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Athletes rush the stage as the band Phoenix performs during the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

OLYMPIANS BID ADIEU TO PARIS GAMES

Team USA finishes on top with 126 medals, many won by Illinois athletes

By Stacy St. Clair
Chicago Tribune

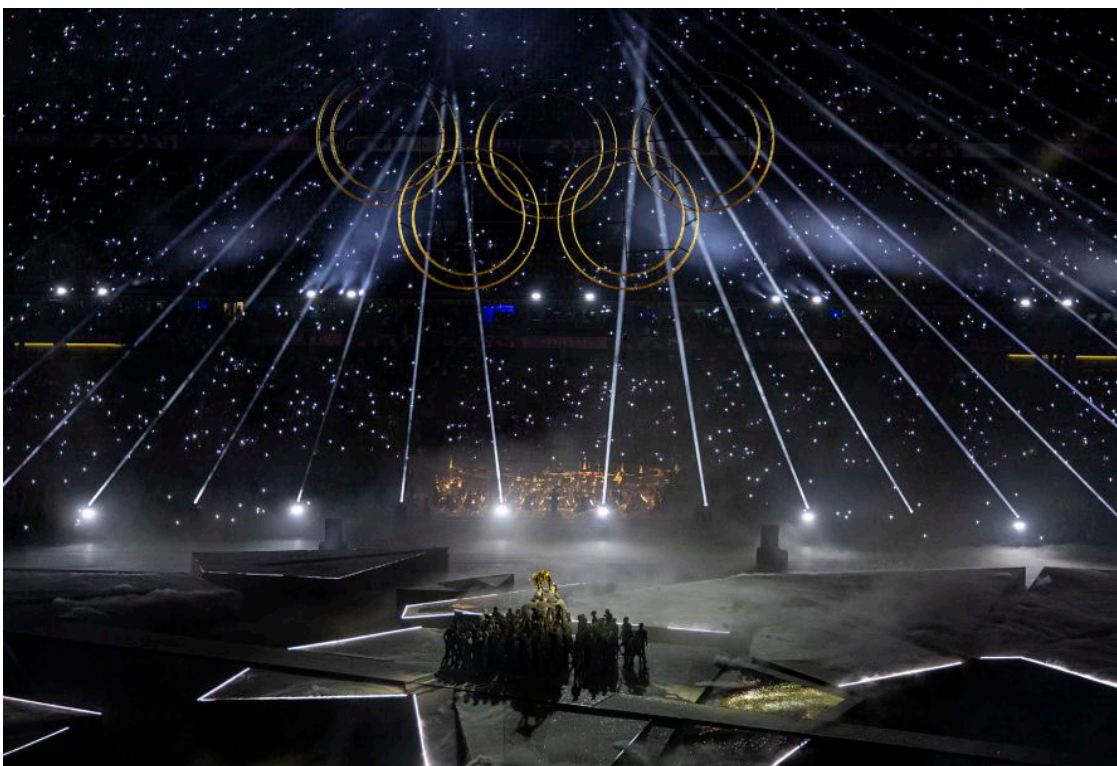
PARIS — The 2024 Olympic Games came to a close Sunday, ending more than a fortnight of memorable performances and stunning accomplishments.

And that was true even before Snoop Dogg — who'd seemingly become the world's favorite American since the cauldron was lit — appeared via satellite as part of the handoff ceremony with the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

But Snoop, a rapper and NBC roving correspondent who appeared in more athlete selfies here than the Olympic rings, wasn't America's only contribution to these Games.

The United States finished atop the medal table, winning 40 gold medals and 126 medals overall. China won 40 gold medals as well, but claimed far fewer silver or bronze spots.

Paris marked Team USA's greatest medal haul in a nonboycotted Games, besting the previous high



The Olympic rings are raised during the closing ceremony Sunday at the Stade de France.

■ Chicago wrestler Kennedy Blades wins a silver medal to finish a remarkable Olympic debut. **Chicago Sports**

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After a failure, workers in limbo

When companies file for bankruptcy, employees left with unpaid wage claims

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Irene Luna, a former pastry cook at The Signature Room, had worked at the restaurant near the top of the former John Hancock Center for nearly 30 years.

She was out of a job, along with the rest of her coworkers, when the restaurant shuttered abruptly last fall. Luna was preparing to head to work that September morning, she said, when she received an email stating The Signature Room was closing down.

"It's not professional," Luna said, "(to) close to like that."

After Luna and her coworkers were suddenly laid off, her union, Unite Here Local 1, filed a lawsuit alleging violations of the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. The law, also known as the WARN Act, requires businesses to give 60 days' advance notice of certain mass layoffs and closures. If companies are found to have violated the act, they can be required to pay workers back for the wages and benefits they would have received during those 60 days.

The Signature Room's owners did file a WARN Act notice with the state, but they did so days after the layoffs took place, rather than 60 days prior.

In March, a federal judge ruled that Luna and her former coworkers were owed \$1.52 million in back pay and benefits under the WARN Act, an amount which would work out to an average of about \$11,500 per former staffer. The ruling was a default judgment because The Signature Room's parent company, Infusion Management Group, never responded to the workers' lawsuit.

But Luna and her coworkers haven't seen a penny. Just weeks after Unite Here filed its WARN lawsuit, Infusion Management filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Bankruptcy law dictates that secured creditors — those whose claims are backed by collateral — get paid first. Unsecured creditors who are also owed money — a category that includes employees — are paid out afterward, but there isn't always money left to

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Got milkweed?

Field Museum study shows how gardeners can help monarch butterflies

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

When Lorraine Kells first came upon two sprawling Chicago Park District flower beds near Diversey Harbor, she saw weeds and cigarette butts.

But eight years later, a dazzling array of wildflowers grows there: coneflower, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, spiderwort, milkweed, goldenrod, blazing star and joe-pye weed.

During a recent visit, Kells, who started the garden and now tends it with a crew of volunteers, gently turned over milkweed leaves, finally revealing a pale monarch butterfly egg — so small it was barely visible — and then a tiny black and gold caterpillar. Later, a flutter of big orange

and black wings announced a more mature visitor.

"Oh! There's our monarch again!" Kells said. "Here she comes."

Such gardens are at the heart of a new Field Museum study, which draws on the work of Chicago-area citizen scientists such as Kells to determine how to maximize the success of imperiled monarch butterflies in small urban and suburban gardens.

The study of 450 local milkweed patches found that several strategies were associated with finding more monarch eggs: planting common milkweed, having milkweed that's at least 5 years old, having more milkweed plants, planting swamp milk-

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Parking meter deal could be even more costly to Chicago

The city's much-maligned parking meter privatization deal could soon be costing the city even more money. Chicago may have to pay more than \$100 million under a panel's ruling. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Gangs still terrorize Haiti, despite UN intervention

Weeks after the arrival of a United Nations-backed security force, the gangs that have brought the capital and other regions to their knees show no signs of letting up. **Nation & World**

Gaza residents 'don't know where to go'

Israel orders more evacuations from Khan Younis area

By Wafaa Shurafa and Samy Magdy
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military ordered more evacuations in southern Gaza early Sunday, a day after a deadly airstrike on a school-turned-shelter in the north killed at least 80 Palestinians, according to local health authorities. The airstrike was one of the deadliest attacks in the 10-month war.

Hamas appeared to push back against resuming negotiations in pursuit of a cease-fire. In a statement, it urged mediators United States, Egypt and Qatar to submit a plan to implement what was agreed on last month, based

on U.S. President Joe Biden's proposal, "instead of going to more rounds of negotiations or new proposals that provide cover for the occupation's aggression."

Israel has repeatedly ordered mass evacuations as its troops return to heavily destroyed areas where they previously battled Palestinian militants. The vast majority of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people have been displaced, often multiple times, in the besieged territory 25 miles long by about 7 miles wide.

The latest evacuation orders apply to areas of Khan Younis, Gaza's second-largest city, including part of an Israeli-declared humanitarian zone from which the military said rockets had been fired. Israel accuses Hamas and other militants of hiding among civilians and

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weed and having an array of nectar-producing flowering plants.

“The biggest thing is if you can, plant native milkweed species — ideally pesticide free,” said Karen Klinger, a geographic information systems analyst at the Field Museum and the study’s lead author. “The Illinois Native Plant Society has a great list of nurseries and plant sales. But also, very important too, is the range of blooming flowers that are blooming throughout the season. That will help monarchs as well as other pollinators.”

The study, published in *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* in July, is unusual in that it looks at relatively small urban gardens, of the kind found in Chicago and its suburbs, according to co-author Aster Hasle, a lead conservation ecologist at the Field Museum.

“This tells us what milkweed gardens look like and how monarch eggs are showing up in real life in actual urban places,” Hasle said.

Using monitoring data from citizen scientists, the researchers found that eggs were observed in 340 of the 450 milkweed patches, with the peak egg count — per monitoring session, per patch — ranging from 1 to 170.

For the milkweed patches that were 5 years old or older, a whopping 95% contained eggs. That compared with 61% for patches planted in the current year.

Most of the gardens were in Cook County, and they included community garden beds with milkweed such as Kells’, as well as patio gardens, balcony gardens, backyard gardens and rooftop gardens.

“We do have people who were literally in downtown Chicago,” Klinger said. “They have a rooftop deck on their condo and we have this picture that has five large caterpillars in these planters on the rooftop deck. But then you do have people who are out in the suburbs — even some of the rural areas of larger Chicago. (We had) someone who had 500 plants.”

The study was a big lift, both for the researchers and the gardeners. Participants in the study had to count the number of eggs on the undersides of their milkweed leaves, a task that involves crouching, and squinting, often under a hot summer sun.

Citizen scientists monitored their patches



A monarch butterfly drinks nectar from a flower in a pollinator habitat bed near the Chicago Park District storehouse on Wednesday. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



Citizen scientist Lorraine Kells finds a 3-day-old caterpillar on milkweed on Wednesday.

anywhere from one to 18 weeks, which could have given the more frequently observed patches an unfair advantage. The study addressed that by using only patches where there were at least three monitoring sessions between June and August, and considering only the patch’s peak monitoring session in a given year.

Kells, 79, a retired teacher, continued monitoring her milkweed after the Field Museum study ended. She now contributes data to the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project.

She has 25 stalks of milkweed under surveillance,

and spends an hour every Sunday examining the underside of each leaf.

“It’s a very sweaty and detailed job,” she said. But when asked why she does it, she smiled. “Why not?” she said.

A lifelong gardener with a strong interest in wildlife conservation, she said she’s drawn to this work.

“It’s fundamentally just a drive to have things thrive,” she said. “It’s in all of us, some of us just heed it.”

One of the study’s more striking findings involved the success of older patches of milkweed, the vast majority of which attracted

egg-laying monarchs.

That makes sense in some ways: More established plants may be better able to handle drought conditions, for instance.

But Klinger cautioned that there may be other factors at play. For instance, someone who sustains a milkweed patch for five years is likely to be an avid gardener who’s spending a lot of time carefully looking for eggs. That could lead to a higher egg count.

The study found that the number of blooming flower species didn’t affect the presence or absence of eggs, but it was a significant

factor in determining which patches observed the most eggs.

The payoff for adding more flowering plants made sense to the researchers, who said monarchs, which feed on flower nectar, are likely to stay in the area longer if they have a good food source — and if they stay longer, they’re likely to lay more eggs.

Among the flowering plants that were popular among the citizen scientists: butterfly milkweed, spiderwort, black-eyed Susan, geranium, purple cone-flower, common milkweed, phlox and daylily.

Kells distinctly remembers how she found her pollinator garden — she used to walk by the two untended beds in 2016 and noticed their condition. She’s not as clear on exactly how she heard about the Field Museum study.

“I think I just saw something that spoke to me and got involved,” she said.

On a recent Wednesday, she arrived at her two Diversey Harbor pollinator gardens, now part of the Lakeview Community Garden, with some of the fellow volunteers who pull weeds, water plants and collect seeds. The beds are big, both about 15 feet long, and Kells is grateful for the assistance.

“I couldn’t do this without her,” she said of Suzanne

Greub, 61, a real estate broker and avid gardener who does digging, excavating and heavy lifting.

Denny McNamee, 75, a retired math teacher, was recovering from a broken arm but still showed up to help with lighter tasks.

Monarchs, which produce a “super generation” that migrates up to 3,000 miles to Mexico and California in late summer and fall, have been in decline for 20 years, spurring conservation efforts by scientists and everyday people, who grow milkweed in gardens, fields and parkways.

The butterflies, while not yet recognized as federally endangered or threatened, meet the criteria, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Monarchs depend on milkweed — the plant where females lay their eggs — and have suffered from the dramatic loss of milkweed habitat in agricultural areas. The use of the herbicide glyphosate “essentially eliminated” milkweed in and around agricultural fields in the Midwest, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

A recent high-profile study found that agricultural pesticides, including neonicotinoids, have also played a major role in the butterfly’s decline, and there are concerns about climate fluctuations and climate change.

The Eastern monarch population, which spends time in Illinois, suffered another setback this year, when estimates of the winter population in Mexico declined by 59%.

Kells said she’s discouraged by how low her recent egg counts have been but threw herself into her morning’s work.

She fondly recalled a preschool group that came to the flower beds for an insect-related educational activity: “That was herding cats — delightful cats. It was amazing.”

Over the course of an hour, an array of butterflies stopped by — a swallowtail, a bright yellow sulfur butterfly and a gray hairstreak that perched obligingly on Kells’ arm. And then, as the work was wrapping up at 11 a.m.: the grand finale.

A female monarch had just descended on the purple blossoms of a blazing star, feeding hungrily, when Kells spotted a second pair of black and orange wings, fluttering nearby.

“Oh my gosh!” said Kells, peering at the second monarch. “And it’s a male!”

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Parking meter deal could be even more costly

City may have to pay out \$100M to private company

By Jake Sheridan and Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's much-maligned parking meter privatization deal could soon be costing the city even more money.

Chicago Parking Meters, the private company with a monopoly on the city's paid street parking, filed a lawsuit in April asking the court to enforce an arbitration panel's ruling that determined the city twice shorted the company under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Experts hired by the city and CPM agree the cost of one of the rulings, over an alleged scheme by the city to take advantage of parking space value fluctuations, could be more than \$100 million, according to court records.

Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration "is vigorously defending itself in this matter" as it awaits an independent appraisal of the cost ordered by the arbitrators, Chicago Chief Financial Officer Jill Jaworski said in a statement Friday.

The city may be able to cover the potential cost by giving CPM control of more parking spaces, she said. The city gets the bulk of the revenue from what are designated as reserve spaces, while the company takes all of the revenue from concession spaces.

"The concession contract with CPM also allows the City to mitigate the

damages using means such as converting reserve spaces to concession spaces. Such actions would limit the impact of any damages awarded," Jaworski said.

The parking firm alleged that Chicago took advantage of fluctuations in parking space valuations during the pandemic to sweeten its side of the deal, effectively taking money away from the company.

In November 2021, while parking space values were suppressed because of decreased 2020 revenues, Chicago designated 4,011 spots as reserve, taking near total ownership of those spots, according to the arbitrators. The move cost the city \$10 million in payments to CPM.

Just two months later, when parking meter valuations rebounded based on updated 2021 revenues, the city returned 2,646 of those spaces to CPM for \$13.8 million in credit while keeping the rest of the spots for itself as reserve spaces, according to the arbitrators' ruling.

The tactic generated almost \$11 million for the city in credits and new revenue, according to the arbitrators. But it also violated the parking meter deal by having an adverse effect on the parking meter system's value that could have been reasonably expected, the arbitrators determined.

An appraiser for CPM determined the city's maneuvers reduced the parking meter system's value by \$321.53 million. The city's appraiser came up with a figure of \$120.7



A parking meter in Chicago's Near North neighborhood on June 24, 2021. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

million, an amount cited as "more reliable" by arbitrators, according to court records.

The parking meter deal requires the city to compensate CPM for reasonably expected drops in the parking system's value caused by the city's designation of spaces. An independent, third-party appraiser will determine how much Chicago should pay CPM, the arbitrators determined.

The arbitrators indicated that Lightfoot's staff seemed to understand the risk of what it was doing.

As the plan was being developed, city officials referred to the scheme as "arbitrage," the arbitrator panel said. When a Lightfoot staffer prepared a PowerPoint on the plan, he included a slide detailing the contract clause that could make the city liable for related drops in the parking meter system's value.

In November 2021, just before the city took the first step in its plan, a CPM CEO

Dennis Pedrelli wrote to Chicago's then-Chief Financial Officer Jennie Bennett cautioning against the move, according to the arbitrators.

The city's scheme would constitute "a breach of the City's duty of good faith and fair dealing," Pedrelli wrote, according to court records. But the city proceeded to implement the plan anyway.

In a second claim, arbitrators awarded CPM \$2 million plus interest, tied to Lightfoot's decision to temporarily cease parking meter enforcement during the COVID-19 pandemic's initial months, according to Cook County court records.

Mayor Johnson's Law Department confirmed it is challenging the \$2 million award in court, but declined to comment further on the ongoing litigation. The city and company are next scheduled to appear in court in October.

The arbitrators ruled in favor of the city on a third claim made by CPM. They found that Chicago does not need to pay \$36 million

in lost parking revenue for allegedly failing to enforce some parking rules between 2014 and 2022, according to court records.

The so-far-unsettled lawsuit could be just the latest steep cost tied to Mayor Richard M. Daley's infamous parking meter deal.

In 2008, CPM bought 75 years of control over the city's then publicly owned parking meter system for a one-time payment of \$1.15 billion. Daley quickly used much of the money to plug budget gaps.

Critics have long blasted the deal as a short-sighted fix that stripped Chicago of a valuable public asset — the meters once provided the city around \$20 million annually in net income — and will make it difficult for Chicago to alter roadways for decades to come.

CPM already has recouped its original \$1.15 billion investment, plus hundreds of millions more and counting. The private firm made \$150.9 million in parking revenues in 2023, according to an annual audit by accounting firm KPMG.

The deal requires the city to compensate CPM for meters taken out of services for things like festivals, street repairs or new bike lanes. Compensation can come in the form of new parking spaces or cash payments referred to as "true ups."

Those payments for lost revenue have often risen above \$10 million since CPM bought the system, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals wrote last year while ruling

in favor of CPM in a lawsuit brought by a group of Chicago drivers seeking to void the deal.

Like former Mayor Rahm Emanuel before her, Lightfoot vowed as mayor-elect to improve the deal for Chicagoans. But by her third year in office, her administration had overseen the addition of pay meters at 1,802 previously free parking spots throughout the city.

At the time, Lightfoot's administration said the parking spots did not represent an additional tax burden, because the revenue generated by the new meters would be used to cover "true-up" costs.

In mid-March 2020, as COVID-19 closures rippled across Chicago, Lightfoot announced the city would limit ticketing, towing and impounding to public safety-related issues.

"We think that given the challenges that many of the people who will be most impacted by fines and fees are having, now is the time to act," she said. "It's the right thing to do."

A September 2020 Tribune analysis found the city still issued more than 35,000 parking tickets during the period Lightfoot told Chicagoans they'd be getting a break. Nearly half of the tickets were given to cars for expired meters in the downtown area — an infraction Lightfoot specifically had singled out as exempted from punishment.

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of 121 set in Rio in 2016.

"I am really proud of all the medals this team has won, but also the way everyone has gone about their competitions, their training, all the hard work they put in to get to today," U.S. flag bearer Katie Ledecky, who won four swimming medals during these Games, said shortly before the closing ceremony.

Illinois athletes made a solid contribution to Team USA's medal count, with half of the state's three dozen athletes bringing home medals. That total doesn't include the historic medal ceremony in which the 2022 U.S. figure skating team members — including Addison native Alexa Knierim — finally received the gold they'd won at the Beijing Games.

It marked one of the state's best performances in years, with athletes winning medals in basketball, gymnastics, rowing, rugby, soccer, swimming, track, volleyball and wrestling.

Female athletes represent 49% of all competitors at these Games. Though that number fell just short of the International Olympic Committee's goal of full gender parity, it's the closest any Games, Winter or Summer, has come.

So it seemed particularly poignant that the U.S. women won a record-breaking 67 medals here. If American women had been their own country, they would have placed third among all nations in the medal tally for the fourth straight Games.

Illinois' female athletes contributed to that medal haul, with five receiving medals on the athletic festival's final day.

In the last competition of Paris 2024, Lincolnwood's Jewell Loyd struck gold with the U.S. women's basketball team. The American squad won a nail-biter over France to stand atop the podium for the eighth consecutive Summer Games.

Four local athletes claimed silver on the final day, including U.S. women's volleyball players Laura Carlini of Aurora, Dana Rettke of Riverside and Bartlett native Kelsey Robinson Cook. Chicago's Kennedy Blades finished second in women's wrestling to cap



Fans cheer as the athletes march in during the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics on Sunday. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



Team USA's Kennedy Blades hugs her parents, Cindy Ramos and Saul Pulido, after taking the silver medal in the final match of women's 76-kilogram freestyle wrestling Sunday.

off a stellar Olympic debut.

"Coming into this, we definitely weren't the favorites," said Cook, a three-time Olympian who has indicated this will be her last Summer Games. "To stand on the podium today was an incredible honor and a beautiful way to end my career with USA (Volleyball)."

Beyond medals, Illinois athletes shattered records, achieved improbable dreams and inspired others, including:

■ Itasca native Zach Ziemek, who injured his knee but fought through the pain for eight subsequent events to become the first American man to complete

three Olympic decathlons.

■ Chicago's Joe Rau, who came out of retirement at age 33 and made an improbable comeback to compete in wrestling at his first Summer Games.

■ Rhythmic gymnast Evita Grisenas of Orland Park, who commuted between Chicago and New York for

three years so she could become both a two-time Olympian and an Ivy League graduate.

■ Tori Franklin of Chicago, who didn't make the triple jump finals but found solace — and happiness — in her mental health advocacy efforts.

And then there was Chicago's Shamier Little, a sprinter who wondered if she might never get the chance to compete in a Summer Games after failing to make the team on two previous attempts. After finishing fourth in the 400-meter hurdles at the Olympic trials in June, she was named to the U.S. relay team a few weeks before the competition.

Little, 29, seized the moment and left Paris with two medals, a gold and a silver. She also etched her name in the history books as she helped break a world record with the 4×400 mixed relay and set a North American record with the 4×400 women's relay.

"It has been really amazing," Little said after winning her first medal. "Everything that has happened hasn't happened

on my timing necessarily, but I'm just enjoying it now and taking it in."

The Olympics didn't happen on Carlini's timetable, either. The last person cut from the U.S. women's volleyball team for the Tokyo Games, she kept fighting and earned her spot on the Paris roster. She injured her back early in the tournament and missed several games, but returned for the knockout matches after several days of intense treatment.

After receiving her silver medal, she recalled a picture she drew when she was 9 years old. It was a doodle of herself, wearing the No. 7 jersey for Team USA, just like she does now.

Carlini, 29, said she thought about what that little girl would say about this Parisian journey. And she believes it would be something like this:

"You got there and you did it," Carlini said, channeling her 9-year-old self. "You walked away with a silver medal. You gave your absolute passion and whole heart to it and it paid off in more ways than one."

Judge orders Stateville prisoners transferred

Lawyers say unsafe living conditions at correctional center

By **Jeremy Gorner**
Chicago Tribune

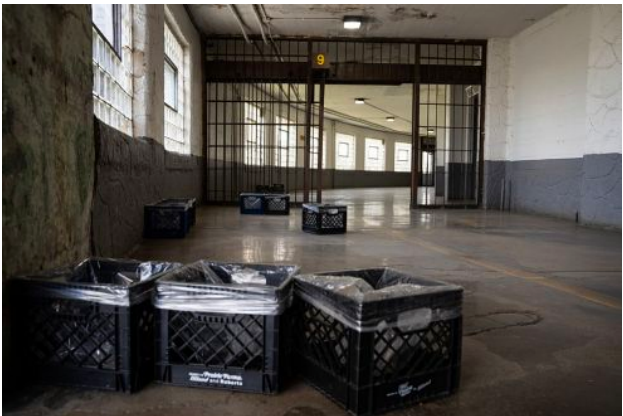
A federal judge on Friday ordered Illinois prison officials to move most of the people incarcerated at Stateville Correctional Center to other prisons around the state by Sept. 30 after civil rights lawyers argued the living conditions at Stateville were too hazardous for those housed there.

The court order from U.S. District Judge Andrea R. Wood gives the clearest first steps yet for the Illinois Department of Corrections to begin the process of closing the sprawling facility after state officials announced earlier this year a plan to dismantle the prison and build a new one on the Stateville grounds.

The plan is part of a nearly \$1 billion project that includes tearing down Logan Correctional Center, a women's prison in downstate Lincoln, and possibly rebuilding that as well on the Stateville site in Crest Hill, near Joliet.

State officials previously said they would not begin “to wind down operations” at Stateville until at least September and that plans to tear down and rebuild Stateville and Logan were expected to take three to five years. In addition to the lack of specific dates for each phase of the plan, officials have not laid out a plan for how those housed in Stateville will be handled during the transition.

“Rather than order the State or Department to complete extensive repairs needed to protect (plaintiffs) from the risk of irreparable harm posed by the deteriorated masonry at Stateville, the Court instead is requiring the Department to accomplish what it has publicly reported and recommended it would do — namely, moving forward with closing Stateville by transferring (plaintiffs) to other facilities,” Wood wrote in the order. “The Court defers to the Department to develop its own plan to transfer (plaintiffs) and implement that plan in a time and manner of the Department’s choosing, provided that the Department completes the



A leaking roof at Stateville Correctional Center on June 22.
E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

required transfers by the Court’s deadline of September 30, 2024.”

Wood’s decision was based on a court motion filed by civil rights lawyers representing people housed at Stateville, originally requesting that IDOC transfer or release them by Sept. 20, citing the aging prison’s “degradation and deterioration.” The motion was filed as part of 2013 litigation that’s meant to address the horrid conditions at the nearly century-old facility.

In granting the lawyers’ request for a preliminary injunction, Wood found “a probable risk of irreparable

harm from falling concrete attributed to the deteriorated masonry walls, ceilings, steel beams, and window lintels at Stateville; and a lack of an adequate remedy at law.”

According to the order, IDOC does not have to transfer people housed in Stateville’s health care unit, which is a separate building that “does not exhibit the risks of falling concrete that exists in the general housing units.” The order also doesn’t prevent the department from releasing people from Stateville “who are qualified to be released.”

The preliminary injunc-

tion motion last month by civil rights lawyers from the Chicago firm Loevy + Loevy described floors, beds and sinks at Stateville “covered in bird feathers and excrement” and discolored, bad-smelling drinking water from faucets.

“Although some repairs have been made at Stateville, the facility continues to be extremely dangerous,” according to the motion. “The structural damage and disrepair to Stateville’s many compromised buildings pose an ongoing risk to (plaintiffs), as well as those employed there.”

For the lawyers and several people living in Stateville, the sordid conditions came to a head last month when 51-year-old Michael Broadway, who was locked up in Stateville, died during a June heat wave. The Will County coroner’s office has yet to release a cause of death for Broadway, who graduated last year from Northwestern University’s Prison Education program.

The proposal to dismantle Stateville and Logan and rebuild both facilities was announced by Gov. JB Pritzker’s administration in March. The budget Pritz-

ker signed in June sets aside \$900 million in capital funds for the project. Both prisons are in disrepair, and the plan would allow the state to avoid hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance costs, according to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A spokesperson for IDOC could not immediately be reached for comment Sunday. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, meanwhile, has expressed opposition to relocating people incarcerated at Stateville at this time. Instead, the union, which represents state prison employees, said it supports building a new prison on the Stateville grounds while keeping the current facility open during construction and continuing to make repairs as needed.

“The closure of Stateville would cause immense disruption to the state prison system, its employees, individuals in custody and their families,” AFSCME spokesperson Anders Lindall said Sunday. “We are examining all options to prevent that disruption in response to this precipitous ruling.”

Bankruptcy

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pay them.

Infusion Management’s bankruptcy case closed early this year with the trustee assigned to the case reporting he had not paid out any money on behalf of the estate, according to court records.

Luna, for one, is still looking for a job, but the positions she sees available are often too far away or don’t pay well enough, she said.

If she’d received a payout from the lawsuit back in the spring, Luna said, she could have used the money to help pay off late mortgage payments on her Avondale home — a home she and her husband bought together back in the late ’90s, in part with money she’d earned working at The Signature Room. Now, she feels bad because she can’t help her husband with expenses. She also no longer has health insurance.

“We won and all, but we haven’t seen any of the money,” Luna said in an interview with the Tribune. “So it’s like we didn’t win.”

The Signature Room’s attorneys did not respond to requests for comment.

Experts say The Signature Room workers’ case shows that when companies file for bankruptcy, former employees with WARN Act claims can be left out in the cold — even when a judge has ruled they’re owed back pay.

“Anytime you’re talking about a company that has become insolvent, you are inherently talking about a situation where there’s not enough money to pay everybody what they are owed,” said Brook Gotberg, a law professor at Brigham Young University who studies bankruptcy.

“Everybody agrees they’re owed this money,” she said, “but the reality is there are not enough cookies to distribute to everybody. There is not enough pie.”

Unite Here says it is continuing to seek payment of the \$1.52 million a judge said workers were owed. The union has filed citations to discover remaining assets the company could have in Illinois and has registered its WARN Act judgment in Nevada, where it says Infusion Management’s owners reside and own property.

“Infusion Management’s attempt to discharge their debts through bankruptcy failed. The federal judge’s order makes clear that the company is on the hook for their obligations under the WARN Act,” Local 1 President Karen Kent said in a statement to the Tribune. “It is shameful that Infusion Management has failed to comply with the judgment and pay former Signature Room workers what they are owed.”

“Unite Here Local 1 continues to pursue every legal avenue to enforce the federal judge’s order against Infusion Management and seek justice for former



Jim P’Pool stands in front of 875 North Michigan Avenue, the former home of The Signature Room, in Streeterville on July 30.
P’Pool is a former Signature Room server. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Signature Room workers,” Kent said.

Intended to help workers

The WARN Act, which was passed by Congress in 1988, was intended to give workers a head start in finding new job opportunities when they were laid off en masse, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

The law applies to businesses with 100 or more full-time employees and excludes certain situations, such as when businesses close due to natural disasters or “unforeseeable business circumstances.”

Illinois also has its own WARN Act, which has slightly different parameters than its federal counterpart and is enforced by the state’s Department of Labor.

The state’s labor department is investigating WARN Act complaints filed by workers who were laid off abruptly from their jobs at Foxtrot and Dom’s Kitchen & Market in April. The parent company of both brands, Outfox Hospitality, has also filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Outfox Hospitality closed Foxtrot and Dom’s so suddenly that some workers found out they were out of their jobs in the middle of their shifts. One worker at Dom’s told the Tribune at the time that in the late morning, “somebody came out of the kitchen and was like, ‘Y’all might as well stop cooking because the store is closing at 12.’”

FAQs provided to former staff in the wake of the closures said they would be paid only through the date the stores close. Three lawsuits alleging violations of the federal WARN Act were swiftly filed in federal court.

Outfox filed WARN Act notices only after the store closures took place, logging 281 layoffs at two North

Side Dom’s locations and 66 Foxtrot layoffs at the company’s 167 N. Green St. offices. It was unclear if the Foxtrot notices included workers at the company’s retail stores or its Pilsen commissary.

In the Chapter 7 bankruptcy documents it filed in Delaware, the company estimated that no funds would be available to pay unsecured creditors after administrative costs were paid out.

The Dom’s and Foxtrot WARN Act cases are now in limbo pending the resolution of the Outfox bankruptcy.

Douglas Werman, an attorney representing some former workers in one of the prospective class-action WARN Act lawsuits, said that based on how the bankruptcy case has proceeded so far, it does not appear likely that there will be funds available for the workers.

“As of now, it does not appear that there’s going to be sufficient funds available to pay other creditors,” he said, noting that it is possible the trustee administering the bankruptcy will identify additional funds that should be included.

“I feel that it’s only just for there to be some kind of payback,” said Julia Harlos, who used to work as a barista at a North Side Foxtrot. Harlos found out she was out of her job during her shift on the day Foxtrot shuttered; she said her manager told her and her coworkers to kick customers out of the store and close down immediately.

Some of the coworkers she worked with at her store, Harlos said, are still looking for jobs.

Meanwhile, some Foxtrot stores are expected to begin reopening in the fall.

That became possible when Foxtrot’s assets, including the brand and its intellectual property, were purchased for \$2.2 million at auction by New York-based investment firm Further



Foxtrot Market stores in Chicago, including the one seen at North Avenue and Wells Street, abruptly closed on April 23.
TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Point Enterprises as part of the company’s bankruptcy proceedings.

Further Point, which had an early stake in Foxtrot when it was a startup, plans to reopen Foxtrot locations along with founder and former CEO Mike LaVitola, who had been ousted by the company’s board in early 2023. A representative for LaVitola said the new company plans to open about a dozen Foxtrots beginning in the fall, mostly in Chicago.

Experts said it was unlikely that the new Foxtrot could be held liable for any future WARN Act judgments that might be made in favor of former Foxtrot employees.

“It was done free and clear,” said Mark Melickian, a partner at Raines Feldman Littrell in Chicago who has represented both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy cases, referring to the auction of the Foxtrot assets. “It was administered pursuant to the rules of bankruptcy, which may or may not have left anything to pay, for example, a WARN claim.”

An attorney representing Outfox Hospitality in its bankruptcy proceedings did not respond to requests for comment.

“The Illinois Department of Labor investigates and pursues all alleged violations of the Illinois WARN Act, even in situations where recovery may be challenging,” Labor Department Director Jane Flanagan said in a statement. “Our investigation of Foxtrot and Dom’s Market remains open, and we are exploring possible state and federal legal remedies for impacted workers.”

‘It’s like a house that’s underwater’

When a company files for bankruptcy, federal bankruptcy code dictates the order in which their creditors, or the groups and individuals to whom they owe money, will be paid out. Secured creditors — such as a bank that has collateral on its loans — get paid out first. Administrative claims, such as the cost of an auctioneer, come next.

The next bucket of claims are those from unsecured creditors, which include employees. Employee wage claims such as WARN Act claims do have some priority over other unsecured creditors, which could include food and alcohol vendors,

but they come after secured creditors.

A Chapter 7 bankruptcy — the kind of bankruptcy The Signature Room filed for — means a company is liquidating its assets entirely.

When companies file for Chapter 7 bankruptcies, experts said, there often isn’t any cash leftover for unsecured creditors, including employees.

“It’s like a house that’s underwater. The lender takes it back, and even if other parties have claims against that house, or the owner of that house, there’s no assets left. It’s just an empty shell,” Melickian said.

Jason Kilborn, a professor at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, said that secured creditors need to receive priority in getting paid out because not doing so would have a negative impact on the willingness of banks to lend to businesses.

“Keeping the wheels of commerce greased is extremely important,” Kilborn said.

Gotberg noted there have been some cases in which plaintiffs’ attorneys have attempted to get WARN Act claims classified as administrative claims, meaning the WARN Act claimants would move up somewhat in the line to receive payouts. That area of law is unsettled, Gotberg and Melickian agreed.

Arise Chicago, a workers’ rights group that has helped former food prep employees at Foxtrot’s Pilsen commissary organize in response to the layoffs, said workers should be moved to the front of the line to be paid out during bankruptcy proceedings.

“When employers close without notice and then file for bankruptcy, their low-paid workers who are the least likely to have any savings, are in danger of extreme economic disruption — not being able to pay for rent, medication, or food for their families,” the workers’ group said in a statement. “Putting workers first would help stabilize communities and prevent economic crises for thousands of families.”

Jim P’Pool, who worked as a server at The Signature Room for 17 years, agrees. He loved his work, he said, in particular the comradery he enjoyed with other staff and customers. Like Luna, P’Pool said he found out about the sudden closure via email.

“I was really taken aback,” he said. “I just turned 60. I didn’t think I’d have to be looking for another job at my age.”

Luckily, P’Pool said, he landed on his feet with a job at the Union League Club of Chicago. He’s not struggling, but receiving the payout the judge said he was owed would’ve provided him a cushion to help pay his bills when he was laid off.

“Those creditors will still go on in business,” he told the Tribune. “Us employees, we don’t have a job.”

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Martin Reyes buys supplies from cashier Sandy Redlich at JCLicht Ace Hardware in Berwyn on July 3, 2023. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Main Street has weathered the ‘retail apocalypse.’ But there’s still plenty of brick-and-mortar uncertainty.

Not long ago, the future of brick-and-mortar stores looked dicey. The rise of e-commerce, combined with COVID-19, threatened to gut Main Street business districts. Merchants were urged to prepare for a post-store future.

At Chicago’s McCormick Place last week, Ace Hardware didn’t seem worried at all. The Ace annual convention kicked off in a packed Wintrust Arena with a celebratory song-and-dance act incorporating buckets, mops and plungers. Founded in Chicago a century ago, the 6,000-store chain has done more than just survive the so-called retail apocalypse.

Throughout the pandemic, Ace never stopped opening traditional, brick-and-mortar stores. It’s adding 200 more this year and launching a new format, partly to meet demand from customers who are stopping in to pick up online orders at nearly quadruple the rate of five years ago.

For many retailers, the apocalypse never hit as hard as feared. Retail chains today are opening many more stores than they’re closing, while vacancy rates in shopping centers have hit the lowest levels in two decades. Online retailers such as Wayfair are getting in the act with showroom-style stores of their own.

Under pressure, retailers have innovated, showing once again how adapt-

ability is among America’s greatest economic strengths. The U.S. consistently outshines other countries at making the changes necessary for businesses to thrive in the future.

No question, certain retail sectors continue to suffer. Witness the vacant storefronts in downtown Chicago and the empty indoor malls in the suburbs. Department stores remain mired in an identity crisis.

Some chains have failed to adapt to changing tastes, such as Express, a workplace apparel provider that missed the memo about working from home. Others such as downscale Family Dollar struggle to weed out hundreds of underperforming stores while continuing to open new outlets in better locations.

Retailing is a sensitive barometer for the economy at large. Consumers, weary of inflation, aren’t spending like they did in the first few post-pandemic years, and certain sectors such as fast food are feeling the belt-tightening more than others. But the consumer remains reasonably durable. Will they remain that way?

Amazon sent a chill through the retail industry earlier this month when it reported slowing online sales in the second quarter and pointed out that consumers are looking for bargains. That’s hardly surprising news, but

investors took it as a warning of weakness ahead.

The U.S. economy could be at a tipping point, as uncertainty weighs on consumers and businesses. We’re in a period of significant uncertainty, as this page highlighted recently. Unemployment is ticking up, and markets are jittery after a bullish run.

As the economy slows, all eyes turn more than usual to the U.S. Federal Reserve. Has the Fed moved too late to make the cost of money cheaper? There’s more angst in the air that they’ve dithered too long, but time will tell, of course. The central bankers are widely expected to cut rates next month, and again in November.

As bellwether companies such as Walmart prepare to report financial results in the days to come, reasonable people can’t be blamed for worrying.

Given those concerns, it’s reassuring that at the Ace convention, the self-proclaimed “heroes in red vests” oozed confidence in themselves and in America’s future. On average, a mature Ace store is making a more-than-respectable \$3.4 million in annual sales. Adopting the innovative new format showcased at McCormick Place last week can pump that up by an additional 11%, the company says.

Hardware stores can be a jumble, and Ace’s new layout puts popu-

lar brands such as Weber grills and Yeti coolers front and center where customers can’t miss them. The checkout area is more open, to accommodate shoppers picking up goods they ordered online. There’s also room for small, costly items such as rechargeable batteries that are being kept behind the counter to combat a spike in shoplifting that continues post-pandemic.

Showing off the new format, Ace executive Lisa Schmitt said she has no doubt brick-and-mortar stores will be around a hundred years from today. “I’m sure 100 years ago, no one thought a hardware store would look like this,” she said. “It just keeps changing and evolving. There will always be a place for an Ace Hardware.”

For any small merchant closely tied to its community, the key to success is the same as 100 years ago. As an owner of 32 Ace stores across the South told the convention crowd, “Be local. Build relationships. Do our best.” It worked in 1924. It also works in 2024.

Buy local seems to carry more resonance today than it has in recent times. That’s all to the good. But the intense woes of major retail thoroughfares, including Michigan Avenue, continue with no obvious answers in sight. A truly healthy retail sector will need both the local and the luxe.

ABOUT THE GOOGLE MONOPOLY

Even those of us who Google every day — and that’s the vast majority of us — can and should applaud (last) week’s federal court ruling holding that the company is maintaining its dominance in internet search through an illegal monopoly. Google search can simultaneously be a very, very useful product (indeed, the judge said it is “widely recognized as the best” general search engine “available in the United States”) and one that might not stay in the digital catbird seat if it weren’t strong-arming competitors.

D.C. Federal Judge Amit Mehta’s ruling is rooted in the fact that Google spends billions of dollars to have its search engine installed as the default on new smartphones and other devices. In just one recent year alone, those agreements cost the company \$26 billion — far more than most competitors can possibly afford.

While users certainly have a choice to go into their settings and change the default search engine to Bing (7% market share in the U.S.) or DuckDuckGo (2% market share), Google — with 90% market share overall and even higher than that on mobile devices — knows it’s a big deal to be the automatic option for millions. If it weren’t, they wouldn’t pay anything near that sum. ...

The judicial-ordered remedy is still to be determined; the legal process to arrive at that will begin next month. This could include penalties or structural changes that weaken the company’s ability or outright prevent it from setting Google as the default. ...

We hope the ruling withstands the scrutiny of higher courts. Consumers should be utterly free to pick Google if they like it best, and we think many will probably make that choice, at least in the near term. After all, the word Google has become a category-define brand name akin to Xerox or Kleenex. But the decision ought to be made on the level, not with one of the biggest hands on the world wide web putting its fat thumb on the scale.

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OPINION



A building burns on May 29, 2020, during protests over the killing of George Floyd by the police in Minneapolis. VICTOR J. BLUE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Tim Walz has been a disaster for the once-thriving Minnesota

By Andy Brehm

Minnesotans are proud of their state, and there's a lot of understandable excitement here surrounding Vice President Kamala Harris' selection of our governor, Tim Walz, as her running mate. During his first term as governor and time representing Minnesota's 1st Congressional District in Washington, the then-moderate and sensible Walz was held in high regard, even by many Republicans such as me.

But in 2020, motivated to get the national attention he has now attained, Gov. Walz tacked hard to the political portside. The strategy clearly worked well career-wise for him, but it has been a disaster for the once-thriving Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Walz faced his first major leadership test during the riots

that ensued in Minneapolis and St. Paul after the police killing of George Floyd. To say Walz failed is generous. I lived in downtown Minneapolis at the time and watched as our beautiful city burned for days without a response from our state's chief executive. Only after some \$500 million in damage and countless businesses destroyed did Walz call in the National Guard to restore order. That impotent response — which sent a message to Minnesota criminals that they can do as they please — has had a lasting impact on the Twin Cities, which remain plagued by crime and shells of what they once were.

Thanks to ineffective GOP candidates at the top of our ticket here in 2022, Walz was reelected, with Democrats taking complete control of Minnesota's House and

Senate by thin margins for the first time in years. Although he ran promising moderation during his second term on the theme of "One Minnesota," Walz governed like California Gov. Gavin Newsom in a flannel shirt.

Walz and his Democratic allies in the state legislature spent the state's entire \$18 billion surplus in 2023, increasing the state budget by an unsustainable 40%. And while Minnesota has never been particularly friendly to private enterprise and taxpayers, Walz pushed through a panoply of progressive business regulations that have made the North Star State economically uncompetitive. As a result, just like in California, Minnesota is seeing an exodus of residents and business investment. Minnesota's loss of residents in 2022 and 2023 was more severe than 34 out of

50 other states. And according to the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, from 2020 through 2022, Minnesota-based companies invested about \$10.6 billion in projects outside of the state while corporations headquartered elsewhere invested just \$4 billion here, leaving a \$6.6 billion "net investment deficit" that hinders Minnesota's economic growth. Walz has never owned or worked in a private business, and it shows.

Walz has also pushed culturally transformative and extreme legislation that would make California liberals blush. A hallmark of his legislative efforts was the evisceration of parental rights on multiple sensitive issues. Walz eliminated all parental notification laws regarding abortion; parents of a pregnant 15-year-old can be left completely in the dark

about even high-risk abortion procedures, which Walz helped legalize — without restriction — up to the ninth month of pregnancy. He also enacted legislation making Minnesota a refuge for children from other states who can come here to receive on-demand puberty blockers, hormone therapies and irreversible sex-change surgeries — even over the objections of a parent.

Harris' largest liability is that she's too liberal for America's center-right electorate. In her attempt to win the presidency in 2020, she said a lot of wild things chronicled well on social media. By picking the far-left Walz as her running mate, she is signaling to the nation that she meant them.

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Tim Walz's greatest skill is adaptability

By Scott Gillespie

About a decade ago, then-U.S. Rep. Tim Walz showed up for an interview at a Minnesota newspaper touting the benefits of physical fitness.

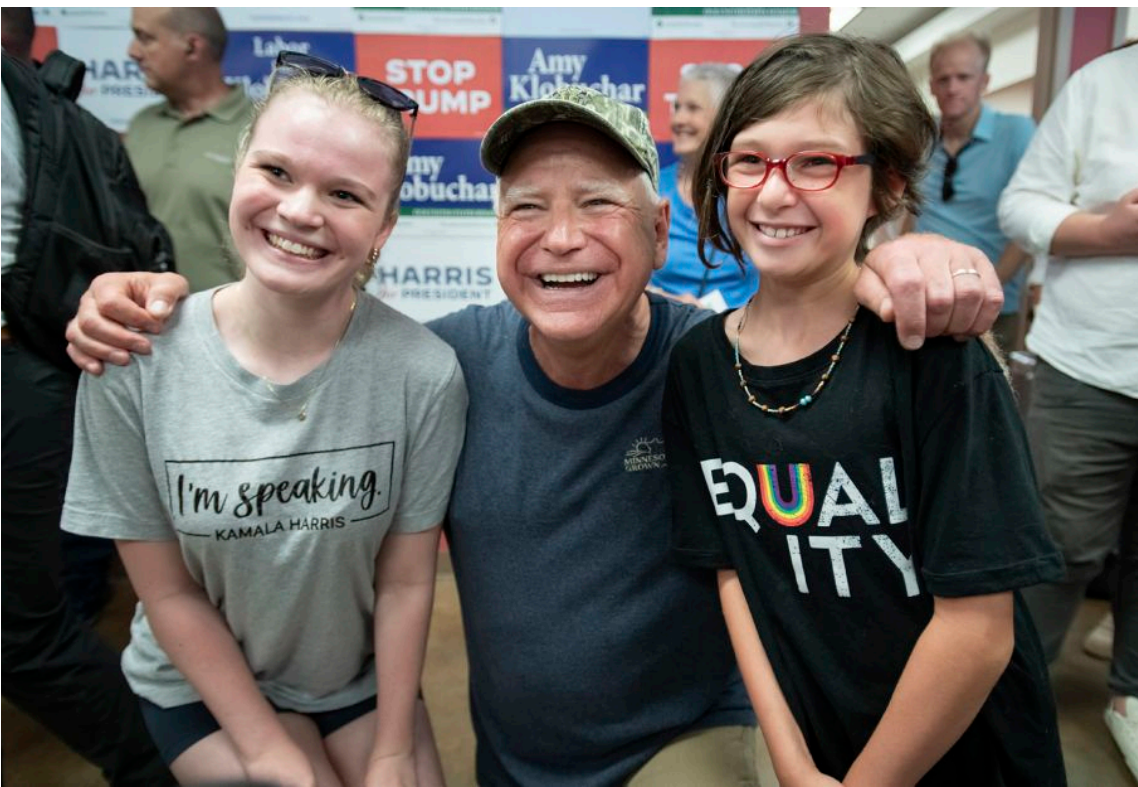
He'd lost more than 80 pounds while in Congress, transforming his body in ways that made his life in Washington seem like a midlife fitness retreat. It was a whole new look for a politician whose greatest skill may be adaptability.

Ten years and two successful gubernatorial campaigns later, Democrats are embracing Walz as if he were a character in one of those don't-become-your-parents insurance commercials. "Tim Walz is going to teach America how to save big money at Menards," an X poster joked last week.

Funny, for sure, but not the whole story. Sometimes in politics, the search for the extraordinary candidate dead-ends with the unremarkable. In this case, a seemingly ordinary man from the Midwest who should not be underestimated might actually be the perfect choice.

The unlikely ascension of the running mate Vice President Kamala Harris now calls "Coach Walz" is a study in effective strategic positioning. Like Minnesota native Bob Dylan, Walz doesn't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.

In 2006, he won a rural, previously red congressional district on his first try by sensing that a teacher, football coach and National Guard veteran with Nebraska farm roots might just



Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota poses with Leah Nelson, 17, left, and her cousin Inga Harms, 9, at a canvassing event for the Democratic presidential ticket in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 27. Walz is a former schoolteacher and former member of Congress. CAROLINE YANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

appeal to southern Minnesota voters in a rough election cycle for Republicans.

My former newspaper's editorial board said in endorsing Walz that he "radiates energy, optimism and critical thinking — qualities that Washington could use right now."

He went to work for veterans, farmers and consumers — not making headlines beyond Minnesota but solidifying his support at home. He ran for governor

in 2018, using the slogan "One Minnesota" while touting his bipartisan efforts in Congress.

It sounded good, but Walz would have needed wizardry to close the widening gulf between the right and left in the state as Donald Trump took control of the GOP and many Democrats responded by shunning moderate messengers in their ranks.

So Walz changed, too. Look no further than his transformation on gun rights issues. A hunter

who had previously carried an A rating from the National Rifle Association, Walz donated his NRA contributions after the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting and, following the 2018 massacre in Parkland, Florida, wrote an opinion piece calling for gun control reforms.

He managed to survive the Democratic gubernatorial primary and used the "One Minnesota" message to defeat an uninspiring GOP candidate. But the big

conversion was still to come.

After winning a second term in 2022, Walz seized the rare opportunity presented by slim one-party control of the state to pass legislation that Republicans are now using to define him as a radical liberal.

But for many Americans, things such as child tax credits, free food for school kids, reproductive rights protections, help with medical debt and, yes, stiffer penalties for straw gun buyers aren't going to sound all that "radical."

It's accurate to say Walz was too slow to respond to the George Floyd riots and that some of the departments under his control as governor have been vulnerable to fraud. And despite its high taxes and inexorably growing spending, Minnesota is home to some of the nation's most disturbing gaps in income and educational achievement between white residents and people of color.

Yet Walz will be difficult to label in fewer than 100 days on the national stage because he's worn a lot of ball caps during his remarkable political career. He's also likable, witty and comfortable discussing topics ranging from foreign affairs to Bruce Springsteen.

If you're in the mood to chat, Walz is the kind of guy you'd like to be stuck sitting next to on a crowded flight. He'd want to hear your life story, and he'd help the elderly passengers across the aisle with their overhead luggage.

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OPINION

African Festival of the Arts, a path to my heritage, has sadly been canceled



Laura Washington

My window to Africa has broken. Chicago's 35-year-old African Festival of the Arts has been postponed. The four-day annual festival, hosted in Washington Park on the city's South Side, was scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Now, it's off.

"This difficult decision is due to the rising cost of production, coupled with our commitment to keeping admissions affordable for our community," read the statement issued last week by its founder, "Patrick" Saingbey Woodtor, president of Africa International House USA. "Over the past few years, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have faced numerous challenges that have affected our ability to host the 2024 festival to our high standards."

The sponsors will regroup, and the event will return next Labor Day weekend, Woodtor promised.

At one time, the African Festival of the Arts hosted more than 200,000 visitors. Last year, only around 25,000 people came, Chicago ABC affiliate WLS-Ch. 7 reported.

I am bereft. It's my favorite summer festival and comes as I grasp the wisps of a fleeting summer. It is a well-trodden path to my African heritage and culture.

This Chicago institution going dark is a gloomy sign of inflationary and changing times. The Silver Room's block party, a massive South Side confab, was canceled after 18 years. Last month, the popular Ribfest in Naperville was shut down, citing high operating costs. The Hyde Park Summer Fest was canceled in May.

The African Festival of the Arts has been dubbed the single largest African-centered event in the United States. It paused during the COVID-19 crisis, then returned in 2022.

"Attendees are transported across the Diaspora with interactive engagements, vibrant drumming, museum quality and collectible artifacts, colorful and rich hand-woven fabric and textile, and other program spaces and interactive spaces," Africa International House noted.

The fair unites Africans and African American culture from across the Diaspora, from Ghana and Ivory Coast to Brooklyn and Chicago. Brimming with music, dance, arts and culture, it's an "African Village" that returns us to the homeland. This Labor Day, the green grassy knolls of



Fola Baxter walks past booths at the 29th annual African Festival of the Arts in Washington Park in Chicago on Sept. 3, 2018. NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Washington Park will remain bare.

The news hits me especially hard, as it follows the loss of my beloved mother, who passed away last year. My mama was an Africa aficionado. She traveled extensively on the African continent, and the festival was where she acquired much of her prized art collection. On our mother-daughter sojourns to the fest, she introduced me to the African traders who touted their rarefied wares from far-flung places. Juicy amber beads, textured textiles, regal tribal masks and sculptures, all made by loving Black hands. We would jaunt about the sprawling fair for hours, hanging out at her favorite booths, catching up with family and friends.

The traders knew "Mama Gwen." When they saw her coming, they would steel themselves for hard bargaining. We first connected to the fair through Window to Africa, a groundbreaking boutique in Hyde Park's Harper Court. Mama would visit and chat with Adedayo "Dayo" Laoye, an acclaimed Nigerian-born artist known for his marvelous pastels on paper that depict royal and spiritual figures of African descent. Longtime collectors flock to the fest every year to admire his latest works.

"It's at the festival I realize how much of Africa is still in the Africans

in America," Laoye once told me.

This moment has been coming. In recent years, I noticed the festival was fading. Our favorite jewelry vendors were not returning. The ticket prices were jumping, and the crowds were thinning.

Last Labor Day weekend was my first without Mama. I had to go, in homage to her. I arrived first thing on Saturday morning, to get a jump on the shopping. While it was past the scheduled opening time, the gates were closed.

Volunteers scurried around. No one had keys. No one had answers. I waited, along with about 40 other visitors, for more than a half-hour in the hot sun. Someone finally opened the gates. Once inside, the crowds were sparse. As I walked around the fair, I sensed things would never be the same.

If only Mama were here, I thought. Her hands would be on her hips, demanding answers.

The sad answer has come.

I feel for the artists, makers and musicians who won't be able to share their creations this Labor Day.

"Over 3 decades, the African Festival of the Arts has been an outlet for Black Artists to showcase our creativity," Laoye wrote me after the announcement. "As many Artists,

Artisans, and designers many of our clientele are through the Fest. It's really unfortunate that it won't take place this year."

The community is "disappointed," he added, but "we hope the African Festival of the Arts attracts the necessary support it really needs and deserves to be back next year."

Others weighed in on social media.

"I'm saddened by the Black cultural landmarks that dried up like raisins in the sun and have been rebranded or were just de-existed. Thank you Patrick, S.K. Woodtor and your teams for your contribution. May the energy of renewal rise up," Hunter Adams wrote on Facebook.

Armelle Peel urged, "Need to get a new group; give the elders a rest."

Indeed. Woodtor is getting up in age. His brilliant creation and heroic support of the festival should be cherished and acclaimed.

The African Festival of the Arts must be updated and upgraded. Otherwise, it will meet the demise of other treasured Chicago institutions and never return.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

US Rep. Cori Bush's primary defeat

An editorial on Thursday ("Unfortunate rhetoric from Bush as she lost her primary") gives the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's super political action committee far more credit than it deserves for U.S. Rep. Cori Bush's primary defeat in Tuesday's Missouri Democratic primary. She lost her primary partly because she did not act in good faith on the Israel-Palestine issue during her time in Congress, as evidenced by her support of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement.

Candidates and news media outlets that inaccurately ascribe losing political campaigns to AIPAC's lavish spending only serve to elevate the influence of AIPAC because in American politics, power is many times simply the appearance of power. AIPAC's money takes it only so far. Campaigns are much more driven by ideas and persona than money, even though a profusion of cash in hand is definitely helpful to campaigns because it makes it much easier for them to effectively communicate their message to the public.

AIPAC is a force of division in American politics, due to its tactics, but it is not the political behemoth that many in elected office and the news media portray it to be.

The best approach for a political candidate to take on AIPAC when they believe that they are being groundlessly and unjustifiably attacked by AIPAC during an election campaign is to delegitimize AIPAC. This can best be accomplished by ridiculing the group and the candidate that it is promoting, without coming off as mean-spirited. Kind of like what presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris and running mate Tim Walz have successfully done so far to former President Donald Trump and his running mate JD Vance in the presidential election campaign.

Campaign finance reform that caps spending on advertising would also be helpful to further minimizing the limited influence AIPAC currently has on our political system. This is even more true of special interest groups that are far more powerful than AIPAC.

But for Bush to say in her concession speech that AIPAC needs to be afraid of her is a sign of bitterness, and it is unbecoming behavior from a member of Congress. Good riddance to her and her sour grapes.

— David Hurwitz, Chicago

Editorial board soft on Trump

So the Tribune Editorial Board decides to take U.S. Rep. Cori Bush to task for her response to her election



U.S. Rep. Cori Bush, center, waits to be introduced to supporters on Thursday before acknowledging her defeat at a watch party at Chevre Events in downtown St. Louis. CHRISTIAN GOODEN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

loss. However, the board has had almost nothing to say about Donald Trump's anti-democratic ramblings and election lies for the past three years other than some mild protestations. Give me a break. Could it be that the board's concern is that a Democrat took a page from the litany of sore losers in the Republican Party?

I am not the only one who thinks the Tribune Editorial Board has become an American disgrace and will continue to be one until it firmly denounces Trump's candidacy. We're waiting.

— Bruce Cantor, Aurora

Side-stepping Citizens United

The Tribune Editorial Board's takedown of Missouri U.S. Rep. Cori Bush caused my stomach to churn. I was not surprised nor disappointed that the citizens of Bush's congressional district rejected her positions including her views on the Israel-Hamas conflict. That said, we'll never know whether she would have lost without the political influence available to a special interest group (United Democracy Project) via the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision.

The editorial side-steps the Citizens United problem with the phrase "as is its right," as though acquiescence to one of the worst Supreme Court decisions should be an accepted given. The editorial then focuses on Bush's highly charged post-loss rhetoric — which I agree was over the top — and castigates her for using the same type of unhinged rhetoric used by Donald Trump. Such an outlandish comparison makes me think the editorial

board is participating in a contest for the best example of an apples-to-oranges comparison.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with Bush's Israel-Palestine position, she is certainly entitled to her opinion and has the right to decry purchased influence by the United Democracy Project (yes, less inflammatory rhetoric would have been a better approach), which is far different than Trump dehumanizing and threatening election officials across the county for simply doing their jobs.

The editorial board's opinions as of late seem aimed at walking a tightrope whereby it is hedging its bets trying to keep everyone happy, failing to understand that its often hard-to-reconcile opinions are having the opposite effect.

Perhaps the Tribune Editorial Board should rename its editorial page "The Hedge" or "The Waffler."

— William "Dean" Bruno, Sugar Grove

The GOP's backbone in 1974

How is it that the 50th anniversary of the Illinois Lottery is worth a front-page article ("A streak of good luck," Aug. 8), but the 50th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's resignation is unmentioned?

At a time when the U.S. was suffering from one of its most significant crises, congressional Republicans stood up and told their president that his position was unsupportable and urged him to retire. Where was that backbone during and since the attempted insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021?

In hindsight, the legacies of Howard Baker and Barry Goldwater are burnished while today's Republican Party burns under the monomaniacal cult of Donald Trump.

— Richard Ramlow, Wilmette

If Harris wins, keep it simple

If and when Vice President Kamala Harris becomes the next president of the United States, I hope all references will be to her as the first female president — period. Yes, we all realize that Black/Indian could be added, but first and foremost, she is an American woman.

— Sandra Paszczyk, Tinley Park

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A displaced Palestinian woman flees Sunday from Hamad City in the southern Gaza Strip after an evacuation order by the Israeli army. **ABDEL KAREEM HANA/AP PHOTOS**

Gaza

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launching attacks from residential areas.

The humanitarian zone has steadily shrunk during the war with the various evacuation orders. Hundreds of thousands of people have crammed into squalid tent camps with few public services or sought shelter in schools, although the United Nations says hundreds of those have been directly hit or damaged.

Khan Younis suffered widespread destruction during an air and ground offensive this year. Tens of thousands fled again last week after an evacuation order.

The new order came in leaflets dropped from the sky. As smoke rose on the horizon, hundreds of families carrying belongings in their arms left homes and shelters, seeking elusive refuge.

“We don’t know where to go,” said Amal Abu Yahia, a mother of three, who had returned to Khan Younis in June to shelter in their severely damaged home. It was the fourth displacement for the 42-year-old widow, whose husband was killed when an Israeli airstrike hit their neighbors’ house in March.

She said they went to Muwasi, a sprawling tent camp along the coast, but couldn’t find space.

Ramadan Issa, a father of five in his 50s, fled Khan Younis with 17 members of his extended family, joining hundreds of people walking toward central Gaza.

“Every time we settle in one place and build tents for women and children, the occupation comes and bombs the area,” he said, referring to Israel. “This situation is unbearable.”

Gaza’s Health Ministry, which doesn’t distinguish between civilians and combatants, says the Palestinian death toll from the war is approaching 40,000. Aid groups have struggled to address the staggering



Palestinians displaced by the Israeli air and ground offensive flee from Hamad City.

humanitarian crisis, while international experts have warned of famine.

The conflict has threatened to trigger a regional war, as Israel has traded fire with Iran and its militant allies across the region.

In Lebanon, the Health Ministry said an Israeli strike near the southern town of Taybeh killed two people. Israel’s military said it struck a cell of the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. Hezbollah announced the deaths of three militants and said it conducted rocket and artillery attacks on Israeli military positions.

Israel’s airstrike on Saturday hit a mosque inside a school in Gaza City where thousands of people were sheltering. The Gaza Health Ministry said 80 were killed and around 50 wounded during morning prayers. The Israeli military said it killed 19 Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants. Hamas and Palestinian activists disputed that, saying two of the 19 had been killed in earlier strikes, and others were known to be civilians or opponents of Hamas.

Gaza City and the rest of the north have been surrounded by Israeli forces and largely cut off from the world, and it wasn’t possible to independently confirm the accounts from either side.

The U.N. human rights office says Israel has carried out “systematic attacks on schools,” which have served

as shelters since the start of the war, with at least 21 hit since July 4, killing hundreds of people, including women and children.

Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the main U.N. agency that aids Palestinians, said Sunday that people in Gaza have “nowhere to go” amid the evacuation orders, with more than 75,000 people displaced in the southwestern part of the enclave in recent days.

“Some are only able to carry their children with them, some carry their whole lives in one small bag,” he said in a post on social media. “They are going to overcrowded places where shelters are already overflowing with families.”

Israel has adjusted the borders of the humanitarian zone several times; the area shrank by more than a fifth last month. The latest downsizing appeared to be more limited.

Hours before announcing the evacuation order Sunday, Israel’s military said it had carried out a “targeted raid” in Khan Younis, recovering weapons including rifles and explosives in a tunnel. It also said its jets had struck dozens of targets and killed fighters, including one who took part in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel. The military’s claims could not be independently verified.

The New York Times contributed.



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Death Notices

Schoenbeck, Kevin
Kevin Schoenbeck, 66, a resident of Downers Grove, IL, owner of Uni-Carrier and industrial property, died suddenly on Saturday, August 3, 2024. He was the son of the late Delbert and Joyce Schoenbeck and loving brother of Paul Schoenbeck, Pam (Mark) Hoyord, and Susan (David) Hannenberg; and devoted uncle of Alyssa, Luke (Valerie), Heidi Hannenberg, and Samantha (Jake) Lipski, and Jennifer Hoyord and great-uncle of Finley. Visitation Sat., August 17, from 9:30 to the time of a funeral at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Interment will follow at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien, Illinois. Memorial gifts may be directed to Christ The King Lutheran Church in Palatine or AA. Info at www.christianfuneralservices.com or 630-668-0027.



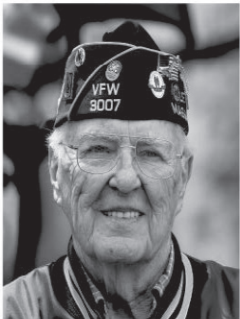
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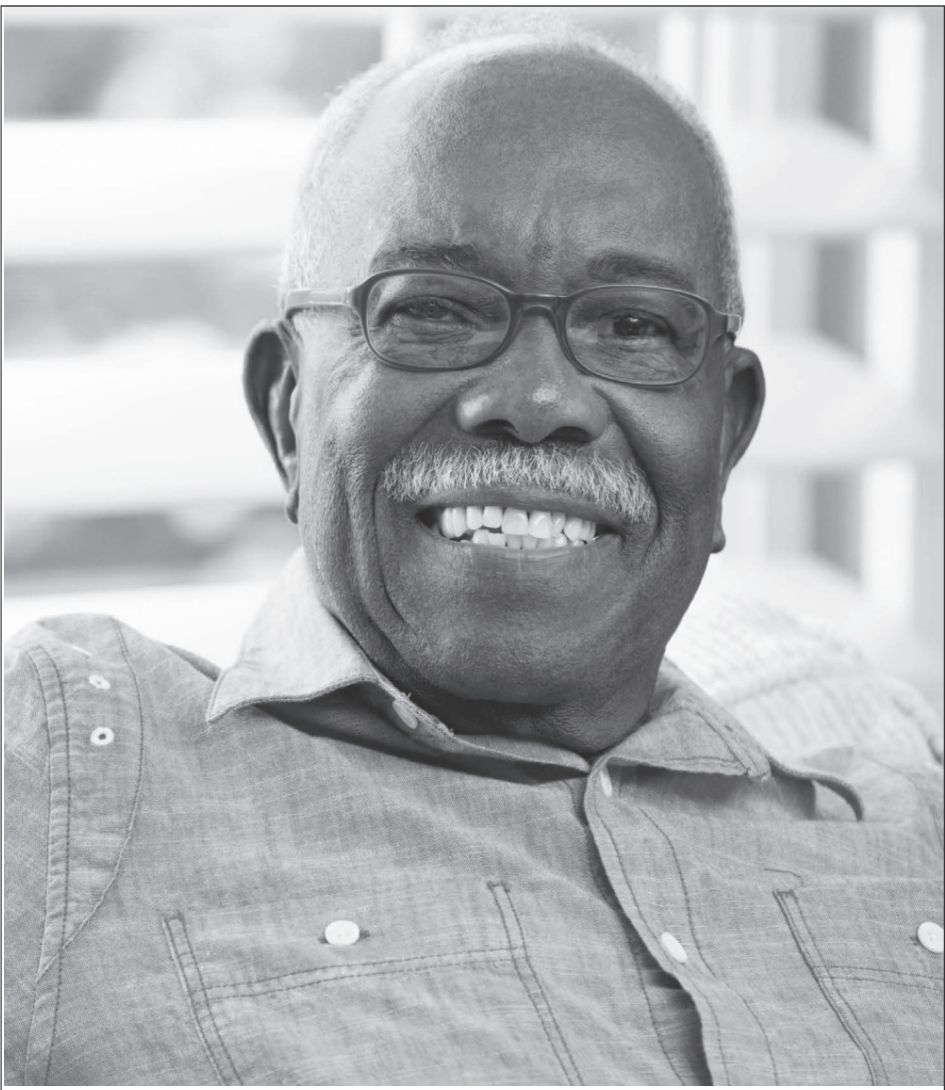
Gene Hardy served in the Korean War and was an active member of his local VFW. Gene was a star football player in high school, and a huge Bears fan. He shared his love for the game with his children and grandchildren, and they never missed a home game. Gene, a long-time resident of Oak Park, passed away peacefully in his home over the weekend. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 45 years, Melanie, and his children, David, Michael, and Ross.

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ON AUGUST 12 ...

In 1867 President Andrew Johnson suspended Secretary of War Edwin Stanton; the action ignited a campaign to impeach Johnson.

In 1898 a peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed. Also in 1898 Hawaii was annexed by the United States.

In 1911 comic actor Cantinflas was born Mario Moreno Reyes in Mexico City.

In 1915 the novel “Of Human Bondage,” by William Somerset Maugham, was first published.

In 1944 Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1953 the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960 the first balloon satellite, Echo 1, was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

In 1972 the last American combat ground troops left Vietnam.

In 1977 the space shuttle Enterprise passed its first solo flight test by taking off atop a Boeing 747, separating and then touching down in California’s Mojave Desert.

In 1978 Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter’s Basilica.

In 1982 Academy Award-winning actor Henry Fonda died in Los Angeles; he was 77.

In 1985 a Japan Airlines Boeing 747 crashed into a wooded mountain in central Japan, killing 520 people. (Four people survived history’s worst single-aircraft disaster.)

In 1994, in baseball’s eighth work stoppage since 1972, major league players went on strike rather than allow team owners to limit their salaries. (The post-season playoffs and World Series would be canceled for the first time since 1904.)

In 1995 Republican presidential candidates courted Ross Perot’s followers at a United We Stand America conference in Dallas.

In 1998 Swiss banks agreed to pay \$1.25 billion as resti-

tution to Holocaust survivors to settle claims for their assets.

In 2000 the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea. Also in 2000 actress Loretta Young died; she was 87.

In 2004 New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey announced his resignation and acknowledged that he had had an extramarital affair with another man. Also in 2004 the California Supreme Court voided the nearly 4,000 same-sex marriages sanctioned in San Francisco between Feb. 12 and March 11, 2004.

In 2014 Lauren Bacall, a legendary actress known for her sultry voice, sizzling looks and love affair and marriage to actor Humphrey Bogart, died in New York; she was 89.

In 2015 a rapid succession of explosions in the port city of Tianjin, China, killed at least 161 people.

In 2017 hundreds of white nationalists, neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan members clashed with counterprotesters in Charlottesville, Va.; a woman was killed and 19 others injured when a car was driven into a crowd, and two state police officers died in a helicopter crash.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
"Williams" AKa Malachi Vincent Van Ellis "AKA Baby Boy Williams"

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Felicea Williams (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 24JA00332

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Felicea Williams (Mother)** and **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **May 1, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Levander Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **September 26, 2024, at 1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2024 7679296

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August 12, 2024
CITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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DEPARTMENT: **Department of Water Management**
TYPE: **Commodities**

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CONTACT: LaKesha Rudd,
Senior Procurement Specialist/ Procurement Specialist
Email: LaKesha.Rudd@cityofchicago.org
Pub: 8/12/2024 7678652

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSETS OF TOOLING SOLUTIONS, INC., THE MASTER MACHINE GROUP, INC. AND 1515 COMMERCE LLC UNDER UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

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Any parties interested in further information about these assets should contact the counsel for the Secured Creditor as set forth below.

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
JOHNSON CONTROL HVAC PARTS BID NO.: 2402-06272

Bid Document:
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Contact Person:
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Chief Procurement Officer

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By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
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August 12, 2024
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
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August 12, 2024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Caeson Lee Jones AKa Caeson Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tisha Bogan (Mother) AKa Tanya Glogore

JUVENILE NO.: 23JA00892

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Carey Lee Jones Sr. (Father)** and **All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **July 10, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick T. Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **September 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

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

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2024 7679291

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s)

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Application Filing Period: August 9, 2024 through August 23, 2024. **Examination Date:** September 21, 2024. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Financial Analysis practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs professional financial and investment analysis; financial reporting activities; systems testing, implementation, and training; and supervises subordinated financial staff.
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Painter (Original)

Application Filing Period: August 9, 2024 through August 23, 2024. **Examination Date:** September 14, 2024. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Painter practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in connection with the application of surface finishes or protective coatings to building interiors and exteriors, bridges and other structures, furniture, machinery and equipment.
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Application Filing Period: August 16, 2024 through August 30, 2024. **Examination Date:** September 28, 2024. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Buyer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, acquires routine services, supplies and materials utilizing the informal bid process for services with a dollar value less than \$10,000 and materials, supplies and equipment with a dollar value less than \$25,000. **Salary:** \$82,722.38 per year

Senior Buyer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: August 16, 2024 through August 30, 2024. **Examination Date:** September 28, 2024. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Senior Buyer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, acquires complex services, supplies and materials utilizing the formal bid process for services with a dollar value of more than \$10,000 and materials, supplies and equipment with a dollar value of more than \$25,000. **Salary:** \$100,761.18 per year

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Isabella Davis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Elaine Davis (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 24JA00294

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **April 10, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Shannon O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **September 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2024 7678886

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kewanda Drake-Willis AKa Kewanda Christine Marie Drake-Willis Glen Willis, Jr AKa Glen Edward Willis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Delinda Drake (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01070 19JA01071

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Glen Willis (Father)** and **Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **February 9, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **September 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2024 7679179

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kewanda Drake-Willis AKa Kewanda Christine Marie Drake-Willis Glen Willis, Jr AKa Glen Edward Willis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Delinda Drake (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01070 19JA01071

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Glen Willis (Father)** and **All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **February 9, 2024**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **September 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

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

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2024 7679285

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

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

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

LEVYEN identified also as Areas) 12, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Value) Appeals may be filed for consideration at such sitting is September 20, 2024.

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

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 12th day of August, 2024.

FRITZ KAEGL
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
August 12, 2024 - 7678867

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nani Villareal AKa Nani Alise Mazeika AKa Nani Mazeika

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THE KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK BEVERLY SPENCER DEBRA BAKER OCCUPANT LEVELL BAKER U.S.BANK, N/A, AS TRUSTEE OF THE COOK COUNTY INVESTMENT FUND, TRUST MAKER, PASSENGER CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2024COT002368 FILED June 10, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County Clerk Cook County Illinois hereby certify to indicate No. 19-0003863 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROPERTY LOCATED IN PARCELS 87TH & DEQUENNES ILL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-19-309-031-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the date of sale is 24 months. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments on the property. The purchaser at the tax sale, its heirs or assigns, shall be responsible for all fees or taxes exacted. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will be heard by the Circuit Court of Cook County on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on or before November 22, 2024. If you wish to be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time, YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made by paying the amount of the delinquent taxes, plus applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 455 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FAX: 312-603-5646. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 10, 2024.

KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK WORTH THE INVESTMENT OCCUPANT, 1ST FLOOR OCCUPANT, 2ND FLOOR 1878 INC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES 1878 INC, RA DEED NO. 2024COTD002369 FILED JANUARY 17, 2024 PRESENTLY UNOWNED OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002369 FILED June 10, 2024 Tax Notice County Cook Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate of Redemption No. 2024COTD002369 (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1224 WEST 64TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60621-1070-020000 This notice is to advise you that above the property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The purchaser of the property shall make payments at monthly intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures. You must pay the amount you owe clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of the property to the purchaser on November 22, 2024 before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at the hearing and your right to appear will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by paying the amount due to the Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FAX: 312 LFB 312-603-5655 Purchaser or Assignee. Dated 2024 6/12/24

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KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK LUTHER W DIXON OCCUPANT LUTHER DIXON, JR CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK EVELYN DIXON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY
2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0003931 Sold for General Taxes of Year(s) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of Municipality and Special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A
NOTICE TO REDEEM: THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6946 S GREEN ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-20-422-031-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her heirs, assigns, personal representatives, or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for summary judgment to allow the County Clerk to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1000 on November 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption may be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by paying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-360-3100 FAX: 312-360-3155 Purchaser or Assignee: Date July 30, 2024
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KAREN J. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
CLERK JEFFREY MCCLURE, OCCUPANT CITY OF
CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GEN-
ERALLY: **NOTICE OF SALE**
On June 10, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook
Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No.
19-00093932 Sold for General Taxes of (year)
2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A War-
rentage No. 19-00093932
HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property
located at 7024 S CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO, IL
Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-20-
426-030-0000 This notice is to advise you that
the above property has been sold for delinquent
taxes. The sale will take place on **June 10, 2024**
the sale will expire on **November 22, 2024**. The
amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6
month intervals from the date of sale and may
be further increased if the purchaser at the
sale or the assignee pays any subsequent
county or local taxes.
To redeem the property from subsequent for-
feitures or tax sales. Check with the county
clerk as to the exact amount you owe before
redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that
if you do not redeem the property by 1700 hours
will transfer title and the right to possession of
this property if redemption is not made on or
before November 22, 2024. This matter is set
for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in
the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington
Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601-3001 on **June 13, 2024**
at **9:30 a.m.** You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem
will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE
URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT
LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made
at any time by the Purchaser or Assignee by
applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Il-
linois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chi-
cago, Illinois. For further information contact the
County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street,
Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FAX: 312-
603-5645. For Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July
8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/64775027

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OCCUPANT: MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSO-
 CIATION; City of Chicago; MONTFORD POINT
 MARINE ASSOCIATION CHICAGO CHAPTER 2
 VETERAN CENTER, SHARON STILES, AND
 UNKNOWN. OWNER: UNKNOWN. DEED RE-
 CORDED DATE: 06/24/2024. DEED BOOK:
 05/24 TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002233 FILED:
 06/24/2024 TAKE NOTICE County Cook Date
 Premises Sold 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 19-
 0003953 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020
 and 2021. The County Clerk is hereby notified
 that the County Clerk has received the
 Applicable and special assessment number Not
 Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No.
 Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD
 FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at
 118 N. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago,
 Illinois 60602. The County Clerk is hereby notified
 that the County Clerk has received the description
 or Property Index No. 20-21-1-039-0000
 2024 This notice is to advise you that the above
 property has been sold for delinquent taxes and
 that the period of redemption from the sale will
 expire on 1/18/2024. The amount to redeem is
 the amount of the delinquent taxes plus the
 date of sale may be further increased if
 the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her
 assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes
 or special assessments to redeem the property
 and the County Clerk is hereby notified that
 with the county clerk as to the exact amount
 you owe before redemption. This notice is also
 to advise you that a petition has been filed
 for a tax deed which will transfer title and the
 right to possession of the property to the person
 who is made on or before 1/18/2024. This
 matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of
 this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W.
 Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago,
 Illinois 12/04/2024 at 9:30 a.m. you may be
 present at the hearing. If you are not present,
 will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE
 URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT
 LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made
 at any time on or before 1/18/2024 by applying
 to the County Clerk at the County Clerk's Office
 at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE
 COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street,
 Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312)
 603-5645 Fax: (312) 747-6172, Mail, Purchaser or
 Assignee to: 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL
 60602, Date this notice is given July 2, 2024
 8/12, 8/18, 8/24 this date 7/2/2024

OCCUPANT: ALAN INVESTMENTS III, LLC; CITY: CHICAGO; 1469 EAST 69TH ST. CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NFP; ERICA DUNN; LAVITA HARVEY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD AS IS. NOT APPLICABLE: 06/20/2024 TAX NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0002465 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number(s) Not Applicable. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1469 E 69TH ST UNIT #1 CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-23-14-021-1001 This notice is to advise you that the County of Cook is required to collect property taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the sale is his or her agent or assignee. Consequently, the County of Cook may require the assignee to redeem property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is not a demand for payment. If you have been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 501 North Dearborn Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. You ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time by paying the amount due to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 744-3100 FAX: (312) 744-3101. 8/22/2024 Filed this 29th day of July at 8:12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6472463

KAREN L. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
CLERK CLERK DEWIS, RA: CHARLOTTE STEPHENS
BCH DEWIS, LLC OCCUPANT BUCH DEWIS, LLC
C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS
SERVICES TRANSITIONS IV, LLC, RA: REGISTERED
EAKIN, MANAGER CHARLOTTE STEPHENS,
OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND
PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO.
2024COTD002275 Filed June 5, 2024 TAKE NO-
TICE COUNTY OF COOK State of Illinois Sold May
2024, 2024, 2024, 2024, 2024, 2024, 2024, 2024,
General Taxes of (year) 2019 sold for Special
Assessment of (Municipality) and special as-
sessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A In/s. No.
N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELIN-
QUENT TAXES PROPERTY located at 6755 S CRAN-
FORD STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60620, or
Property ID(s) No. 20-24-005-038-038-038-038-
This notice is to advise you that the above property
has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the
period of redemption from the sale will expire
on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem
is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from
the date of sale. If you wish to redeem the property
if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her
assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes
or special assessments to redeem the property
from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check
with the county clerk as to the exact amount
to be paid. If you wish to redeem the property,
to advise you that a petition has been filed for
a tax deed which will transfer title and the right
to possession of this property if redemption is
not made on or before November 22, 2024. This
matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of
Cook County, Illinois, at the County Clerk's Office,
Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Court-
room 1704, on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
You may be present at this hearing but your
right to redeem will already have expired at that
time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY
TO PREVENT LOSS OF YOUR PROPERTY. Redem-
ption can be made any time on or before Novem-
ber 22, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of
Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County
Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further infor-
mation contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 318
North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-
407-6000 FAX: 312-407-6055 Purchaser's
Assignee Dated July 30, 2024
8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6755/474930

OCCUPANT, SOUTH SHORE COMMERCIAL
PROPERTIES LLC, Providence Bank & Trust f/k/a
Urban Partnership Bank; AND ALL UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED, TAX DEED
NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold
15/03/2022 Certificate No. 19-0002501 and 19-0002504
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (municipality)
Not Applicable and special assessment number
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
No. Not Applicable
This PROPERTY has been
SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at
7001 S JEFFERY AVE CHICAGO IL AND 7017
S JEFFERY AVE Legal Description or Property
Index No. 20-24-421-001-0000 and 20-24-421-
001-0000, not subject to redemption. The
above property has been sold for delinquent
taxes and that the period of redemption from
the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount
to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month
intervals from the date of sale and may be further
increased by the purchaser or the County Clerk
or her assignee, pays all subsequently accruing
taxes or special assessments to redeem
the property from subsequent forfeitures or
tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the
exact amount you owe before redeeming. This
notice is to advise you that a petition has
been filed for a tax sale which would deprive
you of the property and the right to possession of this property if redem-
ption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This
matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court
of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center,
100 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704
Chicago, Illinois 60604-2024/2025. You
may be present at this hearing but your right to
redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO
PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can
be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024
at the County Clerk's Office, 118 N. Clark Street,
Chicago, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in
Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118
N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602
TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Plan, LLC
(312) 603-5645 or Assignee. Dated this 29th day
of July, 2024.

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TO: OCCUPANTS, TOMBAY WILLIAMS, U PAWN PROPERTIES INC., ANGELA BAILEY, CALVIN LANE, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES IN INTEREST OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. FILED: 06/04/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-00002530 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Not Applicable and Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and Special Assessment number of (Municipality) Not Applicable. Pursuant to Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7438 S UCLYPTA AVE CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Easement or Easement No. 20-118-032-0000-0000-0000 to advise that the property above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 months interest rate of 12% per annum. The amount increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or redemptions. The amount to be paid is the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redeemed. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/04/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at the hearing. If you fail to appear, you will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. Go to the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 424, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 321-2200 FAX: (312) 321-2201 or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6747471

KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK EQUITY TRUST CUSTODIAN OCCUPANT EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO SRINIVAS ADUSUMILLI I/A/C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO ADUSUMILLI I/A/R/ CATHERINE MURPHY CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK KATHERINE BANKS AARON HICKS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GEMERALTY DEED NO. 2024COT002279 FILED 2024, 2ND WAKE NOTICE County Clerk's Date of Redemption November 22, 2024, Notice Date 02/05/25 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 (2016 2ND, 2017, 2018 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR TAXES TO THE ORDER OF THE COURT OF MARYLAND & VA, CHICAGO, IL (Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-309-08-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is \$10,000.00. If you wish to exercise your right to the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk's Office for the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice also is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 2025 at the Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID LOSS OF PROPERTY. Your redemption can be made on or before November 22, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-361-3000 FAX: 312-361-3055 PAPERWORK ASSIGNMENT Dated July 30, 2024.

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OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; FRANCES PAGAN; Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company National Association a Wintrust Community Bank f/k/a Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company f/k/a Bank of the City of Chicago, City of Cook County, Illinois; JAMES HAMILTON; OF COOK COUNTY, TOWNSHIP: CONSTRUCTION, INC.; RENINA BOYD; JAMES HAMILTON; SIERRA M. BERRY; MARICE K. BOYD; TREVON DARE; RICKEY PETERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2024C0020559. FILED: 06/20/2024 TAX DEED NO. 2024C0020559. FILED: 06/20/2024 TAX DEED NO. 2024C0020559. FILED: 06/20/2024 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-00002599 Sold for General Taxes (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable
 Warrant No. Not Applicable
 Not Applicable
 Not Applicable
 Not Applicable
 DELINQUENT TAXA. Property located at 7247 S LANGLEY AVE CHICAGO IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-2141-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. If you wish to redeem the subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from the sale, you must do so on or before 11/18/2024. If you do not wish to redeem the property, you may file with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter will be heard by the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A REFUND OF THE LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60642-4000, Tel: 312.322.6000, 603-5645 AMERICAN TAX Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6742465

OCCUPANT; PRISCILLA WEATHERSPORN; MITCHELL; MALLETT; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services 1/k/a Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, et al; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002234 FILED: 06/04/2024 TAX NOTICE County Cook Date Premises Sold 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 2019-2019 Special Assessment of (Municipal) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Description or Property Index No. 20-29-223-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the date of sale to the date when you are able to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property. You may redeem the property from tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title to the county clerk. The period of redemption is 18 months from the date of sale or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 60601. If you do not appear at the hearing at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time, YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk in person or by mail to the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 321-2200 FAX: (312) 321-2201 E-mail: clerk@co.chicago.il.us or Assigned. Date dated This 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/67477479

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1. OCCUPANT UNIT 1; OCCUPANT UNIT 2; JOHN MOORE; City of Chicago; MALANI MOORE; MALAYSIA; MOORE; ALISHA MOORE; ANYRA KES; ANYRA KES; ANYRA KES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY. NO. 2024COTD002581 Filed: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE of Cook County Premises Sold 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 19-00040475 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessments of (year) 2019. This notice and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable. This Notice is Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7709 S. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, IL 60602-3445. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/15/2024. The amount to redeem is substantially less than the amount of the delinquent date of sale may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from the delinquent date of sale. You are urged to advise the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of the property to the purchaser not made or before 11/15/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be able to pay the taxes and interest on the property will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/15/2024 by applying to the County Clerk in person or by mail to the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5445 Fax: (312) 603-5446, IL Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 12th day of June 2024. 8/12, 8/18, 8/24 2024 747474322

OCCUPANT: MARSHIE WRIGHT; GREGORY GORDON; Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General; City of Chicago; KEYON TURNER; JAVON WRIGHT; JIM JOHNSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD02576 FILED: 06/20/2024. COUNTY: COOK. NOTICE/Claim Date: 06/20/2024. Sale Date: 05/27/2025. Certificate Number: 00004141. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. IN. NO. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The undersigned of the 8151 S PERRY AVE CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Property Index NO. 20-33-222-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on or before 11/18/2024. If you wish to redeem the property, you must pay the amount you owe before the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk of Cook County for the amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter will be heard by the County Clerk of Cook County, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will have expired at that time. You ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. If you wish to redeem at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602-1012 (tel) 312-603-5645 American Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Contact this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6747323

OCCUPANT; DROBINSKY REAL ESTATE
 INVESTMENT LLC; City of Chicago; AND ALL
 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTEREST-
 ED; TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002575 FILED:
 11/11/2024; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; 19-0000-
 Premises Sold 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 19-
 00001412 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not
 Applicable and special assessment number Not
 Applicable; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; 19-0000-1412
 Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD
 FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at
 8220 S PERRY AVE CHICAGO IL Legal Description
 or Property Index No. 20-33-226-02-0000 This
 property was sold to the City of Chicago, Illinois
 on 11/11/2024 for the purpose of redemption. It
 has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the
 period of redemption from the sale will expire
 on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is sub-
 ject to increase at 6 month intervals from the
 date of the sale and may be further increased the
 purchaser may be required to pay or the assignee
 pays any subsequently accruing taxes and special
 assessments to redeem the property from
 subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with
 the county clerk as to the exact amount you
 need to pay to redeem the property. We do not
 advise you that a petition has been filed for a
 tax deed which will transfer title and the right
 to possession of this property if redemption is
 not made on or before 11/18/2024. Matter
 pending for hearing in the County Court of Cook
 County, in the Richard J. Daley Court, 50 W.
 Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago,
 Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be
 able to pay the taxes due and the interest and
 costs and you will be able to keep the property.
 You will already have expended 1 that time. YOU
 ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT
 LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made
 at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying
 to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at
 the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois
 130 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE
 COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 130 N Clark Street,
 Room 424, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312)
 744-3000 FAX: (312) 744-3001 E-MAIL: CLPurchaser@
 8/12/2024 Signed This 29th day of July, 2024
 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6474326

OCCUPANT, CLYDE STREET LLC; JEFFREY STRANGER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND INTERESTS. EXPIRED NOTICE NO.: 201900020710. NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook. Date of Original Notice: 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 19-00020709 and 19-00020710 and 19-00020711 and 19-00020712 and 19-00020713 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and Special Assessments of (Municipality) Not Applicable. Not Applicable. Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8109 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL, 8113 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL, 8123 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL, 8125 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL, 8127 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL, 8129 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL, 8121 S CLYDE AVE CHICAGO IL Legal description or Property Index No. 20-36-218-003-0000 and 20-36-218-004-0000 and 20-36-218-005-0000 and 20-36-218-006-0000 and 20-36-218-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above described property is subject to a redemption period that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased by the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her successor in interest. You may redeem the property or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed in the County Clerk's Office for the County Clerk to take title to the property and to grant the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 North Dearborn Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, Illinois, 60606/2/04/2024 at 10:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made by paying the amount due to the County Clerk to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 424, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 744-2200 Fax: (312) 744-2201 E-mail: clerk@cookcounty.org or Assigned. Date this 29th day of July 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/64774743

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KAREN A YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK THEODORE R PENDELTON THEODORE PENDELTON PROPERTY MANAGER RENT COLLECTOR PROFESSIONAL TRADITIONS INC, 1000 N. LAUREL STREET, SUITE 200, CHICAGO, IL 60610, BUSINESS SERVICES PROFESSIONAL TRADITIONS INC, REG AGENT: THEODORE PENDELTON, JR. PROFESSIONAL TRADITIONS INC, RA: DAMON STEWART PENDELTON TRADITIONS INC, NATHANIEL PENDELTON, PRESIDENT PENDELTON TRADITIONS INC, TERRY MCGEE, SECRETARY CITY OF CHICAGO, 1000 N. LAUREL STREET, SUITE 200, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002280 FILED JUNE 5, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0002802 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A N/A N/A N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2544 EAST 83RD ST, CHICAGO, IL 126-042-0000 This notice is also advise you that the property and taxes for the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 1 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent taxes or assessments. You are entitled to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be heard by the court on or before that date. You will already have an expert at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, 1000 N. LAUREL STREET, SUITE 200, CHICAGO, IL. COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 NORTH CLAY STREET, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FAX: 312-603-5654 Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 30, 2024.

OCCUPANT, THE LIGHTS OF HONOR INTERNATIONAL; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2024/COTD002216 Filed: 06/04/2024 TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN 05/18/2022 Certificate No. 19-0005693 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable, IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8150 S COLES AVE CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-222-043-0000 This property is being sold to satisfy the taxes that have been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of the sale to the date the purchaser at the tax sale of his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk's Office for more information before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made. The hearing on this petition is now set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, Illinois 12/04/2024 at 9:30 a.m. you may be present at the hearing. If you do not appear, you will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk's Office, 100 W. Washington Street, the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 321-3000 FAX: (312) 321-3000. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024.

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KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK LEVEQUE & VANCOL RANDOL LEVEQUE LOUISE C. VANCEO JON C. DESTINE CITY OF CHICAGO / JOYCE CHANG UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN PARTIES
GENERAL TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002281 Filed June 5, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County Clerk Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0002820 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017-2022. The amount to redeem is \$103,000.00 and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8220 S EXCHANGE AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property No. 21-10-000-032-00000 To advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6% per year until paid in full. You may wish to be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosure. If you are the owner of record, please clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of said property to the purchaser of the property if redemption is not made or if the redemption is made after 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2024. For hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 31, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at the hearing. Your failure to appear will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by applying to the Office of the County Clerk, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-663-5454 FAX DZ, LLC FLS WSFS Purchaser or Assignee: Dated 2/28/24 B.L. 8/13.A. 2024/762/495

2 OCCUPANT UNIT 1; OCCUPANT UNIT 2;
HUNG LUY City of Chicago; T. REED, UNIT 1; A
JACKSON, UNIT 2; JOSHUA IIREMI; ALAE JACK-
SON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTEREST-
ED. TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002598 FILED:
06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook State
of Illinois Premises Sold 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 19-
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Notice for Special Assessment of Municipality/NP
Applicable and special assessment number Not
Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Int. No.
Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES PROPERTY Located at
211 N. Clark Street, Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60610
or Property Index No. 21-31-407-005-0000 This
notice is to advise you that the above property
has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the
period of redemption from the sale will expire
on or before 11/18/2024. If you do not wish to
subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the
date of sale may be further increased from the
purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee
pays any subsequently accruing taxes or spe-
cial assessments to redeem the property from
foreclosure, you must appear in person at the
county clerk as to the exact amount you owe
before redeeming. This notice is also to
advise you that a petition has been filed for a
tax deed which will transfer title and the right
to foreclose on the property to the purchaser
not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter
is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this
county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W.
Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago,
Illinois 60601, on or before 11/18/2024. You are
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE
COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street,
Room 434, CHICAGO, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312)
321-4000 FAX: (312) 321-4001 E-mail: clerk@cocker.org
Assigned Date: 22d 29th day of July, 2024.
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KAREN YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK LUDMILA GRADZKI OCCUPANT KATARYNA CIKOWSKI HERONIM GRADZKI UNKASZ CIKOWSKI WEAVER REALTY AND MANAGEMENT, INC. MALVIEW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, RAJESH SHUPE MALVIEW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, FERNANDO CORTEZ, PRESIDENT MALVIEW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MARICELA SALAS UNKOWNOW OWNERS, OCCUPANTS ADRIAN AND ANITA SALAS UNKOWNOW
2024COTD002276 FILED JUNE 5, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 13, 2022 Certificate No. 19-00021335 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 (2016 2ND, 2017, 2018 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment number (Municipality) N/A N/A N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR N/A THIS PROPERTY. Property located at 9800 S NASHVILLE AVE, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 19000 DESCRIPTION or Property Index No. 24-07-215-062-1045 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold to the County of Cook for the purpose of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee fails to pay the taxes and/or the County's assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed sale of this property and that the County's redemption of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on or before November 22, 2024. If you are present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time, YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, 100 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FAX D, LLC FO 302, 312-603-5647 or Assignee. Dated July 30, 2024. 31/17/2024 743934

BO OCCUPANT; THOMAS P BOYLE; PATRICIA M BOYLE; Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as successor to Bank of Shorewood; City of Chicago; Village of Evergreen Park; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; Illinois District Court, Cook County, Illinois; JAMES E. MARY KATHERINE A/K/A GUY MUELLER & ASSOCIATES, LTD. A/K/A GARY MUELLER & ASSOCIATES, LTD.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NUC 2024COTD02656 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook State Premises SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES PROPERTY located at 9722 W. Washington Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60422 for general taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Int. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES PROPERTY located at 9722 W. Washington Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60422 for general taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Int. No. Not Applicable THIS NOTICE is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is \$_____ and may be paid by cash or check on the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk's Office for the amount you owe before making this notice. Also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. on June 11, 2024 at W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. You ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF YOUR PROPERTY. Redemption may be made any time on or before 11/18/2024 by paying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-8133 FAX: (312) 603-8134 Website: www.cookcountyil.gov Purchaser or Assignee Dead this 29th day of July, 2024
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AND OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF VALERIE DYCZKOWSKI; SCOTT DYCZKOWSKI; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ROBERT DYCZKOWSKI; KAREN A. NITSCHKE; TRUSTEE UNDER THE KAREN A. NITSCHKE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 22, 2012; KAREN A. NITSCHKE; FAITH THURMOND; TIMOTHY MERRIEWEATHER; Village of Evergreen Park; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED TAX DEBTORS OF THE PROPERTY. THIS NOTICE IS A PUBLIC NOTICE County of Cook State Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-00002168 Sold for General Taxes (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable. DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2828 W 101ST ST EVERGREEN PARK IL Legal Description or Property Interest 24-12-1038-051-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 8/12/23. If you wish to redeem the property, you must pay to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from the tax sale. If you fail to pay the taxes owed to the county clerk as to the taxes amount you owe before redeeming this notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is being heard by the County Clerk of Cook County, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/04/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF YOUR PROPERTY. If you fail to pay at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 744-4545 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchase Order #222. Dated This 29th day of July, 2024, 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/6477436

LLC; OCCUPANT; EVERSHINE INVESTMENTS LLC; TR. 80023621882; KENNETH RANDALL; LEMONTE BOOKER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A JUDICIAL ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS. NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 05/16/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000293 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable Special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Sale No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9317 S UNIVERSITY AVE CHICAGO IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-02-317-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that although the property has been sold to satisfy the delinquent taxes, the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the property owner fails to pay the delinquent taxes and/or any subsequent accruing taxes and the subsequent assessments to redeem the property from the subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that you have the right to redeem the property by paying the delinquent taxes and the tax debt which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60601, on 11/18/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You must appear at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made by paying the delinquent taxes and the tax debt which will transfer title to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 321-2200 Fax: (312) 321-2201 E-mail: clerk@cookcounty.org or 8/12es Date Drafted this 29th day of July, 2024, 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/2024/674747

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TO: OCCUPANT: DREAMS REALTY & DESIGN, INC.; WINDWOOD CONDOMINIUM NO. 1; PARK MANAGEMENT & REALTY, INC. A/K/A PARK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS; LAUARA BARNES; City of Chicago: Village of Richton Park; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002623 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001451 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 22510 JACKSON CT. UNIT 2-F-1 RIGHTON PARK IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-35-047-1012 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247674039

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK YVONNE JACKSON OCCUPANT REGINALD JACKSON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002271 FILED June 5, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 13, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0001473 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 (2017, 2018 2ND INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 214 MARQUETTE ST, PARK FOREST, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-108-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC FBO WSFS Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 30, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247674919

TO: OCCUPANT: JENNIFER BURSON; TYRONE BURSON; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4; JAMES THOMAS; TAJAH BURSON; Village of Park Forest; SIGTELL, LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002626 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001491 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 111 NASHUA ST PARK FOREST IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-308-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247674042

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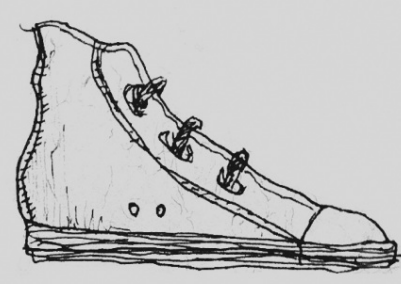
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TO: OCCUPANT; 5437 SOUTH WARASH, LLC; Village of Lynwood; BISMILLAH BUILDERS LLC; Dylan Reeves; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002184 FILED: 06/04/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000086 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 19773 SAVOY LN LYNNWOOD IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-12-203-034-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/04/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247674671

TO: OCCUPANT; DJ MANAGEMENT, INC.; DERRIL HABLER; CHRISTOPHER MOORE; SIMONE DOUGLAS; Village of Sauk Village ; MELINDA GOODMAN; DAMONIA GOODMAN; MABLE GOODMAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002608 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000192 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 21811 PETERSON AVE SAUK VILLAGE IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-319-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247673845

TO: OCCUPANT; MOHAMMED ABDUL GHAFAR; MARCELA ZAMBRANO; ANTONIO ZAMBRANO; LUCIA ZAMBRANO; FRANK MASSEY; City of Chicago Heights c/o City Clerk; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002185 FILED: 06/04/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000222 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 25 21ST ST CHICAGO HEIGHTS IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-209-034-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/04/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247674674

TO: OCCUPANT: NAKEERA SWAIN; Village of Park Forest; ALYSHA GRAHAM; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002609 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000239 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 35 APACHE ST PARK FOREST IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-209-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/18/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/18/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/06/2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/18/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 29th day of July, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247673981



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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK THOMAS L GETTLER OCCUPANT ROBERT STAHLIN CINDIE STAHLIN EDWARD MCDONALD UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002264 FILED June 5, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 12, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0000313 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3002 223RD PLACE, SAUK VILLAGE, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 33-31-203-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC FBO WSFS Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 30, 2024. 8/12, 8/13, 8/14/20247674898

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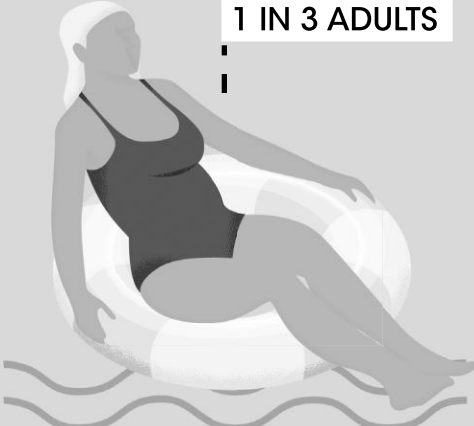
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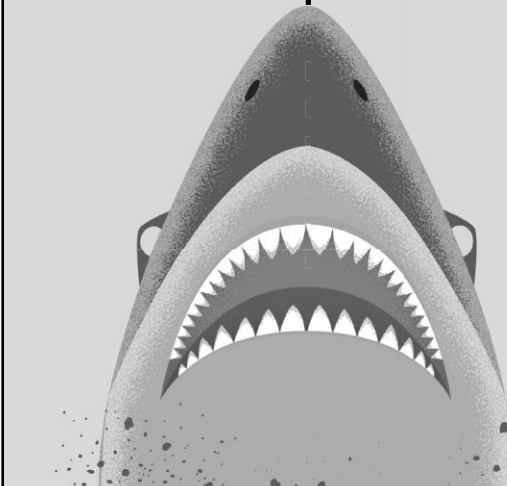


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CHICAGO FORECAST

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AccuWeather.com UV Index™
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Monday Activities
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
Golfing Index
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CHICAGO ALMANAC

Sunday Temperatures
O'Hare through 4 p.m.
High 80
Low 58
Normal high 83
Normal low 66
Record high 98 (1941)
Record low 47 (1982)

Local Temperatures through 6 p.m. Sunday			
Location	Hi	Lo	Normal
Aurora	78	49	83
Gary	81	54	84
Kankakee	76	50	83
Lansing	78	54	83
Midway	79	59	83
Romeoville	78	55	83
Valparaiso	76	54	84
Waukegan	78	55	81

Sunday Precipitation			
	2024	2023	Normal
Sunday*	0.00"	Trace	0.14"
Month to date	0.85"	0.13"	1.52"
Year to date	25.11"	23.06"	24.06"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Sunday
Pollen as of 8/8
Trees Grass Weeds Mold
Absent Absent Moderate Moderate
Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index
Sunday's reading **Good**
Monday's forecast **Good**
Primary pollutant **Nitrogen Oxide**
Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

	Mon.	Tue.
Sunrise	5:56 a.m.	5:57 a.m.
Sunset	7:54 p.m.	7:53 p.m.
Moonrise	2:03 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
Moonset	11:25 p.m.	none

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	Sep 2

Monday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:05 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
Venus	7:33 a.m.	8:47 p.m.
Mars	12:52 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
Jupiter	12:57 a.m.	3:54 p.m.
Saturn	9:06 p.m.	8:23 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:25 p.m. Mars: 5:25 a.m. Jupiter: 5:25 a.m. Saturn: 9:25 p.m. Mercury: not visible

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. HI/Lo/W	Tue. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	104/79/s	102/79/s
Albany, NY	72/56/t	82/61/pc
Albuquerque	93/68/pc	92/68/t
Amarillo	100/72/pc	99/73/s
Anchorage	56/48/sh	62/48/s
Asheville	84/65/pc	79/66/t
Aspen	73/50/t	73/49/t
Atlanta	93/72/t	91/75/s
Atlantic City	78/65/s	76/66/pc
Austin	99/76/pc	99/78/s
Baltimore	85/63/pc	82/62/pc
Billings	86/61/pc	85/61/t
Birmingham	91/69/s	93/73/s
Bismarck	80/60/pc	82/65/pc
Boise	95/68/pc	88/61/pc
Boston	79/64/pc	80/68/pc
Brownsville	96/80/pc	97/80/pc
Buffalo	73/60/t	76/60/pc
Burlington, VT	73/58/t	81/60/pc
Charleston, SC	94/76/t	89/74/t
Charleston, WV	83/61/c	84/58/pc
Charlotte	86/69/pc	83/69/t
Chattanooga	90/68/pc	91/71/pc
Cheyenne	78/59/t	81/60/t
Cincinnati	80/63/c	83/62/pc
Cleveland	77/60/pc	80/60/pc
Colorado Spgs	80/59/t	82/60/t
Columbia, MO	75/65/sh	79/67/t
Columbia, SC	89/74/t	88/72/t
Columbus, OH	81/63/pc	82/61/pc
Concord	75/55/sh	82/57/pc
Corpus Christi	95/79/s	96/80/pc
Dallas	101/80/pc	99/83/s
Daytona Beach	92/77/t	92/76/t
Denver	85/61/t	87/62/t
Duluth	77/58/s	78/59/t
El Paso	102/77/s	100/77/s

MONDAY
Day Night
High: **80** Low: **63**
Clouds and sun, a shower in the afternoon
POP: **55%**
Winds: **W 4-8 mph**

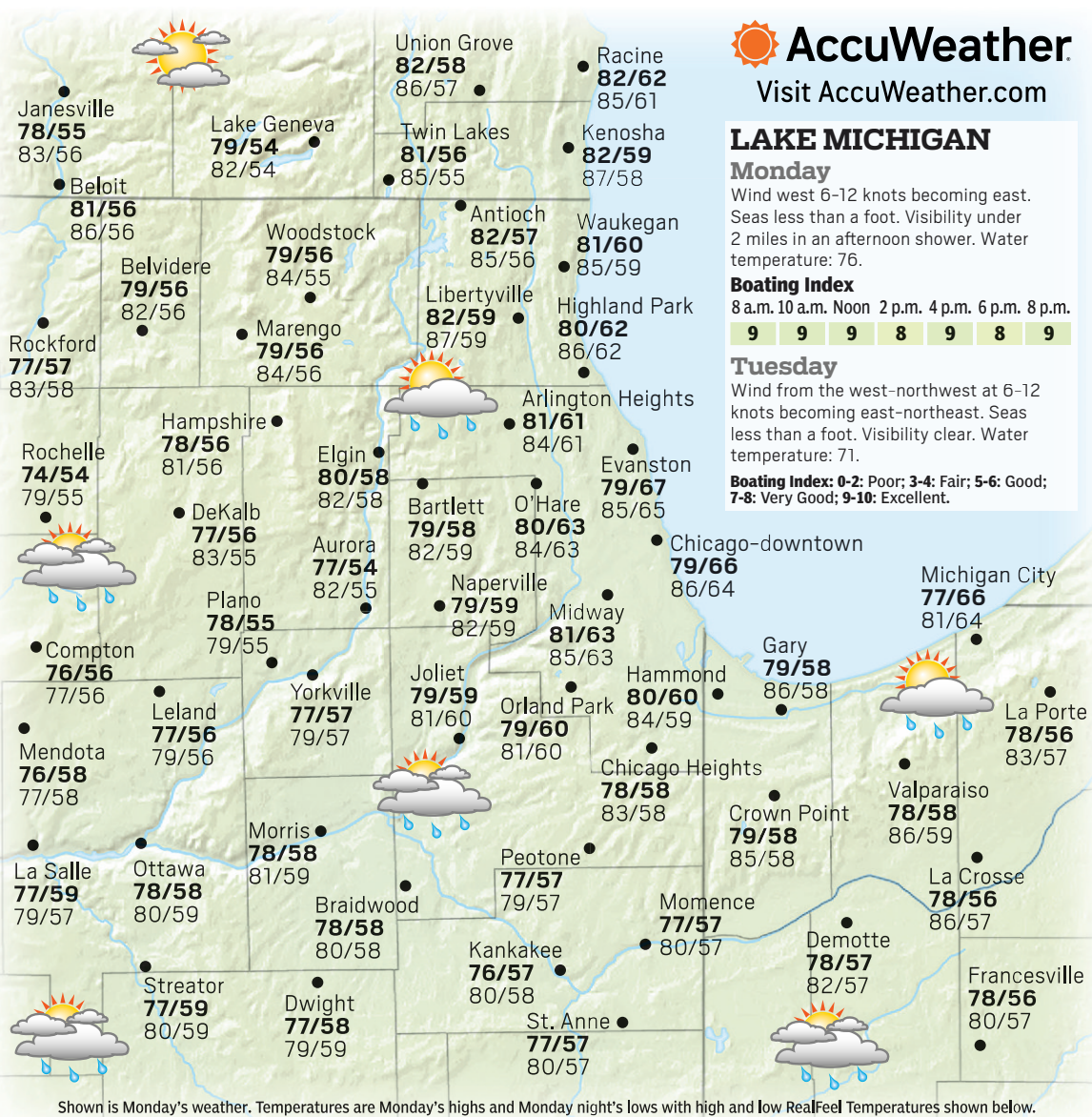
TUESDAY
Day Night
High: **83** Low: **62**
Nice with periods of clouds and sunshine
POP: **0%**
Winds: **WNN 4-8 mph**

WEDNESDAY
Day Night
High: **84** Low: **70**
Pleasant with intervals of clouds and sun
POP: **5%**
Winds: **NNE 4-8 mph**

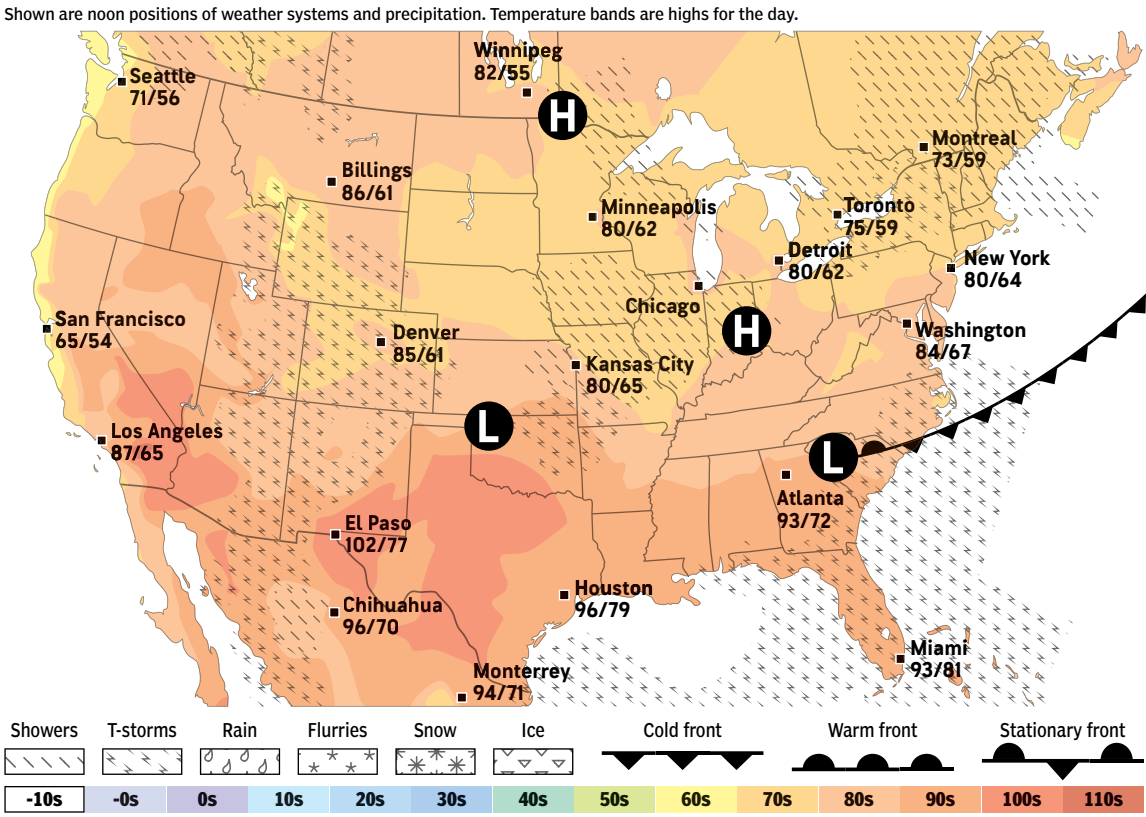
THURSDAY
Day Night
High: **80** Low: **67**
Humid with periods of rain and a t-storm
POP: **95%**
Winds: **NNE 7-14 mph**

FRIDAY
Day Night
High: **81** Low: **69**
Mostly cloudy, a stray thunderstorm; humid
POP: **45%**
Winds: **NW 7-14 mph**

SATURDAY
Day Night
High: **82** Low: **71**
Partly sunny and humid with a quick shower
POP: **55%**
Winds: **W 7-14 mph**



NATIONAL FORECAST



REGIONAL CITIES

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

WORLD CITIES

City	Mon. HI/Lo/W	Tue. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/77/c	88/78/t
Algiers	92/73/s	92/73/s
Amsterdam	89/70/s	82/65/t
Ankara	88/61/s	91/63/s
Athens	96/77/s	99/76/s
Auckland	61/46/pc	57/43/s
Baghdad	113/89/s	113/85/pc
Bangkok	97/82/t	96/81/t
Barbados	86/77/t	86/81/r
Barcelona	87/74/s	87/76/pc
Beijing	85/71/pc	81/73/pc
Beirut	90/80/s	90/78/s
Berlin	82/59/s	87/64/s
Bermuda	88/81/sh	87/79/t
Bogota	67/50/pc	66/47/pc
Brussels	93/69/s	84/63/t
Bucharest	96/69/s	100/70/s
Budapest	94/67/pc	97/68/pc
Bueno Aires	55/45/s	62/48/s
Cairo	96/80/s	96/79/s
Cancun	91/80/t	91/78/t
Caracas	91/77/t	90/76/t
Casablanca	88/68/s	86/66/s
Copenhagen	72/55/c	75/64/c
Dublin	71/58/pc	69/49/sh
Edmonton	81/51/c	81/56/t
Frankfurt	91/69/t	94/68/t
Geneva	91/66/pc	92/66/t
Guadalajara	77/61/t	75/61/t
Havana	92/76/pc	89/75/t
Helsinki	65/51/sh	75/55/s
Hong Kong	88/82/c	88/81/t
Istanbul	91/75/s	94/76/s
Jerusalem	88/68/s	90/71/s
Johannesburg	70/45/s	72/51/s
Kabul	90/65/s	93/67/s
Kingston	93/81/t	93/81/t

City	Mon. HI/Lo/W	Tue. HI/Lo/W
Kyiv	76/58/pc	75/57/pc
Lima	65/58/pc	66/58/pc
Lisbon	83/66/s	79/66/pc
London	90/56/s	79/62/pc
Madrid	100/69/s	92/67/pc
Manila	91/80/pc	91/80/t
Mexico City	73/59/r	75/59/sh
Monterrey	94/71/s	95/72/c
Montreal	73/59/pc	81/61/pc
Moscow	63/52/r	66/54/sh
Munich	87/63/c	86/62/t
Nairobi	77/55/pc	78/57/pc
Nassau	92/82/t	93/80/c
New Delhi	87/79/t	91/81/t
Oslo	74/56/s	69/58/pc
Ottawa	72/55/pc	81/58/pc
Panama City	86/76/t	87/76/r
Paris	99/67/s	84/62/t
Prague	85/63/s	88/64/c
Rio de Janeiro	71/61/c	68/57/pc
Riyadh	112/88/pc	113/87/pc
Rome	93/73/s	92/71/s
Santiago	75/43/s	72/48/pc
Seoul	95/80/sh	95/80/pc
Singapore	90/81/sh	89/81/t
Sofia	94/62/pc	98/64/pc
Stockholm	68/50/c	74/55/pc
Sydney	67/56/pc	65/57/r
Taipei	97/81/pc	95/81/t
Tehran	102/84/pc	102/81/s
Tokyo	95/82/s	95/81/t
Toronto	77/59/c	77/62/pc
Trinidad	87/78/t	87/81/t
Vancouver	69/59/pc	69/59/c
Vienna	93/68/pc	92/67/t
Warsaw	76/54/pc	77/54/s
Winnipeg	82/55/s	82/63/pc

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

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I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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NATION & WORLD

Haiti gangs continue reign of terror

Despite Kenyan police, 'no positive signs of change'

By David C. Adams and Andre Paultre
The New York Times

MIAMI — In the predawn hours on a Sunday in late July, members of one of Haiti's largest armed gangs attacked the town of Ganthier, about 25 miles east of the capital and on a road that authorities say is used to smuggle weapons.

When police reinforcements arrived in armored vehicles hours later, officers found the streets deserted, the gang members having left after destroying Ganthier's police station and torturing and killing several residents, according to the town's mayor and police.

"The whole town of Ganthier is emptied. There is no one left," Mayor Jean Vilonor Victor told The New York Times.

Weeks after the arrival of a United Nations-backed international security force in Haiti, the gangs who have brought the capital, Port-au-Prince, and other regions in the country to their knees show no signs of letting up.

The international effort to reinforce Haitian police and a transitional government has alleviated conditions in some sections of Port-au-Prince, experts say, but gang members have refocused their attacks on the outskirts, marauding towns that had escaped their campaign of killings, kidnappings and rape.

The attack on Ganthier, a town of 60,000 people on a major highway linking the capital to the border with



A contingent of 200 police officers from Kenya arrive July 16 at the airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. CLARENS SIFFROY/GETTY-AFP

the Dominican Republic, is emblematic of the persistent security problem Haiti's government faces as it tries to rebuild the shattered country, which has seen three years of violence, mass migration and economic ruin.

The first wave of Kenyan police officers to deploy in Haiti as part of the multinational force lacks the numbers or the armaments to dismantle the powerful gangs, experts said.

To make matters worse, three members of the Presidential Transition Council, a governing body that took office in late April, tasked with paving the way for national elections, is under investigation by an anti-corruption government agency over the hand-

ing out of government jobs to members of its coalition of political and economic groups.

Council members have denied any wrongdoing.

But Nixon Boumba, a Haitian human rights advocate, said: "Corruption and security go hand in hand. For most of us, the more things change, the more things remain the same."

The appointment in May of a new prime minister — a respected technocrat, Garry Conille, with experience as a senior United Nations executive — is part of a tricky transition back to democratic rule, with elections scheduled for next year.

Haiti has been in turmoil since July 2021, when the last president, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated in

his bedroom.

The arrival of 400 Kenyan police officers this summer was meant to reinforce the beleaguered Haitian police force, which has been fighting a coordinated gang offensive since late February.

For now, the Kenyans are not straying very far from their base, built by U.S. contractors, at Toussaint Louverture International Airport in Port-au-Prince, which reopened to commercial flights in May after being closed for more than two months because of gang violence outside the airfield.

Haitian police have helped reduce violence overall in recent months, analysts said. From March to June, at least 1,379 people were killed or injured because of gang violence

throughout the country, a 45% drop compared with the previous four months, according to the United Nations.

"It's much quieter in central Port-au-Prince," said William O'Neill, the United Nations-appointed human rights expert for Haiti.

With Kenyan officers providing support, Haitian police have entered parts of the capital they had abandoned, said Diego Da Rin, who monitors Haiti for the International Crisis Group.

But large parts of Port-au-Prince, including downtown, are still no-go zones where residents fear to tread and businesses are boarded up.

When Conille, a TV news crew and a heavy police escort went last month to Port-au-Prince's main

public hospital, which has been abandoned because of gang violence, they came under fire and had to make a speedy getaway.

"The government needs to act quickly to reassure the public," O'Neill said. "People want to see results more quickly."

As part of his first moves, Conille fired Haiti's police chief and several top commanders, promising bold action to regain control of "all areas controlled by gangs, house by house, district by district and city by city."

But many Haitians remain unconvinced.

"There are a lot of promises being made but no positive signs of change yet," said Kesner Pharel, a leading Haitian economist. "The capital is still cut off from the rest of the country by the gangs. They control the roads, and they are still taking territory."

Conille acknowledged in a recent interview with the BBC that Haiti's police are "undermanned" and that international support is arriving too slowly.

The Kenyan force is equipped with armored vehicles but has no air or sea assets, limiting its ability to respond to gang attacks, experts said, adding that the 400 officers already in Haiti need significant beefing up.

"It's a small force under any account of what is needed," said Keith Mines, vice president of the Latin America program at the United States Institute of Peace, who follows Haiti closely.

"It's a restraint on what they can do," he added. "We just have to accept that's what's there."

Zelenskyy breaks silence on incursion into Russia

First official word by Kyiv on daring cross-border raid

By Samya Kullab
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Days after Ukraine began a surprise military incursion into Russia's Kursk border region, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has broken the government's silence on it by indirectly acknowledging the ongoing military actions to "push the war out into the aggressor's territory."

Zelenskyy's comment came in his nightly address late Saturday.

Ukraine's incursion into Russia continued for a sixth day Sunday. It's the largest such attack since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, 2022, and is unprecedented for its use of Ukrainian military units on Russian soil. Ukraine's raid into Russia caught Moscow unaware and was an embarrassment to Russian military leaders who have scrambled to contain the breach.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement Sunday that its forces engaged Ukrainian troops in

Tolpino, Zhuravli and Obshchy Kolodez, the official Tass news agency reported. Tolpino is about 15 miles from the Ukrainian border.

Evacuation of civilians living in Russia's border areas with Ukraine continued Sunday. Russian state television aired footage of evacuees at a tent camp in the city of Kursk. According to the report by RTR, more than 20 temporary accommodation centers have been set up in the region.

The exact aims of the operation remain unclear, and Ukrainian military officials have adopted a policy of secrecy, presumably to ensure its success. Military experts have said it is likely intended to draw Russian reserves away from the intense fighting in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, while a presidential adviser suggested that it may strengthen Kyiv's hand in any future negotiations with Russia.

But Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Sunday that Ukraine "understands perfectly well" that the recent attacks "make no sense from a military point of view."

"The Kyiv regime is con-

tinuing its terrorist activity with the sole purpose of intimidating the peaceful population of Russia," she added.

Meanwhile, a fire in the vicinity of the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant was reported by Ukrainian officials late Sunday. According to Yevhen Yevtushenko, the head of the military administration of Nikopol, which is across the river from occupied Enerhodar where the plant is located, Russian forces set fire to automobile tires in the cooling towers to make it appear as though a fire had broken out.

"Perhaps this is a provocation or an attempt to create panic in the settlements on the right bank of the former reservoir," he said. Zelenskyy also said Russia was using the plant to blackmail Ukraine and playing on Western fears of escalation.

Yevhen Balytskyi, the Russia-appointed governor of the occupied Zaporizhzhia region, accused Ukrainian forces of shelling the plant and causing the fire. He provided no evidence for the claim.

Overnight into Sunday, a Russian drone and missile barrage on Kyiv killed two



Residents depart from an apartment building Sunday in Kursk, Russia, after it was damaged by shelling from Ukrainian forces that have been inside Russia for nearly a week. AP

people, including a 4-year-old boy. Russia attacked Ukraine with four ballistic missiles and 57 Shahed drones, Ukraine's air force said. Air defenses shot down 53 of the drones.

The bodies of a 35-year-old man and his son were found under rubble after missile fragments fell on a residential area in Kyiv's suburban Brovary district, according to Ukraine's State Emergency Service. Another three people in the district were wounded in the attack. It was the second time this month that Kyiv has been targeted, said Serhii Popko, head of the Kyiv City Military Administration.

Popko said ballistic missiles didn't reach the capital, but suburbs took the hit, while drones aiming for the capital were shot down.

In Russia, Kursk's regional governor said that a Ukrainian missile shot down by Russian air defenses fell on a residential building, wounding 15 people. The Russian Defense Ministry said that 35 drones were shot down overnight over the Kursk, Voronezh, Belgorod, Bryansk and Oryol regions.

Belarus said Saturday that it was sending more troops to its border with Ukraine, saying Ukrainian drones had violated its airspace as part of Kyiv's military incursion

into Russia's Kursk region.

Authoritarian leader Alexander Lukashenko said Belarusian air defense forces destroyed dozens of targets flying over the Mogilev region, which borders Russia, on Friday evening.

"The Ukrainian armed forces violated all rules of conduct and violated the airspace of the Republic of Belarus," Lukashenko said at a meeting in Minsk on Saturday.

Belarusian Defense Minister Viktor Khrenin said the government regards the violation of its airspace as a provocation and is "ready for retaliatory action."



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer arrives to offer remarks Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol. ROD LAMKEY JR./AP

Schumer to block House's cut to CDC budget

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Senate's top Democrat pledged Sunday to block a plan that would significantly cut the proposed budget of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, warning that such a spending reduction could endanger the public.

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York told The Associated Press he would block legislation from passing the Senate if it were

to include the proposed cut.

Democrats said the proposal in a House bill includes a reduction of the CDC's proposed budget by \$1.8 billion, or about 22%. The Republican-led effort also would mean a major cut in programs designed to address firearm injuries and opioid overdose prevention.

The Republican-led House Appropriations Committee advanced the measure on a party-line vote in July.

Schumer said such a

reduction "would wreak havoc and chaos on food safety funding mechanisms and tracking operations at a core level."

He pointed specifically to the CDC's work on the ongoing listeria food poisoning outbreak linked to Boar's Head deli meats that has killed at least three people and sickened more than 40: "A slash of 22% to the CDC at a time when there's a listeria outbreak should churn all our stomachs."

Boar's Head recalled

7 million pounds of deli meats on July 30, expanding an initial recall on July 25 after a liverwurst sample collected by health officials in Maryland tested positive for listeria. The CDC said last week that New York health officials tested a liverwurst sample and confirmed the same strain of listeria.

The recall includes more than 70 products — including liverwurst, ham, beef salami and bologna — made at the company's plant in Jarratt, Virginia.

Drones: Threat Israel didn't foresee

Hezbollah employs small, slow craft to evade air defenses

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group launched one of its deepest strikes into Israel in mid-May, using an explosive drone that scored a direct hit on one of Israel's most significant air force surveillance systems.

This and other successful drone attacks have given the Iranian-backed militant group another deadly option for an expected retaliation against Israel for its airstrike in Beirut last month that killed top Hezbollah military commander Fouad Shukur.

"It is a threat that has to be taken seriously," Fabian Hinz, a research fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said of Hezbollah's drone capability.

While Israel has built air defense systems, including the Iron Dome and David's Sling, to guard against Hezbollah's rocket and missile arsenal, there has been less focus on the drone threat.

"And as a result there has been less effort to build defensive capabilities" against drones, Hinz said.

Drones, or UAVs, are unmanned aircraft that can be operated from afar. Drones can enter, observe and attack enemy territory more discreetly than missiles and rockets.

Hezbollah proclaimed the success of its May drone strike, which targeted a blimp used as part of Israel's missile defense system at a base about 22 miles from the Lebanon border.

Israel's military confirmed Hezbollah scored a direct hit.

"This attack reflects an improvement in accuracy and the ability to evade Israeli air defenses," said a



Hezbollah militants take part in a military exercise with armed drones in the village of Aaramta in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah's capabilities with the aircraft have increased despite Israel killing some of its top drone experts. **HASSAN AMMAR/AP 2023**

report released by the Institute for National Security Studies, an independent think tank affiliated with Tel Aviv University.

Since the near-daily exchange of fire along the Lebanon-Israel border began in early October, Hezbollah has used drones more to bypass Israeli air defense systems and strike its military posts along the border, as well as deep inside Israel.

While Israel has intercepted hundreds of drones from Lebanon during the Israel-Hamas war, its air defense systems are not hermetic, an Israeli security official said. Drones are smaller and slower than missiles and rockets, therefore harder to stop. That's especially true when they are launched from close to the border and require a shorter reaction time to intercept.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly,

in line with Israeli security restrictions, said Israeli air defense systems have had to contend with more drones during this war than ever before, and Israel responded by attacking launch points.

On Aug. 6, a Hezbollah drone attack on an Israeli army base near the northern city of Nahariya wounded six people. One of the group's bloodiest drone attacks was in April, killing one Israeli soldier and wounding 13 others plus four civilians in the northern Israeli community of Arab al-Aramsseh.

Hezbollah also sent surveillance drones that filmed vital facilities in Israel's north, including in Haifa, its suburbs and the Ramat David Airbase, southeast of the coastal city.

While Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has boasted that the militant group can now manufacture its own drones, its attacks so far have mainly relied on

Iranian-made Ababil and Shahed drones. It has also used a drone, at least once, that fires Russian-made S5 guided missiles.

Hezbollah's increasing capabilities have come despite Israel killing some of its most important drone experts.

The most high-profile was Shukur, who Israel said was responsible for most of Hezbollah's most advanced weaponry, including missiles, long-range rockets and drones.

In 2013, a senior Hezbollah operative, Hassan Lakkis, considered one of its drone masterminds, was shot dead south of Beirut. The group blamed Israel. More recent strikes in Syria attributed to Israel killed Iranian and Hezbollah drone experts, including an official with the Iranian paramilitary Revolutionary Guard's aerospace division.

In its early days, Hezbollah used lower-tech tactics,

including paragliders, to attack behind enemy lines.

After Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon in 2000 after an 18-year occupation, Hezbollah began using Iranian-made drones and sent the first reconnaissance Mirsad drone over Israel's airspace in 2004.

After the 34-day Israel-Hezbollah war in 2006, Lakkis took charge of the drone program.

Hezbollah increased its use of drones in reconnaissance and attacks during its involvement in Syria's conflict. In 2022, as Lebanon engaged in indirect negotiations to demarcate its maritime border with Israel, the group sent three drones over one of Israel's biggest gas facilities in the Mediterranean before they were shot down by Israel.

Hezbollah's drone program receives substantial assistance from Iran, and the UAVs are believed to be assembled by experts of the

militant group in Lebanon.

"Since Iran has not been able to achieve aerial supremacy, it has resorted to such types of aircraft," retired Lebanon general and military expert Naji Mallaeb said. Russia has benefited from buying hundreds of Iranian Shahed drones to use in its war against Ukraine.

In February, the Ukrainian intelligence service said Iranian and Hezbollah experts were training Russian troops to operate Shahed-136 and Ababil-3 drones at an air base in central Syria. Russia, Iran and Hezbollah have a military presence in Syria, where they have been fighting alongside President Bashar Assad's forces.

The Lebanese militant group still apparently relies on parts from Western countries, which could pose an obstacle to mass production.

In mid-July, three people were arrested in Spain and one in Germany on suspicion of belonging to a network that supplied Hezbollah with parts to build explosive drones for use in attacks in northern Israel.

The Spanish companies implicated, like others in Europe and around the world, purchased items, including electronic guidance components, propulsion propellers, gasoline engines, more than 200 electric motors, and materials for the fuselage, wings and other drone parts, according to investigators.

Authorities believe Hezbollah may have built several hundred drones with these components.

"Israel's air force can fire missiles on different parts of Lebanon, and now Hezbollah has drones and missiles that can reach any areas in Israel," Iranian political analyst and political science professor Emad Abshenass said. He added that as the U.S. arms its closest ally, Israel, Iran is doing the same by arming Hezbollah.



President Joe Biden reacts to a cheering crowd as he rides his bike Sunday at Gordons Pond in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. **MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP**

ELECTION 2024

Biden says he exited race to keep Dems' focus on Trump

Peter Baker
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said in an interview that aired Sunday that he had abandoned his bid for a second term because he did not want to create "a real distraction" for Democrats, but he expressed no second thoughts about whether he could still do the job, despite concerns about his age and capacity.

In his first interview since ending his reelection campaign July 21, Biden said he had "no serious problem" with his health, but the highest priority had to be defeating former President Donald Trump. "We must, we must, we must defeat Trump," he told Robert Costa on "CBS Sunday Morning."

The president attributed his decision to step aside to pressure from his own party but did not offer new details about the days leading up to his announcement. "A number of my Democratic colleagues in the House and Senate thought that I was going to hurt them in

the races," he said. "And I was concerned if I stayed in the race, that would be the topic. You'd be interviewing me about 'Why did Nancy Pelosi say ...?' 'Why did so ...?' and I thought it'd be a real distraction."

He said he initially intended to be a bridge to the next generation in running for president in 2020. "When I ran the first time, I thought of myself as being a transition president. I can't even say how old I am. It's hard for me to get it out of my mouth. But things got moving so quickly, it didn't happen."

Biden suggested that he originally resolved to seek reelection because he saw Trump as a singular threat who had to be stopped. He cited the former president's support from white supremacists and referred to the deadly demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017 that he has said inspired him to run in 2020.

"Every other time the Ku Klux Klan has been involved, they wore hoods so they're not identified," Biden said. "Under his

presidency, they came out of those woods with no hoods, knowing they had an ally. That's how I read it. They knew they had an ally in the White House. And he stepped up for them."

The president vowed to campaign for Vice President Kamala Harris and praised her choice of Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota as her running mate: "He's a great guy. As we say, I've grown up in the same neighborhood, we'd have been friends. He's my kind of guy. He's real. He's smart. I've known him for several decades. I think it's a hell of a team."

As for his own legacy, Biden said he hoped it would be that he "proved democracy can work," "got us out of a pandemic" and "produced the single greatest economic recovery in American history."

But he did express some regret for not doing more to take credit for the \$1 trillion bipartisan program to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges, airports and other infrastructure. "The biggest mistake we made," he said, was that "we didn't put up signs saying 'Joe did it.'"

Some states still challenged in aftermath of storm Debby

By Ron Todt and Holly Ramer
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The weather system previously known as Hurricane Debby was not quite done with parts of the U.S. on Sunday as flood warnings remained in effect in North Carolina and thousands were without power in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

After hitting Florida as a hurricane Aug. 5, the storm spent nearly a week unleashing tornadoes and flooding, damaging homes and taking lives along the East Coast before moving into Canada on Saturday.

While many rivers had receded by Sunday, flood warnings remained in effect across central and eastern North Carolina, where more thunderstorms were possible over the next few days. With the ground already saturated from Debby, the National Weather Service said localized downpours could result in additional flash flooding throughout the coastal Carolinas.

Authorities in Lumberton, North Carolina, said in a Facebook post Saturday that one person died after driving into floodwaters on a closed road and getting swept away. Officials didn't identify the driver, but said that what they hoped would be a post-storm rescue, quickly turned into a recovery.

"It bears repeating," the agency said in the post. "Never drive into flooded roadways and obey road closed signage."

In South Carolina, the National Weather Service's Charleston office warned Sunday that as much as 3 to 4 inches of additional rainfall was possible in the afternoon and evening, and could lead to flash flooding. Showers and thunderstorms could develop across Charleston County down through Chatham County and inland, the office said.



Eric Combs, Maverick Knight and Michelle Knight paddle away Friday in an attempt to traverse floodwaters on Canisteo River Road in Canisteo, New York. **CRAIG RUTTLE/AP**

Even in drier areas, more than 35,000 homes and businesses in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont still had no electricity as of Sunday afternoon, according to the tracking website PowerOutage.us. Some 23,000 outages lingered in hard-hit Ohio, where Debby-related storms including tornadoes blew through the northeastern part of the state Wednesday.

Debby's last day and night over the U.S. inundated parts of New York, Pennsylvania and New England with rain and flash flooding on Friday, prompting evacuations and rescues.

Officials in Tioga County in north-central Pennsylvania said Sunday morning that 10 teams of emergency service volunteers would be out surveying residents about damage as responders kept up the search for a person missing since the flooding.

"Please be kind to them, because these are volunteers ... they work here in the 911 center, they're fire, police, they're EMS, these folks are dedicating their Sunday to help you out," said County Commissioner Marc Rice.

Faith-based disaster

relief organizations were also mobilizing to help assess damage and provide help, state Rep. Clint Owlett said. "That's going to be a big deal."

President Joe Biden approved a major disaster declaration Saturday for Florida counties affected by Hurricane Debby, including Manatee and Sarasota.

The president ordered federal aid to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in areas affected by the storm.

The assistance can come in the form of grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the storm, the declaration said.

Meanwhile, the National Hurricane Center is tracking another potential tropical storm in the Atlantic. Officials said a tropical depression is likely to form within the next day or two and could approach portions of the Greater Antilles by the middle of the week.

The Tampa Bay Times contributed.

NEWS BRIEFING

Weather likely cause of deadly collapse of landfill site in Uganda

From news services

KAMPALA, Uganda — A vast landfill site in Uganda’s capital has collapsed, killing at least 18 people, the Red Cross said.

Fourteen people were injured when the Kiteezi landfill, which serves as a waste disposal site for much of Kampala, collapsed late Friday. At least two of the dead were children, Kampala Capital City Authority said.

The collapse is believed to have been triggered by heavy rainfall. The precise details of what happened were unclear, but the city authority said there was a “structural failure in waste mass.”

Irene Nakasiita, a spokeswoman for the Uganda Red Cross, said the toll reached 18 after more bodies were retrieved Sunday.

“The assessment is not yet completed,” she said, because rainfall was slowing the efforts of rescue teams digging through heaps of trash.

The Kiteezi landfill is on a steep slope in an impoverished part of the city. Women and children who scavenge plastic waste for income frequently gather there, and some homes have been built close to the landfill.

Kampala authorities have considered closing the site and commissioning a larger area outside the city as a waste disposal site. It was not clear why the plan has failed to take off since 2016.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni ordered an investigation into the incident, asking in a series of posts on the social platform X why people were living so close to an unstable heap of garbage.

Serbia lithium protests: Serbia’s president accused demonstrators who oppose a lithium mining project in

the Balkan country of being part of a Western-backed “hybrid” warfare against his government and vowed Sunday to take strong legal action against protesters who blocked railway and road traffic in the capital a day earlier.

In one of the biggest protests in recent years, tens of thousands took to the streets Saturday in Belgrade despite officials’ warnings about their alleged plot to unseat populist President Aleksandar Vučić and his government.

Interior Minister Ivica Dacic said 14 people have been brought in for questioning.

Vučić told reporters Sunday that although the main protest was done democratically, the blockade of traffic on the highway amounted to “terror of the minority over the majority.”

“It is part of the hybrid approach” designed to topple the government, he said. “We knew everything in detail. You think you have surprised someone ... we have always been restrained, without violence we ensured order in the country, without a problem.”

Saturday’s demonstration came after weeks of protests in dozens of cities throughout Serbia against a government plan to allow lithium mining in a lush farming valley in the west of the country.

Taxing tips: Vice President Kamala Harris promised Saturday to work to eliminate taxes on tips paid to restaurant and other service industry employees, echoing a pledge that her opponent, Republican Donald Trump, has made, and marking a rare instance of political overlap from both sides.

Harris made the announcement at a rally at the University of Nevada campus in Las Vegas, where



Stabbing victim mourned: A carriage carrying the coffin of stabbing victim Alice da Silva Aguiar arrives Sunday at St. Patrick Church in Southport, England, for her funeral. Hundreds of mourners came together to honor the 9-year-old whose killing two weeks ago at dance class touched off anti-immigrant demonstrations and violence across Britain. **SCOTT HEPPELL/AP**

the economy relies heavily on the hotel, restaurant and entertainment industries. Trump vowed essentially the same thing at his rally in the city in June — although neither he nor Harris is likely to be able to do that without actions from Congress.

“It is my promise to everyone here that, when I am president, we will continue our fight for working families of America,” Harris said. “Including to raise the minimum wage and eliminate taxes on tips for service and hospitality workers.”

Trump responded on his social media site a short time later, posting that Harris “just copied my NO TAXES ON TIPS Policy. The difference is, she won’t do it, she just wants it for Political Purposes!”

Greece wildfire: A wildfire burned Sunday northeast of Athens, darkening the sky as the smell of smoke and soot pervaded Greece’s capital.

More than 400 firefighters, 110 fire engines and a

large number of volunteers were fighting the fire, which broke out around 3 p.m. local time 22 miles from Athens. The 15 firefighting planes and nine helicopters were operating by late afternoon but stopped at sunset.

The flames were moving fast toward Lake Marathon, an important reservoir supplying water to Athens, said Fire Col. Vassileios Vathrakogiannis, a spokesman for the fire department. An unknown number of houses have been damaged.

Winds reached gale-force strength and flames exceeded 80 feet in height, he said. Residents of the villages near the fire were warned by emergency text messaging to evacuate.

Another fire that broke out west of Athens has been contained.

Hot and dry weather, made worse by strong winds, increases the danger of wildfires. June and July were the hottest months ever recorded in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever.

Brazil plane crash: More than 40 families of victims of an airliner crash in Brazil gathered Sunday at a morgue and hotels in Sao Paulo as three French government investigators arrived in the country. Forensics experts worked to identify the remains of the 62 people killed.

State government said Sunday that the searches ended at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, 33 hours after the crash, with the remains of all 34 males and 28 females recovered. The wreckage remains at the site, so investigators can continue their work.

The ATR 72 twin-engine turboprop operated by Brazilian airline Voepass was headed for Sao Paulo with 58 passengers and four crew members aboard when it went down Friday in Vinhedo, 49 miles north of the city.

ATR is a French-Italian company. International aviation protocols recommend that investigators from the country of origin of the airplane maker follow

inquiries on foreign soil whenever a crash involving one of those planes takes place.

Images recorded by witnesses showed the aircraft in a flat spin and plunging vertically before smashing to the ground inside a gated community, leaving an obliterated fuselage consumed by fire.

Tortoise rescue in Arizona: How long does it take a large desert tortoise to get to the other side of a southern Arizona highway?

It’s still a mystery, after a state Department of Public Safety trooper and a motorist helped rescue and return an escaped sulcata tortoise last month that was attempting to cross Interstate 10 near Picacho.

The trooper saw “Stitch” labeled across the tortoise’s shell and contacted an ostrich ranch that was 3 miles away. The ranch confirmed that Stitch was one of their resident tortoises and had recently escaped from his habitat.

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ARTS & LIVING



James Hetfield of Metallica performs at Soldier Field in Chicago on Friday. TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

REVIEW

A FIERCE, TAUT ENERGY

Metallica puts on an exhilarating concert at Soldier Field on a stage just feet from its fans

By Bob Gendron

Many of the reasons why Metallica reigns as the most commercially successful touring band in history were on prominent display Friday during the opening show of its two-night stand at Soldier Field. For starters, the legendary band fed the packed house a steady diet of favorites from its peak creative era to go along with a smattering of recent material. More importantly, the group attacked with conviction and purpose, echoing traits it demonstrated two years ago when it headlined Lollapalooza.

But the Lollapalooza crowd missed out on the inventive productions, perspective-shifting techniques and cutting-edge technologies the band unveils on its own tours. When those elements work in a balanced and cohesive fashion, and the music receives the ferocity and control it deserves, Metallica and the audience operate as a communal organism that shares the same energy, emotion and enjoyment.

Returning to Soldier Field for the first time since a disappointing date in June 2017, Metallica put a fresh spin on its familiar in-the-round configuration and

reimagined the traditional concept of a stage. Comprised of a wide, 360-degree ovalar walkway linked by two elevated platforms, and distinguished with an open-area center for a large Snake Pit, the arrangement allowed thousands of fans to surround it on the outer and inner perimeters. Raised just a few feet above floor level, its low-slung design gave the crowd on the field close-up views associated with small clubs. Those seated in the stands had the sense Metallica was standing and performing amid their fellow ticket holders.

Per Metallica tradition, the stage reflected a clean appearance free of equipment, cables and effects-pedal boards. Illumination emanated from floods cleverly scattered throughout the stadium, edge lighting, and from above, by way of eight metal towers crowned by cylindrical screens. Situated away from the runways, they helped maintain unobstructed sightlines from nearly every angle. The overall layout teased intimacy while imparting a dystopian grandeur that suggested everyone present had been dropped into a futuristic landscape.

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Robert Trujillo of Metallica performs at Soldier Field.

METALLICA SETLIST FROM SOLDIER FIELD

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| “Creeping Death” | “If Darkness Had a Son” | “Sad But True” |
| “Harvester of Sorrow” | “Fade to Black” | “Blackened” |
| “Holler Than Thou” | “Shadows Follow” | “Fuel” |
| “King Nothing” | “Orion” | “Seek & Destroy” |
| “72 Seasons” | “Nothing Else Matters” | “Master of Puppets” |

REVIEW ‘THE INSTIGATORS’ ★★

Matt Damon and Casey Affleck take Apple’s money and run

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

So close, yet so fah. The Boston-set heist movie “The Instigators,” on a few screens here and there and streaming on Apple TV+ Aug. 9, features a relaxed-bordering-on-napping Matt Damon and Casey Affleck as glib everymen enlisted by some underworld overactors, led by Michael Stuhlbarg, to steal the mayor’s reelection campaign slush fund. When the heist goes south, the movie follows their attempt to stay alive and get at least a little rich for their trouble.

Damon’s character, Rory, is the sullen, taciturn, depressed one. He needs money for a sympathetic reason: His child support payments have stacked up, unpaid, for too long, and he’s quietly desperate to improve a tenuous relationship with his teen-aged son. Affleck’s playing the motermouth here,



Casey Affleck, left, and Matt Damon star in “The Instigators.” JONNY COURNOYER/APPLE TV

the formerly incarcerated wiseacre Cobby, who takes a shine to Rory’s therapist (Hong Chau) once she becomes enmeshed in her patient’s dangerous life

outside her office. Damon, Affleck and Chau know their business, and they’re super-solid. So is Stuhlbarg and (as a fellow criminal) Alfred Molina. So

why does “The Instigators” fail to instigate much of anything? It’s the old truism: Everything has a chance to go wrong with a film long

before the actors arrive on set. This script by Affleck and Chuck MacLean may know the territory, geographically, but this is a banter movie dominated by murmured asides and half-hearted zinger and a barrage of tin-ear profanity where the punchlines should go.

Also, director Doug Liman: miscast. Coming off the drudgery of his “Roadhouse” remake, he’s dealing with a relatively lighthearted project this time, in theory more about amusement than violence. Yet Liman’s framing, shooting and pacing of the action has a way of promising bigger thrills and a higher-velocity comic thriller than “The Instigators” can deliver. The script’s sardonic tone suggests “Grosse Pointe Blank” on a much larger scale, or an “Ocean’s Eleven” vibe — both Damon and Affleck appeared in the “Ocean’s” remakes — without the beautiful threads. Liman’s

movie passes the time, but that’s not a recommendation. Just a fact.

Here’s your non-sequitur for the day. Watching Affleck and Damon muttering through the paces, I remembered something Steve Guttenberg told me back in 1987 (!) during an interview for the “Rear Window” knockoff “The Bedroom Window.” It’s a film few remember, and fewer champion. “I mean, whaddya want?” the “Police Academy” and “Diner” star said, laughing. “It’s just a two-hour piece of (expletive) movie.”

“The Instigators” isn’t that bad, but it’s lazy, low-stakes stuff. Everyone on screen has done and been better.

MPA rating: R (for pervasive language and some violence)
Running time: 1:41
How to watch: Streaming on Apple TV+

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.



Kelsea Ballerini, seen June 7, will release her fifth album Oct. 25. AMY HARRIS/INVISION

CELEBRITIES

Ballerini album ‘snapshot’ of her life

By Maria Sherman
Associated Press

Kelsea Ballerini is beaming. It’s not a nervous smile, although she admits to feeling scared. She has been hard at work at her fifth full-length album, “Patterns,” and on Oct. 25, the world is finally going to hear it — hear her, in a collection of songs she describes as an “accurate snapshot” of her life. And lately, people have been curious. The story they’re going to get is not the one they’re anticipating.

“I think that people probably expect this really happy-go-lucky, love, mushy, gushy record from me. That’s not the case,” she says. “And I’m really proud of that. It would have been easy to, I think, just collect the really beautiful parts of my life that I’ve dusted off and found the last couple of years. But that’s not the fullness of my experience.”

She’s referring, in some ways, to 2023’s super-successful “Rolling Up the Welcome Mat,” an EP and short film that told the story of the dissolution of a marriage, a not too-thinly-veiled reference to her own life, where, in 2022, Ballerini found herself divorced from Australian

country singer Morgan Evans. These days, she’s partnered with “Outer Banks” star Chase Stokes, a relationship the public has fallen in love with. But her love life is not the sole heart of “Patterns.”

“There’s a lot of narrative of learning how to go from fighting with something or with someone, to fighting for something or for someone. And there’s a lot of that journey for the whole record,” she says.

Unlike “Welcome Mat,” which she describes as a reflective release, “Patterns” is active and in the moment. “The heartbeat” of the album is about “analyzing yourself and the people that you love the most in order to grow.”

That comes across in the track “Cowboys Cry Too,” featuring Noah Kahan — the only collaboration on the album and an empathic look at toxic masculinity from a female perspective — and the new single “Sorry Mom.” It is a swaying, guitar-pop confessional with inter-generational appeal that will strike a chord.

To make “Patterns,” Ballerini enlisted an all-woman team. She co-produced and co-wrote the album with Alysa Vanderheym, and worked with

songwriters Jessie Jo Dillon, Little Big Town’s Karen Fairchild and Hillary Lindsey. “I’ve never felt so safe making an album before, top to bottom,” Ballerini says.

That level of comfort allowed for exciting experimentation as well. Ballerini is a country musician, through-and-through, but she is unafraid to take genre-bending risks, particularly on this album.

“To me, what makes me undoubtedly country is my storytelling and my songwriting. And that will never waver or change. But, per usual, I didn’t overthink whether there was a banjo or a beat drop. And there are both on this record, as there have been on my other ones,” she says. “I think lyrically and content-wise, I really just was Team No Rules. Nothing’s off-limits.”

Aug. 12 birthdays: Actor George Hamilton is 85. Actor Dana Ivey is 83. Actor Jennifer Warren is 83. Singer Mark Knopfler is 75. Singer Danny Shirley is 68. Rapper Sir Mix-a-Lot is 61. Actor Peter Krause is 59. Actor Yvette Nicole Brown is 53. Actor Casey Affleck is 49. Actor LaKeith Stanfield is 33. Actor Cara Delevingne is 32.

Wife loses trust after husband chats on Facebook dating site



R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric

Dear Eric: I discovered my husband was messaging/talking to three women through the dating portion of Facebook. I saw messages on his phone from one woman and a phone call for 44 minutes.

I confronted him, and he said he was trying to learn how to communicate and he was not cheating.

I decided that if he thought this was OK, then it should be OK for myself, too. I started my own profile in the dating portion of Facebook. He did not like the attention I was getting, and he shut down his account and ended all communication. I also ended mine.

We have a great intimate relationship, but I’m still hurt and untrusting of him. We have been through a lot over the past 28 years. Do you have any advice?

— Sore Messenger

Dear Messenger: Of all the places one can “learn how to communicate,” Facebook’s dating section is the least ideal. Was Toastmasters booked?

While he may think he wasn’t cheating, it’s clear that what he was doing was outside the bounds of your relationship. Clarity about where the lines are, especially if the lines have moved in the last 28 years, will help you both act with love and respect.

Ask him what he’s looking for and if there are things he’s not getting. Ask yourself that, too, and don’t be afraid to tell him.

It may be that you both agree that taking “conversation lessons” like Eliza Doolittle in “My Fair Lady”

is OK. His jealousy about the attention you were getting shouldn’t dictate the rules.

But I’d be cautious of making any moves that are tit for tat. You can’t revenge date your way to a healthier relationship. However, if you want to add more zip to your talks, try the conversational card games “The And” by Skin Deep and “Where Should We Begin” by Esther Perel.

Dear Eric: Ever since the pandemic started, a few relatives have chosen to distance themselves from the rest of my immediate family. We used to see each other every weekend, and then, without any explanation, they dropped off the face of the earth. No contact attempts from them whatsoever.

Naturally, this dynamic no longer includes gifts or greeting cards. Last year, I learned that three of these now-distant relatives have been in constant connection with one another.

In the interest of rebuilding a connection, I sent each of them a simple birthday gift in the mail to let them know that they’re loved and were being thought of. Not one of them reached out to thank me for the gifts I sent. Just like one of your columns noted: I feel sometimes no answer is an answer.

This year, I just sent a quick text as birthday wishes. Yep, you guessed it: they acknowledged my texts! Message received: they prefer not to participate in gifts. But then riddle me this: They don’t acknowledge my gifts, we hardly ever speak, yet they will send me hundreds of dollars for my birthday and Christmas? What is going on here?

— To Give Or Not To Give

Dear Give: The plot twist at the end of your question

really got me! Hundreds of dollars? Oh my word!

These relatives may not think they’re as distant as you think they are. Money talks, but sometimes it mumbles. Reach out to ask your relatives to translate.

Try a phone call. “We’ve been out of contact for a while. Did something happen and, if so, can we fix it?” They may think, since they’re sending cash that all is well.

The fact that the break happened around the pandemic might also be a clue. It was easy for relationships to fall out of rhythm and some haven’t recovered. It was also a fraught time politically. So, maybe someone in your immediate family posted something online that the distant relatives didn’t like.

Judging by the gifts, though, they’ve clearly thought of you. Reach out, and find out exactly what they’re thinking.

Dear Eric: Abandoned Grandmother was hurt that she sent money to her grandkids and heard nothing back. I don’t have that problem, because I communicate with the kiddos in my life via social media and money transfer via apps.

If a grandchild posts a picture of them out with friends, I will send \$25 via a money app and say something like, “Enjoy a glass of wine on me!” I always get a thank-you text, sometimes with a selfie and a phone call later where they discuss friends, activities and so on.

— Social Media Grandma

Dear Grandma: That’s very generous! And very creative! Cheers!

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Metallica

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Metallica’s amplification system, complete with linear line-array speakers arranged in three concentric rings, supplemented the smart visual aesthetic. Though it fell short of the warm, natural acoustics possible in some indoor theaters, the sound transmitted levels of clarity, dynamics and separation foreign to 60,000-plus capacity bowls while emitting volumes that exceeded 100 decibels and triggered safety threshold warnings on smartwatches.

Loud and transparent enough, too, to cause Lars Ulrich’s drum beats to register as a second, faster heart in your chest and expose any holes in the band’s complex architecture. Save for a few brief pauses that often doubled as slots in which one of Ulrich’s four drum kits covertly descended and another rose up in a different position on the dimmed stage, Metallica spent a majority of its 125-minute set ripping and storming through songs with palpable menace.

Sure, “Seek & Destroy,” during which the group unleashed a torrent of giant beach balls whose association with innocent fun put them squarely at odds with a song about slaying, forfeited its former edginess and landed as a harmless sing-a-long. And guitarist Kirk Hammett and bassist Robert Trujillo’s disposable instrumental jam (dubbed “Chi-Town Gangster”) felt every second like the breather for Ulrich and singer-guitarist James Hetfield that it was.

Minor missteps aside, Metallica seemed reinvigorated and reaware of its identity. It also continues to innovate on the road with ideas that entice fans to come to them. No band does a better job of transforming concerts into destination experiences, with activities that stretch beyond the shows. These “takeover events” encompass book signings, film screenings, pop-up shops, liquor tastings, meet-and-



From top, Kirk Hammett, Lars Ulrich and James Hetfield of Metallica perform at Soldier Field on Friday. TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

greet, charitable volunteer opportunities and tribute performances.

To prepare fans for the cities it visits, Metallica uses its website to supply a comprehensive account of its historic local moments via interactive maps complete with journal entries, timelines, photos, and video clips. It recommends restaurants, bars, arcades and other sites to explore. Some spots are located near the show; several pour the band’s brand of whiskey or offer its pinball game.



The idea of Metallica serving as a travel concierge isn’t far-fetched when you consider the fast-evolving dynamics of big-name touring — as well as the logistical and

financial extremes people increasingly accept to see their favorite acts. Expect high-profile artists to duplicate the quartet’s blueprint.

That strategy extends to

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the logistics of the current M72 Tour. To provide extra incentive for diehards to spend big money and trek hundreds of miles — and lessen the difficulty and expense associated with the set-up/tear-down processes, not to mention the physical wear and tear on the members — Metallica is playing two nights at nearly all the stops on its docket. Each show in the pairing features a different set without repeats from the sister concert.

On Friday, that meant selections from the band’s initial seven studio LPs and a focus on work dating from 1984 to 1991. Metallica bypassed a quarter-century’s worth of material — or, anything recorded between 1998 and last year’s “72 Seasons” album. The quartet made a strong case for two of the three tracks it played from the latter record, with a speed-racing rendition of the haunted title track goosed by Hetfield’s furious down strokes and the ping-ponging gait of “Shadows Follow” paralleling the running behavior cited in the song.

Metallica thrived when venturing into dark places. “Blackened” whipped into a dervish, its violence and viscousness illustrative of the 1988 song’s prophetic themes of environmental destruction and wartime fallout. The steel-toed boot heel of “Sad But True” ground hope into submission with massive riffs doubling as a sledgehammer slamming into an anvil and painful words biting into the subconscious. Grimmer still, an ominous “Harvester of Sorrow” slithered and stomped as its protagonist inflicted increasing degrees of madness, cruelty and terror upon victims.

Agitated and gruff,

Hetfield’s bare-knuckled deliveries tore down the self-righteous and left everyone at his mercy. Taking the form of taunts, threats, tremors, grunts, commands and maniacal cackles, they harkened to an era before the 61-year-old began incorporating crooning into his repertoire. Even as microphone duties restrained his movements during vocal segments, he joined Hammett and Trujillo in freely roaming the stage. Members frequently saw themselves separated by hundreds of feet or at opposite ends from one another, or traded off hanging around near Ulrich.

Reinforcing their chemistry, and replicating what’s become a hallmark sight since they formed the band in 1981, Hetfield and Ulrich faced off during the decisive coda to “Fade to Black.” As he did in Grant Park two years prior, the tattooed singer halted before the final verse in attempt to reach anyone struggling with suicidal thoughts. “You’re lying if you haven’t thought about it,” Hetfield stated, drawing on his own experiences to underline the universality and urgency of mental health issues.

The power ballad celebrated its 40th anniversary just two weeks ago, yet it was another pioneering mid-80s epic that more definitively telescoped the brilliance and conjured the memory of the group’s long-deceased bassist, Cliff Burton, and what he meant to the band.

Never played onstage during his abbreviated life, “Orion” made its long-anticipated Chicago debut. Unspooling as a harmonic journey into an unknown infinite, and bound by beautiful melodies, atmospheric textures, classical components and alternating tempos, the instrumental composition found the foursome clustered in close proximity for an extended duration for the first and only time of the night. The exhilaration of garage days, re-revisited, again.

Bob Gendron is a freelance critic.

NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

‘CUCKOO’: Tilman Singer’s “Cuckoo” is a horror film that is unlike anything you’ve ever seen, even though it pays overt homage to its predecessors in the genre. The German writer-director gleefully combines tones, performance styles, mythology, music, references, a reverence for the natural world and contemporary allegory into an unpredictable chaos, out of which emerges the most fantastically effective creeping dread. One may not entirely understand exactly what is going on in “Cuckoo,” but there’s no denying how it makes you feel: rattled, unsettled, psychically imprinted with unforgettable images and sensations, which is how every good piece of genre cinema should leave its audience. Hunter Schafer delivers her best performance yet, and the cast surrounding her are all distinct and distinctly odd in their own ways. At times, it feels like every actor is in a different movie, though the variegated tones all come together with the bone-rattling sound design and textured cinematography to create an incredibly arresting cinematic experience. Singer demonstrates himself to be a mad scientist of celluloid sensation, creating a hybridized monster of influences, image, sound and emotion that one won’t soon forget. 1:42. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

‘DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE’: Marvel is back with the R-rated buddy franchise offshoot “Deadpool & Wolverine,” starring Ryan Reynolds as the unkillable wisenheimer Deadpool and Hugh Jackman as Wolverine — back from the dead after “Logan” killed him off. How’s this one? Depressing. It’s two hours of creative fatigue and nattering comic strain, wandering through a limb-strewn quantum realm of bleh. “Deadpool & Wolverine”



Blake Lively as Lily Bloom and Justin Baldoni as Ryle Kincaid in “It Ends With Us.” **SONY PICTURES**

settles for manic, gamer-style ultraviolence where death isn’t a thing, really, but where the grotesque sight gags start to feel not simply hollow, but kind of awful. 2:07. 1 star. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

‘DIDI’: In Sean Wang’s narrative feature debut “Didi,” set in 2008, our protagonist, Chris (Izaak Wang), finds himself in a tricky transitional moment: the summer before freshman year of high school. His identity is in flux, wobbling on the ever-shifting grounds of personal insecurity, fickle friendships and family pressure, and his unsteady sense of self is represented in the film by his various names and nicknames. There’s the endearment “Didi” (Mandarin for “little brother”) that Chris is called at home by his mother, Chungsing (Joan Chen), and grandmother Nai Nai (Zhang Li Hua). His middle school friends call him “Wang Wang,” one of a few silly monikers among his longtime friend group, who preen and posture beyond their years.

But he’s also starting to feel that maybe he just wants to be “Chris,” which is how he introduces himself to a group of slightly older skater boys when he’s searching for connection, adrift in a Northern California summer. In this loosely autobiographical tale, writer-director Sean Wang zeros in on this specific, fleeting moment of life, just a couple of months long, and throws it all under his cinematic microscope, examining all the awkward agony and brief ecstasies of this age. Friends come and go, but family remains, always. We watch his journey to arriving at that simple but profound realization. 1:34. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON’: The sheer existence of this live-action adaptation of the classic children’s book “Harold and the Purple Crayon” inspires a number of questions on a purely basic level. Who is this for? The book by Crockett Jensen, published in 1955, is aimed at ages 3 and up, but the film, starring

an almost entirely adult cast, skews older. But the premise still feels too thin and juvenile to grab audiences of any age. So, where, when and specifically what algorithm decided this film would be a lucrative endeavor? In the film, our protagonist is now an adult Harold (Zachary Levi), who still lives in his 2D world with his friends that he drew, Moose (Lil Rel Howery) and Porcupine (Tanya Reynolds). Despite being in his mid-40s, he’s still quite childlike, and overly attached to his only parental figure, “the narrator” (voiced by Alfred Molina), whom he calls the “Old Man.” When one day the Old Man’s voice goes away, Harold draws himself a door to the real world in order to find him. Why the decision was made to feature a 40-something Harold is beyond my pay grade, though it likely has to do with Levi’s willingness — or desire — to star as a childlike man, as he has done previously in both “Shazam” films. The only actor committed to the heart of “Harold and the Purple Crayon”

is Benjamin Bottani (who portrays Zooey Deschanel’s character’s son) because, of course, children more often sincerely buy into the transformative power of imagination. So why they decided to make this movie about adults is one of the more befuddling questions that plagues this movie, among many, many others. 1:32. 1 star. — *Katie Walsh*

‘IT ENDS WITH US’: Adapted for the screen by Christy Hall, the source text of “It Ends With Us” is the 2016 novel by Colleen Hoover. “It Ends With Us” is a cathartic personal story for Hoover, based on family experience, about a woman, Lily (Blake Lively), overcoming a cycle of domestic abuse, which she witnessed in her parents’ marriage and later experiences herself in a toxic relationship. The story follows Lily (last name Bloom, yes it is acknowledged), who is living in Boston and dreams of opening up her own flower shop (yes, it is called “Lily Bloom’s”). The film opens at the funeral of her father (Kevin McKidd) at which Lily struggles to name even a few things she loved and respected about him. While processing her complex feelings on a rooftop patio at night, she encounters a hunky neurosurgeon with a temper, Ryle Kincaid (Justin Baldoni). Running into him months later — his sister Allysa (Jenny Slate) now working at Lily Bloom’s — they fall into a relationship, which is complicated by yet another coincidental run-in, with Lily’s first love, Atlas Corrigan (Brandon Sklenar), whom Lily has not seen since high school. Ryle’s jealousy toward Atlas escalates the increasing volatility of their relationship, which has started to result in violence and injury toward Lily, whether accidental or not. “It Ends With Us” continues the tradition of “women’s pictures” that were an essential part of Hollywood film production

in the 1940s. But women’s pictures also have to express stark truths, which feel unfortunately muddled here, in a bungled adaptation that is at once too close and too far from its source. 2:10. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘TWISTERS’: In “Twisters,” Daisy Edgar-Jones plays Kate, a brilliant young scholar who takes a fatal risk in the movie’s prologue, pushing her colleagues, including the equally driven Javi (Anthony Ramos), too close to the action in pursuit of knowledge, data collection and grant funding. Five years later, she’s safely behind a desk in New York City, working as a meteorologist, a shell of her former adventurous spirit. Once Javi drops back into her life, she reluctantly joins him on a tornado chase in Oklahoma. We have to endure a fair amount of techno-explain-o in “Twisters,” which escalates quickly once the rival chasers led by YouTube sensation Tyler (Glen Powell) horn in on the action. The biggest distinction between the first “Twister” and the new “Twisters” is one of conscience: This time, Kate, Javi and Tyler wrestle to varying degrees with how much of their time should be spent on their own pursuits versus helping tornado victims clean up after the latest round of misery. At the same time, the movie doesn’t touch anything controversial: No mention of climate change factors, no politics, no sociological divides. At one point Kate reminds Javi that his financial backer is “profiting off the people’s tragedy.” Every disaster-based spectacle in screen history knows that tune. 1:57. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

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

NEW TO STREAM

Rundown of what’s arriving on entertainment platforms

MOVIES
A poorly planned heist goes terribly wrong in “The Instigators” on Apple TV+, a loosely amiable Boston-set caper starring Matt Damon and Casey Affleck. The movie, directed by Doug Liman (“Go,” “The Bourne Identity”), returns Damon and Affleck to familiar hometown terrain. They play a despondent pair who try to steal money from a corrupt mayor (Ron Perlman) but end up on the run, with a therapist (Hong Chau) in tow. In my review, I called it “a rudderless but winningly shaggy action comedy.”

Jeff Nichols extends his survey of classically American dramas with “The Bikeriders,” the chronicle of a Chicago motorcycle club in the 1960s. In the film, now streaming on Peacock, Austin Butler and Tom Hardy star as riders with an antiauthoritarian streak who help found the Vandals, but watch as their club grows beyond their control. In a male-populated film, though, Jodie Comer, as the narrator, is closer to the main character. In my review, I called it “a vivid dramatization of the birth of an American subculture.”

In August, the Criterion Channel is running two overlapping series: one of movies directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, the other of films starring Philip Seymour Hoffman. Hoffman was a mainstay in Anderson’s films from the start (he steals “Hard Eight” with one scene) and a central presence in films like “Magnolia,” “Punch-Drunk Love” and “The Master.” The Hoffman series includes plenty other highlights, too; look especially for the exquisitely tender 2010 drama “Jack Goes Boating.” The Anderson series also includes an exclusive streaming of the director’s



Matt Damon and Casey Affleck play a despondent pair who try to steal from a corrupt mayor in “The Instigators.” **APPLE TV+**

radiant 2021 coming-of-age tale “Licorice Pizza,” which poignantly starred Hoffman’s son, Cooper. — *Jake Coyle, Associated Press*

MUSIC
Ryuichi Sakamoto’s “Opus” — the posthumous album and documentary of the same name — was captured while the Japanese film composer was dying of cancer. Across 20 songs, Sakamoto performs a collection of his biggest songs on piano, like the memorable themes for Bernardo Bertolucci’s “The Last Emperor” and “The Sheltering Sky.” The album also includes the first recorded version of “Tong Poo,” from his early days with techno-pop trio Yellow Magic Orchestra. The album is out now.

Colombian reggaetónero

J Balvin has released a new full-length project, “Rayo.” Across 15 tracks, he promised an album that hits like a house party — just in time for the hottest summer month of the year. “Rayo” is stacked with good time collaborations — reggaetón superstar Fieid, regional Mexican musician Carín León, Bad Gyal, Zion, Dei V, Ryan Castro, Blessd and Luar La L among them. The previously released singles, “Gaga” with Saiko, “Polvo de tu Vida” with Chencho Corleón, and “En Alta” with Quevedo, Omar Courtz and Yovngchimi, embody that spirit. At his party, everyone is invited.

“Not Not Jazz,” a documentary following the avant-garde acid jazz fusion band Medeski, Martin & Wood, is now available via video on demand. The film

follows the improvisational trio as they endeavor to record a new album at the Allaire Studio in Woodstock, New York. It is a peek behind the curtain of their processes, and a celebration of music that is far too often underserved. — *Maria Sherman, Associated Press*

TELEVISION
The dramatic world of “Dance Moms” returns with a new coach, dancers and, of course, invested moms. In “Dance Moms: A New Era,” mothers hover as eight girls are trained by instructor Glo Hampton, aka Miss Glo, to compete nationally. The original “Dance Moms” ran for eight seasons and featured breakout stars Jojo Siwa and Maddie Ziegler. It also introduced the world to coach Abby Lee Miller, who was often criticized

for being too harsh on her students. “Dance Moms: A New Era” is now streaming on Hulu.

Netflix’s “The Umbrella Academy” is now streaming. The show follows a family of adopted superheroes — stripped of their powers in Season 3 — who must work together to stop the apocalypse. Megan Mullally, Nick Offerman and David Cross are new faces in Season 4 alongside a cast of regulars that includes David Castañeda, Tom Hopper and Elliot Page.

The musical cartoon for preschoolers called “Yo Gabba Gabba!” is also getting a reboot called “Yo Gabba GabbaLand!” on Apple TV+. The 10-episode series is now streaming. It’s hosted by Kamryn Smith as Kammy Kam and brings

back other characters from the original.

Michael Imperioli, who played Tony Soprano’s protégé Christopher on “The Sopranos,” can’t shake the mob. He’s the executive producer and narrator of a three-part docuseries on five Italian American families who were selected by Charles “Lucky” Luciano in 1931 to rule the organized crime world. “American Godfathers: The Five Families” is streaming on the History Channel app, history.com and major TV video-on-demand platforms.

A four-part docuseries adapts historian Donald Bogle’s 2019 book called “Hollywood Black” for MGM+. Executive produced by Forest Whitaker, the series examines the history of cinema through the Black perspective. Creatives including Ryan Coogler, Ava DuVernay, Issa Rae, LaKeith Stanfield, Gabrielle Union, Lena Waithe are interviewed. “Hollywood Black” is now streaming. — *Alicia Rancilio, Associated Press*

VIDEO GAMES
People who love collecting cute monsters and making them fight have long been drawn to Pokémon. This year’s Palworld upped the ante by adding guns to the mix. But what if you just want to cuddle? That’s where 11 Bit Studios’ Creatures of Ava comes in. You’re an explorer on a planet bustling with wildlife — but the creatures are being threatened by an infection called “the withering.” It’s your mission to tame the beasts with your magic flute and help them heal. It’s a cozier take on the old “gotta catch ‘em all” formula, and the game is out now on Xbox X/S and PC. — *Lou Kesten, Associated Press*

What to watch MONDAY

August 12, 2024

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

Signora Volpe

Acorn TV; also airs on BBC America at 5 p.m. ■ Season Finale

In “Death of a Ghost,” the Season 2 finale, an old foe abducts Sylvia (Emilia Fox) and she must draw on her formidable reserves of physical and mental resilience to escape.

All American: Homecoming

The CW, 7 p.m.

In the new episode “New Normal,” Simone (Geffri Maya) must choose between the most important things in her life; Nate’s (Rhoyale Ivy King) cousin reaches out.

Name That Tune

FOX, 7 p.m.

In the new episode “Apple for the Teacher,” a middle school teacher from Charlotte, North Carolina, plays the musical guessing game against a flight attendant from Houston. In the second match, a barista from Memphis, Tennessee, takes on another teacher from Charlotte.



‘Houses of Horror: Secrets of College Greek Life’

A+E NETWORKS

Houses of Horror: Secrets of College Greek Life

A&E, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

This new docuseries works to expose the dark side of sororities and fraternity life on college campuses. Each episode features firsthand accounts of how the cultlike dynamic of these long-standing institutions can allow dangerous and traumatizing behaviors to thrive with little consequence. Among tonight’s stories is that of University of Minnesota student Abby Honold, who was sexually assaulted during a tailgate party off campus and then shunned from Greek life after she

pressed charges against her attacker.

61st Street

The CW, 8 p.m.

In the new episode “Kamikaze,” Franklin’s (Courtney B. Vance) decision to represent Officer Logan (Mark O’Brien) turns the community against him. Meanwhile, Joshua (Bentley Green) grows suspicious of Big Phil (Jerod Haynes).

The Great American Recipe

PBS, 8 p.m. (KETC St. Louis, 9 p.m.) ■ Season Finale

The top three cooks present their most treasured dishes in the final round of this cooking competition series.

The 1% Club

FOX, 8 p.m.

The new episode “A Lifetime Supply of Hot-dogs” has a balloon artist, an astrologer and a software engineer playing in the quiz show for the chance to win up to \$100,000. Patton Oswalt hosts.

Celebrity IOU

HGTV, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

This *Is Us* star Mandy Moore is sending some love to Ce-Ce, a woman who has been deeply ingrained in her life for the past 15 years. Mandy gets Drew and Jonathan Scott to create the ultimate outdoor oasis for her.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



CLAY ENOS

Robin Hood (2010, Adventure) Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett **SVFY, 5:30 p.m.**

My One & Only (2019, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Sam Page **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Uncharted (2022, Adventure) Tom Holland, Mark Wahlberg **FX, 6 p.m.**

Grown Ups (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James **TNT, 7 p.m.**

Police Academy (1984, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Woman With the Red Lipstick (2024, Suspense) Rebecca Liddiard, Marshall Williams **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Fourth Down and Love (2023, Romance-comedy) Pascale Hutton, Ryan Paevey **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Starsky & Hutch (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson **E!, 8 p.m.**

Battleship (2012, Science fiction) Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgård **SVFY, 8:30 p.m.**

Tyler Perry’s A Madea Family Funeral (2019, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis **VH1, 8:30 p.m.**

Lonely Crime Fanatic (2024, Suspense) Brenna Skalski, Ian Reier Michaels **LMN, 9 p.m.**

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (2002, Comedy) Martin Lawrence **BET, 9 p.m.**

Starsky & Hutch (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson **E!, 10:30 p.m.**

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“Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown” is one of the shows available on CNN Originals. CNN

CNN launches free streaming channel for original content

By Savannah Sicurella
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

CNN is once again merging into the FAST lane.

CNN announced recently it is launching CNN Originals, a new free ad-supported streaming television channel — called FAST for short — that will air shows from its library of original series and plans to add more channels in the future.

“Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown,” “This is Life with Lisa Ling” and “Amanpour: Sex and Love Around the World” are among the titles on the channel, which is available on Amazon Freevee, Fire TV and Amazon Prime Video, along with Plex. Additional platforms will support the channel in the days ahead, according to a news release.

This is CNN’s third foray into FAST television and reflects the organization’s growing emphasis on its digital product. In a memo to employees in July, the network’s new CEO Mark Thompson said one of his key goals is to “find a clear

pathway to migrate the TV experience into the digital future.” This means creating a digital product “that is ambitious enough to deliver the audiences and the revenue we need to maintain our unique journalistic firepower and succeed as a business.”

CNN launched its first FAST channel, called CNN Fast, in May of last year and CNN Headlines three months later.

FAST is a rapidly-growing segment of the media industry, and represents shifts in the way households approach watching and streaming TV.

FAST channels offer free programming in a live format similar to cable, satellite or traditional TV. Viewers do not pay a subscription to watch them, and instead watch commercials.

Popular platforms include Freevee, Plex, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel and Tubi, but there are countless others. They offer a variety of content. There are channels dedicated to specific genres, such as movies from the

1990s or game shows from the 1970s. There are also channels dedicated to airing episodes from one program or franchise, such as “Top Chef,” “Cake Boss” or “The Real Housewives.”

The growth of FAST is partly driven by consumers’ discontent over chasing content across multiple subscriptions. Consumers are supplementing or replacing their subscriptions with FAST platforms to cut down on costs, or to lean into the feel of classic TV. A 2023 Deloitte survey found about 60% of households used a free, ad-supported video service.

CNN also plans to create a subscription-only product by the end of the year, Thompson outlined in his July memo.

Additional titles available on the CNN Originals channel include “Chasing Life with Dr. Sanjay Gupta,” “Diana, Lincoln: Divided We Stand,” “Soundtracks: Songs That Defined History,” “The Wonder List with Bill Weir” and “United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell.”

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ACROSS

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- 5 Gave an address
- 10 River barrier
- 13 Actor Pascal
- 14 ___ over (studied)
- 15 Big bird that can't fly
- 16 ___ salts
- 17 African antelope
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- 19 “To Catch a Thief” star: 2 wds.
- 21 Moral offenses
- 22 ___ sauce (sushi condiment)
- 23 Totally cool
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- 37 Car or truck
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- 39 Apiece
- 40 Fashion fad
- 42 Calorie-free drinks: 2 wds.
- 45 Tournament rounds
- 46 Weekly TV program
- 47 Antlered animal

DOWN

- 49 New York ballplayer
- 50 Actress Basinger
- 53 Plots out
- 56 Civil judge
- 60 ___ of Good Feelings
- 61 Safe place
- 62 Knight’s weapon
- 63 “Just a ___!”
- 64 Come up
- 65 Number in an octet
- 66 Rode the bench
- 67 Sports figures, for short
- 68 Kill
- 2 Copy, for short
- 2 “According to me”: 2 wds.
- 3 Shoe with holes
- 4 Over-the-fence hit: 2 wds.
- 5 Gets through a book quickly: 2 wds.
- 6 Survey
- 7 Taken by mouth
- 8 Nairobi’s land
- 9 Hall or Byrnes
- 10 Supermarket section
- 11 “So be it”
- 12 Coffee cups
- 13 Violin parts

Solutions

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- 20 Mario ___ (racing game)
- 21 Sound systems
- 25 Golf org.: Abbr.
- 26 Showy spring blooms
- 27 Actress Kemper
- 28 Calculates
- 30 “___ the way!”
- 31 Ancient Peruvian
- 32 Morse signals
- 33 “Memory” musical
- 34 Tempt
- 35 Bit of news
- 41 Internet option: Abbr.
- 43 Binds
- 44 Compromises
- 48 Former big-box chain
- 50 Roo’s mom
- 51 Numbing calamine
- 52 Encounter
- 53 Chaotic situation
- 54 Field of study
- 55 Agreement
- 57 Sneaker brand
- 58 Adventure tale
- 59 Commuting option
- 61 Possesses

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 12): Fortune follows social connection this year. Collaborate to grow shared accounts with consistent contribution. Shared accounts swell this autumn. Follow news closely around winter changes. Capture and conserve extra spring resources, for a shift in summer research or travels.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Study finances and review resources. Budget for priorities. Collaborate for shared prosperity. Secure what you have. Check for changes in plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Coordinate strategies around an obstacle. Designate who does what. Schedule actions. Travel delays could make virtual networking convenient.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Work deadlines could preempt personal time. Go for balance. Exercise and sunshine reduce stress. It's better to take a break than to spin out.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Relax and have fun despite unexpected circumstances. Allow chaotic moments to pass. Romance sparks in conversation. Words get farther than action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Take a gentle approach at home with family. Keep or change your promises. Discuss beautiful options and possibilities. Take advantage of lucky domestic conditions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Brainstorm, create and write. Study developments. Polish your presentation before sharing. Edit carefully to avoid a mess. Better to delay publication than issue corrections.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Focus on making money. Buy basic necessities and postpone extras. Cash flow increases with attention. Grow savings and budget for upcoming purchases.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Use your power responsibly. Watch your step. Avoid stomping on someone. Things could get chaotic. Misunderstandings come and resolve easily.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Slow down and reflect on where you've been and what's ahead. Complete projects. File and put things away. Clear space for new possibilities.

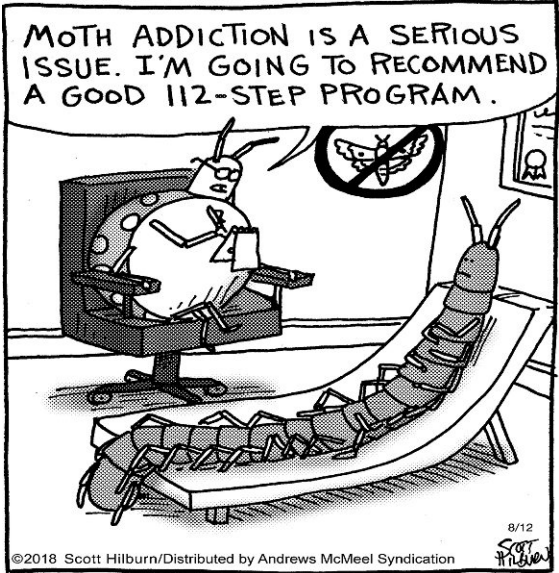
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Team challenges could frustrate or cause delays. Slow to untangle any kinks as they arise. Avoid impetuous behavior. Keep your cool. Lead by example.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Prepare to overcome a professional hurdle. Patiently proceed. Keep backups; better safe than sorry. Avoid provoking jealousies, conflict or confrontation. Adapt around recent changes.

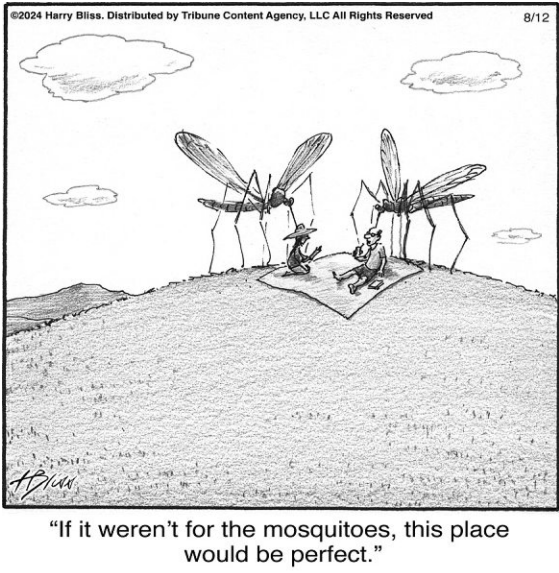
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Stay on top of your studies to avoid getting caught blindsided by a test. Obstacles and traffic could frustrate travels. Stay flexible and prepared.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn
(Argyle Sweater is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this panel from 2018.)



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ J 8 6 4

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

A.1—A negative double after a 1D overcall shows at least 4-4 in the majors. With only one major, just bid it, even if it's only a 4-card suit. Bid 1S.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K Q 8 7 5 ♥ A 9 ♦ Q J ♣ 10 6 5

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A.2—Dbl. You must re-open with shortness in their suit, and you should double anytime that call is remotely reasonable. Partner might want to play for penalties. Bidding 2S, instead, would show a minimum hand.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q J 4 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 ♦ A ♣ A Q 7

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.3—Choices: Open 1S and hope you get another chance to bid, or open 2C and rebid 2NT, showing a balanced hand. We like opening 1S.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 7 ♥ Q 10 7 6 ♦ A K Q ♣ 10 8 7 6 4

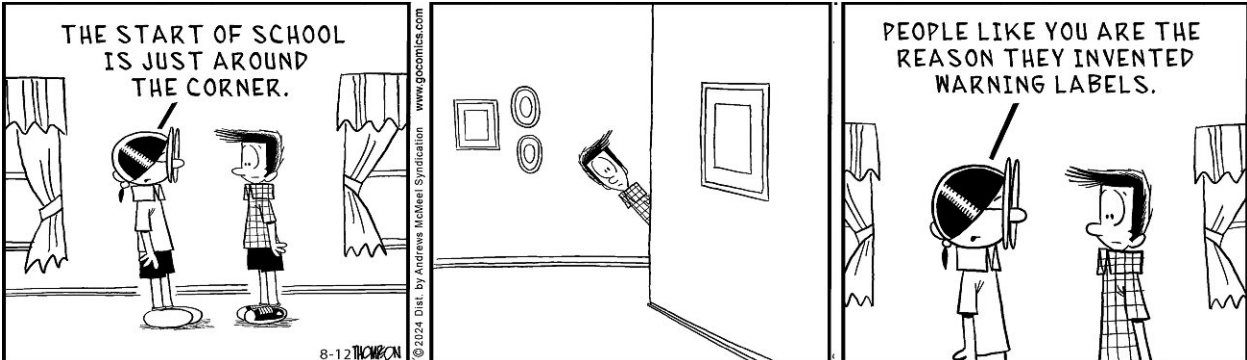
As dealer, what call would you make?

A.4—Should you open 1C, you will have an impossible rebid if partner bids 1S. Why open a marginal hand with rebid problems? Pass.

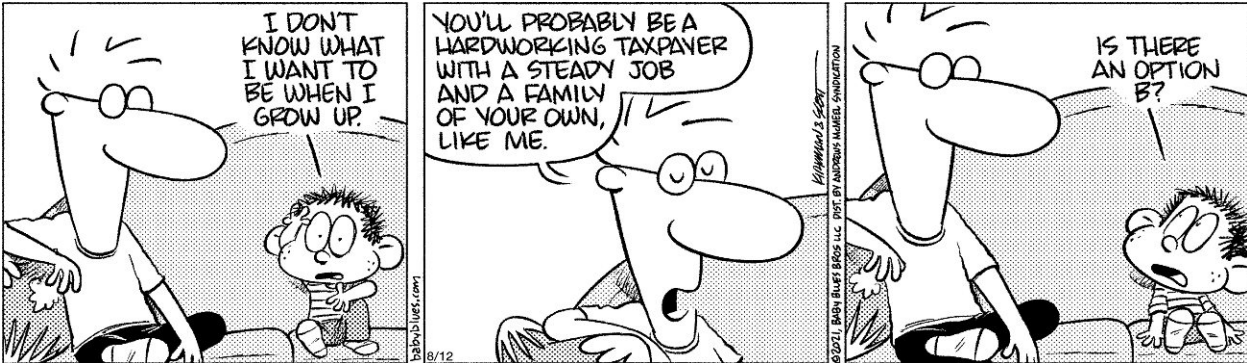
— Bob Jones

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Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson



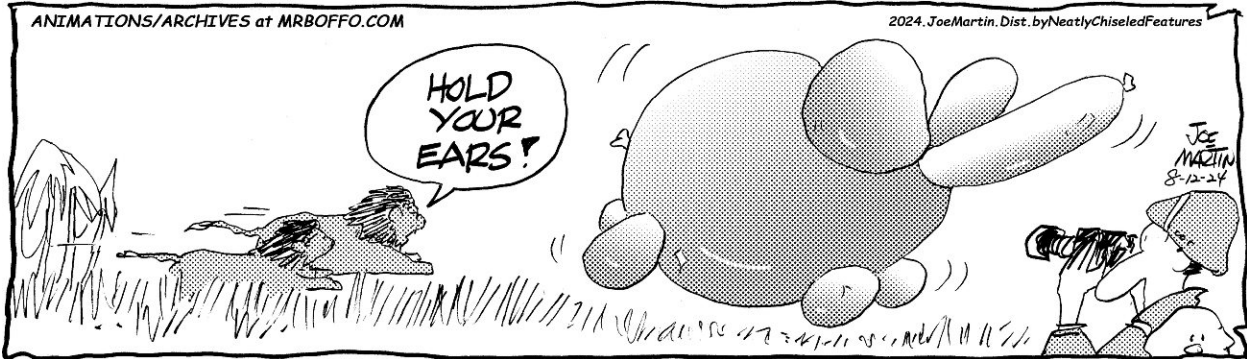
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until August 19. Please enjoy this strip from 2021.)



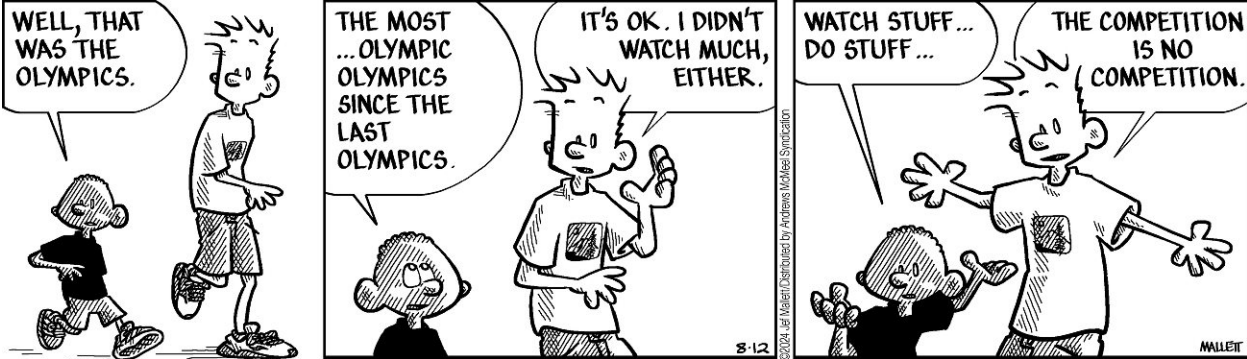
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



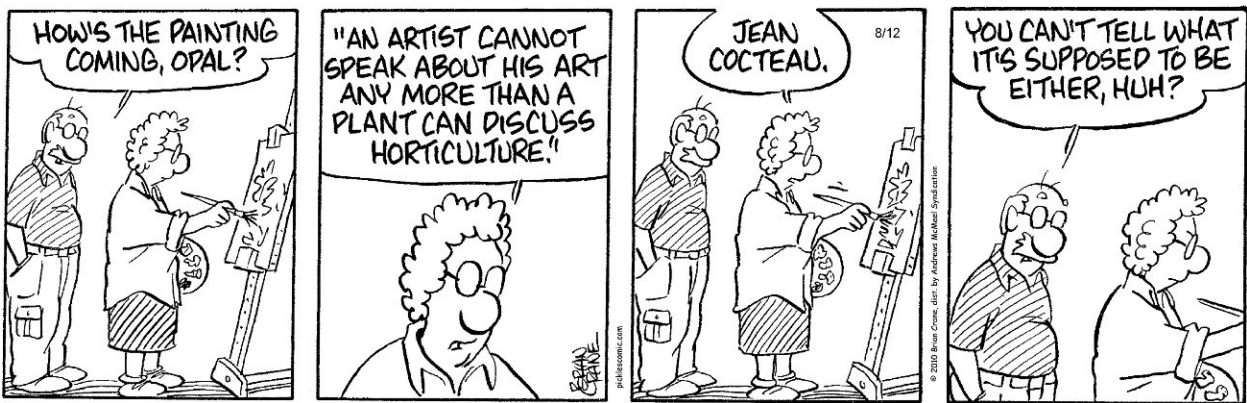
Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



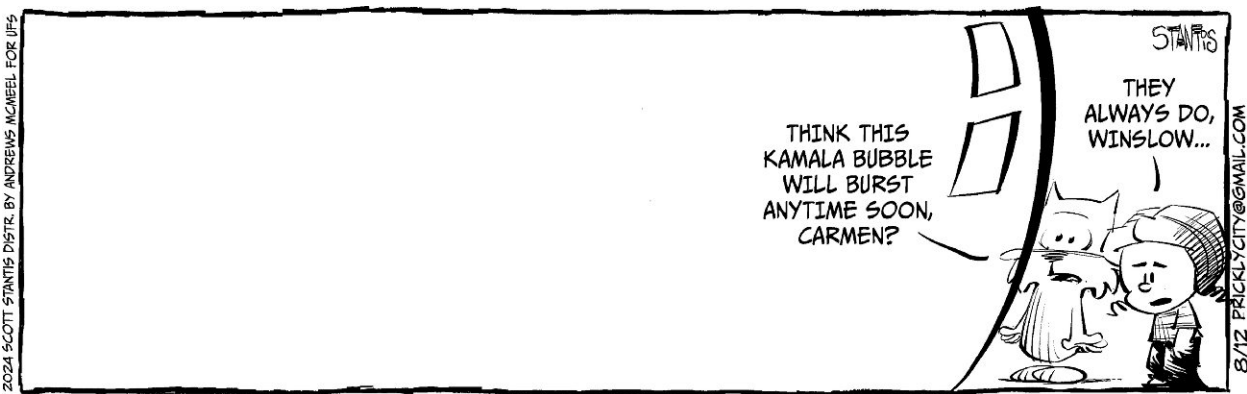
Dick Tracy By Charles Ettinger and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis





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SUDOKU

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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).

8	7	9	1	8	9	2	4	6
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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

L	D	Y	K
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N	O	S	C

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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.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

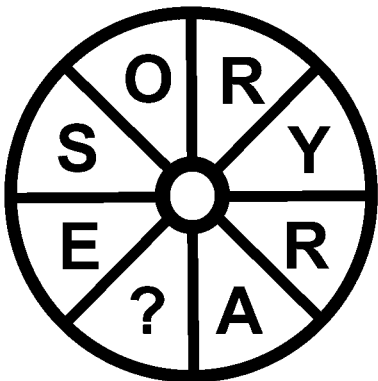
YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE WORDS RELATED TO MUSIC in the grid of letters.

KEY NOTE SONG CLIFF MELODY

WordWheel



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

ROSEMARY

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Canada

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.

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ALBERTA
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CURLING
EDMONTON
GEESE
HALIFAX
HOCKEY
JUSTIN TRUDEAU

LABRADOR
LAKES
MANITOBA
MAPLE LEAF
MAPLE SYRUP
MOUNTAINS
NEW BRUNSWICK
NOVA SCOTIA
ONTARIO
OTTAWA

PRAIRIES
QUEBEC
RCMP
SNOW
TORONTO
VICTORIA
WHITEHORSE
WINNIPEG
YELLOWKNIFE
YUKON

TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- Behrs of "The Neighborhood"
- Actor Gulager
- "The ___ Breed"; James Stewart film
- "___ Days"
- One of the Simpsons
- "Who Do You Think ___?"
- Wines and dines
- "___ Copy" (1989-99)
- Jethro Bodine, for one
- K-O center
- "___ Improvement"
- Actor Katz
- Tide type
- "Dr. ___, Medicine Woman"
- Actor Noah
- Dwellings on "Gilligan's Island"
- Singer Bailey
- At ___, relaxed
- Wheel shaft
- Actor Jack ___
- JFK's predecessor
- Beast of burden
- "What's My ___?"

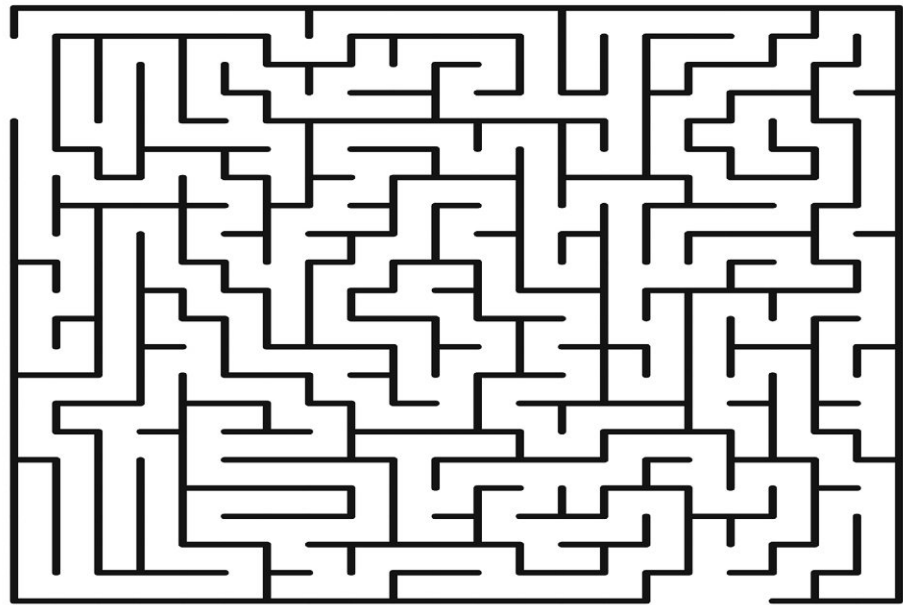
DOWN

- Narrow cut
- Singer Dion
- Paige ___, "The Good Doctor" actress
- Tire groove pattern
- Two cups
- "I ___ Rock"; 1965 song
- Mayberry resident
- ___Hilda; cartoon witch
- Actor on "Chicago Fire"
- Uno y dos
- "Death Becomes ___"; Meryl Streep film
- Task
- Praise
- Put ___ fight; resist
- John Ortiz series
- ___ for; desire greatly
- Longfellow's initials
- Potato variety
- Actress Lange
- "Law & Order: SVU" role
- Monty or Arsenio
- Pitcher's delights
- "Jane ___"; Mia Wasikowska movie
- Popular ATV
- "From ___ to Eternity"
- "___ It Forward"; Kevin Spacey film
- Precise
- Actress Lavin
- "___ Tree Hill"
- "___ Harry"; movie for Eastwood
- Letter from Greece
- Actor Neeson
- "___ City" (1996-2002)
- Actress Thompson
- Health club offering

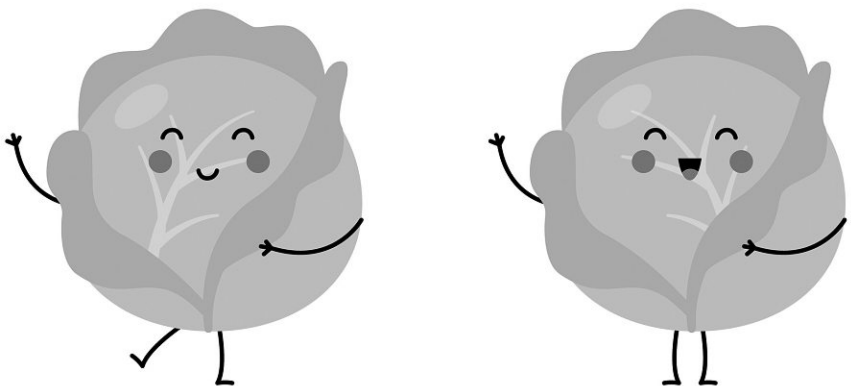
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Caleb Williams avoids a tackle attempt by AJ Epenesa of the Bills during the first half of a preseason game at Highmark Stadium on Saturday in Orchard Park, New York. **RICH BARNES/GETTY**

Poised performance

Forget the numbers — rookie Williams passed the eye test in Bears' preseason win

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The 20 snaps Caleb Williams played Saturday in the Bears' 33-6 preseason romp over the Bills at Highmark Stadium will be over-analyzed until at least Thursday, when the Bears tangle with the Bengals in a joint practice at Halas Hall.

And probably all the way to Saturday, when the Bears and Bengals meet at Soldier Field for a preseason game. That's the hype that comes with a No. 1 pick at quarterback.

Williams was solid in completing 4 of 7 passes for 95 yards. Tight end Cole Kmet will tell you he shouldn't have dropped a pass. Ditto wide receiver DJ



Brad Biggs
On the Bears

PRESEASON GAME 3
Bengals at Bears
Noon Saturday,
FOX-32

Moore, who had a low throw — by design based on the positioning of the defender — go off his hands. Williams had a 13-yard run that came at the right time as the Bears faced third-and-9 from the Buffalo 32, maybe the outer edge of field-goal range on a very windy day.

What struck me more than the numbers — and maybe more

than how Williams worked to a back-side read to throw a dart to Moore for a 12-yard gain on third-and-12 on the opening possession or how he was so fluid in rolling out of the pocket to the right and connecting with Kmet on a 26-yard shot downfield — was how poised everything appeared.

This looked smooth because it was smooth. You didn't see the hiccups you might anticipate when a rookie rolls out for the

first time. The kind of things that get easily excused.

It wasn't perfect. Williams was bailed out on the second series by Bills linebacker Dorian Williams, who filled in for starter Matt Milano on the weak side. On third-and-6 at the Bears 7-yard line, Caleb Williams tried to hit Rome Odunze on an out route that safety Cam Lewis easily undercut and probably should have intercepted. Instead of punting, the Bears were awarded a first down when Dorian Williams was guilty of illegal contact away from the play. It was a throw that

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Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Should Sox make change in TV booth?

Pedro Grifol and three of his coaches left quietly last week after Chicago White Sox general manager Chris Getz fired them.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, who had final approval, said goodbye to a man who has praised him so much over the last two years it became embarrassing to listen to the serial bootlicking.

But firing Grifol and the coaches whose names you've probably already forgotten in the final stages of this sinking ship of a season won't improve the product enough for Sox fans to start caring about it now.

With the New York Yankees coming to town Monday, the ones who remain on board will be showing up or tuning in to watch stars Aaron Judge and Juan Soto and to dream of having a team of their own trying to win on an annual basis like the hated Yankees.

They know it's a pipe dream, of course. But maintaining those fans who are still clinging to the idea of better days ahead should be the primary objective of Sox upper management over these final weeks.

Grifol's departure was long in coming, and whether it's a blip or not, the energy at Sox Park on Friday and Saturday in the City Series was palpable. No one expects this team to magically start winning, but they'd like to see a team that looks like it's truly upset about losing.

Grady Sizemore might not be the answer, but at least he's trying to change the perception of a team that seems resigned to its place in baseball immortality.

Change for change's sake can sometimes be good.

Which leads us to the elephant in the Zoom room: What can the Sox do about John Schriffen?

If history is any guideline, the answer is "nothing." This is the organization that brought back Terry Bevington, the least popular manager in modern Sox history, and the one that canceled SoxFest. Audibles aren't its strength.

Schriffen, the rookie play-by-play man, has two years left on a deal that hasn't worked out as the Sox expected, to put it mildly. Hiring an unknown with no experience as the voice of a major-league team was an inherent risk. But who knew replacing Jason Benetti on the Sox broadcasts would be as nightmarish as replacing Phil Jackson with Tim Floyd after Michael Jordan's retirement in 1998?

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PARIS OLYMPICS WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Blades' 'huge accomplishment'

Chicago wrestler brings home silver in her Olympic debut

By Stacy St. Clair
Chicago Tribune

PARIS — Chicago's Kennedy Blades won a silver medal Sunday to finish a remarkable Olympic debut and usher in a new era of U.S. wrestling.

Blades, 20, lost to reigning world champion Yuka Kagami of Japan in the 76-kilogram final. The 3-1 defeat marked Blades' lowest-scoring effort over four matches at the Champ-de-Mars Arena.

"Honestly, I did want gold, but at the end of the day, it's still an Olympic medal," Blades said. "I think it's just a huge accomplishment still, with all the work that has been put in."

Blades left the arena after the loss, with her head bowed and tears in her eyes. Her mood, however, appeared to lift consid-



Team USA's Kennedy Blades kisses her silver medal after falling to Japan's Yuka Kagami 3-1 in the final match of women's 76-kilogram freestyle wrestling at Champ de Mars Arena during the Paris Olympics on Sunday. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

erably when she walked out for the medal ceremony a few minutes later and saw her family in the stands.

In that moment, she said, she thought about all the sacri-

fices her parents, Cindy Ramos and Saul Pulido, have made so she could chase her dream. She remembered all the weekends

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PARIS OLYMPICS SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

US TIES CHINA IN GOLD MEDALS
The U.S. women's basketball team held off France to win gold in the final event of the Paris Olympics, and that hardware was needed for the Americans to tie China for the most with 40. The U.S. easily won the total medal count with 126. Aside from the 40 gold, the Americans won 42 silver and 44 bronze. China came in second in the total medal race with 91. China won 40 gold, 27 silver and 24 bronze. Japan was a distant third with 20 gold medals, 45 overall. Britain won 65 medals, but only 14 were gold.

CHILES STRIPPED OF BRONZE
U.S. Olympic officials say they will appeal a court ruling that resulted in American gymnast Jordan Chiles being asked to return the bronze medal she won in the Paris Olympics floor exercise. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) voided an on-floor appeal by Chiles' coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came 4 seconds beyond the 1-minute time limit for scoring inquiries. The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision and elevate Barbosu to third.



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KHELIFF FILES COMPLAINT
The French lawyer for Olympic boxing champion Imane Khelif has filed a legal complaint in France for online harassment. Khelif faced a rain of criticism and false claims about her sex during the Paris Olympics.

MEDALS (final leaders)

Country	G	S	B	Tot.
United States	40	44	42	126
China	40	27	24	91
Britain	14	22	29	65
France	16	26	22	64
Australia	18	19	16	53

Team	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 BEARS					Next game Saturday vs. CIN
 CUBS	@CLE 5:40 p.m. Marquee	@CLE 5:40 p.m. Marquee	@CLE 5:40 p.m. Marquee		TOR 1:20 p.m. Apple TV
 WHITE SOX	NYN 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	NYN 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	NYN 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH		@HOU 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH
 SKY				PHX 7 p.m. Marquee, Prime	
 FIRE					Next game Aug. 24 @NYC
 RED STARS					Next game Aug. 24 @LOU

Biggs

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shouldn't have been made.

More than wow throws or nifty maneuvering for an almost no-look screen pass to D'Andre Swift that went for 42 yards, the Bears wanted to see a clean operation. They wanted efficiency in the huddle and communication at the line of scrimmage, and of course they wanted to mount some drives.

Coach Matt Eberflus could check all of those boxes after the Bears amassed 147 yards and seven first downs on the first two possessions.

"I thought overall, in the pocket, protected the football, had a consistent performance," Eberflus said. "Now, we've got to learn from this and get better."

Throwing from the pocket is where the Bears have struggled ever since the good Sundays they would get from Jay Cutler. The Bills were without two key starters on defense — Milano and edge rusher Von Miller — but it's an experienced team and that says a little something, even though reading into preseason results and statistics can be dangerous.

That's why it's almost more of a feel thing. How did Williams look? Did he pass the eye test?

"I thought he played really well," said Bears safety Kevin Byard, who has made a pretty good living studying quarterbacks. "He definitely looked really relaxed out there. Didn't seem like he had any nerves or anything, and obviously that throw on the run he made to Cole was definitely special. Only a few select quarterbacks in the league can make that throw, and he definitely put it on the line for sure.

"He looked special out there today. I am pretty sure he made a big step in the right direction. He just looked comfortable. I think that was the main thing. Even the first time he rolled out of the pocket, he kind of stuck the ball out there and showed a little bit of swag. It was exciting to see."

Recall three summers ago when Justin Fields made his preseason debut against the Miami Dolphins. It came against the second team as Andy Dalton was QB1 at the time. The Bears went three-and-punt on Fields' first three series, and then he got hot. He finished 14 of 20 for 142 yards and a touchdown and ran five times for 33 yards and a touchdown in a come-from-behind win. Fields also had two fumbles, one a botched exchange with center Sam Mustipher.

Afterward Fields talked about how the game had slowed down for him. Some folks took that and ran with it. Reality is it still didn't look like the game had slowed down for him last season.

This isn't to compare Williams specifically with Fields as much as it is to emphasize this was pretty clean for the new quarterback's debut.

"I wouldn't say that I was trying to show (confidence) and I wouldn't say that it's natural," Williams said. "I would say that it comes from the hard work here and us being here, working together, building this thing together as we go and also the years of work of getting here and now being a Chicago Bear. It just comes from a lot of hard work over time and being around these guys. They make it a lot easier for me."

Eberflus seemed eager to turn the page to the Bengals. He knows there is room for growth. The balance was evident. Khalil Herbert had nine carries for 31 yards in Williams' two series as the coaching staff limited Swift. The way offensive coordinator Shane Waldron, in concert with line coach Chris Morgan, are marrying the running and passing games was clear as day too. That's how you get Williams out on the edge, ready to throw, because the Bears can sell run action and sell it well.

But if it takes only about a minute to watch every snap on social media, there's probably not enough to get carried away with. Good start. Clean operation. Moved the chains. Passed the eye test.

"There's an understanding that it is preseason," Williams said. "That everybody's not going to show their looks and what they would do versus us and vice versa. But it definitely feels good to get out there. The last time I was out there on the field other than practice was Nov. 18. You go that long without something, it's tough.

"But it's been great. The guys have made it fun. They made it easy on me — talking about our other players. They've been great from the beginning to now. My progress, I would tie my progress and support, I would count it to them. To get out there and have the confidence that we had, it's only going to get better and we can't wait."



Bears quarterback Caleb Williams listens for instructions during the first half of a preseason game against the Bills on Saturday in Orchard Park, New York. **ADRIAN KRAUS/AP**

BEARS 4 MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Williams' big throw, Booker's strong pass rush are standouts

By Dan Wiederer

Chicago Tribune

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Chicago Bears moved to 2-0 in the preseason with a 33-6 blowout of the Buffalo Bills on Saturday at Highmark Stadium. Rookie quarterback Caleb Williams was the center of attention, leading two early scoring drives and gaining confidence from his first NFL game action.

Williams' elite talent and feel for the position flashed in the first quarter. He also gathered learning experiences as his development continues.

Still, there was a lot inside the Bears victory worth unpacking for Williams and others. Here are four moments that mattered Saturday.

Just like it was drawn up

From a bird's-eye view, Williams' 26-yard first-quarter completion to tight end Cole Kmet felt like a given from the time he took the snap. The play design did much of the heavy lifting with Williams selling a play fake to running back D'Andre Swift, then bootlegging back outside to his right and finding Kmet on a corner route. The tight end gained leverage immediately and had plenty of separation as Bills linebacker Dorian Williams gave chase.

"We've been repping that play for a while now," Williams said after the game. "Getting those reps in has been key. You come out on game day and the seas part and Cole's running (open) down the sideline. My job is just to get him the ball in space and let our players just work their magic."

Williams did his part too. He used a pump fake on the run to counteract pressure from defensive end Dawuane Smoot. Additionally, the swiftness with which Williams released after the play fake to Swift impressed coach Matt Eberflus.

"He did a nice job coming out of the fake with speed, which you need to do," Eberflus said. "Our guys ran their route depths correctly, and they ran with speed too. So they stayed open. A lot of times when you're doing those keepers, you're running away from leverage on defense, so you really have to maintain that speed. Cole did that on that play and Caleb did a nice job striking it in there."

That was impressive execution. Truth be told, Williams maybe could have released the throw a beat earlier with Kmet needing to adjust slightly to a ball that was a hair behind him. But it was also a reminder of how the Bears can set Williams up for success with their playbook and play-calling and how Williams can make the Bears right with his arm talent.

'Hit the quarterback'

Heading into preseason game action, defensive coordinator Eric Washington had a straightforward directive for rookie defensive end Austin Booker.

"I want to see him hit the quarterback," Washington said. "Period."

For as high as Bears coaches have been on

Booker's pass-rushing instincts, agility and body control, they wanted to see production. On Saturday, they got it.

Booker filled the stat sheet with 2½ sacks, three quarterback hits and five total tackles. He combined with Daniel Hardy for a second-quarter sack of Mitch Trubisky. He later took Shane Buechele down twice on the same series for losses of 3 yards and 8 yards.

Booker's final sack might have been the most impressive. He staggered tight end Zach Davidson off the snap, then looped inside and used a spin move to get past left guard Mike Edwards. Then Booker used his motor to finish the play, diving to grab Buechele's right ankle as the quarterback tried to get out of he pocket.

You can bet that level of effort will be highlighted in the meeting room.

The Bears are enamored with Booker, whom they believe is a fast-ascending player with great length and innate feel for rushing.

"He's just tough to hit as a pass rusher," Washington said earlier this month. "He has a great feel for how to contort his body, how to flip or rotate his hips and shoulders so that he can keep advancing toward the quarterback and put himself in great position to follow through."

Eberflus liked what he saw Saturday.

"He's got a really good slip and an ability to rush the passer with speed and (he does) not predetermine what he's going to do," he said. "I think that stresses offensive tackles out when a guy doesn't predetermine or shuffle his feet. He shows that speed-to-power ability and speed-and-spin-inside and those out-and-in-and-out moves he likes to do. It's good."

Best of all, the Bears saw Booker hit the quarterback.

Crossed signals

Things weren't all rosy for Williams on Saturday. On the second play, the quarterback seemed to hold the ball too long, contributing to a holding penalty against right tackle Darnell Wright. Williams' attempt to throw that play ultimately ended with a throwaway. He also took a hit from linebacker Terrel Bernard near the sideline as he released the ball.

Over time and through experience, Williams should adapt to the timing of things on the NFL level while gaining a better feel for how and when to extend plays.

The Bears' second drive also stalled inside the red zone on an extended-play incompleteness. That Williams throw was intended for receiver Rome Odunze. But the rookie duo wasn't on the same page during that sequence. Williams, with his eyes on cornerback Kaiir Elam covering Nsimba Webster near the goal line, hoped Odunze would break toward the back-right corner of the end zone in the scramble drill. Instead, Odunze flattened his route and Williams' pass never had a chance of connecting.

Still, it was a meaningful sequence that offered the opportunity for both players to come together and hash things out. Said Williams: "That comes from time of getting

on the same page with the same connection. We talked about it and I actually thought he was going to take (the route) high because I thought he saw (Elam), which he did. He told me he saw the guy that was below him."

The disconnect left the Bears to settle for a field goal. But for two talented rookies with the potential of having a long and bright future together, the process of learning on the fly in unison is invaluable.

That certainly won't be the last time a scramble-drill opportunity presents itself for Williams and Odunze. Every experience they get in such situations will be helpful. And every conversation they have in detailing what they each saw will catalyze growth.

Moving fast

Velus Jones Jr. has ample experience running the ball out of the backfield. He did so at Saraland High School in Alabama and had limited opportunities as a ball carrier in college at both USC and Tennessee. So even though he is attempting to reacclimate into a running back's mindset on the NFL level, Jones is overflowing with certitude.

"It kind of feels the same when you've got speed," he said Saturday afternoon.

Jones' 4-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run was a snapshot of that speed, a literal footrace against Bills cornerback Kyron Brown to the left pylon after he took a toss left and utilized strong blocking up front from Tommy Sweeney and Larry Borom. Jones' score was one of six carries he had in the game to punctuate a week in which he made a move from receiver to running back.

His longest gain was a 19-yarder in the fourth quarter in which he bounced off an initial tackle attempt and was able to get to the outside for a big gain.

On the whole, Eberflus had a favorable review of Jones' halfback stint.

"It was positive," Eberflus said. "He did a nice job really getting north. He has really good movement. He's a physical player. You can see him really denting those tackles to fall forward for positive yards in the game, the hidden yards that are in our favor. He's been good back there."

Eberflus was noncommittal about whether Jones would remain with the running backs. That's already a room packed with quality depth with D'Andre Swift, Roschon Johnson, Khalil Herbert and Travis Homer. Undrafted rookie Ian Wheeler also scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns against the Bills and has shown notable upside since the spring.

Jones also had a few bumpy moments Saturday. He mishandled a kickoff, dropped a pitch from quarterback Tyson Bagent on a play that was blown dead by a false start and got tangled up with Bagent and tripped in the backfield on another handoff. That's all part of the evaluation.

Still, for a player fighting for a roster spot, Jones is pushing to prove he has value within the offense. His combination of speed, strength and change-of-direction ability has always intrigued the Bears. Now they are looking to see how else he might be able to contribute.

SPORTS

CUBS 3, WHITE SOX 1

Aggressive send — and no relay — pays off for Cubs

By LaMond Pope and Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Add “the relay throw that wasn’t” to City Series lore.

The Cubs trailed the White Sox by a run in the fifth inning of Saturday’s series finale but had Cody Bellinger on first with two outs.

Isaac Paredes ripped a double to left field, but Andrew Benintendi got to the ball quickly and made a strong relay throw to shortstop Brooks Baldwin, who caught the ball near the foul line on the precipice of the infield dirt.

Bellinger was one step past third when Baldwin caught the ball. But instead of throwing to the plate for what should have been an easy inning-ending out, Baldwin didn’t attempt a play, allowing Bellinger to score the tying run.

It remained tied until the eighth, when catcher Miguel Amaya’s two-run single put the Cubs in position for a 3-1 victory in front of a sellout crowd of 38,341 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The Cubs completed a two-game sweep of the South Side portion of the City Series and went 4-0 against the Sox this season. The Cubs (59-60) have won eight of their last 10 and are the closest they’ve been to .500 since June 6.

The Sox (28-91) joined the 1916 Philadelphia Athletics as the only teams in MLB history to lose 91-plus times in the first 119 games of a season. They’ve won only once in their last 25 games.

The Cubs won the first three City Series games by identical 7-6 scores. The fourth will be largely remembered for the gamble that paid off in the fifth.

“It got pretty loud during that time,” Baldwin said. “As quick as (Benintendi) got to it in the corner and got it to me, I peeked and when I peeked, (Bellinger) was halfway to third. So in the back of my mind I was like, ‘There’s no way he’s going to get sent here, so I’m going to look to the back door and see if there’s a play at second.’ It just so happened that he sent him.

“I turned and looked at second, and by the time I looked back he was almost to home plate. I was kind of surprised when I saw it, but we talked about it and next time just get it in, go to the lead base.”

Bellinger was running hard on contact with two outs and assumed Benintendi bobbled the ball when he saw third-base coach Willie Harris wave him home.



Cubs outfielder Cody Bellinger looks back at Isaac Paredes after Bellinger scored on Paredes’ double during the fifth inning against the White Sox on Saturday at Guaranteed Rate Field. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Sullivan

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As you recall, then-Bulls general manager Jerry Krause desperately wanted to move on from his popular coach, Jackson, to hire old pal Floyd. It was chronicled in “The Last Dance,” which everyone saw during the pandemic.

Fast-forward to 2023: Neither Sox marketing boss Brooks Boyer nor Reinsdorf was a fan of Benetti’s wry game-calling style, which tended to include pop-culture references, playful insults with partner Steve Stone and joking around during dull moments of the game. Feeling unwanted and disrespected, Benetti left for the Detroit Tigers’ opening, giving up a dream job from his childhood days.

The common denominator in those two moves is Reinsdorf, who allowed Jackson and Benetti to leave and replaced them with untested talent. Floyd lasted into his fourth season before being let go. Can Schriffen survive through 2026?

Aside from Schriffen’s seemingly obsessive need to popularize a catchphrase (“South Side, stand up!”) and his growling like a carnivore on Luis Robert Jr. home run calls and his apparent refusal to learn the basics of White Sox history from the pre-Frank Thomas era and his sugarcoating of a team on pace to finish as the worst in major-league history, it’s his ongoing feud with WSCR-670 AM that has become most untenable.

The vast majority of viewers either don’t know about his beef with the Score

Manager Craig Counsell said the Cubs might have caught a break on the send. The Cubs dugout was amped after the Sox’s failure to make a throw allowed them to tie the game.

“I honestly had no idea what was going on until after the play,” Bellinger said. “I thought it was going to be a bang-bang play because I didn’t see where the ball was. ... Runs are hard to get sometimes, so definitely it was nice to get one there and kind of get the momentum back on our side.”

Baldwin said it was “very hard to communicate” in that situation “with me being so far away from everybody in the outfield.”

“Just got to have instincts and feel for the game there,” Baldwin said.

Sox interim manager Grady Sizemore also said he couldn’t hear anything while the play unfolded.

“Even if (third baseman Miguel Vargas) was screaming, ‘Four,’ (as in throw home) I don’t think Brooks would have heard him,” Sizemore said. “It was one of those plays where it was unfortunate he didn’t see what was happening. He still had a lot of time, but I guess in that situation, I don’t think he was expecting that guy to go.

“Maybe looking to see if we had a play at second with the hitter and it happens. It’s going to happen sometime.”

With the game even again, left-hander Justin Steele continued to keep the Sox in check, allowing one unearned run in six innings.

“Obviously it’s awesome when things do go your way,” Steele said. “Pitching being tied or pitching with a lead is so much better than pitching down because when you’re down, you’re just trying your best to not give up any more runs, keep it within distance and whatnot. So being tied up definitely gives you confidence.”

Baldwin considered it a lesson learned.

“And there’s going to be plenty more to come,” he said. “It’s going to happen throughout plenty more games. Next time just get it to the lead base.”

Still, the sequence only tied the game. Amaya’s two-run hit in the eighth gave the Cubs the lead, and Héctor Neris recovered from an error to begin the ninth by retiring the next three batters to wrap up the series.

The Cubs open a three-game series in Cleveland on Monday. The Guardians are the only opponent with a winning record they will face until Sept. 6.

The Sox, who struck out 13 times, are 63 games under .500 for the first time in franchise history.

or don’t care, yet he continues to bring it up, months after rants on “haters” and “radio losers.” It’s telling that no one in Boyer’s department has told him to tone it down.

The game itself is what Sox fans tune in for, not Schriffen and his grievances. During the final inning at the end of the Sox’s American League record-tying 21-game losing streak in Oakland, Calif., Schriffen told partner Gordon Beckham “I need” the win.

Beckham facetiously asked Schriffen if he was going to go down to the clubhouse after the win and celebrate with the players. Beckham was joking, of course. But anyone who has watched Sox telecasts all season had to wonder if that’s what Schriffen planned to do.

His “We ain’t taking that!” rant during Tommy Pham’s brouhaha with Milwaukee Brewers catcher William Contreras in early June has not entirely faded from the memory banks. Schriffen is the only play-by-play man in the game who pretends he’s part of the actual team.

So do the Sox thank Schriffen for his hard work and effort and part ways after the season? Is a new play-by-play man necessary for a fresh start for the organization in 2025, when a new manager will be in place, presumably accompanied by several new players?

Based on many years of observing White Sox management, my guess is he’ll be safe at home for at least one more year.

So, stand up, South Side. Or remain seated. It probably doesn’t matter.

The song remains the same.



The United States women’s basketball team celebrates after winning Sunday’s gold medal game during the Summer Olympics at Bercy Arena in Paris. MARK J. TERRILL/AP

PARIS OLYMPICS WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

A team like no other

US captures 8th straight gold

By Doug Feinberg | Associated Press

PARIS —The U.S. women’s basketball team had never been challenged during its 32-year run in the Olympics like the Americans were Sunday by France.

They met the moment and made history, winning an eighth consecutive Olympic gold medal.

It was the closest — and maybe sweetest win — of any during the streak.

“Maybe they won’t say it’s just easy and we walk in and just win gold,” said U.S. center Brittney Griner, who broke down in tears when she was presented her third gold medal. “Maybe they’ll stop saying that, because, like I said, we see everybody’s best shot. And we saw the shot that France gave us.”

A’ja Wilson scored 21 points and the U.S. survived a last-second shot by former UConn standout Gabby Williams that was just inside the 3-point line to hold off France for a 67-66 win and an eighth consecutive gold.

“Eight straight golds is insane honestly,” said Breanna Stewart. “Each one is so different, and so, so special and so, so hard.”

No team had been able to push the Americans during their impressive streak of 61 consecutive wins. Only two of those victories had been by single digits before the game against France.

“It’s amazing. It truly is a dynasty that we have built here at USAB has been incredible,” Wilson said. “And I am so proud of the resilience that my team showed. We could have fumbled it many times, but we pulled through. To say I am a two-time gold medalist, I am so blessed.”

The eight straight golds broke a tie with the American men’s program that won seven in a row from 1936-68. The women’s victory came less than 24 hours after the U.S. men’s team also beat France in the basketball title game.

This was the first time in Olympic history that both gold medal basketball games featured teams from the same two countries.

Unlike the men’s game, this one came down to the final second and one last shot. The Americans were up 67-64 with 3.9

seconds left after Kahleah Copper hit two free throws. Marine Johannes brought the ball up the court and passed it to Williams, who caught the ball just inside the 3-point line and banked in a shot over the outstretched arms of Breanna Stewart at the buzzer.

There was a brief delay before the officials signaled that it was indeed a two-point shot, which sparked a celebration and a lot of happy hugs for the Americans and left the French players standing in disbelief after falling just short.

“I knew it was a two-pointer straight away. It was very difficult for me to stop in time,” Williams said. “I don’t think we should hold our head down. There’s a little bit of disappointment. But once that pill has been swallowed, we can celebrate the silver medal. What we’ve done is inspirational.”

The American players went to celebrate with basketball celebrities sitting courtside, a group that included men’s basketball players LeBron James, Bam Adebayo and Derrick White, along with U.S. women’s greats Lisa Leslie, Sue Bird and Dawn Staley.

Williams, who finished with 19 points, had hit a deep 3 a few seconds earlier to get France within one before Copper’s free throws. She got a consoling hug from Staley.

“What a tremendous basketball game. The 12,000-plus that were here were just treated to an unbelievable environment and the level of athleticism and competitiveness that these players had,” U.S. coach Cheryl Reeve said. “What a better way to finish the Paris Olympics than to see that?”

“We feel really fortunate, happy, a lot of words. There’s a lot of trust that has to happen, so I’m just thrilled that we’re able to get a win.”

The victory gave Diana Taurasi a sixth consecutive gold medal, making her the most decorated basketball player in Olympic history, breaking a tie with longtime teammate Sue Bird, who won five.

Taurasi, who didn’t play in the gold medal game, has been humble about the potential record, saying she cares more about the team winning than her individual success.

Australia edged Belgium 85-81 in the bronze medal game earlier Sunday.

your life,” Blades said. “I’m very proud to represent IKWF because that’s where I got good. I hope I made them proud, too.”

Blades stunned the wrestling world in April when she upset six-time world champion Adeline Gray at the U.S. Olympic trials. After making the team, she returned to suburban Addison, where she continued to train with her longtime coach, Israel “Izzy” Martinez.

The silver medal will come with about \$72,000 in prize money, an amount Blades said she was unaware of until after the match. She’ll likely earn even more for her name, image and likeness when she begins competing for the Iowa women’s wrestling team during the upcoming season.

She said she plans to make a donation to her church and invest the rest of her prize money. She recently started an LLC — it was announced with her signing to Iowa in July — so she hopes some of her training costs will be offset.

“I don’t know what to buy or anything, so I might as well grow the money,” she said. “I’ll probably keep about \$1,000 for myself and spend it at Starbucks or something.”

Blades said she leaves in less than two weeks for Iowa, where she will join a Hawkeyes team in only its second season. She said she might bring the medal to show her new teammates, but she’s also afraid of losing it. She misplaced two of her world medals and hasn’t been able to find them.

“Maybe my parents will hang (the silver medal) up at home,” she said. “I’m definitely giving it to them because I don’t trust myself.”

Having tasted her first Olympics, Blades said she plans to be around for the 2028 Games in Los Angeles. She has spent so long thinking about 2024, she had not thought about anything beyond that.

“It’s so weird,” she said. “But now we’re on to the next one.”

Blades

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spent driving to tournaments and weeknights shuttling her to practices. And she recalled how — when she needed to find tougher competition as a teenager — they let her go to a prep school in Pennsylvania.

Now, she had an opportunity to honor that support with an Olympic medal.

“Those flashbacks were coming and I was just really happy,” she said. “I couldn’t stop smiling.”

It also heartened Blades, who is Afro-Latina, to see two other Latina medalists on the podium. Wrestling awards double bronzes, allowing third-place finishers Tatiana Renteria Renteria of Columbia and Milaimy de la Caridad Marin Potrille to both receive.

“I hope I inspire other Latina girls because, growing up, I didn’t have a role model who looked like me or had hair like me,” she said. “It would be amazing to start a movement.”

Blades knows about starting movements. The daughter of a Chicago police sergeant and an Illinois Department of Corrections employee, she began wrestling when she was 7 years old and spent her childhood competing primarily against boys.

In 2016, she became the first girl to win the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation state title in an almost entirely male bracket.

Since her historic victory, however, IKWF has started a girls division, helping wrestling to become the fastest-growing girls high school sport in the state.

She said she hopes her medal sparks additional interest in girls wrestling.

“I try to be the best version of myself, not only for myself but for the younger generation or even people at my age that want to join wrestling. Because it really does change

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	70	49	.588	—	—	5-5	L-1	34-25	36-24
New York	70	49	.588	—	+4½	6-4	W-1	32-27	38-22
Boston	61	55	.526	7½	3	5-5	L-4	27-31	34-24
Tampa Bay	59	58	.504	10	5½	4-6	W-1	31-31	28-27
Toronto	54	64	.458	15½	11	4-6	L-2	29-31	25-33

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	69	49	.585	—	—	3-7	W-2	35-20	34-29
Minnesota	65	52	.556	3½	+½	6-4	L-2	34-23	31-29
Kansas City	65	53	.551	4	—	6-4	W-1	38-25	27-28
Detroit	56	63	.471	13½	9½	4-6	W-1	26-31	30-32
Chicago	28	91	.235	41½	37½	1-9	L-3	17-42	11-49

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	62	55	.530	—	—	7-3	W-5	32-26	30-29
Seattle	63	56	.529	—	2½	6-4	W-4	37-26	26-30
Texas	55	63	.466	7½	10	3-7	L-1	31-27	24-36
Los Angeles	52	66	.441	10½	13	5-5	W-1	26-35	26-31
Oakland	50	69	.420	13	15½	5-5	W-2	29-30	21-39

BOX SCORES

L.A. ANGELS 6, WASHINGTON 4

L.A. Angels	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schanuel 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.248
Neto ss	4	1	0	0	1	.264
Pillar dh	5	0	2	3	1	.281
Ward lf	5	0	2	0	0	.235
Drury 3b	2	2	0	0	0	.157
Moniak cf	5	1	3	0	1	.226
Adell rf	4	1	0	0	0	.254
Thaiss c	2	0	2	0	0	.205
Stefanic 2b	4	0	0	1	1	.295
TOTALS	34	6	9	4	5	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call rf	5	0	2	1	1	.419
Garcia 2b	4	0	2	2	0	.393
Yepez 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.215
Wood lf	3	0	0	0	0	.263
Tena 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.400
Vargas 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.256
Blankenhorn dh	0	0	0	0	0	.107
Young cf	4	2	2	1	1	.250
Adams c	4	1	1	0	0	.236
Nunez ss	3	1	2	0	0	.273
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	2	

L.A. Angels	000 500 100	6	9	0
Washington	000 000 022	4	9	1

E: Tena (1). **LOB:** Los Angeles 14, Washington 8. **2B:** Pillar (12), Moniak (13), Garcia (20), Call (6). **HR:** Young (3), off Kochanowicz. **RBIs:** Pillar (3), Stefanic (5), Young (24), Garcia (258), Call (11), SB: Thaiss (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 10(Drury, Schanuel 3, Pillar, Moniak 2, Neto 2, Ward); Washington 3 (Vargas 2, Yepez). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1for 13; Washington 2for 9. **Runners moved up:** Stefanic. **GIDP:** Adell, Stefanic, Ward, Vargas, Yepez. **DP:** Los Angeles 2(Stefanic, Neto, Schanuel; Neto, Stefanic, Schanuel); Washington 3(Garcia, Nunez, Yepez; Nunez, Yepez; Vargas, Garcia, Yepez).

L.A. ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kchanowicz, W, 1-27½	6	2	2	1	2	7	2.98
Baumann	½	0	0	0	2	0	5.06
Joyce	1	3	2	2	0	2	2.70

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore, L, 7-10	4	5	5	0	6	2	4.50
Barnes	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.60
Ferrer	1	1	0	0	1	0	8.31
Weems	½	0	1	1	4	1	6.70
Garcia	1½	1	0	0	0	1	4.64
Rainey	1	1	0	0	2	1	5.66

Inherited runners-scored: Baumann 1-0, Garcia 3-0. **WP:** Kochanowicz, Garcia. **Umpires:** Home, Hunter Wendelstedt; First, John Tumpance; Second, Nick Mahrey; Third, Marvin Hudson. T: 3:09. A: 25,456(41,376).

N.Y. YANKEES 8, TEXAS 7

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Smith dh	4	1	2	0	0	.273
Seager ss	5	0	2	1	0	.274
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.281
Jung 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.243
Langford lf	4	1	1	0	0	.243
Low 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.263
1-Duran pr	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Garcia rf	4	1	2	1	1	.220
Taveras cf	4	1	0	0	0	.225
Kelly c	4	2	3	2	0	.353
TOTALS	38	7	12	5	9	

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo lf	5	1	1	0	0	.239
Soto rf	5	2	2	2	0	.304
Judge cf	3	2	3	1	0	.328
Stanton dh	2	1	1	4	0	.247
Wells c	4	0	1	0	1	.251
Torres 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.236
Chisholm 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.298
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	.350
LeMahieu 1b	3	1	2	1	1	.198
TOTALS	33	8	12	8	6	

Texas	000 001 231	712	1
N.Y. Yankees	101 031 20x	812	1

1-ran for Lowe in the 9th. E: Jung (1), Chisholm (1). **LOB:** Texas 10, New York 6. **2B:** Seager (15), Smith (21), Wells (13). **HR:** Lowe (10), off Leiter; Kelly (1), off Leiter; Soto (29), off Heaney; Stanton (2), off Leclerc; Soto (30), off Chafin; Judge (42), off Chafin. **RBIs:** Seager (61), Lowe (47), Kelly (24), Garcia (56), Stanton 4 (52), Soto 2 (82), LeMahieu (23), Judge (106). **SB:** Judge, Chisholm (4), Garcia (10). **SP:** Stanton, LeMahieu. **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 5(Taveras 2, Lowe, Jung, Seager); New York 3(Volpe, Verdugo, Wells). **RISP:** Texas 3for 11; New York 1for 7. **LIDP:** Soto. **GIDP:** Lowe. **DP:** Texas 1 (Lowe); New York 1 (Volpe, LeMahieu).

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney, L, 4-12	4½	5	4	3	2	4	4.05
Leclerc	½	1	1	1	0	1	4.50
Festia	½	2	1	0	0	0	13.50
Chafin	½	2	2	2	0	0	9.82
Dunning	2	2	0	0	1	1	4.77
NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman, W, 8-6	5	4	1	1	3	1	4.01
Cousins	1	2	1	0	0	0	1.35
Kahnle	1	2	1	0	0	1	2.88
Leiter	½	3	3	1	2	2	5.40
Holmes, S, 25-34	1½	1	1	1	2	2	2.81

Inherited runners-scored: Leclerc 2-1, Chafin 1-0, Cousins 1-0, Kahnle 1-1, Holmes 1-0. **IBB:** off Heaney (Judge). **Umpires:** Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Tom Hanahan; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Edwin Moscoso. **Time:** 3:15. A: 45,318(47,309).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Witt KC	118	472	164	100	.347
Kwan Cle	91	365	119	67	.326
Judge NYY	116	412	133	91	.323
Guerreiro TOR	116	447	144	69	.322
Y.Alvarez Hou	111	415	126	66	.304
J.Soto NYY	114	423	128	95	.303
Diaz Hou	105	406	122	48	.300
Devers Bos	103	393	118	74	.300
Altuve Hou	113	465	139	64	.299
Ju.Duran Bos	115	488	143	80	.293

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 41; Santander, Baltimore, 34; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 30; Rooker, Oakland, 29; Henderson, Baltimore, 29; J.Soto, New York, 28; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 26; Devers, Boston, 25; Seager, Texas, 25. **RBIs:** Judge, New York, 105; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 96; Witt, Kansas City, 87; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 85; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 84; Rooker, Oakland, 82; J.Soto, New York, 80; Perez, Kansas City, 78; Santander, Baltimore, 78; Guerrero, Toronto, 76. **Pitching:** Skubal, Detroit, 13-4; Rodri-guez, Baltimore, 13-4; Lugo, Kansas City, 13-6; Rodón, New York, 13-7; Burnes, Baltimore, 12-4; Ober, Minnesota, 12-5; Gil, New York, 12-5; F.Valdez, Houston, 11-5; Bello, Boston, 10-5; Lively, Cleveland, 10-7.

TAMPA BAY 2, BALTIMORE 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cowser cf-If	5	0	0	0	2	.250
Santander dh	4	1	1	1	2	.243
Henderson ss	4	0	3	0	0	.290
Mountcastle 1b	0	0	0	0	2	.270
Jimenez dh	3	0	1	0	0	.500
Slater lf	3	0	2	0	1	.417
d-Rutschman ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.266
Mayo 3b	2	0	0	0	2	.000
a-O'Hearn ph	1	0	0	0	0	.272
Urias 3b	1	0	0	0	1	.237
Holliday 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.162
McCann c	3	0	1	0	1	.223
Mullins cf	1	0	1	0	0	.221
TOTALS	36	1	9	1	13	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
DeLuca rf	4	0	1	0	0	.191
B.Lowe dh	3	1	0	0	0	.257
Diaz 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.271
Morel 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.139
J.Lowe lf	3	0	1	0	2	.238
Mead 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.235
Siri cf	4	0	0	0	2	.201
Rortvedt c	1	0	0	1	0	.257
b-Caballero ss	1	1	1	0	0	.240
Walls ss	2	0	0	0	0	.153
c-Carlson ph	1	0	1	1	0	.273
Jackson c	0	0	0	0	0	.117
TOTALS	29	2	6	2	7	

Baltimore	000 100 000	1	9	0
Tampa Bay	000 000 11x	2	6	0

a-popped out for Mayo in the 6th. b-doubled for Rortvedt in the 7th. c-singled for Walls in the 7th. d-flied out for Slater in the 8th. **LOB:** Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 8. **2B:** Slater (2), Henderson (17). **HR:** Santander (35), off Springs. **RBIs:** Santander (79), Carlson (6), Mead (7). **SB:** DeLuca (9), B.Lowe (2), Morel (3). **J.Lowe (12).** **SP:** Mead. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 4(Mayo 2, O'Hearn, Rutschman); Tampa Bay 5 (Siri 2, Walls, DeLuca, B.Lowe). **RISP:** Baltimore 0for 4; Tampa Bay 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Mead.

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez	6½	4	0	0	1	5	3.39
Perez, BS, 2-3	½	2	1	1	0	0	4.21
Kimbrel, L, 6-4	1	0	1	1	3	2	3.35
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Springs	5	6	1	1	0	8	4.61
Uceta	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.05
Rodriguez, W, 2-1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.01
Fairbanks, S, 23-251	1	0	0	0	3	2	7.4

ARIZONA 12, PHILADELPHIA 5						
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	3	0	0	1	0	.257
Turner ss	4	1	1	0	0	.301
Harper 1b	2	1	0	0	0	.279
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	2	1	.297
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.235
Castellanos rf	4	1	2	0	1	.245
Realmutto c	4	1	1	0	0	.246
Marsh lf	4	1	1	1	1	.238
Stevenson cf	3	0	1	1	1	.250
TOTALS	32	5	8	5	6	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Perdomo ss	5	2	1	0	1	.289
McCarthy rf-If	5	1	3	4	1	.303
Gurriel lf	2	2	2	0	0	.269
Carroll rf	3	1	1	2	0	.218
Bell 1b	4	1	2	0	1	.286
Grichuk dh	5	0	1	1	2	.273
Suarez 3b	5	2	1	1	0	.233
Del Castillo c	5	1	3	2	2	.583
Newman 2b	4	1	3	1	0	.275
Thomas cf	5	1	1	0	2	.198
TOTALS	43	12	18	11	9	

Philadelphia	200 000 300	5	8	2
Arizona	104 031 30x	1218	0	

E: Bohm (13), Stott (5). **LOB:** Philadelphia 5, Arizona 10. **2B:** Bohm (43), Castellanos (24), Realmutto (10), Stott (13), Del Castillo (2), Suarez (21), Newman 2 (17). **3B:** McCarthy (7). **HR:** Carroll (11), off Alvarado. **RBIs:** Bohm 2 (80), Marsh (44), Stevenson (1), Schwarber (74), Grichuk (25), Suarez (64), Del Castillo (5), McCarthy 4 (36), Newman (23), Carroll 2 (46). **SB:** Turner (14), Thomas (4), Newman (7), Perdomo (4). **CS:** McCarthy (3). **SP:** Schwarber. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 3 (Castellanos 2, Realmutto); Arizona 7 (Thomas 2, Suarez, Carroll, McCarthy, Perdomo 2). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3 for 7; Arizona 6 for 16. **Runners moved up:** Stott, Grichuk. **GIDP:** Turner, Bohm. **DP:** Arizona 2 (Newman, Perdomo, Bell; Suarez, Newman, Bell).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sanchez, L, 8-8	4½	12	7	7	2	4	3.63
Banks	½	1	1	1	1	0	2.84
Kerkering	1	2	1	0	0	3	2.42
Alvarado	1	3	3	3	0	0	4.53
Lazar	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kelly, W, 3-0	5	3	2	2	2	2	2.43
Manitply	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.68
Flores	1	3	3	3	0	0	9.00
Puk	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.35
Sewald	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.82
Inherited runners scored: Banks 2-2.							
WP: Sanchez, Umpires: Home, Lance Banksdale; First, Derek Thomas; Second, Wot Little; Third, Nic Lentz. T: 2:44. A: 29,071 (48,359).							

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	16	4	5	53	56	39
Cincinnati	15	7	3	48	44	33
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	4	7	43	47	32
Buffalo	10	4	11	41	42	31
New York City FC	11	9	5	38	36	30
Charlotte FC	10	8	7	37	30	27
Orlando City	9	9	7	34	39	38
Toronto FC	9	14	3	30	34	47
Atlanta	7	11	7	28	35	46
Philadelphia	6	10	9	27	45	32
CF Montréal	6	10	9	27	34	49
Nashville	6	11	8	26	26	39
D.C. United	6	11	8	26	35	50
Chicago	6	12	7	25	30	42
New England	7	14	2	23	23	47
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA

LA Galaxy	14	5	7	49	50	36
Los Angeles FC	14	5	4	47	48	30
Real Salt Lake	12	5	8	44	51	34
Colorado	12	9	5	41	50	43
Vancouver	11	8	5	38	43	35
Houston	10	7	7	37	35	30
Seattle	10	8	7	37	34	29
Portland	10	9	6	36	30	42
Minnesota United	9	10	6	33	40	41
Austin FC	8	10	7	31	28	37
FC Dallas	8	11	6	30	38	39
Sporting KC	6	14	6	24	41	52
St Louis City	4	10	11	23	32	46
San Jose	4	19	2	11	31	61

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24
Seattle at Minnesota, 5p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 5p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Charlotte FC, 6:30p.m.
FC Dallas at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 6:30p.m.
New England at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
Chicago at New York City FC, 6:30p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Houston, 7:30p.m.
Orlando City at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Atlanta at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.
St Louis City at Portland, 9:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Orlando	11	0	5	38	32	12
Kansas City	10	1	5	35	40	22
Washington	11	4	1	34	32	13
Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	19	13
Portland	8	5	3	27	20	20
North Carolina	8	7	1	25	20	17
Chicago	7	7	2	23	23	12
Bay FC	6	10	0	18	28	28
Louisville	3	6	7	16	21	22
San Diego	3	7	6	15	12	17
Angel City	4	9	3	15	16	26
Houston	3	8	5	14	11	23
Seattle	2	9	5	11	16	28
Utah Royals FC	2	11	3	9	8	28

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23
Orlando at Houston, 7p.m.
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 8:30p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (16-1-1)
w-August 10: U.S. 1, Brazil 0 (Gold)
Oct. 24: vs. Iceland, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27: vs. Iceland, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 30: vs. England, 11:30 a.m.
w-Olympic Tournament

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE FRIDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Fulham, 1p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Ipswich vs. Liverpool, 6:30a.m.
Arsenal vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Everton vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 9a.m.
Notting. Forest vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
West Ham vs. Aston Villa, 11:30a.m.

GOLF

PGA: WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP	Suspended (darkness) 4th of 4 rounds; Sedgefield Country Club; Greensboro, N.C.; 7,131 yards; Par: 70; (a)-amateur
Aaron Rai	65-65-68-64=262-18
Max Greyserman	69-60-66-69=264-16
Ryo Hisatsune	67-67-64-67=265-15
J.J. Spaun	68-67-66-64=265-15
Luke Clanton	68-67-62-69=266-14
Austin Eckroat	64-72-64-67=267-13
Eric Cole	68-68-69-63=268-12
Trace Crowe	65-67-69-67=268-12
Ben Griffin	65-70-63-70=268-12
Billy Horschel	62-68-71-67=268-12
Adam Svensson	68-65-66-69=268-12
Jacob Bridgeman	68-67-67-70=269-11
Barley Hoffman	64-68-70-67=269-11
Beau Hossler	60-70-71-68=269-11
Chan Kim	69-66-67-67=269-11
Mac Messner	65-70-67-67=269-11
Keith Mitchell	70-64-67-68=269-11
Roger Sloan	70-65-69-69=269-11
Davis Thompson	66-66-66-71=269-11
Brandon Todd	64-68-71-66=269-11
Chris. Bezuiddenhout	70-66-63-71=270-10
Keegan Bradley	69-64-67-70=270-10
Nicholas Echevarria	68-68-66-68=270-10
Chris Gotterup	65-69-69-67=270-10
Rico Hoey	68-68-65-69=270-10
Cameron Young	67-62-69-72=270-9
Adam Hadwin	66-67-68-70=271-9
Mackenzie Hughes	67-69-69-66=271-9
Seamus Power	66-70-69-66=271-9
Matt Wallace	69-66-70-66=271-9
Gary Woodland	68-67-67-69=271-9
Zach Johnson	68-67-68-69=272-8
Justin Lower	66-70-65-71=272-8
Denny McCarthy	68-68-70-66=272-8
Victor Perez	66-69-69-68=272-8
Patrick Rodgers	68-63-70-71=272-8
Nick Hardy	68-67-70-68=273-7
Chandler Phillips	67-69-71-66=273-7
David Riley	69-66-68-70=273-7
Bruce Garnett	69-67-70-68=274-6
Doug Ghim	68-66-68-72=274-6
Sungjae Im	68-67-67-72=274-6
Kyung-Hoon Lee	68-67-68-71=274-6
Daniel Berger	68-68-67-71=275-5
Zac Blair	73-63-70-69=275-5
Cameron Champ	67-69-68-71=275-5
Brian Harman	69-67-69-70=275-5
Maverick McNealy	67-68-69-71=275-5
Ryan Moore	67-69-70-69=275-5
Martin Trainer	70-64-69-72=275-5

PGA CHAMPIONS BOEING CLASSIC	3rd of 3 rounds; Snoqualmie Ridge; Snoqualmie, Wash. 7,217 yards; Par: 72
Stephen Ames	71-67-67=205 -11
Steven Alker	66-72-68=206 -10
Ernie Els	69-69-68=206 -10
Robert Karlsson	66-65-75=206 -10
Kirk Triplett	67-70-71=208 -8
Charlie Wi	69-64-75=208 -8
Paul Stankowski	69-71-69=209 -7
Michael Allen	67-75-68=210 -6
Doug Barron	74-69-67=210 -6
David Bransdon	67-72-71=210 -6
Richard Green	68-73-69=210 -6
Bernhard Langer	72-69-69=210 -6
Stuart Appleby	71-70-70=211 -5
Notah Begay	72-71-68=211 -5
Ricardo Gonzalez	72-68-71=211 -5
Keith Horne	70-71-70=211 -5
John Senden	73-73-65=211 -5
Woody Austin	66-73-73=212 -4
K.J. Choi	72-71-69=212 -4
Fred Couples	70-71-71=212 -4
Ken Duke	69-72-71=212 -4
Steve Flesch	70-71-71=212 -4
Miguel Angel Jimenez	73-70-69=212 -4
Rod Pampling	74-67-71=212 -4
Mario Tiziani	72-69-71=212 -4
Michael Wright	72-69-71=212 -4
Brad Adamonis	71-68-71=213 -3
Billy Andrade	71-69-73=213 -3
Angel Cabrera	72-69-72=213 -3
Tim Herron	71-71-71=213 -3
Scott Parel	71-70-72=213 -3
Bro Weekley	70-70-73=213 -3
Brian Davis	70-74-70=214 -2
Paul Goydos	70-73-71=214 -2
Billy Mayfair	69-74-71=214 -2
Rocco Mediate	70-70-74=214 -2
Timothy O'Neal	70-74-70=214 -2
Tom Pernice	68-76-70=214 -2
Kevin Sutherland	73-73-68=214 -2
Y.E. Yang	71-72-71=214 -2
Glen Day	71-73-71=215 -1
Jeff Maggert	72-70-73=215 -1
Dicky Pride	71-71-73=215 -1
Steve Allen	72-73-71=216 E
Greg Chalmers	69-74-73=216 E
Darren Clarke	73-73-70=216 E
Matt Gogel	70-74-72=216 E
Mark Hensby	72-71-73=216 E
Rob Labritz	70-74-72=216 E
Gene Sauers	66-75-75=216 E
Arjun Atwal	72-73-72=217 +1
Mike Weir	71-73-73=217 +1
Shane Bertsch	72-78-68=218 +2
John Huston	72-76-70=218 +2
Cliff Kresge	77-72-69=218 +2

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	20	13
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
New England	1	0	0	1.000	17	3
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	6	33
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	26	13
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Houston	1	1	0	.500	37	33
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	30	34
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	13	16
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	12	20
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	34	30
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	13	26
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	3	16
Las Vegas	0	1	0	.000	23	24

NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	14	3
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	12	13
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	20
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	13	20
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	3	17
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	54	23
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	3	14
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	16	3
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	12
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	14	16
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	13	17

WEEK 1 SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Denver 34, Indianapolis 30
L.A. Rams 13, Dallas 12

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Giants 14, Detroit 3
New England 17, Carolina 3

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 20, Pittsburgh 12
Philadelphia 16, Baltimore 13
Miami 20, Atlanta 13

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Jets 20, Washington 17
Chicago 33, Buffalo 6
Minnesota 24, Las Vegas 23
Green Bay 23, Cleveland 10
Tennessee 17, San Francisco 13
Jacksonville 26, Kansas City 13
Tampa Bay 17, Cincinnati 14
Seattle 16, L.A. Chargers 3
New Orleans 16, Arizona 14

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES					
COOK OUT 400					
Sunday at Richmond Raceway, Richmond, Va., Lap length: 0.75 miles					
FN	ST	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	6	Austin Dillon	C	408	50
2	1	Denny Hamlin	T	408	52
3	10	Tyler Reddick	T	408	40
4	8	Bubba Wallace	T	408	42
5	22	Ross Chastain	C	408	32
6	5	Christopher Bell	T	408	50
7	15	Kyle Larson	C	408	30
8	19	Carson Hocevar	C	408	31
9	4	Chase Elliott	C	408	34
10	21	Daniel Suarez	C	408	37
11	11	Ryan Blaney	F	408	26
12	12	Kyle Busch	C	408	25
13	13	William Byron	C	408	24
14	3	Josh Berry	F	408	24
15	28	Michael McDowell	F	408	27
16	29	Brad Keselowski	F	408	21
17	23	Todd Gilliland	F	408	20
18	7	Chris Buescher	F	408	22
19	9	Joey Logano	F	408	32
20	16	Noah Gragson	F	407	17
21	25	Chase Briscoe	F	407	16
22	14	Ty Gibbs	T	407	15
23	20	Zane Smith	C	407	14
24	18	Austin Cindric	F	407	13
25	26	Ryan Preece	F	407	12
26	30	Ty Dillon	C	407	0
27	36	Justin Haley	F	406	10
28	17	Alex Bowman	C	406	9
29	27	Erik Jones	T	406	8
30	32	Daniel Hemric	C	406	7
31	35	John H. Nemechek	T	405	6
32	31	Harrison Burton	F	405	5
33	34	Riley Herbst	F	405	0
34	24	Corey LaJoie	C	404	3
35	37	Parker Retzlaff	F	402	0
36	33	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	397-a	1
37	2	Martin Truex Jr	T	250-e	9

FF-Ford; T-Toyota;

a--accident; e--engine; C--Chevrolet; F--Ford; T--Toyota

RACE STATISTICS
Winner's average speed: 100.155 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 3 minutes, 19 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Under Caution.
Caution Flags: 4 for 26 laps.
Lead Changes: 26 among 9 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 0-45; C.Bell 46-80; D.Hamlin 81-83; C.Bell 84; D.Hamlin 85-92; D.Suárez 93-121; D.Larson 122-123; C.Elliott 124-126; K.Larson 127-143; C.Bell 144-176; C.Elliott 177; T.Reddick 178-185; D.Suárez 186-235; C.Bell 236-281; C.Elliott 282; D.Suárez 283-292; D.Hamlin 293-332; A.Dillon 333; C.Hocevar 334-335; C.Bell 336-342; D.Suárez 343-346; D.Hamlin 347-371; A.Dillon 372-400; D.Hamlin 401; A.Dillon 402-405; J.Logano 406-407; A.Dillon 408

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): D.Hamlin, 7 times for 124 laps; C.Bell, 5 times for 122 laps; D.Suárez, 4 times for 93 laps; A.Dillon, 4 times for 35 laps; K.Larson, 1 time for 17 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 8 laps; C.Elliott, 3 times for 5 laps; C.Hocevar, 1 time for 2 laps; J.Logano, 1 time for 2 laps.

Wins: K.Larson, 4; D.Hamlin, 3; W.Byron, 3; C.Bell, 3; R.Blaney, 2; C.Elliott, 1; T.Reddick, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; A.Bowman, 1; J.Logano, 1; D.Suárez, 1;

WTA WORLD TOUR NATIONAL BANK OPEN	Sunday at Sobey's Stadium, Toronto, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS	Amanda Anisimova d.
#8Emma Navarro, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.	
#3Jessica Pegula d.	
#14 Diana Shnaider, 6-4, 6-3.	
LATE SATURDAY, QUARTERFINALS	#14 Diana Shnaider d.
#6 Ludmilla Samsonova, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.	

ATP NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Sunday at IGA Stadium, Montreal,
hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
 Sebastian Korda d. #2 Alexander Zverev,
 7-6(5), 1-6, 6-4.
 Alexei Popyrin d. #4 Hubert Hurkacz,
 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5.

MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
 #5 Andrey Rublev d. Matteo Arnaldi,
 6-4, 6-2.
 Alexei Popyrin vs. Sebastian Korda, late

LATE SATURDAY, QUARTERFINALS
 #5 Andrey Rublev d.
 #1 Jannik Sinner, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.
 Matteo Arnaldi d. Kei Nishikori, 6-4, 7-5.

PARIS OLYMPICS

SHORTS

Italy beats defending champion US



Monica De Gennaro, pictured, of Italy, made three previous trips to the Olympics only to leave empty-handed each time. Finally, at age 37, she's going home with the gold. Italy beat the defending champion U.S. team Sunday to win gold in women's volleyball at the Paris Olympics. "It feels special," she said. "It's the dream of every player to play in the final of the Olympics and win it. It is something unique. We worked so hard for so many years to be able to reach this final." When Italy scored the match point to end it, many of the players collapsed to the court, then began hugging in a huge scrum. Together they tossed De Gennaro into the air. The victory came in straight sets, 25-18, 25-20, 25-17. The Italians ended a dominant tournament having lost just one set. It's the first medal in the sport for top-ranked Italy and sends the Americans home in disappointment after they won their first Olympic title in Tokyo. It's a huge win for the Italians, whose previous best Olympic finish was fifth. "It means everything," Alesia Orro said.

Champ Khelif files legal complaint



Olympic boxing champion Imane Khelif has filed a legal complaint in France for online harassment after a rain of criticism and false claims about her sex during the Olympics, her lawyer said Sunday. Khelif, who was Algeria's flag bearer in the closing ceremony, won gold Friday in the women's welterweight division, becoming a new hero in her native Algeria. The complaint was filed Friday with a special unit in the Paris prosecutor's office for combating online hate speech, alleging "aggravated cyber-harassment" targeting Khelif, lawyer Nabil Boudi said. It is up to prosecutors to decide whether to open an investigation. As is common in French law, the complaint doesn't name a perpetrator but leaves it to investigators to determine who could be at fault. Khelif was thrust into a worldwide clash over gender identity and regulation in sports after her first fight, when opponent Angela Carini pulled out seconds into the match, citing pain from punches. False claims that Khelif was transgender or a man erupted online, and the International Olympic Committee defended her and denounced those peddling misinformation.

Serbia wins third straight polo title



It happened in Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo and Paris. The men's water polo tournament at the Olympics ended the same way each time. With a Serbian flag hanging over a goal. Milos Cuk, pictured, scored three times, Radoslav Filipovic made 10 saves and Serbia beat Croatia 13-11 on Sunday for its third consecutive gold medal. Nikola Dedovic and captain Nikola Jaksic each had two goals as Serbia used a balanced attack to earn its third consecutive win since its shaky start in the preliminary round of the Paris Games. "We played better every single game," Jaksic said. "It was the idea that we wanted to do in the first place. We won the game deservedly so." Serbia joined Britain (1908-1920) and Hungary (2000-2008) as the only countries to win three straight Olympic titles in men's water polo. It also took home bronze in 2008 and 2012. The United States beat Hungary 11-8 in the bronze-medal match. It's the first medal for the U.S. men since the team lost to Hungary in the final of the 2008 Olympics. — Associated Press



Team USA's Jordan Chiles looks ahead during the apparatus floor final of the Summer Olympics on Aug. 5 at Bercy Arena in Paris. NAOMI BAKER/GETTY

GYMNASTICS

Chiles stripped of bronze

USOPC will appeal ruling for medal in floor exercise

By Will Graves
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PARIS — U.S. Olympic officials say they will appeal a court ruling that resulted in American gymnast Jordan Chiles being asked to return the bronze medal she won in the Paris Olympics floor exercise. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) voided an on-floor appeal by Chiles' coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came 4 seconds beyond the 1-minute time limit for scoring inquiries. The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision and elevate Barbosu to third. The International Olympic Committee confirmed the ruling Sunday, announcing that it was reallocating the bronze from last Monday's women's floor final to Romanian Ana Barbosu. "We firmly believe that Jordan rightfully earned the bronze medal, and there were critical errors in both the initial scoring by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and the subsequent CAS appeal process that need to be addressed," the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee statement said. CAS ruled Saturday that Team USA coach Cecile Landi's inquiry to have 0.1 added to Chiles' score came outside the 1-minute window allowed by the FIG. The CAS ad hoc committee wrote that Landi's inquiry came 1 minute, 4 seconds after Chiles' initial score was posted. The IOC said in a statement it will be

in touch with the USOPC regarding the return of Chiles' bronze and will work with the Romanian Olympic Committee to discuss a reallocation ceremony honoring Barbosu. "The initial error occurred in the scoring by FIG, and the second error was during the CAS appeal process, where the USOPC was not given adequate time or notice to effectively challenge the decision," said the USOPC statement, which was released Sunday. It was unclear the exact process the appeal would take first. The two potential places the USOPC could take the appeal would be to Switzerland's highest court, the Swiss Tribunal, or the European Court of Human Rights. CAS wrote Saturday that the initial finishing order should be restored, with Barbosu third, Romanian Sabrina Maneca-Voinea fourth and Chiles fifth. The organization added the FIG should determine the final ranking "in accordance with the above decision," but left it up to the federation to decide who would get the medal behind gold winner Rebeca Andrade of Brazil and silver medalist Simone Biles of the U.S. The FIG said it was the IOC's call on whether to reallocate the medal. The IOC confirmed Sunday it would respect FIG's decision and seek to have Chiles' medal returned. The rapid turn of events adds another layer to what has been a difficult few days for all three athletes. Romanian gymnastics legend and 1976 Olympic champion Nadia Comaneci feared for Barbosu's mental health because of the wrenching sequence in which she went from bronze medalist to fourth-place finisher. "I can't believe we play with athletes

mental health and emotions like this... let's protect them," Comaneci posted on X earlier in the week. Comaneci, at the same time, criticized the judges for the way they scored Maneca-Voinea's routine — the gymnast was docked 0.1 points for stepping out of bounds, but viral replays showed she narrowly stayed inbounds. Comaneci urged the Romanian Olympic Committee to protest, which it did, but CAS denied that appeal. Chiles hinted at the decision in an Instagram story on Saturday, indicating she is heartbroken and is "taking this time and removing myself from social media for my mental health, thank you." Jazmin Chiles, Jordan's sister, said on Instagram that Chiles was stripped of a medal "not because she wasn't good enough. But because the judges failed to give her difficulty and forced an inquiry to be made." U.S. teammates offered support to Chiles, a two-time Olympian. "Sending you so much love Jordan," American star Simone Biles posted on Instagram. "Keep your chin up 'Olympic champ' we love you." "All this talk about the athlete, what about the judges?" six-time Olympic medalist Sunisa Lee added on Instagram. "Completely unacceptable, this is awful and I'm gutted for Jordan." USA Gymnastics said in a statement on Saturday it is "devastated" by the ruling. "The inquiry into the Difficulty Value of Jordan Chiles' floor exercise routine was filed in good faith and, we believed, in accordance with FIG rules to ensure accurate scoring," the organization wrote.

ROUNDUP

Lyles has eyes on new career goals

Associated Press

Asthma didn't stop Noah Lyles from taking on the 200 meter at the Paris Olympics, even after testing positive for COVID-19. Despite fears of bronchitis and conflicting reports about his fever, Lyles won a bronze medal just two days after his positive test. He was concerned more about the virus' severe symptoms than his temperature, which his coach Lance Brauman claimed rose to 102 degrees. "Anytime I've had COVID, it's never been about the temperatures. It's always been about the body aches, the chills, the headaches and the cold," Lyles told The Associated Press on Sunday. He spoke during an interview about his new Visa campaign involving his mother, Keisha Caine Bishop, who narrated a 30-second reel with her son. Lyles said his temperature reached no higher than 99 degrees. The only reason he would have pulled out is if the symptoms of bronchitis had become worse. "Then asthma joining in on that and making it even worse, that was our worst fear," he said. "We were back in the medical bay underneath the track. Their biggest concern was me getting bronchitis because we didn't want something to get infected and the asthma really starts to take form. We really had to jump on top of that." Lyles added: "If that was the case, I probably would have had to get a trip to the hospital, for sure." During the Paris Olympics, the 27-year-old Lyles has had a whirlwind experience. He became the world's fastest man in the 100 meters before his decision to race in the 200. He faced some criticism about his participating in the race and possibly infecting others, but the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee had no issues with Lyles competing. Lyle has embraced becoming somewhat of an anti-hero. He's used to hearing the criticism about him being overly confident, but he notes that many don't understand his journey toward improving his self worth. Along with asthma, Lyles said he dealt with dyslexia, anxiety, depression and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"Those are all prime bullying targets right there," he said. "I was getting bullied in school. It was very hard, and I was already not doing well because I'm not a traditional learner. It was very hard going through that. Going through the school system, it made me feel like I was stupid. I felt like none of my gifts I have now were worth anything." Lyles pushed through the skeptics, building himself up with the help of his family — particularly his mother. Even before her son's Olympic medals, she was proud of him. "It's not the critic who counts because it's always easy to be a critic," she said. "I know people see his confidence as cockiness, but what do you want people to do? It makes me feel sad for those people who feel like they have to criticize somebody who has big goals and puts those goals out there." His mother said, "It's better to have goals and put them out there and not achieve them, than to sit there all your life and wonder, 'What if?'" Lyles has since tested negative for COVID-19 and now he's looking to make a bigger name for himself. He'll still be preparing hard for the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo in September, but he'll look to branch out in the next year into other opportunities such as fashion, music, buying a new house and enjoying his relationship with track athlete Junelle Bromfield. "I'm excited to see where the road takes me," he said. "And to be honest, I'm also excited to see what plans God has, because I can only think so far. But he has thought way further than I ever could."

Valente defends Olympic omnium gold to wrap up best Summer Games for US cycling in 40 years: Jennifer Valente rolled around the Vélodrome National de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines one last time with the American flag held aloft Sunday, a dominant defense of her Olympic omnium title giving her a second gold medal in a span of four days. The Stars and Stripes flew often after cycling events at the Paris Games. The Americans won three gold medals and six in all for their best showing at the Olympics in four decades, and Valente capped everything off in style. The 29-year-old from San Diego finished with 144 points in the final event of the cycling program, well ahead of Daria Pikulik of Poland and Ally Wollaston of New Zealand, who rounded out the omnium podium. **US women's wrestling wins two Olympic golds and closes gap on Japan:** The United States closed the gap on Japan in women's wrestling at the Paris Olympics. The Japanese won four of the six gold medals for the third straight Olympics and claimed two bronze medals as well. But the Americans got women's freestyle golds from Sarah Hildebrandt at 50 kilograms and Amit Elor at 68 kg, a silver from Kennedy Blades at 76 kg and a bronze from Helen Maroulis at 57 kg. The United States became the only country other than Japan to win more than one Olympic gold since women's wrestling was added to the Summer Games in 2004. Fittingly, the last Olympic match featured Blades and Yuka Kagami of Japan. Kagami won the 76 kg final 3-1, but the message already had been sent — Japan is no longer alone at the top level.