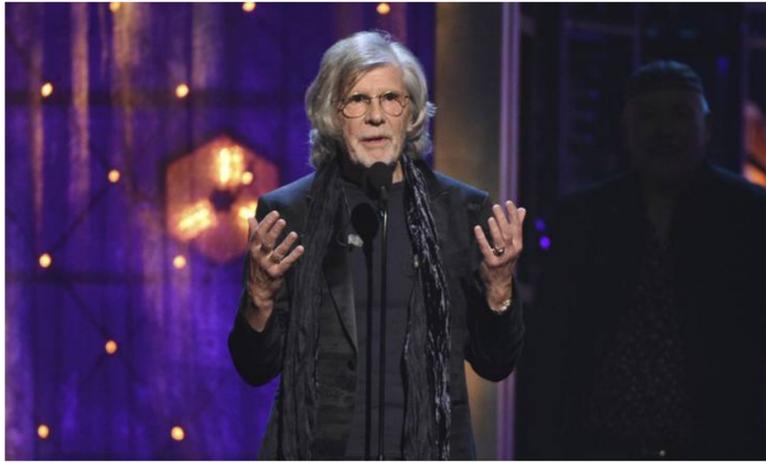
of the narratives. Strait’s savvy blend of seriousness and humor, too, underscored the everyday commonality and deceptively simple nature of his craft.

Ditto his approach to the modern trappings of large-scale entertainment. Forget about wardrobe changes, dizzying illumination, choreographed routines, extended stage

platforms or pre-rehearsed banter. Disregard any need for fan-indulging pandering, fashionable irony, backing-track aids or ego-inflating braggadocio. After all, those aren’t the ways of the old-school Texas dance hall.

With Strait, you essentially get the man himself. Dressed in a button-down

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Rod Argent is taking time to recover after suffering a stroke. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION 2019

CELEBRITIES

Band cancels tour after Argent stroke

From news services

Legendary rock musician Rod Argent is retiring from touring after suffering a stroke, and his band the Zombies announced they are canceling their current tour.

Argent, who served as keyboardist and songwriter for the band, was hospitalized last month following his 79th birthday celebration in London. Although he was released the next day, he was advised that he would need several months of rest and recuperation, the group posted on their website.

"Rod has asked us to convey that he has made the very difficult decision to immediately retire from touring in order to protect his health," the statement read. "What we have to tell fans today is that all upcoming performances by The Zombies will be canceled."

The Rock & Roll Hall of Famers also noted their second annual "Begin Here Festival" in St. Albans, England, remains set for Nov. 8 to 10, and that they're working on plans to replace their performance with a "special show honoring Rod." Argent thanked his supporters in a heart-

felt Instagram post to the band's account.

"I am absolutely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support that has happened in response to the news of my having suffered a stroke three weeks ago. I have read every post, and have to thank you so much," he wrote.

Argent said after resting, he does intend to return to the studio and continue writing and recording music with his bandmates.

"I feel really hopeful that eventually I will make a full recovery," he added.

Sundance eyes new locations: The Sundance Institute on Friday announced six finalists in its search for a new host location for the influential film festival.

After 40 years in Park City, Utah, the festival is eyeing locations across the country for festivals starting in 2027 when its existing contract will be up for renewal. The snowy mountain town, along with Salt Lake City, will still be home to the 2025 and 2026 festivals, and the Utah cities are one of the six options for future festivals.

The other five finalists are Atlanta; Cincinnati; Boulder, Colorado; Louisville, Kentucky; and

Santa Fe, New Mexico. The cities are moving along in the selection process that started in May and saw submissions from across the country.

Music exec Rosenblatt dies: Eddie Rosenblatt, the longtime president of Geffen Records who signed John Lennon, Guns N' Roses, Nirvana and more, died July 16 of pneumonia at a Santa Barbara hospital surrounded by family, his son Michael said. He was 89.

Nicknamed "The Chief," Rosenblatt partnered with David Geffen to launch Geffen Records in 1980. The label made half a billion dollars in album sales in 1994.

"If you think of David as the vision behind Geffen Records, then Eddie is the heart," industry titan Mo Ostin once said.

July 22 birthdays: Actor Terence Stamp is 86. Singer George Clinton is 83. Actor Danny Glover is 78. Singer Don Henley is 77. Actor Willem Dafoe is 69. Actor John Leguizamo is 64. Singer Emily Saliers is 61. Comedian David Spade is 60. Actor Irene Bedard is 57. Actor A.J. Cook is 46. Actor Selena Gomez is 32.

Grandmother-to-be anxious about building relationship

R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric

Dear Eric: Our daughter is expecting her first child, our first grandchild, in a few months. Our daughter and son-in-law live about an hour closer to his family than they do to us.

My daughter's mother-in-law ("Nancy") is very involved in the couple's life and has a strong personality. My son-in-law and Nancy are extremely close, and our daughter has spent a tremendous amount of time with Nancy, much more time than she has spent with us.

Additionally, there is not even a cordial relationship between Nancy and me. My concern is that when the baby is born, Nancy will be able to have a much stronger relationship with the baby than we will due to being physically closer, very assertive and extremely involved in all aspects of their life.

We have been told that things will work out. We have also been told to clearly discuss our visiting. I want to feel wanted and not someone who has to always ask for time with the baby. I am at a loss as to what to do.

— Grandmother To Be

Dear Grandmother: Nancy is never going to replace you in your grandchild's life. Moreover, I doubt she wants to. I know it feels like you're in competition with her, but try to separate your fears from your possibilities.

It's reasonable to be anxious about how your relationship with your first grandchild is going to develop, especially considering that you're not

as close, geographically, as other branches of the family. Don't put so much of that anxiety on Nancy. Nancy's just living her life, as annoying as that may be.

You will have years and years to build a unique relationship with your grandchild that works for you, the logistics of your life and the love you have to give. Give yourself time and understand that all the relationships in this family unit are about to change.

With regard to the visits, it sounds like your daughter and son-in-law are asking for clear communication. Their new life with a small human who will have a demanding sleep schedule is going to be complicated enough. It will help them to have advance notice about who's planning to drop by.

Think of it this way: With your visits communicated in advance, they become special events for all involved to look forward to. Give them the benefit of the doubt here. You're wanted — and if that's really in doubt, ask them, just to be sure.

Dear Eric: While volunteering at my children's school, another mother asked me, "Why do you wear makeup?" She followed that rude question with, "I think it sends the wrong message."

I was flabbergasted. I felt as if she was judging my morality and that my presence was not welcome around the students. How should I have responded?

— Left Holding the Makeup Bag

Dear Makeup: When I read your letter, I actually said aloud, "Oh, absolutely not." So, you have my sympathies and respect for not causing a scene at school.

You could have asked, in response to her statement that your makeup sends

the wrong message, "And what message would that be?" That is, if you wanted to see her contort herself into a pretzel justifying the supposed salaciousness of blush and eyeliner. Most nosy people can't articulate their bad opinions beyond "it's just what I think."

But sometimes the best response is to let people be loud and wrong. She was trying to shame you based on her notions about makeup, but you wear makeup for your own reasons. Maybe you see it as artistic expression. Maybe you want to enhance your beauty. Maybe you just like it. All reasons are valid.

It's your face. If she doesn't like it, she can look at something else.

Dear Eric: This is in response to Present Not Accounted For, who questioned the convenience of having "babysitters" in the letter-writer's current location, and then asked, "Who needs babysitters?"

Parents with kids! Parents after divorce who consider the proximity to kids who can watch their children responsibly as one of their main criteria when choosing a new place to live!

Dear Reader: I agree, to an extent. The letter-writer was, to my mind, weighing the options available for their own happiness. Naturally, that happiness will be connected to the happiness of their kids. But the needs of the kids and the needs of the parent aren't in conflict here. When making life changes, finding a path that benefits the whole system is the ideal.

Send questions to eric@askingeric.com.

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Rock risked his career, but secured his legacy

Comedian didn't play it safe, stayed true to values in '99 special

By Nate Jackson
Los Angeles Times

School shootings, presidential sex scandals, taxes, racism and the big piece of chicken.

Despite all the ways that the world has changed since Chris Rock stepped onstage to deliver his third special, "Bigger & Blacker," which premiered July 10, 1999, on HBO, all you have to do is watch it to realize how much the concerns of our country are still the same. Taking the stage in an oversize leather coat, looking like Morpheus from the year's hit movie "The Matrix," Rock pierced the heart of the country with a blade of truth that made us laugh until it hurt — and kept going until the pain felt good.

In an era when comedy specials still felt special because only those in the highest echelon were even allowed to have one, Rock's follow-up to the groundbreaking "Bring the Pain" was a high-wire act that reminded us that the multihyphenate — then at the peak of his celebrity — ultimately values one thing above all else: telling jokes that ring true to Black America, with punchlines that are quotable for anyone with a pulse and sense of humor.

On the heels of filming a major movie ("Lethal Weapon IV") and anchoring hit TV shows ("Saturday Night Live," "The Chris Rock Show"), Rock could've easily played it safe by softening the edges in his act to avoid turning off the mainstream. Instead he cranked up the volume by doing what every great comic does when faced with controversy — doubling down.

Belied by his diminutive frame, Rock's persona in the 1990s was caustic,

aggressive and truthful, down to the way he paced back and forth on stage. The purpose in his jokes matched his stride as he opened with jokes about Columbine and the "trench coat mafia."

"What the hell is wrong with these white kids shooting up the school? They don't even wait till 3 o'clock either. Killing people in the morning, that ain't right!"

In moments like these, comics of Rock's caliber know how to distill tragedy to its most hilariously simplistic elements. The imagery of a group of homicidal misfit teens having more friends than Rock ever had when he was in school turned mass murder into a joke that slayed his audience.

One has only to replay the crowd reactions throughout the special to see its effect. When was the last time you saw crowd laughter in a special that was almost as funny as the jokes themselves? People falling over on their loved ones sitting next to them, standing up with their best Arsenio Hall-esque "Whoop! Whoop!" and rolling in the aisles like Pentecostals moved by the spirit. The absence of cellphone cameras makes it feel like a moment when the entire crowd at the iconic Apollo Theater in New York's Harlem was in it together, which is how the special made people watching at home feel.

To this day, Rock's jokes about the differences between men and women — from former President Bill Clinton and first lady Hillary Clinton to the people in our own families — made "Bigger & Blacker" an instant classic. Most Rock fans can quote the special by heart after 25 years.

Some of the best lines (that we can repeat):

"We don't need gun control, we need bullet control. I think all bullets should cost \$5,000. 'Cause if a bullet cost \$5,000 there'd be no more innocent bystanders."

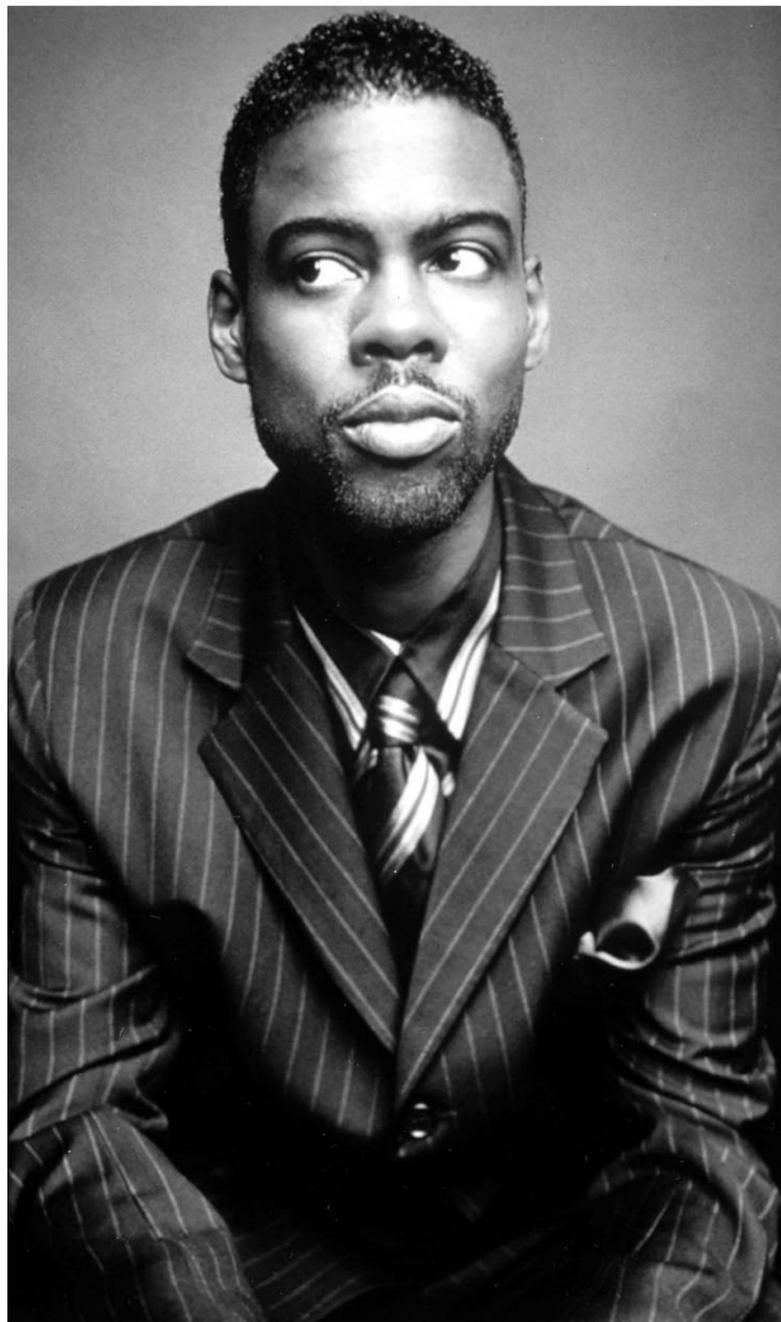
"It's all about Mama, Mama, Mama. Nobody give a (expletive) about Daddy. Think about everything a real daddy does ... and what does Daddy get for all his work? The big piece of chicken, that's all Daddy gets."

"We got all these taxes. ... You don't get the money till you're 65, meanwhile the average Black man dies at 54. ... We should get Social Security at 29. We don't live that long, hypertension, high blood pressure, NYPD, something will get you."

"All I had when I was a kid was Robitussin. No matter what you got, Robitussin better handle it. 'Daddy, I got asthma.' 'Robitussin!' 'I got cancer.' 'Robitussin!' 'I broke my leg.' Daddy poured Robitussin on it."

"They ain't never curing AIDS, don't even think about it. There ain't no money in the cure, the money's in the medicine. That's how a drug dealer makes his money, on the comeback. That's all the government is, a bunch of ... drug dealers!"

Even today, most comedy stars at the height of their commercial success wouldn't get anywhere near half the jokes Rock spouted onstage. Whether fearful of angering half the country, Hollywood executives or activist groups, even the most provocative comics can reach a point where they shy away from poking the bear in favor of a squeaky-clean gig with steady residuals. And it's possible that "Bigger & Blacker" cost Rock the



Chris Rock is seen in a promotional photo for "Bigger & Blacker," which premiered July 10, 1999. The comedian's third special filmed at the Apollo Theater is considered an instant classic. HBO

chance to make an even bigger bag somewhere down the line. But onstage, he proved that the price of greatness trumps the price of gold any day of the week.

Listening back to his jokes, it's even more amazing how true they remain given where we find ourselves as a nation

a quarter century later, on the verge of yet another high-stakes presidential election and with new deadly viruses and racial tensions and suffocating costs of living bearing down on us.

Without specials like "Bigger & Blacker" to keep us laughing through the

pain, society might just wake up from "The Matrix" and realize that we're doomed. Just as it was back in 1999, the need for laughter to ease the tension is the primary reason people will always turn to stand-up — and to Rock, who remains the Morpheus of the art form decades later.

What to watch MONDAY

July 22, 2024

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

Name That Tune

FOX, 7 p.m.

A social worker from Dallas plays the musical guessing game against a sales executive from Rochester, New York, and a health care consultant from Chicago plays against a sports marketer from Fort Worth, Texas, in the new episode "Texas Hold Em!"

American Ninja Warrior

NBC, 7 p.m.

The semifinals begin in Los Angeles, where the ninjas will race head-to-head for a spot in the finals. Competitors will face up to six challenging obstacles, including Home Run and Spin Hopper. The two fastest ninjas of the night will race for the safety pass going into the national finals.

61st Street

The CW, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The legal drama that originally aired on AMC, following attorney Franklin Roberts (Courtney B. Vance), makes its network premiere



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tonight with the first episode of its second season. In Season Two, after Officer Logan (Mark O'Brien) kills an innocent man, Franklin agrees to represent him in hopes of putting Logan's corrupt department on trial.

The 1% Club

FOX, 8 p.m.

A fighter-jet engineer, a theme-park mascot and a boat captain are among 100 contestants competing in the quiz show for the chance to win up to \$100,000. Patton Oswalt hosts the new episode "Your Mummified Turtle Is Proud of You."

History's Greatest Escapes With Morgan Freeman

History, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Host Morgan Freeman is back in Season Two of this series that looks at some of the most incredible real-life prison breaks in history. In tonight's season premiere, "Fleeing Parchman," a lone-wolf prisoner with aspirations to write crime novels ends up the star of his own breakout story when he figures out how to escape from one of Mississippi's oldest

and most notorious prison farms, Parchman Penitentiary.

Fatal Affairs

Investigation Discovery, 8 p.m. ■

New Series

From workplace flings to Tinder trysts and love triangles galore, psychologist Dr. Michelle Callahan leads viewers through various cases of deadly love affairs where one lover ends up paying the ultimate cost in this new docuseries.

My Life Is Murder

BBC America, 9 p.m. (stream on

Acorn TV) ■ Season Finale

The two-part finale, "The Widows Club," airs back-to-back tonight. Alexa (Lucy Lawless) and her brother Will (Martin Henderson) infiltrate an exclusive country club where a group of wealthy golf widows have the men running scared. Alexa investigates the murder of a man incinerated in a hyperbaric chamber at the club but finds herself on the wrong side of the murder investigation, fighting to clear her own name.

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Are My Friends Killers? (2022, Suspense) Jalina Brown, Shaylaren Hilton **LMN, 5 p.m.**

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One Royal Holiday (2020, Romance) Laura Osnes, Aaron Tveit **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Captain America: Civil War (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. **TNT, 7 p.m.**

Secrets on Sorority Row (2021, Suspense) Kristi McKamie, Lauren Buglioli **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Miracle in Bethlehem, PA (2023, Romance) Laura Vandervoort, Benjamin Ayres **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall **VH1, 9 p.m.**

Secrets of a University (2023, Suspense) L.A. Sweeney, James Gallanders **LMN, 9 p.m.**

The Bourne Supremacy (2004, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente **AMC, 9:30 p.m.**

A Homecoming for the Holidays (2019, Romance) Laura Osnes, Stephen Huszar **Hallmark, 10 p.m.**

Freaky (2020, Horror) Vince Vaughn, Kathryn Newton **SYFY, 10 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019, Action) Tom Holland, Samuel L. Jackson **FX, 10 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

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

TCM, beginning at 7 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong Monday night remembrance of the Motion Picture Production Code (aka the Hays Code) that was instituted in Hollywood between 1934 and 1968 continues with more double features of various themes considered to be controversial during the era, contrasting one made before enforcement of the Code with another made when the Code was more fully in effect. The first pairing looks

at two films in which religion plays a big role in the story: director Frank Capra's pre-Code romantic drama **The Miracle Woman** (1931), featuring Barbara Stanwyck as a clergyman's daughter who teams with a con man (Sam Hardy) and performs fake miracles for profit, followed by **Boys Town** (pictured), the 1938 Best Picture Oscar-nominated biographical drama starring Best Actor winner Spencer Tracy as Father Edward J. Flanagan, alongside Mickey Rooney. After that are two adaptations of **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** — the pre-Code 1931 version followed by the 1941 version — each of which handled the sex and violence found in the story in very different ways. Playing the titular dual personalities in the 1931 film is Fredric March, who won the Best Actor Oscar (tying with Wallace



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Beery in **The Champ**), with Tracy portraying the characters in the 1941 production. Two films about bosses and secretaries conclude things early Tuesday: the pre-Code romantic drama **The Office Wife** (1930), starring Dorothy Mackaill, Lewis Stone and Natalie Moorhead, and **Wife vs. Secretary** (1936), a romantic comedy led by Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and Myrna Loy. — Jeff Pfeiffer

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1st Black 'Bachelor' executive producer missing from credits

By Greg Braxton
Los Angeles Times

Jenn Tran exuded excitement and optimism after meeting a group of single men eager to marry her on the season premiere of ABC's "The Bachelorette." But storm clouds are already forming over her journey to find a husband.

Tran is the first Asian lead in the popular reality franchise, and her season has been positioned by "Bachelor" producers as a crucial demonstration that they are honoring their pledge to be more culturally inclusive, moving past the criticisms over racism and cultural insensitivity that have dogged the dating show since its 2002 debut.

Yet as Tran embarked on her romantic quest, one of the franchise's most prominent people of color is MIA.

Jodi Baskerville became the franchise's first Black executive producer in 2021 after the racism scandal that upended the season starring Matt James, the first Black Bachelor. Now, just three years later, she is absent from the closing credits of "The Bachelorette."

Network ABC and production company Warner Bros., who announced Baskerville's elevation with considerable fanfare, declined to comment on her exclusion from the episode's credits, raising questions about whether her role has changed and the franchise's commitment to reform on matters of race.

This season of "The Bachelorette" has already faced criticism about the near-absence of Asian men in Tran's dating pool.

In an interview with Glamour, Tran herself called the casting shortfall "unfortunate." Acknowledging the lack of Asian



Jenn Tran celebrated the premiere of "The Bachelorette" with a sleepover and brunch event. **DISNEY/FRANK MICELOTTA**

representation this season and in the franchise overall, executive producer Bennett Graebner told the Times: "That's on us. We didn't do what we needed to do. Our hope is that they will see Jenn and realize this is a safe space. We're not saying it will solve and fix everything. But it is a step."

Questions about Baskerville's role come four months after a disastrous panel discussion at the Television Critics Association's winter press tour, in which executive producers from "The Bachelor" were asked about the franchise's troubled racial history and its deep struggles with cast members of color, particularly Black leads.

Instead of answering the question, Graebner and fellow EPs Claire Freeland and Jason Ehrlich froze, prompting an awkward silence that lasted several seconds.

Baskerville's promotion to the executive producer ranks followed the firestorm that erupted during James' 2021 stint as "The Bachelor," which led to longtime host Chris Harrison's exit from the franchise. James remains

the only Black male lead in the series' history.

In a move seen as an attempt to repair the damage from James' season, Baskerville, a veteran of the franchise, was named as an executive producer for the 18th season of "The Bachelorette." That season was a milestone: for the first time, the series had a Black executive producer, a Black lead — Michelle Young — and a Black co-host — former Bachelorette Tayshia Adams.

"Having Jodi there, having another woman of color, if there's anytime something was concerning or I just wanted to talk about something, she was right there to do that with me (and) make me feel heard, as well as to sit down and have conversations and bring everybody else into those conversations as well," Young said in an interview with the Hollywood Reporter.

She added, "And so I felt like with that, the story is going to be told accurately, is going to be told in a way that all walks of life can understand, but is really going to showcase those diverse love stories."

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Making horror movie cathartic for Cage

Actor channels his mother's struggle with mental illness for serial killer role

By Krysta Fauria
Associated Press

When Nicolas Cage first read the script for "Longlegs" and considered playing the titular serial killer, he knew exactly where he'd draw his inspiration from: his mother.

"Not that she was Satanic," Cage clarified in a recent interview, but said witnessing her struggle with mental illness throughout his life was something he needed to process. "In my approach to try and get more personal with my film performances, I've been trying to find a constructive place to put my memories of my mother."

Cage said the connection to his mom was so strong — particularly how he envisioned the character's body language and way of speaking — that he remembers hearing her voice early one Christmas morning while rehearsing lines to himself. "Everybody else is getting ready to open presents and whatnot, and I'm doing this very dark character and trying to infuse it with love," he recalled.

The experience of making "Longlegs," a Neon release now in theaters, was ultimately a cathartic one for the Oscar winner. "Gosh, I channeled my dad for Dracula, and I channeled my mom for Longlegs. What does that say about my childhood?" he said, laughing.

When he first met with Osgood Perkins to discuss the film, Cage was shocked to learn the director had his own mother in mind when writing the script.

It follows FBI Agent Lee Harker (Maika Monroe) who, not long after being assigned to investigate



Maika Monroe, above, stars as FBI Agent Lee Harker, who has a connection to the titular serial killer played by Nicolas Cage, in "Longlegs." NEON



Cage, seen July 8 at the LA premiere of "Longlegs," believes this film is perhaps his scariest. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

a series of gruesome murders, realizes her own connection to the killer (Cage). Although Perkins confessed to being inspired by "Silence of the Lambs" and other films like it, "Longlegs" is distinct from many serial killer movies in that the horrors, despite being carried out by people, are hauntingly

supernatural. Perkins takes advantage of that paranormal license and saturates the world of "Longlegs" with biblical references and occultist clues for his protagonist to solve. But unlike some directors who prefer to obfuscate their process or leave open how much meaning there really is

for audiences to decipher, Perkins is candid about his source material — or lack thereof.

"I made it up," the director said plainly of some of the symbolism employed and messages sent throughout the film, comparing the process of making a movie like "Longlegs" to creating a crossword puzzle. "The fun of assembling things and finding little pieces of things you like, that's what making a movie is. It's just puzzling stuff together."

As the son of Anthony Perkins — who played Norman Bates in Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" — the "Longlegs" director has long wrestled with his relationship to Hollywood and horror in particular.

"It's kind of been foisted on me a little bit," he said, though he conceded he appreciates the freedom the genre permits. "You're allowed to kind of do anything and to do it in a

sort of Gothic or Baroque way that's really full of flavor. It's like making a big, beautiful sauce."

Cage has done his share of horror movies too, from "Mandy" to the 2006 remake of "The Wicker Man," but said this one is perhaps his scariest. As someone known for his versatility as an actor, he too said he relishes the genre's permission to nonconformity.

"I have always maintained that horror, when done well, is genuinely surreal. It's dream logic. It doesn't have to rely on physics or reality. It can allow actors to express themselves in other ways besides that which is considered the arbiter of great acting, which is 1970s naturalism," he bemoaned. "That is good, but we've done it again and again, ad infinitum, ad nauseam."

Though they had not known each other before

making this film, Cage and Perkins quickly bonded over their love of cinema and their deep family roots in it. Wanting to create the most organic first interaction possible, Perkins didn't allow Cage and Monroe to meet before their first scene together — one of the most chilling and violent in the film.

But the actors already had a mutual respect for one another, and Cage, still covered in makeup, made a point to tell Monroe he was a fan of her work in David Robert Mitchell's "It Follows" as soon as the camera stopped rolling.

"I was just like, 'God, I wish we had this on camera.' It was so funny. It was the first time that I heard his actual voice," she said of their first encounter. "I grew up watching his films and then just in the recent years, his choices I think are so incredible. I just respect him so much."

'SKYWALKERS: A LOVE STORY' ★ 1/2

Duo find love, viral fame atop urban heights in doc

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

The force is not strong in the documentary "Skywalkers: A Love Story," a shallow "Man on Wire" for social media influencers about a pair of Russian daredevils who scale urban heights to attain the precious treasure of a viral Instagram post.

There's a novel thrill to the high-wire relationship of Angela Nikolau and Ivan Beerkus, a Moscow couple who squabble atop skyscraper spires the way others might at the grocery

store checkout line. But in this polished, self-promotional documentary, few of their interactions feel calculated for public consumption.

The doc comes with an ominous warning: "This film contains extremely dangerous and illegal activities. Do not attempt to imitate." The same could have been said before the worm riding of "Dune: Part Two" or much of what transpires in "Cocaine Bear." But here, the caution label feels warranted. Both Nikolau and Beerkus have backgrounds in athletics.

But not much makes them "rooftoppers" besides that one day they started climbing cranes.

Directed by Jeff Zimbalist and co-directed by Maria Bukhonina, the movie follows the duo through a relationship that begins with an invite to climb something in China. Beerkus, the more experienced of the two, is looking for a new angle to appeal to his sponsors. As they travel the world, their social-media fame grows. Soon, they're in love, too, and their photos kissing perched high on



Ivan Beerkus, right, and Angela Nikolau star in "Skywalkers: A Love Story." NETFLIX

skylines only help their viral numbers. They claim to aspire to "art," but the images they create look more like screensavers.

Along the way, they've learned some tips. Never stay on top for more than 15 minutes — a lesson they picked up after their lingering atop Notre Dame caused a commotion. Mostly, they sneak into

sites that are under construction by posing as workers. The way up can be tricky. On the way down, they notice, no one ever asks them questions.

The big mission that bookends "Skywalkers" is their attempt to rooftop Malaysia's Merdeka super-skyscraper, which proves to be an especially

daunting task. In that way, the movie is similarly structured to a host of other documentaries, especially James Marsh's "Man on Wire," about Philippe Petit's high wire stunt between the Twin Towers in 1974.

MPA rating: R (for language)
Running time: 1:40
How to watch: Netflix

Biles

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nel, which is operated by the International Olympic Committee. That suggests a certain amount of careful curation and image-making is at play and the first 15 minutes or so have the jumpy, frenetic pacing of a teaser. But once it settles down and just lets Biles talk, "Simone Biles Rising" proves to be engrossing. It helps that Biles is extremely likable and comfortable in front of the camera. To its credit, the documentary doesn't have the pushy approach you typically see in the pre-produced segments that have long been part of NBC's Olympic coverage.

Will a dedicated Netflix camera crew following Biles at the Paris Games increase the intensity she's under? Or will it feel indistinguishable from all the other media coverage she'll be facing? Maybe Walsh & Co. will be a safe space, since they've already established a rapport. (Walsh previously worked on the Facebook series "Simone Biles vs. Herself," which followed her during the

last Olympics.) Either way, modern athletes are expected to not only be the best in their sport, but media savvy as well. It's a lot to shoulder. That said, Biles is an adult. She's remarkably open. And she's OK'd this kind of documentary twice now. She knows what's involved. She's such an exciting athlete to watch, but often that obscures her human frailties and again and again, she's making choices that underscore this complexity as part of her public image. She didn't, for example, stop filming the Facebook series when everything fell apart in Tokyo and the last thing she probably wanted was a camera in her face.

She's also learned to set boundaries for herself around social media to manage her anxieties, whether limiting comments or her own usage of the apps. Reading one nasty post in the wake of her decision in Tokyo, an ironic smile crosses her face, reflecting on the non-existent expertise of the person passing judgment: "Sitting on your couch, watching me from home. OK." The subtext is blunt: You try doing



Gymnast Simone Biles in the documentary "Simone Biles Rising." NETFLIX

anything close to what I've accomplished — while risking serious injury — and then we'll talk.

The documentary doesn't utter the word "misogynoir," but a combination of racism and sexism was absolutely driving the harsh responses Biles weathered after pulling out of the Tokyo Games. Dominique Dawes was part of the "Magnificent Seven" 1996 Olympic team and she talks here about what it means to be one of the few Black gymnasts on a team: "My body type was not what (the judges) embraced. My hair wasn't what they were looking for

... I knew that who I was was automatically a deduction."

Dawes also talks about the extreme expectations placed on elite gymnasts. Her teammate Kerri Strug famously helped the U.S. win gold in 1996 after doing a vault on an injured ankle. "We all were injured, we all were beat down and battered," Dawes remembers. "She's standing at the end of the vault runway, visibly in physical pain and emotional pain as well. And her coaches are telling her, 'You can do it.' That would be nerve-racking as an adult (and these are young teenagers

that have given up their whole childhood and there are nearly 40,000 people screaming for her to go because it's for your country." Looking back, she says, "That was not right."

We see a montage of Olympic footage from decades past of gymnasts hurting themselves. One crashes her face into the balance beam after a backflip, another falls on her head after a vault. "In the '80s and '90s, our ideas about what was normal within the sport were a bit warped. But there was a deep belief that this was the way to achieve success," says Dr. Onnie Willis Rogers, a professor of psychology at Northwestern University and a former gymnast who is interviewed here as well.

In some of her sit-down interviews, Biles is wearing a nameplate necklace that reads "Owens" — her married name. She and NFL player Jonathan Owens wed last year, and despite his own athletic career, he might be more famous for a podcast appearance in which he referred to himself as the "catch" in their relationship. The backlash from

fans was swift, but Biles brushed it off. Being married means her life isn't just focused on the gym. That necklace might be nothing more than a piece of jewelry she wears every day. Or it might be a subtle but more pointed message she's getting across.

At 27, Biles is competing again because she can — she is the most decorated gymnast in history and she's still a top performer — and also because she wants to go out on her terms. But she doesn't appear consumed with the idea that the 2024 Olympics are some kind of redemption story.

Despite the documentary's title, she doesn't talk about herself in such self-dramatic terms — of a phoenix rising from the ashes. The series is smart to follow suit, simply allowing her to take us through what was going through her mind both during and after Tokyo, and allowing us into her headspace — and her vulnerabilities — in the lead-up to Paris.

Where to watch: Netflix

Nina Metz is a Tribune critic.

Pitchfork

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been credited with more or less changing rock 'n' roll and remains one of the best-selling albums of all time. "Olivia Rodrigo got a lot of inspiration from her," Schubbe said.

Pitchfork may be less of a scene — "it's more for music nerds," she said — but Schubbe stood out Friday as an exception in a sea of band T-shirts and shorts. She described her outfit of black, fishnet and cat ears streaked with neon as "Goth-inspired but also a bit of Y2K revival, it's a bit of a callback to the scene kids of the late 2000s" and the animated series "Invader Zim." She said a Pitchfork photographer singled her out earlier that afternoon for pictures. "I just wear what I want," she laughed.

Food vendors are more central in the park this year, lined up just on Washington Boulevard. Fest-goers can find vegan and gluten-free meals along with the Connie's Pizza. New this year are Avrom Farm with chicken and waffles and Josephine's Cooking, a local soul food restaurant. A Nespresso lounge served free iced coffee drinks all weekend.

One highlight was Beat Kitchen, which offered tacos on bright purple tortillas and stuffed with fillings like carne asada and jerk pork. Cafe Tola offered empanadas, the perfect portable festival food, and the juicy lechon was a standout when drizzled in spicy red sauce.

Fest-goer Anthony Balderrama says he's been going to Pitchfork almost every year since 2007, its second year when Yoko Ono was a headliner. He's seen the festival change over the years, saying that it's grown more diverse, both for the crowds and the bands that it brings in. But it's also become more polished and attracts bigger bands. He was looking forward to Jai Paul on Friday and Morrisette on Sunday.

Caitlin Peterson and



Yaeji, center, performs during Pitchfork Music Festival at Union Park on Friday in Chicago. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Concertgoers watch 100 Geecs during the festival Friday.

Alex Coronado, both from Logan Square, telegraphed their fest favorites with matching "I (Heart) Geecs" T-shirts. They've known about the band 100 Geecs, playing later in the day, for about two years. The duo of Dylan Brady and Laura Les formed in St. Louis in 2015 and recorded for a while in Chicago, and also played Riot Fest in 2023 and Lollapalooza in 2022.

Coronado described their sound — hard-to-categorize hyperpop with

glitchy, unhinged songs like "mememe" and "Dumbest Girl Alive" — as "cathartic in a way; it's just the right kind of aggressive."

They're both big music-festival goers.

"One of the best things for me in Chicago is I can kind of fall out my front door and be in a festival," Coronado said.

The Geecs drew the first really big crowd of Friday on the Green Stage, opening full speed with "Dumbest Girl Alive" followed by



Dylan Brady of 100 Geecs performs Friday at Union Park.

"stupid horse." Their songs are short, often punkish, sometimes juvenile ("Frog on the Floor") and many wildly profane. A girl who appeared to be no more than six years old rode a grown-up's shoulders and sang along to every word of "Hollywood Baby."

Some Geecs songs last just a chorus or two. "We hit all the same notes as other people," Les joked in her trademark deadpan, "just for less time."

Compared to their

Lollapalooza set just two years ago, during which Les and Brady all but skulked off the stage at times while non-musicians stormed on to hit random stuff with drumsticks, they seemed more comfortable, more in control. (Maybe even enjoying themselves? "OK, Chicago! Who here has ...")

And also loud. Across the park, sound bleed was hard to miss as Britney Denise Parks, stage name Sudan Archives, played the Blue



Lydia Anderson displays a tooth decoration Friday at Union Park in Chicago.

Stage at the same time. But the Ohio-born singer-songwriter kept the crowd entertained and showed off her talents on the violin throughout her set. "Selfish Soul," one of the last songs of her performance, had everyone clapping along as she chanted "I don't want no struggles, I don't want no fears."

Earlier in the day, Zimbabwean-Australian rapper Tkay Maida got the award for greatest distanced traveled to Pitchfork. "It was 40 hours on planes to get to Chicago," she said. "But it was so worth it, to be on this stage."

On a day of global airline stoppages and a planet-wide IT failure, Pitchfork told the Tribune it knew of no disruptions to the music lineup.

As far as music fans, Union Park was full Friday but not overcrowded. Pitchfork has a daily capacity of about 20,000 and was not sold out, with tickets still available. Along with the music and food, there's the CHIRP Record Fair and Flatstock Poster Fair.

The Austin, Texas-based psychedelic soul band Black Pumas closed out Day 1, opening their set with "Fire" from their self-titled 2019 debut studio album. With a band that boasted two percussionists and backup singers, they had the richest, fullest sound of the night, with singer Eric Burton's soaring voice leading the way. The crowd swirled and danced to hits like "Know You Better," Burton once or twice pausing to get everyone singing along.

"Chi-town!," he belted out, mopping sweat pouring down his face despite the evening chill. "Thank you for making us feel welcome every time!"

Strait

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shirt, Wrangler blue jeans, black cowboy hat and pair of cowboy boots. Using the same acoustic guitar for the duration. Communicating with a smooth, clean, rich, reserved, stable voice versed in the art of phrasing, concision and tonality. Assisted by a 11-piece group of grizzled veterans so familiar with one another within the arrangements that their seamless movements often evoked that of a scaled-down orchestra. In many regards, that's what they and Strait became: an ensemble expertly attuned to the skills, styles and steps of big-band Western swing.

Few know it so intimately. For nearly 45 years, Strait has remained as dependable as the hot sun in July. The last time one of his studio albums failed to land in the Top 5 of the country chart was in 1982. He's released 28 full-length LPs since and another effort, "Cowboys and Dreamers," will hit this September. No wonder the King of Country owns the records for both the most Top 10 albums by a single performer and the most number-one songs on all charts of any artist in any genre.

The 72-year-old allegedly retired from heavy touring in 2014, yet his appeal never waned. Last month, Strait spearheaded the largest ticketed concert in U.S. history at Texas A&M's Kyle Field in front of a crowd of 110,905. His website claims that he owns another 20-plus attendance records at venues across America, and the list of contemporaries and peers who paid tribute to him by either opening his shows or referencing him in their songs is legion. Strait accomplished

these feats while largely maintaining a private persona and failing to get the hipster stamp of approval. Even as he eases into elder-statesman status, he continues to operate without the cool-factor afforded several of his legendary predecessors (Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson) and countless younger performers orbiting amid the so-called alt-country, Americana and roots zones.

A probable reason for Strait's lack of acceptance within taste-making circles relates to his apparent conservative lean. Though the singer refrained from political statements, he covered Merle Haggard's "Are the Good Times Really

who serve.

That empathy extended to the Armed Forces. More than halfway through the 135-minute set, a retired general walked onstage to present to a combat-wounded soldier and his wife a symbolic key to a new mortgage-free home procured by Military Warriors Support Foundation. Strait, an Army veteran, has played a key support role in the charitable organization for years.

Bringing attention to a worthy charity felt as heartwarming as some of Strait's delicate material. Yet plugging his brand of tequila, advertised throughout the venue on signs and screens, via a quick spoken introduction

romance ("To the Moon"). His hands-on ranching experience injected irreplaceable credibility to the hard realities documented in the rodeo-referencing fare of "I Can Still Make Cheyenne" and "Amarillo by Morning." He also understood how to enjoy himself without going overboard.

Driven by the skedaddle of strings picked, rubbed and strummed, Strait and company offered a different kind of swagger than normally found up North. Pedal-steel notes spoke with a high-and-onesome accent, bass lines whirled, rhythms clapped on the fours. Uplifting songs such as "How 'Bout Them Cowgirls" and "Every Little Honky Tonk Bar" practically tapped strangers on the shoulder and demanded they grab a partner to dance. Never a bad idea on a gorgeous Saturday night.

In addition to joining Strait for three songs, opener Chris Stapleton turned in a stellar 90-minute set that stopped by way of Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky; Macon, Georgia and the Mississippi Delta. With a big, bushy beard, burly physique and eyes glaring out from under the brim of a creased cowboy hat, the award-winning singer-songwriter cut an imposing presence and struck up a formidable sound to match.

The 46-year-old Kentuckian concerned himself with matters of the heart, and various outlaw states of mind. Backed by an on-point septet, Stapleton arrived on a storm front of rolling thunder ("White Horse") and departed amid peaceable skies ("Tennessee Whiskey"). He conveyed emotions as if he lived them all, whether in reality or in his head. His

voice — molded by moonshine and miles, etched by red dirt, the sandpaper grit slightly smoothed by a pronounced Southern drawl — reached into deep-soul regions that spook the timid and cause hard-drinking barflies to reconsider their decisions.

As a bonus, the chemistry shared between Stapleton and his wife, background vocalist Morgane Stapleton, pumped extra oxygen into fare that already smoldered. Their visual and sonic magnetism elevated devotional declarations such as the R&B-stoked "Think I'm in Love with You" and hardscrabble "Fire Away." Stapleton proved an equally sharper shooter when he and the band twisted the throttle.

Blowing through red lights, the backwoods rave-up "Arkansas" left a trail of barbecue, booze and trouble in its wake. The snarling "The Second One to Know" attempted to scratch and claw its way out of an undesired situation 'til all that remained was blood and tears. As for tackling a portion of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" with utmost sincerity, and liberating it from the associations that long transformed the anthem into a tired and cliched punchline? Stapleton accomplished that, too.

Curtailed by bad weather at Wrigley Field in 2022, and forced to watch the clock as an opening act here, let's hope he can stay a little longer next time he rambles through town.

George Strait set list at Soldier Field July 20

- "Deep in the Heart of Texas" (Don Swander and June Hershey cover)
- "Stars on the Water" (Rodney Crowell cover) "I Got a Car"
- "Here for a Good Time"
- "Check Yes or No"
- "Run"

- "How 'Bout Them Cowgirls"
- "I Can Still Make Cheyenne"
- "The Fireman"/"Three Drinks Behind"
- "Waymore's Blues" (Waylon Jennings cover)
- "The Weight of the Badge"
- "The Little Things"
- "Ocean Front Property"
- "Are the Good Times Really Over (I Wish a Buck Was Still Silver)" (Merle Haggard cover)
- "Pancho & Lefty" (Townes Van Zandt cover)
- "You Don't Know What You're Missing"
- "Honky Tonk Hall of Fame"
- "I Saw God Today"
- "The Chair"
- "Every Little Honky Tonk Bar"
- "MIA Down in MIA"
- "To the Moon"
- "I'll Always Remember You"
- "Give It Away"
- "Amarillo by Morning" (Terry Stafford cover)
- "Troubadour"
- "Unwound"

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- "Codligo"
- "All My Ex's Live in Texas"
- "Folsom Prison Blues" (Johnny Cash cover)
- "The Cowboy Rides Away"

Chris Stapleton set list

- "White Horse"
- "Nobody to Blame"
- "Second One to Know"
- "Millionaire"
- "Up to No Good Livin' "
- "What Am I Gonna Do"
- "Think I'm in Love with You"
- "Arkansas"
- "Starting Over"
- "Outlaw State of Mind"
- "You Should Probably Leave"
- "Parachute"
- "Cold"
- "Free Bird" (Lynyrd Skynyrd cover)
- "The Devil Named Music"
- "Traveller"
- "Fire Away"
- "Broken Halos"
- "Tennessee Whiskey" (David Allan Coe cover)

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 22): Make long-term plans this year. Steadily pursue clues to investigate, research and learn a fascinating subject. Summertime challenges reorient professional objectives, motivating educational autumn investigations. Adapt to

changing winter news, before reaping a lucrative springtime harvest. Imagine perfection and schedule steps for implementation.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Love is in the air. The next month, with the Sun in Leo, favors fun and romance. You're especially creative. Pursue your passions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Strengthen your base. For the next four weeks, under the Leo Sun, family comes first. Focus on household improvement and raising levels of domestic bliss.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Begin a 30-day networking and communication phase. You're especially brilliant and creative this month, with the Sun in Leo. Write, connect and express.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Profit through collaboration under the Leo Sun. You can make lots of money over the next four weeks. Work together and find what's needed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're coming into your own. Over four weeks, Leo sunlight shines on your accomplishments and personal projects. Amplify something close to your heart.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Get into a contemplative phase. Consider plans, past, present and future. Imagine potential and invent possibilities. Lay the groundwork for your next adventures.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Teamwork can move mountains. Collaborate for common cause under the Leo Sun. Get public this month. Benefit from social connections.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Focus on professional priorities this month. Energize bold ambitions and creative ideas. Your status and influence are on the rise. Make big goals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Travel beckons. Enjoy a four-week travel, study and exploration phase. The Leo Sun shines on a fascinating adventure. Connect, communicate and share discoveries.

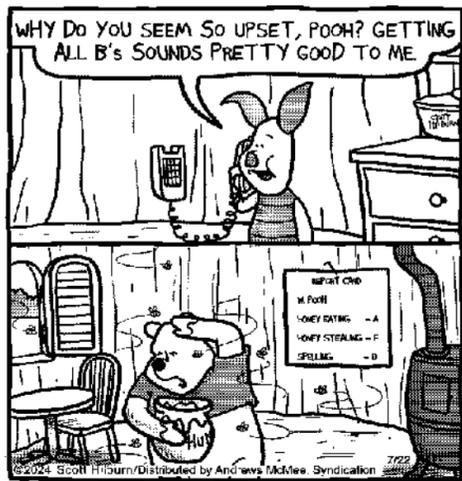
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Work together to share the load and the benefits. The next four weeks could get especially lucrative. Support each other for extra power.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Fall in love all over again. The Sun in Leo favors connection and collaboration. The next month is all about partnerships. Grow together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Nurture yourself for high physical performance. You're energized by the Leo Sun. For the next four weeks, prioritize your work, fitness and health.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

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

♠ 9 8 6 3 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 4 ♣ Q J 10 9 7 5

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent bids 1NT. What call would you make?

A.1—The only strong bid here is double, giving you a chance to compete with a good, long suit. Bid 2C, non-forcing.

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

♠ A 9 7 6 5 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ K ♣ K Q J 5

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass

? What call would you make?

A.2—Partner has an invitational hand, but he might have 5-card heart suit that he never got a chance to show. Accept the invitation by bidding 3H. He'll know you don't have 4 of them.

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

♠ J 8 ♥ K Q 8 5 4 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A 7 5 3

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?

A.3—Don't redouble unless you want to defend a low-level contract. Begin describing your hand by bidding 1H.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

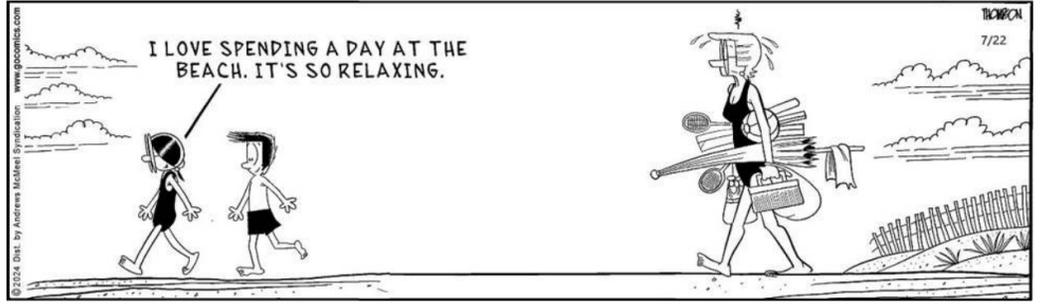
♠ 10 6 5 ♥ A J 10 9 ♦ K 7 6 3 ♣ A 8

Partner, the dealer, passes, as does right-hand opponent. What call would you make?

A.4—In third position, open 1H, your strong 4-card major. You will probably pass anything that partner bids.

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues



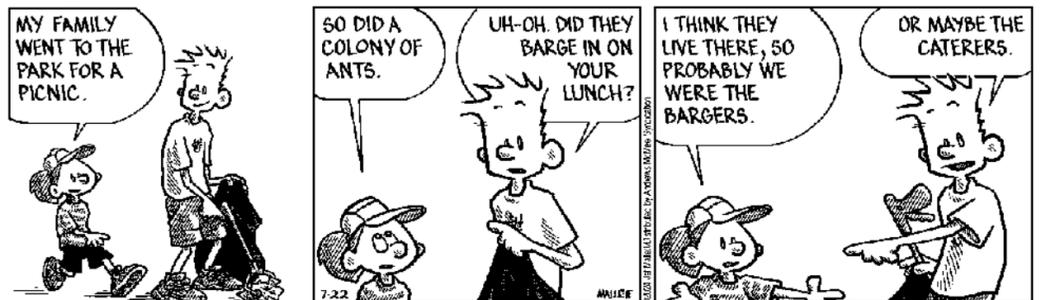
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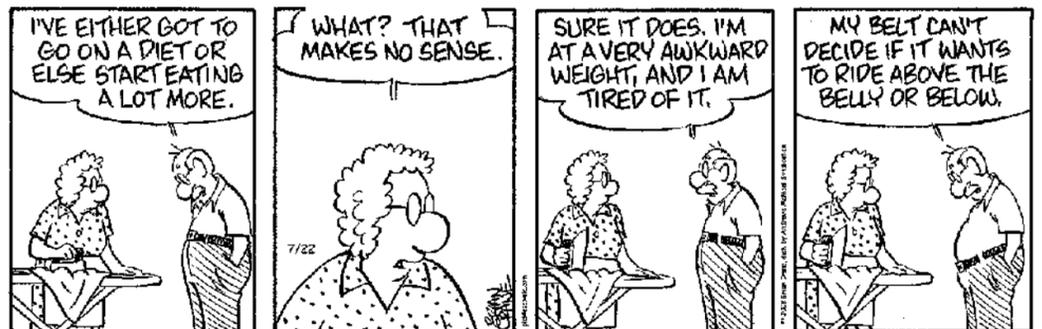
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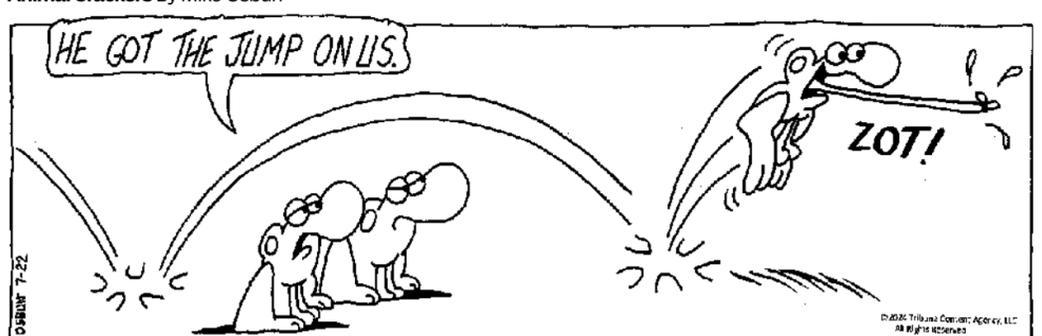
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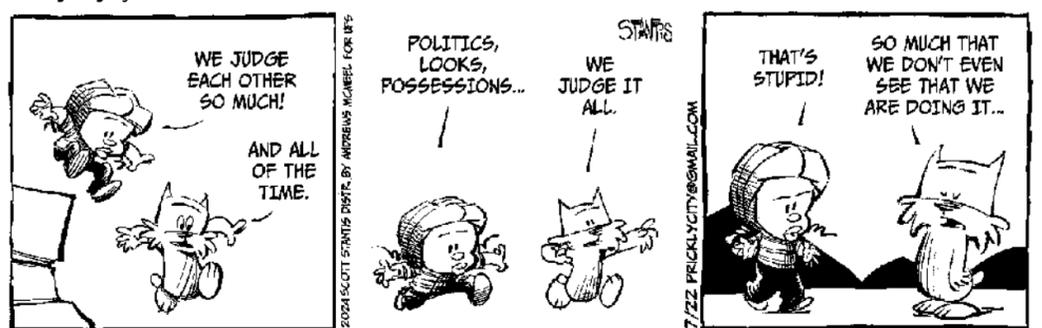
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Level **1** 2 3 4

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://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

S	V	E	N
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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.

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Things people borrow

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.

E	O	E	U	W	E	L	Z	Z	U	P	W	A	S	G	I	J	E
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- BABY GEAR
- BAKING TINS
- BICYCLE
- BOOKS
- CAMPING GEAR
- CARS
- CHAINSAW
- CHAIRS
- CLOTHES
- CUTLERY
- DRINKING GLASSES
- HEDGE TRIMMER
- JIGSAW PUZZLE
- KAYAK
- LADDER
- LAWN MOWER
- LUGGAGE
- MONEY
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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Sciuto; former "NCIS" role
- Actress Dawber
- Winningham
- Brandon Jones of "Ghosts"
- "A Day at the ..."; Marx Brothers film
- "Pearl ..."; 2001 Ben Affleck movie
- Arthur with a racket
- Reign
- Suffix for event or intellect
- 90 degrees from NNE
- Role on "Cheers"
- Flirt with
- Marvin & Majors
- Actress Lindsay
- Mayberry resident
- Lapira of "The Equalizer"
- "... in Paris"; Doris Day film
- White Monopoly bills
- Guinness or Baldwin
- "Krakatoa: East of ..."; 1968 movie
- Capture
- "How I ... Your Mother"

DOWN

- Uncovered
- Actress Rue
- "Star Wars: Episode II - ... of the Clones"
- Morrison of "Dateline NBC"
- Dr. ... Shepherd; "Grey's Anatomy" role
- Eric ... of Monty Python
- Tax-collecting agcy.
- Cathedral service
- Pile up
- "The ..."; reality dating series
- Marcia Cross "Desperate Housewives" role
- "Say ... to the Dress"
- "The Lord is my shepherd..."
- Unit of farmland
- Unruly crowd
- Phil Keoghan's reality series
- Refrain syllables
- "Norma ..."; Sally Field movie
- "Ben ..."; Charlton Heston film
- Role on "The Golden Girls"
- Actor Cariou
- Patrick Harris
- Seep out
- "The Odyssey" or "Paradise Lost"
- Esco of "S.W.A.T."
- "The ... Boat"
- Milne's monogram
- Beg
- Lord & Palance
- Actress Joan Van ...
- Comedian Johnson & others
- Word from Scrooge
- Jethro Bodine's portrayal
- Jon ...; once of "Chicago P.D."
- Prefix for angle or pod
- Darby or Delaney

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JUMBLE

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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RHEBT

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SRLIPA

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RANWID

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: GROVE BERTH SPIRAL INWARD
 Answer: When they played cards in view of the Golden Gate, they were — BRIDGE PARTNERS

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Relocate	Ankle bones	Years of youth	Obstacle	Haie-Bopp, e.g.	Roast	Fired up
						Litigate
Informal greeting	Next to	Raggedy doll	Sushi fish	Options list		
Lowly laborer	Knives sold on TV			Engrave		Carried
	Locaters, a.k.a.			Card spot		
		Meal in a shell	"Fresh Air" singer			
"Born in the ..."	Smack	Great weight	He os East			
Each work						
Go with						
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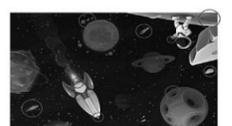
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Bears quarterback Caleb Williams throws a pass during training camp on Saturday at Halas Hall. TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BEARS TRAINING CAMP REPORT

Headway at Halas Hall

Williams learning on the fly, and safety Byard's secrets to success

By Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

The Bears continued to progress through the ramp-up period of training camp and held a short non-padded practice Sunday morning at Halas Hall.

The team is now 10 days away from its preseason opener against the Texans in the Hall of Fame game and is pushing to create momentum across all three phases.

After Sunday's practice and subsequent interviews with several players and offensive coordinator Shane Waldron, here's a snapshot of the camp proceedings.

Caleb Williams watch

The sample size is far too small right now to begin drawing conclusions about Caleb Williams' camp progress. But the rookie quarterback continues to show daily flashes of his arm talent with his best throw Sunday coming during a 7-on-7 period when he threw a picture-perfect deep ball to Tyler Scott on a corner route to the left side of the field.

Williams is also showing proficiency in the quick game within the passing attack, using his quick hands and displaying an obvious feel for how to get the ball out fast and on target to his pass catchers.

Said Bears offensive coordinator Shane Waldron: "His ability to change his arm angle, get the ball out quick and adjust to different throws — whether they're bubble (screens), slants, quick game (stuff) all in that area of the field — is something he demonstrated a high level of ability at in college."

Williams' practice Sunday ended on a down note when he turned the ball over on his final pass of an end-of-half 2-minute drill. After driving the Bears to the brink of field goal range with a big third-down throw to Keenan Allen plus a pair of subsequent checkdown completions to Roschon Johnson,

Williams tried sling-shotting a pass to DJ Moore over the middle with a sidearm delivery. Cornerback Tyrique Stevenson made a great jump and dived in front of Moore to intercept the pass.

That play began with 16.8 seconds remaining and the Bears needing roughly 7-10 yards to get into field goal range. Those situational details add context to Williams' pick.

Waldron called it "a good chance to be aggressive" and is hopeful the rookie quarterback's continued exposure to similar situational challenges this summer will increase his game awareness.

"(It's developing) the mindset and knowing when those (throws) are the right opportunities," Waldron said.

News of the day

The Bears continue to rotate Ryan Bates and Coleman Shelton as their centers with the first-unit offense with Shelton seeing more extensive time in that role Sunday. Waldron called that depth chart battle "a great competition with two able players who can start in this league."

"We have two guys who are just great pros and have a great overall understanding of it," Waldron said. "So Caleb has a great comfort level with either/or right there."

Waldron was later asked when he would like to shift the Bears' focus on the offensive line from competition to continuity and

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CUBS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Imanaga dazzles, as Cubs rally late

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

By the time Nico Hoerner reached the mound as his Cubs teammates celebrated around him, Pete Crow-Armstrong crowned him with a purple Dubble Bubble bucket that had been emptied over his head moments earlier.

The Cubs can only hope the euphoric sequence finally sends them on the type of winning streak that can sway the front office to



The Cubs' Nico Hoerner is doused with water after he was walked by Diamondbacks pitcher Humberto Castellanos, forcing in a run to win the game on Sunday at Wrigley Field. ERIN HOOLEY/AP

UP NEXT



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add to the roster before the July 30 MLB trade deadline.

Their tenuous positioning in

the National League wild-card race was nearly dealt another blow Sunday at Wrigley Field. Taking a lone hit into the ninth inning of a one-run game against the Diamondbacks, Hoerner's lead-off double set up the Cubs' tying run,

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ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 1

Another loss despite Thorpe's performance

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Drew Thorpe had one of his best outings of the season.

But the White Sox couldn't find any sustained success against Seth Lugo and lost 4-1 to the Kansas City Royals in front of 22,226 at Kauffman Stadium. The Sox suffered their seventh straight defeat as they were swept in the three-game series.

Thorpe allowed three hits, struck out five, walked two and hit one batter in six scoreless innings. He left with a 1-0 lead, as Tommy Pham drove in Nicky Lopez with a two-out single in the sixth.

The Royals tied it with a run in the seventh against reliever Justin

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Anderson and scored three runs in the eighth against John Brebbia. Lugo went the distance for the Royals, allowing the one run on three hits.

It's the 14th time this season the Sox have been swept in a series. They are a season-high 47 games under .500.

Here are three takeaways from the series:

1. Drew Thorpe made the big pitches time and again. Thorpe

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Team	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
CUBS	ARI 1:20 p.m. Marquee	MIL 7:05 p.m. Marquee	MIL 7:05 p.m. Marquee	MIL 1:20 p.m. Marquee	@KC 7:10 p.m. Marquee
WHITE SOX	@KC 1:10 p.m. NBCSCH	@TEX 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	@TEX 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	@TEX 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	SEA 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH
SKY					Next game Aug. 15 vs. PHX
FIRE					Next game Sunday @KC
RED STARS					Chivas (exh.) 7 p.m. Paramount+

Bears

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stressed the value of the competition as a means of fortifying depth. Establishing a clear starter, he said, will come later.

Player in the spotlight

Safety Kevin Byard, 30 years old and now in his ninth NFL season, is a man of routine, a professional who takes immense pride in never missing practice time with a consistent routine he uses to squeeze the most out of each day. For Byard, that includes a regimented approach to eating during training camp with a “same thing every day” breakfast to create consistency.

“Oatmeal, berries, throw a little cinnamon and some honey on there,” Byard said. “(Then I) cut up like, six small pieces of bananas. It’s got to be six.”

Why six?

“I just started doing it and I stick to it for some reason,” Byard said.

Byard sticks to his routine as a means of aiding his longevity whether it be with his clean diet or the way he takes care of his body before and after practice. With 130 career regular-season games under his belt — and zero missed — it’s safe to say Byard’s methods work. His dialed-in approach to training camp is part of the formula, which includes a self-imposed “no pacing” edict.

“I don’t pace myself,” Byard said. “I try to empty the tank every day then fill it back up and do it again.”

The Bears are banking on Byard being a reliable leader and playmaker on the back end of a defense that seems to be coming together nicely.



Bears cornerback Kevin Byard III speaks May 23 during OTAs at Halas Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

“(We have) a lot of pieces, a lot of talent,” Byard said. “I see a lot of confidence. (It’s a) very confident group.”

“Expectations have been talked about a lot this offseason. And I think we all kind of understand that and are working to live up to those expectations.”

Seen and heard

New running backs coach Chad Morton has quickly established himself as one of the more energized and boisterous members of Matt Eberflus’ staff and got the

label from Byard on Sunday as the biggest trash talker among the Bears coaches. Even in the earliest and relatively tame stages of training camp, Morton’s voice has been easily heard by players on the defense. He also continually makes his presence felt by inserting himself into the defensive huddle with some competitive playfulness.

On Sunday, when Morton popped in on the D before a 7-on-7 period, linebacker Tremaine Edmunds shot a glance toward running back D’Andre Swift. “Tremaine kind of looked at me

like, ‘Come get your coach,’” Swift said.

Added Byard: “The next time he might get scooped up a little bit just to let him know to stop getting in our huddle.”

At this stage, Morton’s enthusiasm is providing a welcome injection of juice into the training camp grind.

Quote of note

Safety Jaquan Brisker has been thrilled to feel the edge that has been building within a starting secondary that includes him,



Bears quarterback Caleb Williams watches the ball after throwing a pass during training camp on Saturday at Halas Hall. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Byard and cornerbacks Jaylon Johnson, Tyrique Stevenson and Kyler Gordon: “I feel like we’ve got something special,” Brisker said. “We call ourselves ‘The Avengers.’ We’ve got a lot of superheroes out there as you can see. And really we want to establish the physicality out there that nobody can mess with us.”

Injury and participation watch

After missing Saturday’s practice due to personal reasons, rookie receiver Rome Odunze was back in action Sunday morning.

Players who did not participate in practice included linebacker Noah Sewell, receiver Nsimba Webster and tight end Mercedes Lewis. Head coach Matt Eberflus was not available to the media following practice to offer a status update on any of those players.

Tight end Gerald Everett, meanwhile, was activated off the non-football injury (NFI) list.

The Bears return to the field Monday morning for the third of what will be a four-practice stack to open camp before the team’s first day off Wednesday.

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BRITISH OPEN

Schauffele's 65 seals his 2nd major title of year

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Xander Schauffele won the British Open on Sunday for his second major of the year, delivering a masterpiece at Royal Troon with a 6-under 65 to overcome a two-shot deficit and give the Americans a sweep of the four majors for the first time since 1982.

Schauffele, who faced questions at the start of the season whether he could win a major, now has two of them with the brand of golf that hasn't been seen in 90 years of the four majors.

He won the PGA Championship at Valhalla by making a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 65. In a final round at Royal Troon set up for big drama — six players one shot behind, nine players separated by three shots — Schauffele

made a tense Sunday look like a nice walk along the Irish Sea.

"I think winning the first one helped me a lot today on the back nine. I had some feeling of calmness come through. It was very helpful on what has been one of the hardest back nines I've ever played in a tournament," Schauffele said.

"It's a dream come true to win two majors in one year," he said. "It took me forever just to win one ... to have two now is something else."

He is the first player to win two majors with closing rounds of 65 in the same year. Jack Nicklaus is the only other player to do it.

And he never looked more calm, even as the wind presented so much trouble at Royal Troon. Schauffele said he told caddie and longtime friend Austin Kaiser on the 18th tee that he felt calm.

"He said he was about to puke on the 18th tee," Schauffele said.

There was no need to panic, even when it took Schauffele six holes to make a birdie when everyone around him started strong. He played bogey-free in a chilly wind and pulled away with three birdies in a four-hole stretch early on the back nine to go from two shots behind to leading by as many as three.

He won by two shots over American Billy Horschel and Justin Rose, the 43-year-old from England who had to go through 36-hole qualifying just to get into the field. They were among four players who had at least a share of the lead at one point Sunday.

They just couldn't keep up with Schauffele. No one could.

Even with so many players in contention early, the engraver was able to get to work early on those



Xander Schauffele celebrates with the claret jug Sunday after winning the British Open at Royal Troon in Scotland. The 30-year-old Californian also won the PGA Championship at Valhalla in May. **PETER MORRISON/AP**

16 letters across the base of the silver claret jug.

Given the wind, heavy air off the Firth of Clyde and punishing nature of the Ayrshire links, Schauffele's 65 ranks among the great closing rounds in British Open history. He left no doubt

where it stood in his own career.

"At the very tip-top," Schauffele said. "Best round I've played."

Playing in the third-to-last group, he matched the round of the championship with a score that was just over eight shots better than the field average.

WHITE SOX

Crossover of art, sports

White Sox rolling out concert-style matchup posters

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

Sitting in the middle of his All Star Press gallery in Logan Square, Zissou Tasseff-Elenkoff sees a Chicago that loves its art and sports. Murals and sculptures and statues. Football, baseball, basketball and more.

It's only natural, he says, that they should all play together.

"I think the connections to the sports community is really deep," Tasseff-Elenkoff says, "and that resonates to anybody, whether you're a chef or whether you're a plumber or an artist."

Tasseff-Elenkoff, a San Francisco native and who also has lived in Paris and London, is an artist and a sports fan — a perfect partner for a unique project with the Chicago White Sox.

Working with Tasseff-Elenkoff, the White Sox are rolling out 28 concert-style posters this season that were created by a total of 12 artists in Chicago and a couple more major league cities. The posters have been limited to the digital space so far, but the team plans to start selling some of them in its charity corner at its ballpark beginning next month.

Each of the posters focuses on the upcoming series between the White Sox and their opponent, incorporating colors and elements from each franchise and home city. While the last-place White Sox have piled up losses on the field, the posters at least have generated a few fleeting moments of praise from fans otherwise frustrated with the state of the franchise.

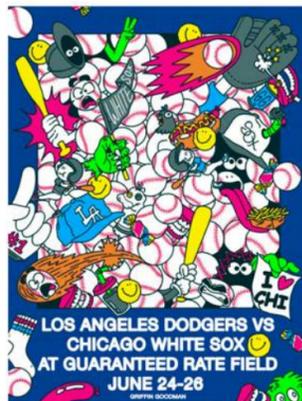
"This is a very popular football thing, and we had never really seen it approached by a baseball team because it could seem like a lot," said Tim Brogdon, the director of digital content for the White Sox. "There's a lot of series, a lot of games."

"But we wanted to try to tackle it to try to connect a bunch of people with the Chicago art community, with other fan bases, try to find new ways to engage our fans."

Tasseff-Elenkoff started working with the Chicago Bulls in 2016, and he got connected to the White Sox — another Jerry Reinsdorf-owned franchise — through Jon Shoemaker, the executive director of creative services for the



Zissou Tasseff-Elenkoff, the owner of All Star Press, poses for a photo at his gallery on June 27 in Chicago. **NAM Y. HUH/AP**



This combo of images provided by the White Sox shows a concert-style posters by artists from left, Griffin Goodman, Joe Nelson and Joseph Perez, focusing on the baseball series between the White Sox and their opponents. Working with a local art gallery, the White Sox are rolling out 28 concert-style posters that were created by a total of 12 artists in Chicago and a couple more major league cities. **WHITE SOX**

NBA team.

Tasseff-Elenkoff has been collaborating with the White Sox for about six years on a variety of projects. He credited Gareth Breunlin, the senior director of marketing and advertising for the baseball club, with the idea for the posters.

Tasseff-Elenkoff was tasked with finding the artists for the project. He also created the posters for series with the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals.

"It's been great to see, kind of, the different styles and different aesthetics and how they kind of all have that, you know, centralized focus of the culture of the White Sox and what that means to the city," he said, "and how it kind of manifests itself in fans and hopefully the art that we're making of kind of try and make those connections."

Twenty-two posters have been unveiled so far. With each artist applying their own approach, the style, look and feel varies

from poster to poster. Joe Nelson created a comic-like tribute to backyard baseball for a May series at Toronto. Mwaner Pierre-Louis' poster for this month's trip to Miami resembled a playing card. Joseph Perez's illustration for a June series against Arizona had a White Sox slugger with a snake wrapped around his bat. Kate Lewis, who also has worked with the Cubs, Bulls and Blackhawks through her connection to Tasseff-Elenkoff and All Star Press,

was assigned series against the Athletics, Rangers, Mariners and Astros for the White Sox project.

With her posters, Lewis has been staying with what she described as the White Sox color palette while leaning into the other team for the backdrop.

"So for the Mariners, you could see I did like kind of an underwater one," she said. "It's got a porthole in it and it's on the deck of a cruise ship, but it's very White Sox heavy colors. So that was kind of how I did that split. And then same with the Astros. I put it in outer space. There's some planets in the background."

Lewis isn't much of a sports fan, but she has enjoyed the crossover between sports and her art.

"What I love about working with sports teams is that they all kind of have a theme to them," she said. "They have their mascots. They have the environments that the sports teams are in, so I kind of lean more into the personality behind them."

The White Sox plan to have some version of the poster series again in 2025. What it looks like could depend in part on if the team is able to bring on a sponsor for the content.

"The city of Chicago has embraced art and sport in a way that I've never experienced it before," Brogdon said.

INTER MIAMI 2, FIRE 1 LATE SATURDAY

Fire tie game late before falling to Messi-less Miami

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Defender Jordi Alba scored two minutes after the Chicago Fire pulled even in the second half to rally Inter Miami to a 2-1 victory on Saturday night.

Rookie Matias Rojas scored for a fourth time this season to give Inter Miami (16-4-5) a 1-0 lead in the 6th minute. Robert Taylor picked up his fourth assist and

20-year-old defender Tomás Avilés snagged his first of the season and the second of his two-year career on the goal. It was the seventh start and 10th appearance of the campaign for Rojas.

The Fire (6-12-7) pulled until defender Rafael Czichos used Gastón Giménez's third assist of the season in the 75th minute to score his first goal this season and the sixth in his three years in the league.

The tie lasted until Alba scored

unassisted with a left-footed shot from the left side of the box in the 77th. It was the fourth goal this season for Alba and his fifth in 22 starts and 27 appearances in his two seasons with the club.

Drake Callender finished with four saves in goal for Inter Miami. Chris Brady stopped seven shots for the Fire. Callender needed to make just one save to keep the Fire off the scoreboard in the first half. Brady had four saves by halftime to

keep the Fire close.

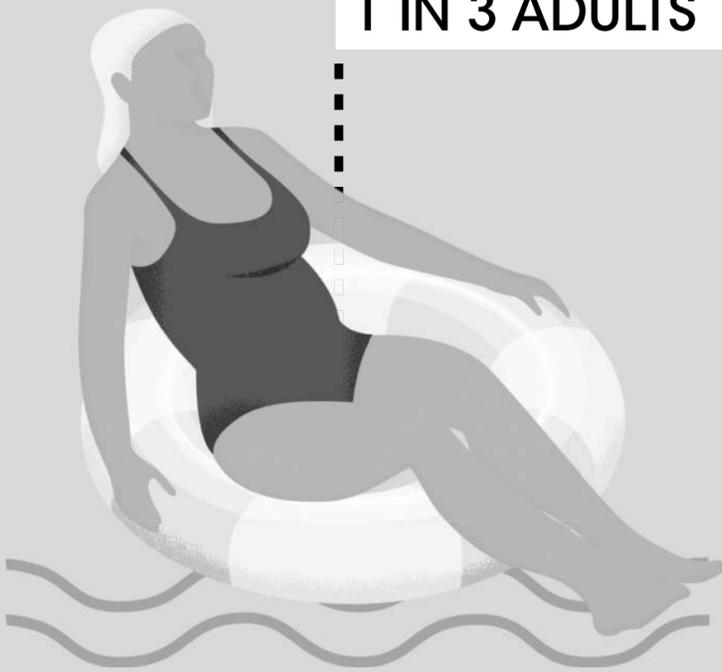
Inter Miami's Lionel Messi did not play Saturday after injuring a ligament in his right ankle during Argentina's win over Colombia in the Copa America final on July 14. He was shown in street clothes wearing a walking boot.

The Fire said Friday they will offer vouchers for fans if Messi doesn't play for Inter Miami when the teams meet at Soldier Field on Aug. 31.

The Fire knocked FC Cincinnati out of the top spot in the Supporters' Shield race with a 1-0 road victory on Wednesday.

Inter Miami is 2-4-1 all-time versus the Fire.

The league goes on a month-long hiatus for the Leagues Cup. Inter Miami, which leads the league with 53 points at the break, will host FC Cincinnati on Aug. 24 when play resumes. The Fire will travel to play New York City FC on Aug. 24.



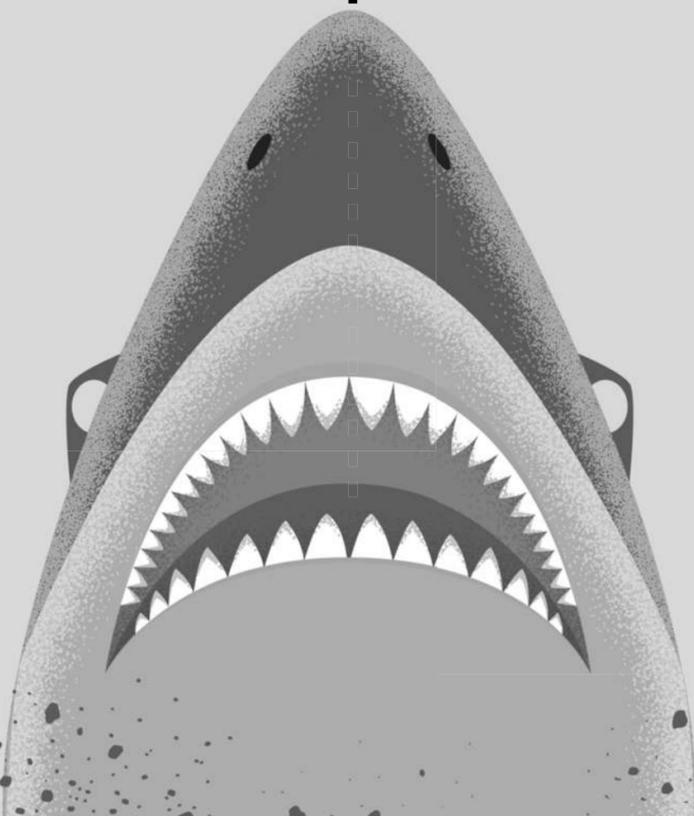
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BASEBALL

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hit the first batter he faced, Adam Frazier, and then surrendered a single to Bobby Witt Jr. He escaped without allowing a run by making big pitches. Vinnie Pasquantino grounded into a force out at second. Then Salvador Perez grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Thorpe settled in from there. He didn't allow another hit until the sixth inning when he gave up back-to-back one-out singles to Witt (who had nine hits in the series) and Pasquantino. Thorpe got out of that jam by striking out Perez and getting Hunter Renfroe to line out to center fielder Luis Robert Jr.

"It's really big navigating a bit of traffic and putting up a zero," Thorpe said. "It's super good."

Thorpe's strong 97-pitch performance came a day after Jonathan Cannon rebounded from a three-run first to go six innings — allowing four runs — in a 6-1 loss.

"When you look at those two guys, what they did here against a playoff (contending) team, it's pretty special," manager Pedro Grifol said. "These guys are rookies. They are standing out there in the sixth inning going through the lineup three times and (the Royals) can play."

"We've just got to continue to develop, go through the process and try to win some games. We've got to close these things out."

2. Here's the explanation behind Chuckie Robinson's "weird" single. Chuckie Robinson hit a looping liner that curved as it went over the head of Witt at shortstop for a single in the fifth inning of Saturday's game.

It was Robinson's first hit with the Sox after joining the team from Triple-A Charlotte on Friday.

"Always good to get the first one out of the way so you can breathe a little bit," Robinson told the Tribune on Sunday morning. "And it was weird. I hit the ball twice."

Robinson watched the at-bat in super slow-motion to get confirmation of the double contact on the Brady Singer sinker. "I thought I broke my bat," Robinson said.

"Somebody told me, 'Did you hit that ball twice?' I said, 'I really don't know.'"

"It had a weird little knuckle and died at the end."

Robinson said he had never done anything like that in his life.

Earlier in the game, Robinson made an impact behind the plate, throwing out Witt when he attempted to steal third.

"It was good just to help the team out, to get an out, help out Cannon and help the team," Robinson said.

It was Robinson's first big-league game since 2022. He appeared in 25 contests that season for the Cincinnati Reds, going 8-for-59 (.136) with two doubles, two home runs and five RBIs.

"It was good to be back out there," Robinson said. "It was good energy. Unfortunately, we lost the game, but Cannon, once he got settled in, we got into a rhythm."

3. Manager Pedro Grifol gave insight into how losing has affected him. Grifol was asked how tough the losing has been on him after Sunday's defeat.

"I'm a competitor at the end of the day and want to win baseball games," he said. "That's the most important thing at the major-league level. But there is a process to this thing we're going through right now."

"It hurts, it's painful as s---. I can't lie. I mean, it's painful. But my faith is in the good Lord up there, man. There's a reason I'm going through this, there's a reason we're going through this as an organization. A reason these young kids are here with this opportunity to perform and develop."

He pointed to the Royals, who lost 106 games last season and are 55-45 this season, as an example of a turnaround.

"This turnaround can happen really quick, especially when we're seeing what we're seeing daily, which is really good starting pitching," Grifol said. "And we drafted (pitcher Hagen Smith) with the fifth pick. We had a couple guys throw four (Noah Schultz) or five (Jairo Iriarte) no-hit innings in Double A (during a doubleheader on Saturday), so there are some really good things happening here. But this is painful, I can't neglect that fact."



Cubs starting pitcher Shota Imanaga throws against the Diamondbacks during the first inning Sunday at Wrigley Field. ERIN HOOLEY/AP

Cubs

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which scored on Seiya Suzuki's single up the middle. Hoerner again came through in a big moment, drawing a bases-loaded, one-out walk in the 10th to give the Cubs a 2-1 win to avoid getting swept by Arizona.

"Definitely you want to be the person to drive in the run and make a difference, but a walk is just as valuable in that situation," Hoerner said. "I was ready to hit on that 3-1 pitch, but fortunately shut down and it was a ball."

The Cubs (48-53) can't afford series losses like they had versus the Diamondbacks, who they are chasing in the wild card standings. The season tiebreaker between the two teams will now be determined by intradivision record after they split their season matchup. The Cubs are behind five teams additional teams for the third wild-card spot currently held by St. Louis: the New York Mets, San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants hold the tiebreaker advantage against the Cubs, while the tiebreakers with the Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates have yet to be determined.

"It's a time of year when definitely outside factors can creep in," Hoerner said. "But I think it's also an opportunity. I think it just depends on how you want to frame it mentally. And, OK, it's all in our control and everything in front of us so that's what we've been preaching in here and what I believe in."

"Even though the trade deadline is soon I think that the focus really is on the day-to-day. This game is a lot of us in a great way and I think guys are focused on what we can do tomorrow first, but yeah, the belief is high."

The Cubs got just enough offensively to salvage the series. It's impossible, however, to ignore how their inconsistent offensive

production remains extremely problematic. Suzuki's RBI single in the ninth ended a stretch of 18 consecutive scoreless innings, which ties their longest such streak this season.

"Guys that you count on to have some level of production that aren't, you'd hope we can get that straightened out and just work on that every single day," manager Craig Counsell said before the win. "That's the great thing about our game is that there is a game every day so you have to turn the page and you have to get ready to compete and you're going to get challenged the next day so that makes you learn how to turn the page and I think we do that pretty well."

The walk-off marked just the second victory in 47 games when the Cubs have trailed entering the ninth. The other win also came against the Diamondbacks on April 15.

The Cubs nearly wasted another dazzling outing by left-hander Shota Imanaga.

Imanaga struck out the side in first inning, part of a career-high 10 strikeouts. Eugenio Suárez connected for a solo home run in the seventh for the only run Imanaga allowed.

Imanaga leads the Cubs with 12 quality starts while his 108 strikeouts rank second among MLB rookies behind the Yankees' Luis Gil (118). He took a no-hitter into the sixth and was a pitch away from ending the inning when Randal Grichuk got around on an 0-2 splitter down and away to take it up the middle for a single. Cubs fans cheered in recognition of Imanaga's no-hit bid, however, he didn't find out he had not allowed a hit until chatting with the pitching coaches and his interpreter after his start was over.

"When I was on the mound I was like, 'Why are they cheering?'" Imanaga said through interpreter Edwin Stanberry. "When I woke up this morning physically I felt great, everything felt awesome. So I feel today's outing pretty much reflected how I felt."

White Sox starting pitcher Drew Thorpe throws to a Royals batter during the fourth inning of Sunday's game in Kansas City, Mo. REED HOFFMANN/AP



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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	60	39	.606	—	—	4-6	L-1	30-22	30-17
New York	59	42	.584	2	+3½	4-6	L-2	26-21	33-21
Boston	53	44	.546	6	½	5-5	L-2	24-25	29-19
Tampa Bay	50	49	.505	10	4½	6-4	W-2	27-27	23-22
Toronto	45	54	.455	15	9½	5-5	W-1	22-26	23-28

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	59	39	.602	—	—	3-7	L-2	31-13	28-26
Minnesota	54	44	.551	5	—	5-5	L-3	27-20	27-24
Kansas City	55	45	.550	5	—	7-3	W-3	34-18	21-27
Detroit	49	51	.490	11	6	7-3	L-1	24-24	25-27
Chicago	27	74	.267	33½	28½	1-9	L-7	17-34	10-40

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	52	46	.531	—	—	6-4	W-2	28-21	24-25
Seattle	52	48	.520	1	3	3-7	L-5	30-20	22-28
Texas	47	52	.475	5½	7½	6-4	W-1	25-23	22-29
Los Angeles	41	57	.418	11	13	4-6	L-2	22-29	19-28
Oakland	39	61	.390	14	16	6-4	W-3	24-25	15-36

BOX SCORES

WASHINGTON 5, CINCINNATI 2

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.275
De La Cruz ss	3	0	1	0	2	.255
Candelario dh	4	0	0	0	2	.233
Steer 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.239
Fraleigh rf	4	0	1	1	2	.250
Marte 3b	4	1	1	1	1	.176
Fairchild cf	3	1	1	1	0	.227
Benson lf	3	0	0	0	1	.188
Wynns c	2	0	0	0	0	.353
a-Stephenson c1	0	0	0	0	0	.242
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	9	

Washington

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Abrams ss	4	0	1	0	0	.267
Thomas rf	3	0	0	0	1	.246
Yezpez 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.367
Ramirez dh	4	0	1	1	2	.250
b-Winker ph-dh1	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Ruiz c	4	0	1	0	0	.270
1-Nunez pr	0	1	0	0	0	.022
Adams c	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Vargas 2b	3	1	2	0	0	.265
Wood lf	4	1	2	3	0	.246
Lipscomb 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.224
Young cf	2	1	0	0	0	.255
TOTALS	32	5	9	4	3	

Cincinnati	010	010	000	2	5	1
Washington	002	000	03x	5	9	0

a-flieled out for Wynns in the 8th. b-flieled out for Ramirez in the 8th. 1-ran for Ruiz in the 8th. E: Marte (6). **LOB:** Cincinnati 4, Washington 6. **2B:** Fraley (10), De La Cruz (21), Yezpez (7). **HR:** Marte (2), off Irvin; Fairchild (6), off Irvin; Wood (2), off Wilson. **RBI:** Marte (7), Fairchild (24), Ramirez (10), Wood 3 (12). **SB:** De La Cruz (48). **CS:** Thomas (10). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 3 (De La Cruz, Marte, Candelario); Washington 1 (Lipscomb). **RISP:** Cincinnati 0 for 4; Washington 2 for 3.

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Abbott	6½	6	2	0	3	1	3.19
Sims, L-4	1	2	2	2	0	2	3.82
Wilson	½	1	1	0	0	0	4.85

WASHINGTON 1P, H R ER BB SO ERA

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Irvin	7	5	2	0	7	3.44
Garcia, W-2	1	0	0	0	1	4.41
Finnegan, S-28	1	0	0	0	1	2.32

Pitches-Strikes: Abbott 103-68; Sims 17-11; Wilson 4-3; Irvin 100-66; Garcia 17-9; Finnegan 5-5.

Batters Faced: Abbott 28; Sims 5; Wilson 2; Irvin 26; Garcia 4; Finnegan 3. **Inherited runners-scored:** Wilson 2-2. **WP:** Irvin. **Umpires:** Home, Mike Munchinski; First, John Bacon; Second, Andy Fletcher; Third, Jansen Visconti. **Time:** 2:22. A: 23,967 (41,376).

TAMPA BAY 6, N.Y. YANKEES 4

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Palacios 2b	4	1	1	1	1	.245
Paredes 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.255
B.Lowe dh	4	0	0	0	2	.243
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	1	1	.212
J.Lowe rf	2	1	1	0	0	.216
a-DeLuca ph-rf	0	0	0	0	0	.171
Caballero 3b	4	1	2	2	2	.244
Rortvedt c	3	1	0	0	1	.260
Siri cf	3	1	1	2	0	.205
Walls ss	3	0	1	0	0	.160
TOTALS	32	6	7	6	8	

NY Yankees

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Rice 1b	3	1	0	0	2	.211
Soto rf	5	1	3	1	0	.307
Judge dh	4	1	2	3	0	.309
Wells c	4	0	1	0	1	.213
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.229
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	1	.228
Volpe ss	3	0	1	0	1	.249
Grisham cf	3	0	0	0	0	.180
Cabrera 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.242
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	7	

Tampa Bay

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Baz	3½	4	0	0	5	1.395
Cleavinger, W-2½	0	0	0	0	1	3.38
Rodriguez, H-3	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
Poche, H-13	1	0	0	0	1	3.12
Adam	1	4	3	3	0	1.225
Uceta, H-1	1	0	0	0	1	0.66
Faibanks, S-18	20-1	1	1	1	1	3.38

NY Yankees

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman, L-7-5	5½	5	3	2	0	5.351
Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1.88
Cousins	½	1	2	2	1	2.57
Weaver	½	1	1	1	2	2.56
Ferguson	½	0	0	0	0	5.04

Inherited runners-scored:

Cleavinger 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Edwin Jimenez; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Quinn Wolcott; Third, Manny Gonzalez. T: 3:01. A: 45,178 (47,309).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

through Saturday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Kwan C	71	288	101	56	.351
Witt KC	99	394	131	78	.332
Correa Min	75	279	86	51	.308
Judge NYY	98	349	107	74	.307
Altuve Hou	95	394	120	57	.305
Soto NYY	96	350	106	79	.303
Rookie Oak	85	309	91	47	.294
V.Alvarez Hou	93	348	102	56	.293
Guerrero Tor	98	383	112	49	.292
Devers Bos	85	320	93	62	.291

Home Runs:

Washington, Baltimore, New York, 34; Henderson, Baltimore, 28; Santander, Baltimore, 26; Devers, Boston, 23; Soto, New York, 23; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 23; Rooker, Oakland, 22; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 22; Raleigh, Seattle, 20; 2 tied at 19. **RBI:** Judge, New York, 86; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 79; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 70; Soto, New York, 66; Witt, KC, 66; Rooker, Oakland, 65; Santander, Baltimore, 64; Pasquantino, KC, 63; Perez, KC, 63; Henderson, Baltimore, 63. **Pitching:** Rodriguez, Baltimore, 12-4; Lugo, Kansas City, 11-4; Skubal, Detroit, 10-3; Burnes, Baltimore, 10-4; Gil, New York, 10-5; Bello, Boston, 10-5.

KANSAS CITY 4, CHI. WHITE SOX 1

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pham lf	4	0	2	1	0	.270
Sheets rf	4	0	1	0	1	.225
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	2	.227
Vaughn 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.233
Jimenez dh	3	0	0	0	1	.238
Baldwin 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.100
Lopez ss	2	1	0	0	0	.240
Senzel 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Benintendi ph1	0	0	0	0	0	.202
DeLong 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Lee c	3	0	0	0	1	.217
TOTALS	29	1	3	1	6	

Kansas City

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Frazier dh	2	0	0	0	1	.200
Witt ss	4	1	3	0	0	.337
Pasquantino 1b4	0	2	0	0	2	.247
1-Waters pr	0	1	0	0	0	.091
Fermin c	0	0	0	0	0	.291
Perez c-1b	4	0	0	0	3	.280
Renfro rf	3	1	1	1	0	.226
Hampson 2b	2	0	1	0	1	.258
a-Massey ph-2b2	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Garcia 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.234
Blanco lf	4	0	2	1	1	.238
Isbel cf	3	0	0	1	2	.224
TOTALS	32	4	10	4	10	

Chi. White Sox

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Kansas City	000	000	000	4	10

a-struck out for Hampson in the 7th. b-grounded out for Senzel in the 8th. 1-ran for Pasquantino in the 8th. **LOB:** Chicago 2, Kansas City 8. **RBI:** Pham (17), Isbel (24), Renfro (34), Garcia (44), Blanco (5). **SB:** Blanco (18). **CS:** Pham (3). **S:** Isbel. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 1 (Robert); Kansas City 5 (Pasquantino, Isbel 2, Renfro, Frazier). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 2; Kansas City 3 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Lee. **GIDP:** Perez. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Lopez, Baldwin, Vaughn); Kansas City 1 (Perez, Hampson, Perez).

WHITE SOX

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thorpe	6	3	0	0	2	5.303
Anderson, BS-0-2	1	2	1	1	0	5.13
Peralta 1b, U-0-5	½	5	3	3	0	5.12
Brebba	½	0	0	0	0	13.50

KANSAS CITY

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lugo, W-12-4	9	3	1	1	0	6.238

Pitches-Strikes: Thorpe 97-62; Anderson 18-13; Brebba 18-13; Peralta 5-3; Lugo 103-69. **Batters Faced:** Thorpe 23; Anderson 5; Brebba 7; Peralta 1; Lugo 30. **Inherited runners-scored:** Peralta 2-0. **HBP:** Thorpe (Frazier), Lugo (Lopez). **Umpires:** Home, Paul Clemmons; First, CB Bucknor; Second, Adam Beck; Third, Dan Iassogna. T: 2:08. A: 22,226 (38,427).

CHI. CUBS 2, ARIZONA 1 (10)

SCOREBOARD

CYCLING

111TH TOUR DE FRANCE
Sunday's finals 21st stage; an 20.9-mile race from Monaco to Nice.

STAGE RESULTS	Time
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovakia, UAE Team Emirates	45:24s
2. Jonas Vingegaard, Netherlands, Visma-Lease a Bike	1:03s*
3. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Spain, Soudal Quick Step	1:14s*
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S., Visma-Lease a Bike	2:08s*
5. Joao Almeida, Portugal, UAE Team Emirates	2:18s*
6. Derek Gee, Canada, Israel-Premier Tech/ISR	2:31s*
7. Mikel Landa, Spain, Soudal Quick Step	2:41s*
8. Harold Tejada, Colombia, Astana Qazaqstan Team	2:50s*
9. Santiago Buitrago, Colombia, Bahrain Victorious	2:53s*
10. Adam Yates, Great Britain, UAE Team Emirates/UAE	2:56s*

Also
16. Neilson Powless, U.S., EF Education-EasyPost 49:09s*
71. Sean Quinn, U.S., EF Education-EasyPost 51:47s*

OVERALL STANDINGS (Yellow Jersey)

*-time behind leader

1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates	83:38:56s.
2. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark, Team Visma/Lease a Bike	6:17s*
3. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Soudal Quick-Step/Bel	9:18s*
4. Joao Almeida, Portugal, UAE Team Emirates	19:03s*
5. Mikel Landa, Spain, Soudal Quick-Step	20:06s*
6. Adam Yates, Great Britain, UAE Team Emirates/UAE	24:07s*
7. Carlos Rodriguez, Spain, Ineos Grenadiers	25:04s*
8. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S., Team Visma	26:34s*
9. Derek Gee, Canada, Israel-Premier Tech/ISR	27:21s*
10. Santiago Buitrago, Colombia, Bahrain Victorious	29:03s*

Also
59. Neilson Powless, U.S., EF Education-EasyPost 3:45:42s*
78. Sean Quinn, U.S., EF Education-EasyPost 4:10:38s*

TEAM STANDINGS

1. UAE Team Emirates	251:36:43s
2. Team Visma/Lease a Bike	31:51s*
3. Soudal Quick-Step	1:33:06s*
4. Ineos Grenadiers	1:34:05s*
5. LIDL-Trek	2:33:49s*
6. Movistar Team	3:10:06s*
7. Bahrain Victorious	3:38:21s*
8. Red Bull-Bora-Hansgrohe	3:57:23s*
9. Israel - Premier Tech	4:01:23s*
10. EF Education-EasyPost	4:06:54s*

CLIMBER (Red Polka Dot Jersey) PTS

1. Richard. Carapaz, Ecuador, EF Education - Easypost	127
2. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates	102
3. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark, Team Visma/Lease a Bike	70
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S., Visma-Lease a Bike	54
5. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Soudal Quick-Step/Bel	50
6. Wilco Kelderman, Netherlands, Visma-Lease a Bike	43
7. Oier Lazkano, Spain, Movistar	43
8. Jonas Abrahamson, Norway, Uno-X36	31
9. Enric Mas, Spain, Movistar Team	33
10. David Gaudu, France, FDJ/FRA	30

YOUTH-U26 (White Jersey)

1. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Soudal Quick-Step/Bel	83:48:14
2. Carlos Rodriguez, Spain, Ineos Grenadiers	15:46s*
3. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S., Visma, 17:16s*	
4. Santiago Buitrago, Victorious, 19:45s*	
5. Javier Romo, Spain, Movistar Team/ESP	1:33:08s*
6. Ilan Van Wilder, Belgium, Soudal Quick-Step/BEL	1:45:12s*
7. Ben Healy, Ireland, EF Education-Easypost/USA	1:46:54s*
8. Jordan Jegat, France, TotalEnergies/FRA	1:53:18s*
9. Tobias Johannessen, Norway, UNO-X Mobility/NOR	2:12:19s*
10. Oscar Onley, Great Britain, DSM-Firmenich PostNL/NED/2:32:21s*	

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP BRICKYARD 400

Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Ind., Lap: 250 miles (Car number in parentheses)

(5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 167laps, 49points.
2. (1) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 167, 46.
3. (7) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 167, 49.
4. (18) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 167, 35.
5. (17) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 167, 42.
6. (24) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 167, 31.
7. (38) Austin Cindric, Ford, 167, 30.
8. (25) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 167, 29.
9. (21) Noah Gragson, Ford, 167, 29.
10. (3) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 167, 36.
11. (9) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 167, 32.
12. (30) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 167, 25.
13. (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 167, 24.
14. (19) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 167, 23.
15. (28) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 167, 22.
16. (8) Michael McDowell, Ford, 167, 26.
17. (27) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 167, 20.
18. (36) Cody Ware, Ford, 167, 0.
19. (22) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 167, 0.
20. (35) Justin Haley, Ford, 167, 17.
21. (26) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 167, 16.
22. (23) Chris Buescher, Ford, 167, 15.
23. (6) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 167, 17.
24. (20) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 167, 14.
25. (34) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 166, 12.
26. (31) Ryan Preece, Ford, accident, 165, 11.
27. (14) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 165, 13.
28. (29) Erik Jones, Toyota, 165, 9.
29. (10) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, accident, 161, 14.
30. (32) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 7.
31. (13) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 10.
32. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, accident, 161, 23.
33. (33) Jimmie Johnson, Toyota, accident, 110, 4.
34. (12) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 109, 3.
35. (37) Josh Berry, Ford, accident, 104, 2.
36. (16) Harrison Burton, Ford, accident, 74, 1.
37. (15) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, accident, 74, 1.
38. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 73, 8.
39. (39) BJ McLeod, Ford, accident, 15, 0.

NASCAR CUP SERIES

DRIVER POINTS	ST	W	T5	T10	PT
Chase Elliott	21	7	10	703	
Kyle Larson	20	3	10	700	
Tyler Reddick	21	8	14	688	
Denny Hamlin	21	3	8	9	683
William Byron	21	3	7	12	646
Martin Truex Jr	21	0	4	9	640
Ryan Blaney	21	2	6	10	627
Christopher Bell	21	3	6	11	616
Brad Keselowski	21	1	7	10	599
Alex Bowman	21	1	6	12	596
Ty Gibbs	21	0	5	9	570
Chris Buescher	21	0	2	9	547
Ross Chastain	21	0	5	7	530
Joey Logano	21	1	4	7	522

BASKETBALL

USA BASKETBALL SHOWCASE

MEN'S 5X5 TEAM
Wed., July 10: U.S. 86, Canada 72
Mon., July 15: U.S. 98, Australia 92
Wed., July 17: U.S. 105, Serbia 79
Saturday: U.S. 101, South Sudan 100
Monday: vs. Germany, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S 5x5 TEAM

July 20: WNBA All-Stars 117, U.S. 109
Tuesday: vs. Germany, 2 p.m.

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

SATURDAY'S ALL-STAR GAME RESULT

Footprint Center, Phoenix
Team WNBA 117, USA 109

OLYMPIC BREAK: until August 14

LATE SATURDAY: WNBA STARS 117, U.S. 109

USAB	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P	PTS
Stewart	31:19	10:21	8:9	1:10	3	2	31
Wilson	28:35	8:13	4:4	2:6	3	1	22
C.Gray	10:53	2:4	0:0	0:0	5	0	5
Loyd	13:09	0:3	0:0	0:2	3	0	0
Taurasi	20:06	5:9	1:1	1:6	5	2	14
Ionescu	21:12	2:6	0:0	1:3	2	2	5
Thomas	17:43	2:2	0:0	3:5	2	0	4
Young	15:45	1:5	0:0	0:0	3	1	2
Griner	14:11	5:7	0:0	0:7	0	0	10
Plum	12:38	3:5	2:2	1:2	6	2	9
Copper	11:38	3:6	0:0	0:1	1	3	7
Collier	2:50	0:0	0:0	0:1	0	0	0

Totals 200:0041-8115-16 9-43 34 13 109

Percentages: FG .506, FT .938.

3-Point Goals: 12-33, 364 (Taurasi 3-7, Stewart 3-9, Wilson 2-3, C.Gray 1-2, Copper 1-2, Plum 1-2, Ionescu 1-5, Young 0-1, Loyd 0-2).

Team Rebounds: 3.

Blocked Shots: 3 (Stewart, Thomas, Wilson).

Turnovers: 14 (Wilson 3, Griner 2, Ionescu 2, Plum 2, Young 2, C.Gray, Copper, Thomas).

Steals: 8 (Copper 3, Wilson 3, C.Gray, Stewart).

FG FT Reb

TEAMWNBA Min M-A M-A O-T A P PF PTS

Bonner	15:39	2:5	0:0	0:4	0	0	5
Ogwumike	24:15	7:9	0:0	0:3	2	1	14
Jones	16:28	3:6	0:0	1:7	5	1	6
Clark	26:04	2:9	0:0	0:10	2	4	4
Ogunbowale	30:35	10:20	6:7	1:3	6	2	34
A.Gray	22:21	3:8	9:10	1:3	3	1	16
Reese	17:53	5:10	2:2	5:11	0	1	12
Mitchell	13:56	6:8	0:0	0:0	1	1	3
McBride	11:25	1:1	0:0	0:0	2	2	3
Boston	9:03	2:3	0:1	0:2	1	1	4
B.Jones	8:19	3:6	0:0	1:2	0	1	6
Hamy	4:02	0:2	0:0	0:2	1	0	0

Totals 200:0041-8817-20 9-38 31 13 117

Percentages: FG .500, FT .850.

3-Point Goals: 12-36, 333 (Ogunbowale 8-13, McBride 1-1, A.Gray 1-3, Bonner 1-3, Mitchell 1-3, B.Jones 0-1, Boston 0-1, J.Jones 0-1, Ogumike 0-1, Reese 0-2, Clark 0-7).

Team Rebounds: 4.

Blocked Shots: 3 (J.Jones, Ogumike, Reese).

Turnovers: 8 (Boston 2, Clark 2, Ogumike 2, Hamby, Mitchell).

Steals: 14 (A.Gray 5, Clark 2, Mitchell 2, Ogunbowale 2, Hamby, J.Jones, Reese).

USAB 23 31 25 30 - 109

Team 24 28 36 29 - 117

A: 16,407 (18,422).

RECENT ALL-STAR GAME RESULTS, MVPs

2024: Team WNBA117, Team USA 109

MVP: Arike Ogunbowale, Dallas

2023: Team Stewart 143, Team Wilson 127

MVP: Jewell Loyd, Seattle

2022: Tim Wilson 134, Tim Stewart 112

MVP: Kelsey Plum, Las Vegas

2021: Tim WNBA 93, Women's Nat. 85

MVP: Arike Ogunbowale, Dallas

2020: Canceled

2019: Team Wilson 129, Team Delle Donne 126

MVP: Erica Wheeler, Indiana

2018: Team Parker 119, Team Delle Donne 112

MVP: Maya Moore, Minnesota

2017: West 130, East 121

MVP: Maya Moore

2016: None

2015: West 117, East 112

MVP: Maya Moore, Minnesota

2014: East 125, West 124 (OT)

MVP: Shoni Schimmel

2013: West 102, East 98

MVP: Candace Parker, Los Angeles

2012: None

2011: East 118, West 113

MVP: Swin Cash, Seattle

2010: None

2009: West 130, East 118

MVP: Swin Cash, Seattle

2008: None

2007: East 103, West 99

MVP: Cheryl Ford, Detroit

2006: East 98, West 82

MVP: Katie Douglas, Connecticut

2005: West 122, East 99

MVP: Sheryl Swoope, Houston

TENNIS

ATP EFG SWISS OPEN GSTAAD

Sunday at Roy Emerson Arena; Gstaad, Switzerland; outdoors, Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

#6Matteo Berrettini d. #2Quentin Halys, 6-3, 6-1.

ATP HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN

Sunday at Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club; Hamburg, Germany; outdoors, Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

#5Arthur Fils d. #1Alexander Zverev, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(1).

ATP INFOSYS HALL OF FAME OPEN

Sunday at International Tennis Hall of Fame; Newport, R.I.; outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

#2Marcos Giron d. #3Alex Michelsen, 6-7(4), 6-3, 7-5.

ATP NORDEA OPEN

Sunday at Bastad Tennis Stadium; Bastad, Sweden; outdoors, Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

#7 Nuno Borges d. Rafael Nadal, 6-3, 6-2.

WTA 35 PALERMO LADIES OPEN

Sunday at Palermo Time Club; Palermo, Italy; outdoors, Red clay

WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Pogacar wins 3rd Tour de France title



Tadej Pogacar won the Tour de France for the third time and celebrated in style with a victory in Sunday's final stage — a time trial ending in Nice. The 25-year-old Slovenian rider became the first cyclist to secure the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France in the same year since the late Marco Pantani in 1998.

Two-time defending champ Jonas Vingegaard of Denmark was second overall. He also finished the 21st and final stage in second place. Pogacar won the 21-mile time trial on the French Riviera's roads from Monaco to Nice in 45 minutes, 24 seconds. Vingegaard was 1 minute, 3 seconds behind him. In the overall standings, Vingegaard finished 6:17 behind Pogacar — whose other Tour wins came in 2020 and 2021. The race didn't finish in Paris as it usually does because of the Olympic Games. Pogacar's battle with Vingegaard was not as close as it might have been in different circumstances. The 27-year-old Vingegaard was hospitalized for nearly two weeks in April following a high-speed crash in the Tour of the Basque Country. He resumed competitive racing only on this Tour.

Pope Francis calls for Olympic truce



Pope Francis on Sunday voiced his hope that the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games will provide an opportunity for countries at war to respect an ancient Greek tradition and establish a truce for the duration of the Games. "According to ancient tradition, may the Olympics be an opportunity to establish a truce in wars, demonstrating a sincere will for peace," Francis said during his Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square. The Pope stressed that sport also has "a great social power, capable of peacefully uniting people from different cultures." The opening ceremony of the 33rd Olympic Games will be held in Paris on Friday. "I hope that this event can be a sign of the inclusive world we want to build and that the athletes, with their sporting testimony, may be messengers of peace and valuable models for the young," Francis added. The pope, as always, asked the faithful to pray for peace, recalling the ongoing conflicts around the world. "Let us not forget the martyred Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, and many other countries at war. Let us not forget, war is a defeat," he concluded.

Piastrì claims 1st F1 victory of career



Australian driver Oscar Piastrì won his first Formula One race after teammate Lando Norris handed him back the lead to complete a McLaren one-two at the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday in Budapest. That outstanding result came after a long and at times awkward back-and-forth between the British team and its top driver before Norris finally obeyed orders to let Piastrì back in front. Piastrì started second behind pole-sitting Norris and beat him to the first turn. Norris then got ahead after a pit-stop strategy that favored him despite being behind his teammate, but he eventually listed to team orders and let Piastrì take the victory. "This is the day I dreamed of as a kid, standing on the top step of the podium," the 23-year-old Piastrì said. Lewis Hamilton finished third. Points leader and three-time defending F1 champ Max Verstappen finished fifth behind Charles Leclerc in a Ferrari and has now gone three races without a victory. Verstappen still leads the standings with 265 points to Norris' 189 but the Dutchman has seen Red Bull's speed advantage evaporate this summer. —AP

OLYMPICS

Reminder: 'We're not invincible'

Team USA gets big wake-up call with Paris Games just days away

By Tim Reynolds

Associated Press

South Sudan is the 33rd-ranked team in the FIBA world rankings, by far the lowest of any of the 12 nations that will be vying for men's basketball gold in the Paris Olympics that start this week.

The U.S. is ranked No. 1.

South Sudan nearly beat the Americans anyway.

The every-four-years wake-up call for the U.S. Olympic team seems to have arrived. A 101-100 win over South Sudan on Saturday in London came on a day when plenty went wrong for the Americans — traffic getting to the arena was brutal and Anthony Davis said arriving late threw off players' routines, South Sudan shot lights-out from 3-point range and outscored the U.S. 42-21 from deep and the U.S. struggled in plenty of aspects.

And it all serves as a reminder that at the Olympics, there are no guarantees anymore. Not even for the four-time defending gold medalists, a program that lost two exhibitions on the way to Tokyo in 2021 and then lost to France to open those Games before rallying to win gold at the end.

"There's great teams all over the place and nothing is guaranteed at this point for USA Basketball," U.S. coach Steve Kerr said earlier this summer. "We know that well. I know it personally. We won the gold medal in Tokyo, but we lost three games along the way. Our gold-medal game against France went right down to the wire. So, this is an entirely different competition than it was in 1992."

There was no doubt who was winning gold in 1992: The first U.S. Dream Team overpowered every team in its path. Chuck Daly coached a roster that included 11 future members of the Basketball Hall of Fame; Kerr loves recalling the story that Daly never had to call a timeout that whole summer, because no game was ever in any sort of jeopardy.

Kerr had to call one on Saturday with 20 seconds left to get LeBron James the ball and set up what became the winning, embarrassment-saving basket for the one-point win against South Sudan, a nation that gained its independence only 13 years ago, is set to make its Olympic debut and doesn't have a suitable indoor facility for national team-level basketball training.

"A lot of these teams we're playing have been practicing either one month or months in advance," James said. "We're like maybe two weeks into it, together. So, every game, every film session, every opportunity we have to try to make the most of it."

The last tuneup, the last pre-Olympic test, the last measuring stick of sorts for the U.S., comes Monday in London, where the Americans take on Germany. The U.S. is favored by 15.5 points, according to BetMGM Sports-



Coach Steve Kerr directs his players during the U.S. men's basketball team's 101-100 victory against South Sudan on Saturday. KIN CHEUNG/AP

book, over the reigning World Cup champions and team that beat the Americans in that tournament's semifinals a year ago in Manila. That was of no relevance Saturday, when the U.S. was 43.5-point favorites against South Sudan.

But if all the warmup games around the world this summer have been any indication, then this whole Olympic tournament could be wide open.

South Sudan lost to Argentina and barely beat Britain, two teams that didn't even qualify for the Olympics — then nearly knocked off the U.S. The Americans beat Australia, which beat Serbia, which beat France, which went 1-1 against Germany; the French win came with the Germans playing without brothers Franz and Moritz Wagner and the French loss came without Victor Wembanyama in the lineup.

"We've got a great 12 guys," U.S. guard

Stephen Curry said. "Basketball is such an interesting sport that if you don't play the right way, if you don't come with the right energy and the right focus to go play defense, rebound, not turn the ball over, you can be beat. It doesn't matter who you're playing. So, it's a good reminder of that."

Saturday was also a good reminder of this: Nobody seems intimidated by the U.S.

Not even 17-year-olds.

A couple of weeks after Cooper Flagg put on a show against the Olympic team at training camp in Las Vegas, a fellow Duke freshman — South Sudan's Khaman Maluach — found himself going up against his big-man idols on Saturday in Bam Adebayo, Joel Embiid and Davis.

Just like Flagg did in Vegas, Maluach more than held his own, scoring seven points in 13 minutes on 3-for-4 shooting.

An 18-0 run in the second half, a burst that

started during a third quarter in which the U.S. outscored South Sudan 37-18, was the difference for the Americans.

James made a layup to save his team at the end, and what was supposed to be a meaningless game sure seemed to have a whole lot of meaning.

"We can be beat if we don't play our brand of basketball and our brand of basketball is playing defense," Curry said. "They made some tough shots in the first half and they're a skilled team with a lot of shooting, so if they get hot, they're tough. But we didn't make them uncomfortable at all in the first half and they took advantage of it."

"But we also learned we have that gear. If we can find it, no matter who's out there on the court, we can overwhelm teams for 40 minutes. And it's a great reminder of both. If we don't play our game, we can be beat. We're not invincible."

WNBA

Clark, Reese provide highlights for All-Star team

By David Brandt

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Caitlin Clark delivered the pinpoint passes. Angel Reese supplied the hustle and rebounding.

The two WNBA rookies made life difficult for the U.S. Olympic team on Saturday night. Someday soon, the duo might be the ones providing the highlights for the red, white and blue.

Clark finished with a team-high 10 assists while Reese added 12 points and 11 rebounds in the WNBA All-Stars' 117-109 victory over the Olympians during All-Star weekend. The U.S. used the game as a tune-up for the Paris Olympics, which begin next week.

"Hopefully, four years from now we'll be on the other side, being able to play with the USA," Reese said.

"I'm just trying to embrace this moment

right now, not think too far ahead. But I'm really proud."

The Clark-Reese rivalry is arguably the biggest story in women's basketball over the last three years, boosting the sport's popularity as the two stars moved from college to the professional ranks. On the same team for the first time, they proved they could share the ball: Clark's 10th assist of the evening came on a nifty bounce pass to Reese in the fourth quarter.

Reese said Clark couldn't help but poke fun at the moment on the bench.

"You know how many people are happy right now?" Reese recounted Clark saying.

Reese responded: "Man, I already know. I'm going to see that video everywhere."

Reese said she could see the future of the WNBA — and potentially Team USA — during Saturday's game.

"It's easy to work off her, I've been playing

against Caitlin for a really long time so you pick up her tendencies," Reese said. "I just said 'Let's do a pick-and-roll.' ... She passes the ball really well so you've always got to have your hands ready."

Clark and Reese — both just 22 years old — continually played at a breakneck pace on offense, catching the U.S. a step slow multiple times. Clark pushed the ball up the court on nearly every possession while Reese's muscle and athleticism created a force that the national team couldn't always handle.

Clark's passing offset a tough shooting night. She went 2 of 9 from the field, including 0 of 7 on 3s, to finish with four points.

"I just love passing the basketball," Clark said. "I love to push the pace, I want to make people run, and honestly sometimes it almost works better when the other team scores. They take a breath for a second, but I want to get the ball and go."

The 6-foot-3 Reese made her presence felt late in the first quarter, crashing hard for an offensive rebound and a putback that gave the WNBA All-Stars a 24-23 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"Is it a surprise?" Reese said. "I feel like I do this every night. The expectations are set and this is what I'm expected to do."

Less than a minute into the second, it was Clark with two big moments in a row, beating the press on the fast break before finding Aliyah Boston for a bucket. Clark was back at it on the next possession, firing up the court to Jonquel Jones for another close-range basket.

Clark broke the WNBA record with 19 assists in a game earlier in the week.

Arike Ogunbowale scored 34 points in the All-Stars' victory Saturday to earn the game MVP honor for the second time in her career.