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Hackers target Trump campaign

Microsoft blames Iranians for breach of website, account

By David E. Sanger and Michael Gold
The New York Times

For the third presidential election in a row, the foreign hacking of the campaigns has begun in

earnest. But this time, it's the Iranians, not the Russians, making the first significant move.

On Friday, Microsoft released a report declaring that a hacking group run by the intelligence unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guard had successfully breached the account of a "former senior adviser" to a presidential campaign. From that account, Microsoft said, the group sent fake email messages,

known as "spear phishing," to "a high-ranking official of a presidential campaign" in an effort to break into the campaign's accounts and databases.

By Saturday night, former President Donald Trump was declaring that Microsoft had informed his campaign "that one of our many websites was hacked by the Iranian Government — Never a nice thing to do!" but that the hackers had

obtained only "publicly available information." He attributed it all to what he called, in his signature selective capitalization, a "Weak and Ineffective" Biden administration. The facts were murkier, and it is unclear what, if anything, the Iranian group, which Microsoft called Mint Sandstorm, was able to achieve.

Trump's campaign was already blaming "foreign sources hostile

to the United States" for a leak of internal documents that Politico reported Saturday that it had received, although it is unclear whether those documents emerged from the Iranian efforts or were part of an unrelated leak from inside the campaign. The New York Times received what appears to be a similar if not identical

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Keant'e Boyd Jr., 6, races sister Emari Reed, 3, assisted by grandmother Donna Pearson-Simmons, on July 26 in Back of the Yards. Keant'e and Pearson-Simmons drew Trees of Life at a Chicago Survivors summer camp to honor Keant'e's late mother, Erica. TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HELPING KIDS HEAL

Chicago Survivors' Storytellers Camp brings support to children after violent loss

By Robert McCoppin
Chicago Tribune

At summer camp, Keant'e "KJ" Boyd Jr., like any 6-year-old, ran in circles, played with other boys and girls, and clung to his grandmother's side when she came to get him. But one activity made this summer camp different. KJ painted a stone and placed it in a garden, in memory of his mother.

Erica Reed was killed in a shooting in Chicago in May of last year. Her son participated this summer in Storytellers Camp,

where kids who have lost loved ones to violence gathered to play while also trying to make sense of their loss.

The camp is run by Chicago Survivors, a group that reaches out to crime victims after a homicide, offering therapy and support. The effort is a small beginning to address the trauma suffered every year by the more than 500 homicide victims and their families in the city.

The camp lets youths share their stories — if they want to — about their loved ones and what happened to them. They get an understanding support group from friends who've been through the same type of trauma.

Telling stories about our loved ones is "essential to the mourning process," the Center for Loss and Bereavement says, by

exploring what's been lost, how things will be different, and how to survive and reinvest in life. Generally, storytelling reduces stress, elicits support and empathy, and strengthens bonds with the living and the deceased.

But children may not have the capacity or aren't ready to put their experience into words. That's why the Storytellers Camp helps kids age 5-18 express themselves through activities such as arts and crafts, dance, tai chi and drumming. A Brain Break room offers a timeout for anyone who gets overwhelmed. And a licensed social worker and counselor are on duty for whoever wants to talk about it.

The camp, which ended earlier this month, was held three times a week, for three weeks,

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Housing providers feel insurance hike squeeze

Rents driven up, and unlike other states, Illinois can do little

By Lizzie Kane
Chicago Tribune

Stuart Handler runs a company that owns and manages 47 properties, with a total of 6,000 apartments throughout the Chicago area. For 2024, the insurance premium on his portfolio of properties increased about 150%, and his deductible climbed from \$100,000 to \$1 million.

The jump in insurance costs came even though Handler's record of filing claims related to damage at his properties — an action which can cause rates to increase — has been "extremely low" over the past 10 years, he said.

"We are in a crisis mode with insurance," said Handler, who is CEO of TLC Management

and declined to share the dollar amount by which his premium increased. "It used to be that insurance was a stable, inconsequential line item on an expense summary for a management company. Now, it has become so large, it is having an impact on ... affordability and will lead to higher rents."

Rents for some of Handler's units have increased as much as 20%, while other rents have stayed the same or declined as much as 10%. His firm sets prices using a rent optimization tool — one created by Yardi Systems, a company facing a class-action antitrust lawsuit for allegedly conspiring to fix rent prices with the tool.

Although Handler's heard from his provider that his insurance costs won't increase in 2025, he's one of numerous housing providers speaking out about skyrocketing insurance premiums and the need to raise rents because of them.



A person walks past a three-flat apartment on South Oakley Avenue in Chicago's Lower West Side neighborhood on July 22. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Most publicly available data on insurance rate increases focuses on homeowners' insurance policies, and not the premiums that owners of multifamily buildings pay. But insurance experts say many rental building owners have seen their insurance costs increase 10% to 20% in recent months and years, and property owners interviewed by the Tribune reported increases ranging from 11% to 150% between 2023 and 2024.

Insurance groups acknowledge having to boost prices, saying it is necessary to cover rising expenses tied to the greater volume of climate-change-induced natural catastrophes and high building and reinsurance costs. And while housing providers want recourse, the Illinois Department of Insurance's hands are tied as insurers raise rates, because it does not have the authority to approve or

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CTA up to task of DNC crowds?

Amid high stakes, concerns voiced for safety, effectiveness

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune

The upcoming Democratic National Convention has Paige Weaver bracing for her CTA commute.

She usually heads downtown two or three times a week to her marketing job. But, anticipating crowds on transit during the convention, she plans to shift her workday to arrive at her office early in the morning.

"I feel like the CTA doesn't tend to rise to the occasion for events as we just saw with Lollapalooza," she said, referring to her experience waiting for trains around the city while the crowded music festival took place downtown. "So I'm very concerned about how it'll be able to handle a rush of people into the city."

The CTA plans to add some additional "L" runs to handle the influx of convention visitors, though the agency provided few specifics about the service. CTA riders will contend with bus reroutes around security perimeters surrounding the convention sites. The agency is also preparing for some equipment to go to DNC use, though CTA President Dorval Carter has promised aldermen the transit agency would be able to run buses and trains during the convention with minimal effects on everyday passengers.

The stakes will be high for the CTA and the embattled Carter as an expected tens of thousands of politicians, dignitaries, protesters and media descend on Chicago for the convention and the city looks to put its best foot forward. After years of complaints about lagging transit service, ridership and concerns about

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INSIDE Bronx Bombers bring big mismatch

Aaron Judge, above, and the AL East-leading Yankees bring some David-vs.-Goliath energy to Guaranteed Rate Field against the White Sox, Paul Sullivan writes. **Chicago Sports**

'44' a hilarious spoof of Obama and others

Political satire musical at the Epiphany Center for the Arts has plenty of laughs, ambition and higher-end production values, theater critic Chris Jones writes. **Arts & Living**



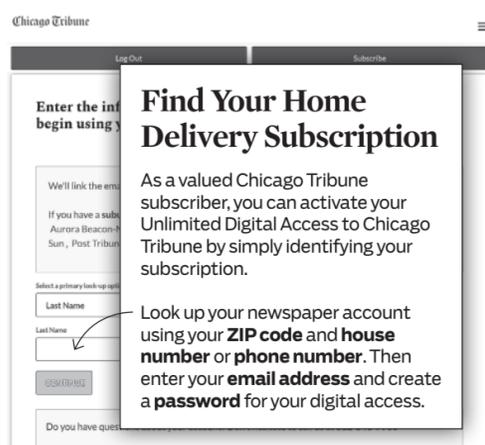
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Bears to ask fans what they want in new stadium — just not where

By Robert McCoppin
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Bears are asking fans what they want to see in a new stadium. But at least one season ticket holder wants them to ask the much more important question: Where do they want the stadium to be?

The team plans to hold two focus groups this week asking some season ticket holders what amenities they'd like to see in a new arena. The invitation-only sessions are to be held in Chicago and Schaumburg, but participants won't be asked about stadium location.

The focus groups come as the Bears have offered to put up \$2.3 billion for a domed lakefront stadium to replace Soldier Field, and are asking for \$900 million in public funding for the facility. But the project as proposed also would require up to \$1.5 billion in public infrastructure, \$430 million to refinance existing stadium debt, and \$160 million to cover any shortfalls in the city hotel tax to pay the debt.

But the team also spent \$197 million to buy the former Arlington International Racecourse. Officials previously proposed build-

ing a \$2 billion stadium there as part of a massive multi-use development. But the team's interest there has waned because it says property taxes are too high.

The team conducts surveys and focus groups regularly, so these latest sessions are nothing unusual. Officials say their focus remains on the lakefront site.

The team previously released a survey showing support for a new stadium. But season ticket holder Martin Anderson of West Dundee says he'd like the team to ask its most valu-

able fans, season ticket holders, where they want a new stadium.

Soldier Field is difficult to get into and out of, and takes a whole day to go to a game, Anderson said.

“The time, the hassle to get there, particularly the parking,” Anderson said. “If they ask, the season ticket holders would probably want them out of the city.”

With little support from state lawmakers for taxpayer spending on the stadium, Gov. JB Pritzker recently said it would be “near impossible” to get a Bears stadium deal done this year.



Donna Pearson-Simmons, 56, center, holds granddaughter Emari Reed, 3, center, and grandson Keant'e Boyd Jr., 6, right, on her lap and goes to kiss Keant'e's cousin Desiree Gueno, 8 months, while Keant'e's aunt Desiree Reed, 22, holds her outside their home on July 26. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Storytellers

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for about 60 kids in the basement of City of Praise Church in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood. It offers field trips to the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Sloomoo “Slime” Institute, and a water park. It culminated with Maker's Day, when kids decorate picture frames or bring photos to create keepsake buttons, cups and T-shirts to remember their loved ones.

By letting thoughts reconsider what happened, survivors stretch out time to process the shock of a sudden loss that gave no chance for goodbyes.

In KJ's case, his mother had gone to a party in an apartment in South Chicago where, unknown to her, an altercation had occurred earlier. When she left, she was shot in the back of the head. A woman, Shaunaria Watson, has been charged with her murder.

After his mother's passing, KJ shut down, and wouldn't talk. He only hummed a song his mother used to sing with him by Lil Nas X that goes, “Call me when you want, call me when you need ... I'll be on my way ...”

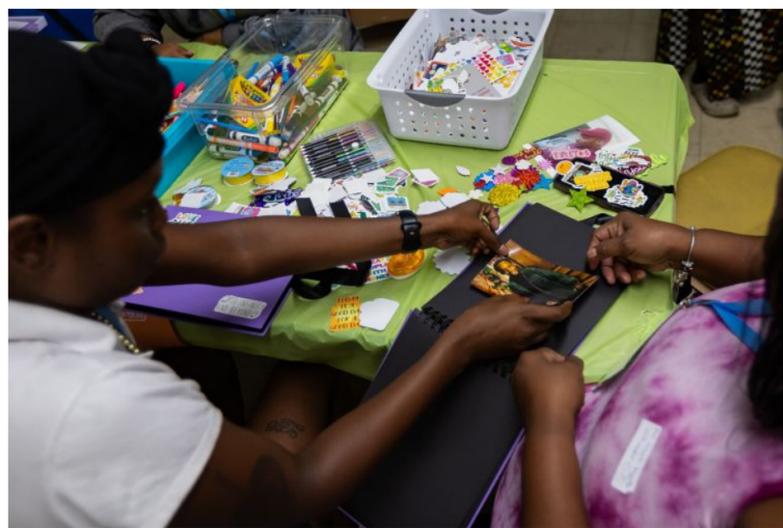
KJ's grandmother, Donna Pearson-Simmons, is raising him since she lost her daughter. She credits the camp with helping him come out of his shell and become himself again.

“It's a lifeline,” she said. “It pulls you back into reality. He started talking and telling people about his day, about his mother, about her passing. The camp helped him heal. He's back to living again.”

KJ has a 3-year-old sister, Emari, and their father is also helping to raise them. Adults also can get therapy through Chicago Survivors. “I don't think I would have made it this far without it,” Pearson-Simmons said.

Sometimes, grandmother and grandson participated in activities together, as when they made a Tree of Life depicting where they came from and where they're going. KJ decorated his with pictures of his family members, Legos to represent building, a fire truck and a cat in a tree, because he likes helping people.

Another family, including Carla Rodriguez and her



Sheila Whitaker, 30, left, receives help from her mother, Sheila Whitaker, 60, as she makes a scrapbook in memory of her son's father, Tre Velle, on July 31.

7-year-old son Elio, joined the program after her father was robbed and run over at a gas station, suffering a traumatic head injury. She took care of him at home for nearly three years before he died in a nursing home. When she is too busy raising her three kids to process her emotions, she's learned to express them through therapy.

“I get to cry, I get to feel,” she said.

For kids at camp, artistic projects let them share their feelings in their own way, KJ's counselor, Kendall Evans, said.

“We ease into things,” she said. “We want them to have fun and build relationships. A lot of them like to wear necklaces with pictures of their loved ones. Another kid might say, ‘I like that. Who is that?’ They can talk about it, which is why we call it Storytellers camp.”

Initially, KJ and Evans spent a lot of time just singing his song and dancing, or making a crown of bubbles. “It might seem like silly little things, but for a child who's lost someone so crucial in his life, those little interactions are so meaningful,” Evans said. “A lot of them are forced to grow up really fast. It's fun to just be a kid with them again.”

When a homicide occurs in the city, Chicago Survivors gets notified within hours by police, fire officials and hospitals. The group contacts the family to offer help including crisis intervention, coun-

seling for post-traumatic stress disorder and seeking victim compensation from the state for funeral or living expenses. If necessary, the group can communicate with police and go to court with them and refer them to other services.

Counselors may use a technique called eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, or EMDR. In this type of psychotherapy, patients think or talk about traumatic events while focusing on an external stimulus, such as following a therapist's finger from side to side. This approach is meant to reduce distress while helping the survivors form new thoughts about what happened, such as appreciating their own strength in surviving and moving forward.

The storytelling approach is somewhat similar to that employed by The Trace, a nonprofit newsroom, which established a Survivor Storytelling Network to help people tell their own narratives.

Chicago Survivors grew out of Chicago's Citizens for Change, founded in 2010 by Joy McCormack after the loss of her son. Her family felt traumatized, confused and alone.

She helped create a systematic effort to address the aftermath of homicide, and try to break the cycle of violence that has become normalized in Chicago.

Today, the nonprofit group has about 30 staff members, some of whom

speak Spanish, and an annual budget of \$4 million funded by state, city and federal grants.

Chicago Survivors Executive Director JaShawn Hill helps lead the kids through camp activities while providing an energetic, comforting presence.

She's seen KJ grow from a timid youngster to one who now talks about his mom and suggests other kids who've lost someone to join the program.

Hill has grown the program, but says she needs to double the staff to serve the demand.

“We know if we can intervene within 45 days of a homicide, we can reduce the likelihood of developing PTSD,” she said.

Chicago Survivors also plans to offer programs at 16 Chicago public schools this fall. The group offers well-ness days and one-on-one therapy, but has a list of 80 schools waiting to participate.

Long term, counselors try to help survivors see their lives as an opportunity for growth and adventure.

“Our youths are more than their single stories of homicide,” she said. “When you open their minds to other stories, you get them unstuck from their grief. You can develop post-traumatic growth, which is how you make meaning from a traumatic event.”

For more information, see chicagosurvivors.org, or call the group's 24-hour crisis help line at 877-863-6338.

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U. of C. gives graduates degrees that were withheld

Students had been involved in pro-Palestinian protests

By Karina Atkins
Chicago Tribune

Five former University of Chicago students involved in pro-Palestinian encampments on campus have received their diplomas more than two months after graduation.

Youssef Hasweh, 22, posed in his gown, with a keffiyeh draped over his shoulder and his diploma above his head in an Instagram photo posted Friday.

"(I claimed my degree) for all the students in Palestine who didn't get degrees this year," he wrote in the caption.

Hasweh has family in the West Bank and was a leader in on-campus protests against the University of Chicago's ties to Israel and arms companies since the early days of the Israel-Hamas war.

Hours before his last final exam May 24, the political science major was informed his degree would be withheld pending a school disciplinary process related to his participation in on-campus encampments erected in late April and lasting through early May.

Many students were involved in the encampments, but Hasweh — along with 10 other students — received formal complaints for violating university protest and demonstration policies.

Hasweh said he and his 10 peers were never informed of specific actions that led to these complaints, and the university did not provide more detail about the nature of the complaints in a statement to the Tribune Sunday.

The five students set to graduate June 1, including Hasweh, were allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony. However, they could not receive their degrees until the conclusion of formal disciplinary hearings, per the university's disciplinary system.

While Hasweh attended the graduation ceremony, he walked out with several other



Kelly Hui, a University of Chicago student, turns her back to show her sign during a rally after students walked out of the university's convocation ceremony in support of Palestinians on June 1. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

students in continued protest of the war. The demonstration was met by heckling from attendees and some protesters were pepper sprayed and attacked by university police, according to a news release from the student coalition UChicago United for Palestine.

All 11 disciplinary cases have been dismissed, according to a Monday statement from the coalition. The university registrar also confirmed Monday morning that the five graduating students received their degrees. Hasweh said he and three fellow seniors got their diplomas in the mail last week. The fifth student — a graduate student — was conferred their degree Monday morning, according to the coalition's statement.

University police had previously arrested Hasweh during a November sit-in. He, 25 other students and two faculty members were charged with misdemeanor trespass. The charges were dropped in December, but Hasweh was consequently fired from a university admissions office position.

Then, after his degree was withheld due to his involvement with the encampments this spring, he said he had two job offers rescinded.

With his full-time employment options pulled from the table, he built a social media presence advising high schoolers on the college process, which he notes was "very ironic" since he didn't have a college degree until last week.

"My life kinda stood still for the past two months," he told the Tribune on Sunday. But, he does not regret his decision to protest.

"I would do it all over again," Hasweh said, adding that he hopes his fellow protesters see his degree conferral as "a victory."

13-year-old fatally shot in Edgewater identified

By Sylvan Lebrun
Chicago Tribune

The neighbors in Edgewater heard the gunshots Sunday night, a violent disturbance on what they describe as a mostly quiet block. But the building they seemed to come from was no surprise.

On Monday morning, Chicago police officers were seen entering the low-rise red brick apartment complex as news spread that a 13-year-old boy had been shot on their block the night before.

According to police, officers responded to a residence on the 6000 block of North Kenmore Avenue at about 8:15 p.m., and found the boy with a gunshot wound to the head. The boy was transported to Ascension St. Francis Hospital in Evanston in critical condition, where he was later pronounced dead, police said.

The boy was identified by the Cook County medical examiner's office as Ashawn Davis, who lived a couple of blocks from where the shooting happened.

Although police would not confirm the residence where the boy had been shot, neighbors said the apartment building police were seen entering has been a hot spot for fistfights, shootings and police activity for years. Some said they even cross the street to avoid passing by the building.

"This is a really safe neighborhood, and then every time I cross by that building, there's shouting out of there," said Rachel Maria, who moved to Edgewater in June. She said she has also seen a physical altercation in broad daylight outside the apartments.

Since May, the block of Kenmore between West Thorndale Avenue and West Glenlake Avenue has been the scene of five shootings, Chicago police said.

Two shootings occurred just two days apart in late May; on May 22, two men were shot in an alleyway, while on May 24 a 48-year-old man was shot in the torso. On June 6, a 23-year-old woman sitting outside her residence was the victim of a drive-by shooting. Then on Aug. 8, three days before last night's fatal shooting, a 39-year-old man was shot on the sidewalk.

Chicago police reported two — one fatal — occurred there in the summer months

of June through August 2023. But never this many in the past decade, where — at most — the block saw one shooting a summer before 2023, and typically saw none.

Multiple arrests have been made of people involved in this summer's shootings, and efforts are underway to increase police attention and community engagement efforts on the block, said Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth, 48th.

"As the mother of a teenager, my heart breaks for the family, friends and classmates of the victim," Manaa-Hoppenworth wrote in an email to constituents on Monday. "As a community leader, I'm outraged by the gun violence in our city and community. I'm committed to continuing to partner with police and community organizations to build communities where everyone, especially our young people, feels safe."

Manaa-Hoppenworth and her chief of staff Nicole Granacki went door to door on Kenmore on Monday to speak to residents.

Granacki said that the alderman is encouraging residents to come forward with any information that could be relevant to the detectives' investigation. Police have not taken anyone into custody.

Behind an iron fence, the grassy front lawn of the apartment complex was littered with food wrappers, garbage and tipped-over grocery carts. Passersby walked their dogs and carried to-go cups of coffee as detectives gathered on the street. Police were seen entering complexes up and down the street as they investigated.

Michael Ravanasi, 61, lives on the block where the Sunday shooting occurred. His home shares a back alley with the apartment building that he and other neighbors point to as the source of recent violence. He said that he now avoids sitting outside on his back porch.

"The building needs to be closed down and evacuated, there's no end in sight," Ravanasi said. "This needs to get boarded up until they can figure out what's going on."

Chicago Tribune's Caroline Kubzansky and Joe Mahr contributed.

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Dolton deputy police chief indicted by feds

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Dolton police Deputy Chief Lewis Lacey, a strong ally of embattled Mayor Tiffany Henyard, was indicted Monday on federal bankruptcy fraud charges alleging he lied under oath in a scheme to hide assets and income from creditors to avoid paying more than \$40,000 in a lawsuit settlement.

The nine-count indictment returned against Lacey in U.S. District Court charged Lacey, 61, of Matteson, with bankruptcy fraud, making false statements and declarations in a bankruptcy case and perjury. Each count carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

An arraignment date has not yet been scheduled.

Though unrelated to his duties in Dolton, Lacey's indictment is the latest shoe to drop in a burgeoning federal investigation into alleged corruption by Henyard, the longtime mayor who has been named



Dolton police Deputy Chief Lewis Lacey, left, and Mayor Tiffany Henyard before the start of a Dolton Village Board meeting on Aug. 5. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

in a slew of federal subpoenas served earlier this year on the Village Hall.

In a statement to the Tribune on Monday, Lacey's attorney, Gal Pissetzky, said the charges were the result of a "witch hunt" aimed at Henyard.

"Mr. Lacey has been serving the community of Dolton for years," Pissetzky said. "He is an excellent police officer and has been

an upstanding chief of police. ... This is a witch hunt where they are taking down Mr. Lacey to try to get to the mayor."

Trustees last week voted to place Lacey on administrative leave for an undefined period. After the meeting, Trustee Jason House said the board had received some information about the deputy chief that needs to be investigated, and

that "we would expect it to be enforced."

Burt Odelson, an attorney for the trustees, said Monday that Lacey continued reporting for work after being placed on leave.

According to the indictment, Lacey has filed numerous personal bankruptcy cases in Chicago beginning in the 1980s.

Two recent petitions filed in 2019 and 2020 automatically stayed enforcement of a settlement agreement Lacey had reached in 2017 with the plaintiff in a lawsuit in state court, the indictment alleged. Lacey allegedly filed the 2019 bankruptcy petition shortly after the plaintiff moved to enforce the settlement agreement, accusing Lacey of still owing \$43,000 of the \$55,000 settlement, according to the charges.

In filings and statements made under oath to the bankruptcy court, Lewis underreported his monthly income and concealed bank accounts that he controlled, according to the charges.

Among the lies was that he

was separated from his wife and that she did not reside with him or contribute to his monthly income and mortgage, the indictment stated. Those lies allowed Lacey to substantially understate his monthly income and avoid creditors, according to the charges.

The charges were similar to those brought in April against Keith Freeman, a longtime aide to Henyard, who was accused of making false statements in his bankruptcy petition filed earlier this year to conceal from creditors his assets and sources of income and a significant claim against him.

Freeman, 45, of Orland Park, has pleaded not guilty, and a status hearing in his case is set for Wednesday.

Last week, Henyard told spectators at the monthly Village Board meeting that Freeman, the village's administrator, had been fired, although trustees said the mayor lacked the legal authority to do so and did not move to support her decision.

When she asked trustees to make a motion to support her decision, the five trustees present were silent.

Trustee Kiana Belcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Henyard ruled the trustee was out of order, then said, "Keith Freeman is fired from the village of Dolton."

Moments later, apparently talking to TV cameras or the camera recording the village's livestream of the meeting, Henyard said, "Keith Freeman, I know you're watching, you no longer work for the village of Dolton."

Freeman, the top aide to Henyard as Thornton Township supervisor, was dismissed from the township position last month.

Earlier this year, the board hired former Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot to do her own probe of Henyard and her administration. Lightfoot shared her preliminary findings in a public meeting last Thursday.

The Daily Southtown's Mike Nolan contributed.

CTA

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personal safety, both real and perceived, whether the transit agency can run buses and trains frequently and reliably during the convention could serve as a test of its ability to adequately serve both visitors and everyday residents looking to get to work and about their daily lives in the city.

"We all, collectively, view this as an opportunity to show the agency in a very positive light, as well as the city of Chicago," Carter told aldermen in late July.

As part of their preparations for the convention, the CTA and city officials have celebrated the long-awaited opening of a new Green Line station at Damen as a key accomplishment. Located blocks from the United Center where the convention will take place, the

station was initially planned to be finished in 2020 and was completed weeks before the DNC is set to begin.

But riders remain worried about how the CTA will handle service during the event. That included downtown commuters such as Claire Widseth and her boyfriend, who plans to work in Rosemont instead of his typical downtown office during the convention in part to avoid the hassle of crowds on transit and elsewhere around the area, he said.

"The CTA Red Line can barely handle when there's a Cubs game and a Sox game on the same day," Widseth said. "So like, I can't imagine when there's a national convention going on."

During the July City Council hearing, Carter said the CTA was prepared for the convention and was ready to handle both everyday service and provide

dedicated buses to transport convention participants.

Trains would, for the most part, operate as normal, though there could be some extra runs, he said. He characterized the extra service as "normal activities" the CTA would typically undertake during the summer.

"On the rail side of the house, there's not a lot of extra service that we're doing," he said. "We're running our regular service. There may be a couple of extra runs that we'll put in to provide capacity during certain peak hours."

CTA officials later said in an email the agency planned to adjust service for an expected increase in ridership, as the agency does for other large events. That includes increased capacity during the middle of the day on the Blue and Orange lines, which run to the city's two airports, and the Green Line, which runs close to

both the United Center and McCormick Place, venues where the convention will be taking place.

CTA officials did not respond to questions seeking more details about how much extra capacity would be added and on what days. Carter told aldermen the additional runs could include service to the airports during peak delegate travel times.

The buses for convention use will not affect regular service, Carter told aldermen. The agency plans to provide 165 buses and operators to drive them — a number that has fluctuated in recent months as transportation plans were finalized — which is a fraction of the CTA's nearly 2,000 buses.

Of those buses, 135 will be used in the afternoons and evenings to take delegates from their hotels to the United Center. Another

30 buses will be used during the day to take delegates to McCormick Place. The DNC will pay CTA \$2.4 million for use of the buses.

"Chicagoans should not expect any disruption to their regular service because of what we're going to be doing," Carter said.

One of the challenges the CTA has faced in recent years is a shortage of train and bus operators that led to service cuts. The CTA has begun adding back trains to schedules, and officials said in their statement staffing would not be an issue during the convention. The agency is nearly at pre-pandemic levels of bus drivers, though in June the number of train operators was still down 14% from 2019 levels.

"CTA staff have modeled many potential scenarios of what the demand will look like during the week of August 18-24, and we will be prepared to meet the needs of

riders, as well as the service being provided for the DNC," the agency said in a statement. "CTA is confident it can provide the service in support of the DNC while continuing to provide service to daily riders."

But 40th Ward Ald. Andre Vasquez, a frequent critic of the CTA, said he remains concerned about the transit agency's use of buses for convention participants and the agency's ability to provide service during the convention. He acknowledged that hosting a national convention was a challenging proposition for a city, but said it would be crucial for the CTA to focus on providing frequent, reliable buses and trains.

"When there's already issues about current reliability and making sure people aren't waiting 15, 25, 45 minutes for buses and trains, there are real concerns," he said.

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Dolton paying \$30,000 to settle false arrest suit

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

Dolton is paying \$30,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by an activist who said she was falsely arrested during a demonstration outside Village Hall in support of the family of Alexis Wilson, a 19-year-old Homewood woman shot to death by Dolton police.

The settlement was approved by the Village Board on Aug. 5.

Camiella Williams filed the federal lawsuit in August 2023 against the village, Mayor Tiffany Henyard and current deputy police chief Lewis Lacey, who at the time was an officer with the village's Police Department.

In the complaint, Williams said she and four other protesters were arrested Sept. 1, 2021, after trying to participate in a public meeting held

outside Village Hall.

Williams said that in the wake of Alexis Wilson's death, she had helped in protest planning and other forms of advocacy and organizing in the village.

In July 2022, Wilson's family filed a federal civil rights lawsuit accusing two Dolton officers of using excessive force when police fatally shot the woman July 27, 2021, outside a restaurant in the village. A hearing in the case is scheduled for Sept. 16.

The shooting prompted protests about the police response and triggered criticism of Henyard barely two months after she took office.

The suit seeks more than \$1 million in damages. The complaint names the village and officers Ryan Perez and Gerald Carlton as defendants.

"When racial justice and anti-po-

lice violence protests arrived in Dolton in response to Wilson's death, (police) responded with aggressive and unlawful police tactics," Williams said in her lawsuit.

Williams said she had helped organize and participate in a demonstration in support of Wilson and her family on Aug. 2, 2021, outside of Henyard's house. Williams is chair of the board of trustees at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights.

The Sept. 1 demonstration near Village Hall came when Henyard, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was holding a meeting for homeowners in the parking lot of the building.

Williams, in the lawsuit, said she and other demonstrators were "intending to approach and participate" in the mayor's outdoor meet-

ing, and they chanted Wilson's name and held signs reading "Justice for Alexis Wilson."

She said that several Dolton police officers and officers from other agencies were at the scene, and that officers "became increasingly aggressive as they continued to order protesters to move further away from the public meeting."

Williams said that Lacey approached her and told her to put her hands behind her back, and that she was handcuffed for 45 minutes before being released. Misdemeanor charges of disturbing a public meeting that had filed against her and others arrested were later dropped.

She had alleged violations of her constitutional rights under the First and Fourth amendments.

The lawsuit had sought compensatory and punitive damages as well

as attorney fees and costs.

The matter had been referred to a magistrate judge this past April for settlement talks.

According to police and the lawsuit filed by Wilson's family, Wilson was driving herself and a passenger at about 1 a.m. July 27, 2021, when they went to a drive-through at Baba's Famous Steak & Lemonade, 685 Sibley Blvd. Wilson got into a verbal dispute with an employee, who called police, according to the complaint.

Police arrived and ordered Wilson and the passenger to exit the vehicle. The passenger complied but Wilson refused, saying she was not properly dressed. Perez opened the driver's door and began punching Wilson, the suit claims.

"In fear for her safety, Alexis Wilson began to drive away," according to the complaint.

Insurance

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reject rate changes, unlike many other states.

Some in the real estate and insurance industries are calling for more regulation of Illinois' insurance market.

But the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, a trade group representing insurance providers, said increased regulation would do more harm than good.

"Having the insurance regulator approve your rates really impedes the ability of the insurance industry to charge a rate that is actuarially sound or reflective of underlying risk," said Eric Goldberg, department vice president and counsel in the trade group's commercial division. "That becomes especially challenging in an inflationary environment where the costs of material and labor are going up, but you can't be nimble enough to change those prices to reflect those increased costs."

Greater risks, rising costs

While Illinois does not have California's wildfires or Florida's hurricanes, insurance companies are raising rates everywhere due to greater climate risks, construction costs and an overall increase in liability claims. Some housing providers and insurance experts say multifamily rates are in line with or above the double-digit increases seen for homeowners insurance.

Corey Oliver, CEO of Strength in Management, a property management company that owns and operates around 500 affordable housing units on the South and West sides, said that with insurance costs rising as substantially as they are — some owners are seeing their insurance rates double — it makes profitability and sustainability for building owners "very difficult."

Oliver said one of his properties, a 12-unit building in Englewood, saw its premium go from around \$7,000 to nearly \$13,000 between 2023 and 2024.

Because of increased building costs such as insurance, some owners are upping their rents \$100 a month — although not every year and not enough to cover the increased costs, Oliver said.

"We have some tenants where we haven't raised rents in three to four years, and now they have gotten two years, back-to-back rent increases," Oliver said. "It's terrible."

Like others who spoke with the Tribune, Goldberg cited rising building costs, an increase in catastrophic weather events and greater attorney involvement in insurance claims as some of the reasons for rate hikes in Illinois and beyond. The rising cost of reinsurance, the insurance that insur-



Property owner Miguel Chacon stands in front of a three-flat apartment he owns on West 22nd Place in Chicago's Lower West Side neighborhood on July 22. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

ance companies purchase, is also a factor.

One developer recently experienced firsthand the higher insurance costs associated with greater climate risks.

Jonathan F.P. Rose, president of his eponymous company, which develops environmentally conscious affordable and mixed-income housing in Chicago and nationally, said his insurance costs recently went up after he filed an insurance claim for a burst pipe at his then newly acquired property in Grand Boulevard at the end of 2022. Had he purchased the building earlier and taken it through a "greening process" that would have involved insulating the pipes, his insurance costs wouldn't have gone up as much, Rose said.

Rose, who spoke at a recent U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development summit on rising property insurance costs, told the Tribune that the insurance rate for his national portfolio — 19,000 units across 20 cities — went up about 11% between 2023 and 2024, an increase he called "modest" compared with others seen in the industry. He attributes his more modest increases to building greener properties that are less prone to crumble when disaster strikes.

"The greening strategies (are) right for the environment, but they are also really right for insurance costs," Rose said.

Illinois-based Allstate and State Farm, two large insurance providers in the state and nationally, declined to provide specific rate hike information requested by the Tribune.

While homeowners insurance rate increase information is publicly available in the state, data for commercial properties — specifically, multiunit residential buildings — are not accessible in the same way.

In a response to a Tribune request for comment on double-digit multifamily rate hikes in the past few years, State Farm said its rate changes are driven by increased costs and risk.

"It is important to note that many factors are considered when underwriting and pricing an insur-

ance policy," State Farm said. "We review loss trends over a period of years when determining rates. Our rates are based on the need to pay anticipated future claims informed by actual claims experience in an area — from weather, hail, wind, water, fire, accidents, liability, theft, and so on."

Allstate did not respond to a similar question from the Tribune.

A spokesperson for Ohio-based Nationwide, another large insurance provider, said in an email that the company is taking steps to address the challenges in the market and "ensure long-term viability," like others in the industry.

"Inflation and market disruptions impact insurance just like they do any other business. In many instances, this means we are updating our rates," the statement said.

Nationwide did not specify its exact rate hikes and did not respond to further questions about its rates.

Some insurance providers deferred to the Insurance Information Institute — an organization that focuses on analyzing various types of insurance, but not insurance for apartment building owners specifically.

Alexandra Glickman, a global practice leader for real estate and hospitality at Chicago-based Gallagher, one of the largest global insurance brokerages, said a dual surge in liability- and property-related costs is leading to a 15% to 20% average national increase in insurance rates for many apartment building owners in the last two quarters.

Liability costs are incidents such as legal claims by tenants against their landlords, with Illinois being a particularly tenant-friendly jurisdiction, Glickman said. Property costs are incidents related to weather events such as the hailstorms and polar vortexes that have become more common in the Midwest, she said.

On top of the rising costs, there is more demand for insurance than supply. Housing providers and insurance experts like Glickman said it is becoming more challenging to find insurance coverage, as

companies are pulling out of the risky market.

Miguel Chacon, a housing provider in Pilsen and a real estate broker, said that last year, for the first time in his 20 years as a building owner, he made an insurance claim on one of his properties. The insurance provider dropped the policy when it came time to renew, Chacon said.

Chacon is also seeing his insurance rates double. For a three-flat he and his wife purchased and lived in during the early 2000s, Chacon's insurance policy went from \$2,177 in 2023 to \$4,575 in 2024.

Because of increased costs, including in his property tax bills, Chacon raised rents \$75 for each of the units in the three-flat, a roughly 4% to 5% hike.

Allstate and State Farm say they are continuing to issue new insurance policies in Illinois. A Nationwide spokesperson said it continues to write policies in Illinois as well, although "we are being more selective around the amount of overall risk we are willing to write."

Glickman, of Gallagher, said there will always be insurance, but "the kicker is: How much is it going to cost?"

"Multifamily is, I would argue, the most difficult of all the asset classes because it has so many different avenues for losses," Glickman said.

Illinois lacking in regulation

Local owners and managers such as Handler and Oliver are calling for more awareness and oversight, respectively, of Illinois' insurance industry.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has a model law for state property and casualty insurance regulations that includes language such as "Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory."

Most states adopted this language in the wake of the McCarran-Ferguson Act — the 1945 federal statute giving states control of the regulation of the insurance industry — and, in turn, have been better able to regulate insurance costs, according to Doug Heller, director of insurance for the Consumer Federation of America.

But Illinois does not have this language on the books for property and casualty insurance.

Illinois is a largely deregulated insurance market, having "no meaningful oversight," unlike most states around the country, Heller said.

"What people are seeing is part of what I think has to be described as a looming crisis, if not already a crisis, for our housing system," Heller said. "... It's not that it is working perfectly throughout the country (beyond Illinois). ... But if you don't even have the tools, you don't even have the chance to use them well."

The Illinois Department of

Insurance declined to make someone available for an interview.

In a statement, a spokesperson said the department does not have the regulatory authority to set property and casualty insurance rates, including homeowners and commercial property insurance. While some states, such as California, have the ability to review and approve insurance rate increases, Illinois requires only that rates be filed with the department.

"The Department stands ready to partner with consumer advocates and legislators to increase consumer protections and enhance the Department's regulatory authority regarding homeowners insurance rates in Illinois," the statement said.

State Rep. Thaddeus Jones of Calumet City and state Sen. Napoleon Harris of Harvey, the Democratic chairs of the legislature's Insurance Committees, did not respond to requests for comment. State Rep. Bob Morgan, a Democrat from Deerfield and vice chair of the House Insurance Committee, and state Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, a Democrat from Chicago and another member of the Senate Insurance Committee, declined to comment.

State Sen. Dave Syverson of Rockford, the Republican spokesperson for the Senate Insurance Committee, said Illinois' insurance prices were lower compared with other states until the last few years, thanks in part to Illinois' lack of regulation and, in turn, an abundance of providers offering insurance in the state, which allows there to be competition in the market.

He thinks inflation has to be controlled in order to mitigate swelling insurance costs.

"Having the state try to regulate rates is not going to affect what's happened with those costs," Syverson said. "What it will do, like it has done in some other states, is drive insurance companies out of the state."

Goldberg, of the insurance trade association, said Illinois' unique lack of approval for insurance rates is good for the market. Like Syverson, he said that if more regulation comes to Illinois, the natural response to insurers would be to pull back.

"If (regulators) allow insurers to charge what needs to be charged to cover the risk and make a reasonable rate of return, more investors are probably going to be willing to put some money into that state," Goldberg said.

But some Illinois owners are already being forced to sell their properties because of rising costs such as insurance, said Oliver, of Strength in Management.

"We're losing local Chicago operators, and we're losing minority owners who can no longer own and operate buildings in their own communities because of these crazy, unsubstantiated cost increases," Oliver said.

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Hackers

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trove of data from an anonymous tipster purporting to be the same person who emailed the documents to Politico.

Either way, the events of the past few days may well portend a more intense period of foreign interference in a race whose sudden turns, and changes of candidates, could have thrown the hackers off their plans.

Russia has so far played a minor role, investigators and cybersecurity experts say, focusing instead on seeking to undermine the Olympics, from which it was barred from fielding its own team, and support for Ukraine.

While American intelligence officials say they have little doubt that Russia wants to see Trump return to office, Chinese hackers, they say, seem uncertain how to play the election; they have reason to dislike Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.

There is little doubt, investiga-

tors say, that the Iranians want to see Trump defeated. As president, he withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, reimposed economic sanctions on Iran and then, in January 2020, ordered the killing in Iraq of Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force, a clandestine wing of the Revolutionary Guard responsible for foreign operations.

Four years later, the Revolutionary Guard appears still determined to avenge Soleimani's death, and just last week the Justice Department announced it had charged a Pakistani man who had recently visited Iran, accusing him of trying to hire a hit man to assassinate political figures in the U.S., most likely including Trump.

There is no evidence that Iran was involved in the July 13 attempt on Trump's life in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Trump often casts his actions against Iran as evidence of his strength, despite the fact that his exit from the Iran deal gave Tehran an opening to rebuild a nuclear program that had been hobbled

by the 2015 agreement. Still, the combination of the hack and the hit men looking for Trump and his former aides gave the former president an obvious foil, and he was using it over the weekend to make the case that the Iranians would prefer a continuation of the Biden-Harris administration.

Microsoft stopped short of saying that the hacking effort it detected was focused on Trump's campaign, although the campaign itself said that was the case. In an interview, Tom Burt, head of the company's customer security and trust team, said that in June, "the Iranian team associated with Iranian intelligence" operations of the Revolutionary Guard successfully breached the email account of a former campaign adviser, whom the company did not identify. From that account, he said, the Iranians sent a spear phishing email to an official of a presidential campaign.

While it would have appeared to the recipient to have come from the former campaign adviser, Burt declined to say whether

the targeted campaign was also Trump's. Microsoft says it can reveal such details only with the permission of the victim of an attack.

The effort was similar in technique to what Iran attempted when it sought to interfere in the 2020 presidential campaign. This time, however, the Iranian effort looks to have been more sophisticated, suggesting that the hackers learned something from what the Russians accomplished in past campaigns.

But Burt said the company could not determine whether the effort was successful in penetrating the campaign it targeted.

The documents sent to Politico and to the Times included research about and assessments of potential vice presidential nominees, including Sen. JD Vance, whom Trump ultimately selected. Like many such vetting documents, they contained past statements with the potential to be embarrassing or damaging, such as Vance's remarks casting aspersions on Trump.

In a statement on Saturday, Steven Cheung, a spokesperson for the Trump campaign, preemptively chastised outlets that reported on any information that was improperly obtained.

"Any media or news outlet reprinting documents or internal communications are doing the bidding of America's enemies and doing exactly what they want," he wrote.

The 2016 election that Trump won was marked by similar "hack and leak" efforts after Russian hackers broke into the email accounts of top Democratic officials. Leaked emails showed the internal workings of the party and of Hillary Clinton's campaign, and also revealed criticisms of Clinton by aides, and a trove of them was published by WikiLeaks in the final weeks of the presidential race.

Seeking an edge then, Trump's campaign seized on the emails — many of them from Clinton's campaign chair, John Podesta. "We love Wikileaks," Trump declared at the time.

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The crisis at Western Illinois University and beyond

Whether it's Macomb, Carbon-dale or DeKalb, Illinois' "directional" public universities such as Western Illinois, Southern Illinois, and Northern Illinois have an outsized impact on the communities they dominate. When the schools catch a fiscal cold, the impact spreads.

Fewer faculty and staff members means less spending at local businesses, reduced housing demand and less incentive for others to invest in future growth.

Not everyone in these small cities works on campus, of course. DeKalb, for example, is doing well in the relatively new business of data centers. But anyone who has spent time in the above cities knows they're fundamentally college towns. So the crisis at Western Illinois is bad news for both Macomb and the Quad Cities, where Western has a campus. Very bad news.

In recent days, Western has announced two big layoffs. On Friday, the school announced it was eliminating 89 positions, including 57 nontenured faculty members and 32 staffers. That came after some 35 faculty roles had been nixed, or "not renewed," last month. Adding to that is a hiring freeze, the disappearance of several vacant positions, a Quad Cities pull-back and all the other types of things organizations typically do when they are in crisis.

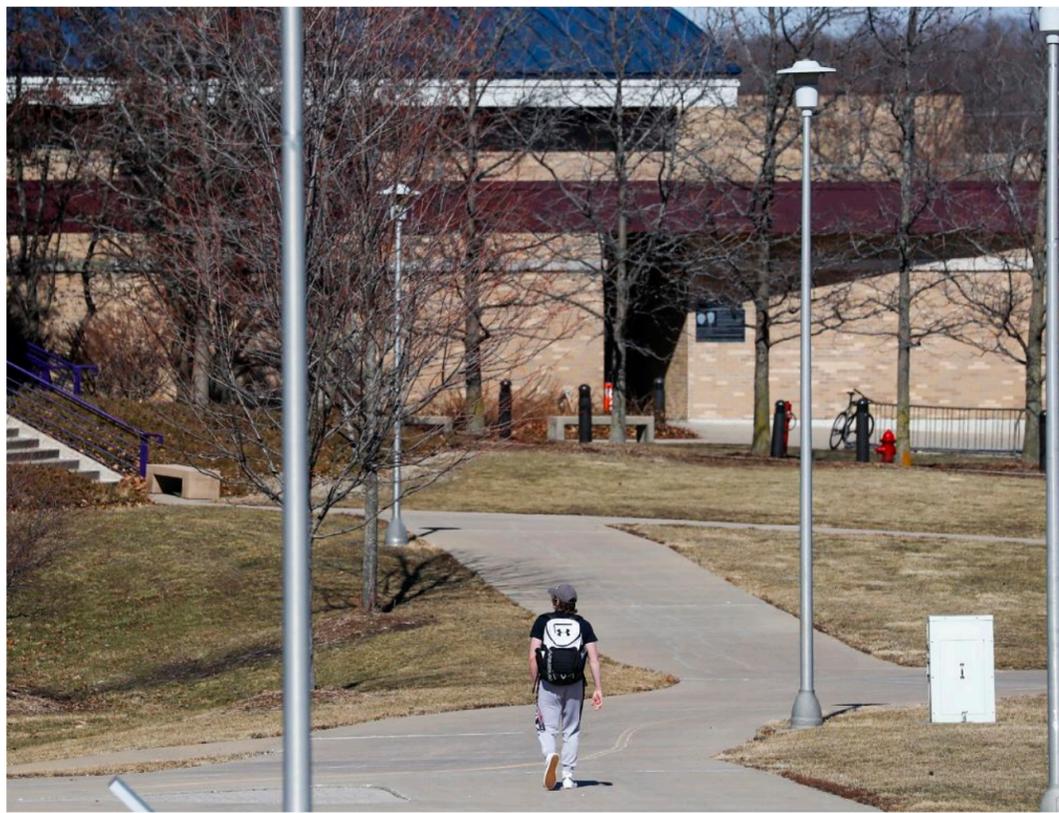
At the end of all this, we reckon, Western's faculty will look a lot grayer. Not ideal. Students need a mix.

Why is this happening? It's not complicated. Student enrollment at Western has fallen off the proverbial cliff.

Between 2010 and 2014, the number of students at the school hovered around 12,000. But then it took a dive over several years. In fall 2023, the university enrolled 7,023 students. Interim President Kristi Mindrup has said she expects enrollment this fall to be between 5,500 and 6,000 students. That might yet change, but it's still a big drop in one year and not something so easily blamed on demographics.

We'd also wager most Illinoisans didn't know that some of their state universities are currently operating at 50% of previous capacity.

Obviously, fewer faculty and support services are needed to teach 6,000 students than 12,000. That reality might be painful, but it is inescapable and must be faced; we've made the same argument about what has been happening in Chicago Public Schools. Why did enrollment fall off? Demographics are a major cause, which is a fancy way of saying there are fewer 18-year-olds. But so is tuition. In-state tuition and fees at WTU are now \$12,848. Room and board is an additional \$10,500. By offering tuition discounts, some private schools are now quite competitive. Moreover, even though Western



Western Illinois University campus in Macomb in 2021. **JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

has been raising what it charges, it is dealing with a student demographic far more price-sensitive than at many competing universities. That's because it attracts more students from lower-income families.

There's another issue here too. Students have many choices of where to go to school. Once word gets out of disappearing faculty and courses and a general malaise on campus, the job of recruitment becomes all the harder. It's a Catch-22, and it can easily spiral out of control.

There is some evidence in Macomb that the powers that be, the board of trustees, were slow to face up to this reality of fewer students, ran deficit budgets for too long and then found themselves out of options. In fairness, nobody likes laying off people, and yet the bulk of educational budgets is tied up in personnel lines. Short of selling off buildings, there are not a lot of other options to reduce costs.

Faculty unions and others also blame state budget cuts and unfair funding mechanisms. The state's Commission on Equitable Public University Funding, filled with stakeholders, issued a report this spring saying that Illinois public universities are underfunded as a whole by some \$1.4 billion, suggesting that Illinois add another \$135 million each year to create a road to "fully funding" these schools for lots of worthy reasons. But that's on top of increases that already

have taken place under Gov. JB Pritzker, and terms such as "fully funded" are, of course, contested phrases.

Then there's the matter of how the state should divide up its higher education dollars. Illinois Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford announced last week that she and state Rep. Carol Ammons are proposing a shrewdly named bill called the Adequate and Equitable Funding Formula for Public Universities Act. The idea here is that instead of the current incremental budget process, Illinois would get a formula that aims to be more student-centered and that looks at things such as the income level of students served and so on.

Here again, you have contested territory. In Urbana-Champaign, the dominant, if oft-tact, view is that the flagship University of Illinois deserves funding that reflects its research stature and that is need to compete with other flagships. But if you're in Macomb or DeKalb, you're more likely to argue that serving the state's less affluent students is where the state should be throwing its support. The Lightford bill, of course, claims Illinois can do both. But that is far from easy when others also are going cap in hand.

Illinois has debated these issues for decades. And they're not that different from those in other states, where "public ivy" flagships seek out the lion's share of funding to aid in

their quest for prestige and the best students. Paradoxically, these are the schools that have the most access to out-of-state students who pay the highest tuition.

The Democrats who control Springfield will have to wrestle with this. We see great value in these schools named after the state and points on the compass. They have changed the lives of many young Illinoisans, have contributed to the diversification of corporate America and professions such as law, and serve as anchors in their corners of this state. They also tend to be easier than others if you want to transfer in credits from a community college.

But that enrollment decline stares us all in the face. Without enough students, public money is wasted. We've no wish to pick on Western, which is just one school dealing with a problem common to many. But it's emblematic.

We support its pursuit of excellence and its work with first-generation students and those who are working two jobs to get themselves through school. And we can think of far worse uses for public money than higher education, given how universities anchor local economies even as they lift up their students.

But Western still has to acknowledge a painful reality. It will have to become a still great, much smaller university.

ABOUT BIG CITIES AND YOUNG FAMILIES

Of all the trends reshaping cities in the post-pandemic era, this may be the most worrying: In large numbers, families of young children are fleeing urban centers. Answering their concerns so that other metropolises remain places where millions of kids grow up is urgent, and essential.

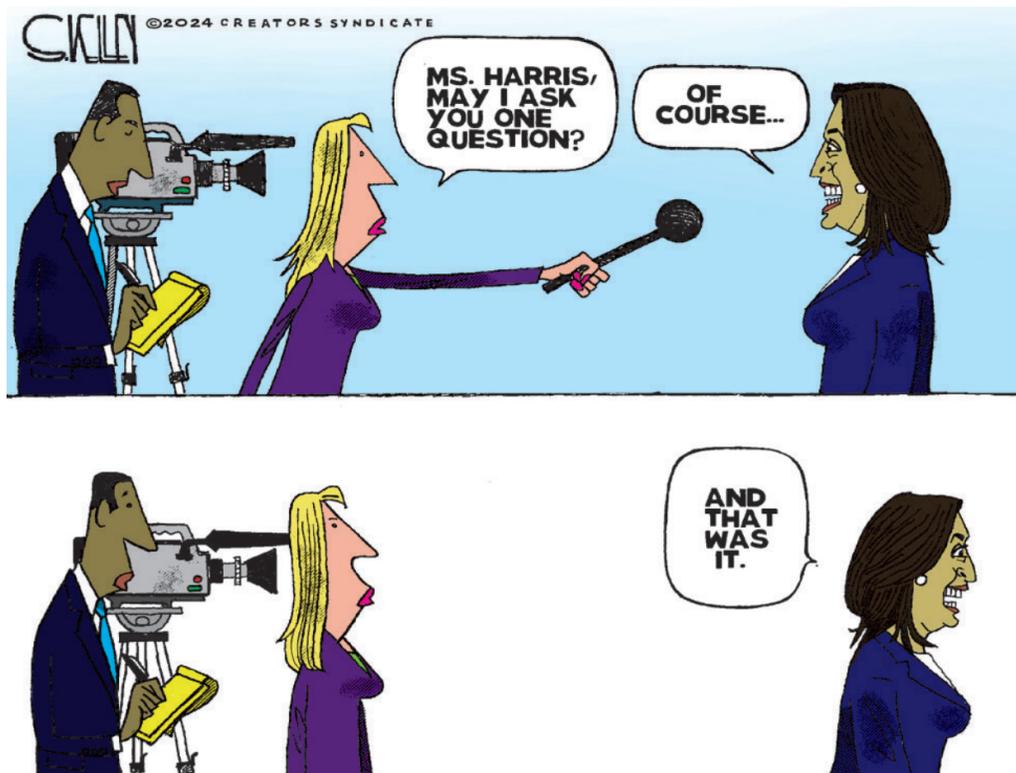
The trend, identified by Conor O'Brien of the Economic Innovation Group and spotlighted this week by Derek Thompson in *The Atlantic*, is especially stark in New York City — where as of July 2023, the population of kids under 5 was 18.3% lower than in April 2020. Manhattan saw a 20.5% decline; San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago all saw declines of about 15%.

What's going on? Clearly, the COVID pandemic and the work-from-home arrangements that followed jarred families loose from dense city centers. If moms and dads no longer had to live within an easy daily commute of work-places, they were free to relocate where they could get more space and less hassle for less money. The number of people leaving big cities post-pandemic is twice its pre-pandemic rate, and showing no signs yet of slowing. (It doesn't help that birth rates are dropping faster in big cities than in suburbs and rural areas.) Beneath it all is the fact that housing costs in cities are profoundly out of whack, especially for those who need two, three or (gasp) even four-bedroom residences. A family can live without a yard for kids to run around in, especially if there are great parks and playgrounds and libraries and other family-friendly assets. It cannot live without beds for the kids to sleep in.

So what's the answer? It starts with building housing so there are more affordable places for families to live. Americans tell the Census Bureau that housing is the dominant reason they move. Cities might never be cheaper than suburbs, but they ought not be places where families feel like they're backsliding economically almost every day.

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OPINION



People walk near an apartment building damaged by Ukrainian military shelling in Kursk, Russia, on Sunday. AP

Ukraine's daring offensive humiliates Russia. But to what end?

For most of the year, the Ukrainian army has been in a defensive crouch across the more than 600-mile-long front line. It has been dealing with a Russian opponent whose use of glide bombs, artillery and so-called meat assaults — waves of Russian troops moving toward a position to overwhelm the defenders — has caused problems within the ranks. Beginning peace talks with Moscow, a subject many Ukrainians viewed as taboo, is now being discussed publicly as a policy option. And while the Russians haven't picked up swaths of territory like they did in the first few months of the war, their relentless offensive in Donbas over the last several months has forced Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to streamline procedures for mobilizing new men into the army.

The last week, however, has seen the tables turn. Even as the Russians continue to blast Ukrainian positions in the east of the country, at least 1,000 Ukrainian troops have executed a sneak attack across the border into Russia's Kursk region. This isn't the first time the Russians have had to defend small villages along the border with Ukraine. But the current attack is notable because the Ukrainians appeared to have taken Moscow by surprise. The Ukrainians have captured dozens of smaller villages in Kursk, forced Russian authorities to evacuate tens of thousands of people and caused panic in Moscow. At the



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time of writing, the Ukrainian offensive reached about 20 miles into Russia.

Despite the Russian Defense Ministry claiming that everything is under control, the Ukrainian thrust is another highly public humiliation for a Russian army that was generally viewed as lethal, competent and prepared before the war in Ukraine began. The situation looks mightily different today. The Russian army is certainly lethal, as Ukrainians can testify to, and yet the sheen has worn off in terms of competence; nobody monitoring the war can argue differently with a straight face. The foibles, screwups and mishaps — a failed Russian offensive in Kyiv, an embarrassing withdrawal in Kharkiv, a mercenary coup in Russia that came to within 150 miles away from Moscow, incessant hatred within the Russian army's lower ranks for their own generals — are too many to cover in a single column.

Even so, what Russians do have is mass. Frankly put, they have more of everything, which is precisely why Moscow has been able to keep this conflict going despite at one point suffering an astounding 70,000 casualties over two months. Whereas the Ukrainians have the motivation and the tactical skill, the Russians have the bodies and lead. And therein lies the main issue for the Ukrainian government: How can it prevail facing an adversary with such material advantages?

Kyiv has apparently come to the conclusion that shaking things up and catching Moscow off guard, on its own territory, no less, is one of those ways. Symbolically, the operation is paying off. Not many people are talking about the Russian offensive toward Chasiv Yar and Pokrovsk. The topic of conversation is now about how the Ukrainians have bloodied Russian President Vladimir Putin's nose yet again.

Even so, it's important during times like these to go beyond the emotional and focus on the practical. For instance, what is Ukraine actually trying to achieve with this offensive? What are the objectives? And are those objectives worth the costs to other areas of the front, particularly at a time when Ukraine's new mobilization system is still getting off the ground?

The Ukrainians haven't been straight about what they hope to achieve by invading Russian territory. Some have suggested that taking the fight directly to the enemy is meant to give the grunts in the trenches a renewed sense of hope after months in which they've been bombarded by all manner of Russian ordnance. Others have given a more military-specific rationale for the operation — by creating a new front, the Russian army will have to devote more manpower and resources toward defending its own country, which will decrease pressure on Ukrainian forces on the front line.

Zelenskyy has been vague, merely stating that the offensive is designed to punish the Russian aggressor. Still

others have said that Ukraine's priority is to occupy a sliver of Russian territory over the long term, which would bolster Kyiv's position at the negotiating table and perhaps convince Putin to minimize his expansionist desires.

Of all the suppositions offered, the last on the list is the most difficult to believe. First, there is no guarantee that Ukraine has the manpower to hold Russian land long enough for Putin to rethink his entire war strategy. The Russians have already dispatched aircraft, tanks and men farther south to drive the Ukrainians out of Kursk, and it's likely only a matter of time before they do. Taking territory is one thing; holding it is another.

Ukrainian officials are no doubt smiling as they watch their troops hang Ukrainian flags in a few Russian towns, but there's no disputing the fact that this entire offensive is a huge gamble on their part. Zelenskyy and Ukraine's top general, Oleksandr Syrskyy, likely hoped Russia would deal with the situation by redeploying some troops from Eastern Ukraine. But that doesn't seem to be happening. The pace of Russian attacks on Ukrainian positions in this region has stayed the same. As one Ukrainian press officer told *The New York Times* this week, "Our guys do not feel any relief."

Ukraine's successes on Russian soil today could very well turn into a pyrrhic victory tomorrow.

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City needs to reset on homeless encampments, shelters

By Mike Viola

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that local governments can enforce bans on sleeping in public, bringing nationwide attention to the homelessness issue. The court's ruling doesn't oblige Chicago to enforce any particular policy, but it gives the city a freer hand in fighting homelessness and addressing causes such as housing affordability, addiction and mental health.

In preparation for the Democratic National Convention, Mayor Brandon Johnson has suddenly taken a more aggressive approach toward homelessness, which is not in line with the administration's feel-good rhetoric. Large tent cities in areas such as the South Loop have been cleared. This has come with unintended consequences, such as displacing current residents of homeless shelters to make room for new ones, and doesn't even consider the predicted influx of up to 25,000 migrants by the time of the DNC. While Johnson's sudden concern is welcome, shifting people around won't change anything beyond the convention. It's promising that the city is now pretending to get serious about the issue, but it shouldn't take an influx of powerful visitors to incentivize a cleanup, especially when such



A homeless encampment stands July 15 along South Desplaines Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway near Roosevelt Road in Chicago. The city cleared the encampment days later. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

short-sighted maneuvers create new problems. To effectively reduce homelessness in a sustainable way, city lawmakers should shrink the city's influence in the housing market to make room for affordable rentals and adequate shelter space to grow up.

Chicago's chief homelessness officer, Senty Soto, said the Supreme Court ruling wouldn't change the city's focus on affordable housing units. While more affordable housing is a commendable goal, the Johnson administration has done an exceptionally poor job at trying to achieve it. Chicago's burdensome building regulations make it difficult to

build more homes to keep housing prices in check, even as research suggests housing prices have a strong impact on homelessness rates. Though Johnson has, to his credit, expressed serious interest in cutting red tape, this is believed by his proposal of draconian real estate taxes and costly, convoluted plans for using city funds to develop affordable housing. Artificially increasing demand will only raise prices for everyone — including privately funded shelters or mental health facilities that could assist with the homelessness problem.

This is further complicated by Johnson's free housing for migrants. The city's taxpay-

er-funded housing for migrants increases city-funded demand for rentals while restricting supply for individuals willing to pay fair market rates, raising housing prices for everyone.

Doubling down on its mistake, Chicago's "One System Initiative" proposes to combine migrant housing and homeless shelters into one system. This risks applying the same solution to radically different issues, while potentially exposing migrants and others to the mental health issues that are unfortunately prevalent among the homeless population. However, the issue of housing affordability isn't the only factor behind chronic homelessness. Even if Chicago magically created enough cheap housing with no deleterious economic effects, there's no guarantee that housing alone would lead to more amenable conditions for the previously homeless. In fact, the track record of a supportive housing program in San Francisco suggests mental health and addiction issues could get worse. In 2020 and 2021, program participants in city-funded single-room occupancy hotels made up 14% of all confirmed overdose deaths in San Francisco despite the program housing less than 1% of the population. Horror stories of residents assaulting other occupants

and staff abound, while conditions in the hotels — infestations, mold and poor disability accommodations — sometimes compromised residents' health more than living on the streets did. The Johnson administration's work thus far does not inspire confidence in its ability to tackle these more complicated problems, while Chicago's restrictive housing landscape makes it difficult for private organizations that know what they're doing to intervene.

When accountable to the people, the Johnson administration's course of action has been fecklessness hidden behind compassionate rhetoric. When accountable to out-of-state Democratic Party elites, the administration scrambles to move people around while ignoring underlying causes. Chicago needs neither of those extremes, but instead a less regulated landscape in which the market can make affordable housing a reality and the underlying causes of homelessness can be addressed by those who know the issue best.

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OPINION

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

End 'stolen valor' brouhaha

While I'm a regular reader of Clarence Page's column, I seldom agree with his point of view; however, I do agree with his Sunday commentary on "stolen valor" with respect to vice presidential candidates Tim Walz and JD Vance's military service ("Why 'stolen valor' political fights are so intense — and misplaced in the cases of Walz and Vance"). Serving in the military, reserves or National Guard deserves praise, not ridicule.

Of the last three presidential administrations, no one at the top ever wore a uniform — not Presidents Barack Obama, Donald Trump or Joe Biden, nor did their vice presidents, Biden, Mike Pence or Kamala Harris, respectively. Each of these administrations has made naïve international missteps that might have been mitigated had any of these presidents or vice presidents served. Given the ongoing armed conflicts in Eastern Europe and the Middle East and throughout Africa, as well as the potential in the South China Sea, it would be reassuring to have a commander in chief who has military experience.

Maybe the two parties should switch the order of their candidates. A Walz-Harris or a Vance-Trump administration would help put our allies at ease knowing the most powerful nation in the world has someone at the helm who understands the consequences of international military conflict.

— Scott P. Lauder, Webster, Wisconsin

Vance, Walz deserve praise

I agree with Clarence Page that we need to move on from the "stolen valor" claims against Tim Walz and JD Vance over their military job titles. Both men saw no actual combat and should be commended for their service. Neither one had bone spurs!

— Pam Skinner, Palatine

Vance and his glass house

Many pundits have equated JD Vance with being an albatross weighing down Donald Trump's bid to be reelected president. Now, Vance is responding with a desperate attempt to take down Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Walz. In his desperation, Vance is actively disparaging and ripping Walz's military record. It is true that Walz apparently misspoke about his final military rank before he retired from the National Guard, but what is indisputable is that the man honorably served his country in the Guard for more than 24 years.

While it's true that Vance also honorably served in the military for several years, it's also true that at the top of his ticket stands Trump, a man who notoriously and shamelessly cited his "bone spurs" to get out of the draft and avoid military service. What's more, Trump is infamously known to have called those who serve "suckers" and "losers."

So, to Vance, I'd say people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones because if he does, the entire house may come crashing down on his head and bury him in a debris field of lies.

— Ken Derow, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Op-ed's Walz assessment

I read with interest and suspicion Andy Brehm's op-ed regarding the tenure of Tim Walz as governor of Minnesota ("Tim Walz has been a disaster for the once-thriving Minnesota," Aug. 11). My interest was piqued because many of us want to know more about Walz. I was suspicious of Brehm's opinion because he is a corporate attorney. I emphasize "corporate" because corporate America is opposed to many progressive ideas. Among them are support for unions and regulations.

Apparently, Brehm has not read the latest research that was done by the highly respected U.S. News & World Report. Or, perhaps he feels it is advantageous for him as a corporate attorney to take a position in opposition to a popular progressive governor who could become our vice president.

The U.S. News report ranks Minnesota as the fourth best state in the country based upon 71 metrics across eight categories. The report was posted in May.

The question is: Whom do we trust in our evaluation of a candidate? How many metrics did Brehm consider? Better yet, how many did he ignore? I give him credit for stating that he is impressed with Walz's position on a number of initiatives. It is not surprising, however, that Brehm focuses on what he feels is Walz's mishandling of the 2020 riots in Minneapolis over George Floyd's murder. We now know Walz was actually praised by our country's top executive at that time for how he handled the unfortunate events.

Brehm also mentions that Democrats were able to take over the state legislature because the GOP ran "ineffective candidates." Could it be that based upon the U.S. News report, the GOP candidates were actually OK and that the voters chose to support the candidates who not only believed in Walz but also in efforts to maintain Minnesota's ranking of fourth best?

By the way, fourth best was up from fifth best the year before.

— George Comer, Crown Point, Indiana

Walz has done great things

Andy Brehm's op-ed about Tim Walz is wrong. Tim Walz is a smart progressive, and he has done great things for Minnesota. That's why he is so popular there. Does Brehm think Donald Trump should be in the White House again, too?

— Pam Izatt, Barrington

Minnesota's quality of life

Op-ed writer Andy Brehm paints a picture of Minnesota that misrepresents reality. Yes, in 2022, people left Minnesota. Importantly, according to the U.S. census, the population of Minnesota increased by 24,000 in 2023; it did not decrease. Perhaps he was using "alternate facts."



U.S. Sen. JD Vance, the Republican vice presidential nominee, speaks to reporters at a news conference, in Philadelphia on Aug. 6. Vance accused Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota of quitting the Army National Guard two decades ago to avoid being deployed to Iraq and of exaggerating his service record to claim falsely that he had served in combat. HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Further, both Illinois and Minnesota are major donor states (they send more to Washington in federal taxes than they receive), which may contribute to some stress on the states' budgets. We should be proud to help others. High household incomes make it possible.

According to the U.S. census, Minnesota's median household income exceeds that of all of its neighboring states by at least \$10,000. It is \$6,000 higher than that in Illinois.

Nothing in Brehm's op-ed mentions quality of life. One of the best measures of quality of life is life expectancy at birth. According to 2022 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, Minnesota's life expectancy at birth was third highest at 79.1, behind only Hawaii and Washington. This speaks to access to health care, education levels and the overall economy. Further, its COVID-19 response was very effective. According to federal age-adjusted death rate data for 2022, Minnesota ranked among the top five best states.

I suspect that most states would welcome the "disaster" experienced by Minnesota!

— Siim Sööt, Winnetka

Running mate does matter

It was 2008, and presidential candidate Barack Obama, the junior U.S. senator from Illinois, had chosen his running mate, U.S. Sen. Joe Biden from Delaware, who had years of foreign policy experience and a history of reaching across the aisle. U.S. Sen. John McCain was the Republican presidential candidate and someone I would have been inclined to vote for.

McCain was a prisoner of war whose plane was shot down by the North Vietnamese in 1967. He was tortured and maimed while a prisoner, and still, McCain put his country first. He was a true American hero, despite what the current Republican candidate for president has said about McCain. The other day, Donald Trump said something to the effect that people vote for the president and the vice president really doesn't play into their decision. Well, I would have to disagree. McCain was a hero to me in every sense of the word, and I was poised to vote for this man of character in 2008. But then, he somehow was convinced by those around him that Sarah Palin, then governor of Alaska, would be the one who would help him defeat Obama. When I heard Palin speak after accepting the vice presidential nomination, I was absolutely deflated that one of my heroes could choose such an unprepared and inept person to be his running mate. Knowing that McCain was 72 years old and Palin was a heartbeat from being our commander in chief was a terrifying thought.

So you see, the quality of a running mate is very important to the success of a presidential ticket. While I would never consider voting for a felon found guilty on 34 counts, someone found liable of sexual assault by a jury of his peers, a draft dodger or a man who stole confidential and top secret documents from "we the people," I do believe Trump sealed his fate by selecting the MAGA extremist JD Vance. Vance insulting those who have not been blessed with children or who simply don't choose to have children is not only insensitive, but it also is the definition of ignorance and self-centeredness, which permeates today's Republican Party. Unfortunately, there are very few McCain Republicans left, and the party of Trump is now the acceptable or unacceptable option.

We all have a conscious choice to make in November, and I hope at least 270 of those Electoral College votes have the names Kamala Harris-Tim Walz on them.

— Mark Zavagnin, La Grange Park

Harris having it 'both ways'

It's interesting that the Tribune Editorial Board accuses Kamala Harris of wanting it "both ways" regarding Israel and Gaza ("Harris, Israel and wanting things both ways, politically speaking," Aug. 11). Isn't that exactly what's needed? Israel was justified in retaliating for Hamas' massacre of 1,200 Israelis on Oct. 7 but has gone and continues to go too far. We don't know how many Palestinians have been killed or have died as a result of that retaliation, but far too many schoolchildren, aid workers, hospital patients and other innocents have been killed. How is negotiation possible when one side knows it will be supported, no matter what it does? How many of the excesses of this retaliation are due to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu needing to stay in office so that he avoids long-delayed prosecution, as well as avoiding responsibility for the intelligence failure that allowed the Oct. 7 massacre to occur? For the past 25 years, Northern Ireland has stopped its seemingly ceaseless slaughter. A similar solution regarding Israel and its neighbors will not be found as long as the U.S. continues its "we support you no matter what you do" attitude toward Israel.

— Kevin Coughlin, Evanston

Biden's basement strategy

I always enjoy Scott Stantist's entertaining editorial cartoons. However, his Sunday cartoon fell way short. The depiction shows presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris and the Democratic donkey tap-dancing; it accompanies an editorial about her ever secretive and changing stance on Israel. The editorial could have been written about Harris' stance on any number of issues including inflation, the border, reimagining police, Ukraine, fracking and taxes, to name a few. She is using President Joe Biden's basement strategy hoping to tap-dance into the White House, and the media are falling way short by allowing this.

— Bob Gorman, St. Louis

Who is in charge in DC?

The world is on the brink of World War III, our economy is on the brink of recession, crime runs rampant in our streets and our southern border is still a mess. Yet our commander in chief, Joe Biden, and his eager vice president, Kamala Harris, seem to be nowhere to be found.

Harris is busy campaigning, and Biden appears to be on some sort of sabbatical after being forced out of the presidential race. So who is calling the shots in DC?

— Mike Rice, Chicago

Accusing Trump of racism

In another effort to attack Donald Trump, Clarence Page indicates that racism is at the core of Trump's remarks at the National Association of Black Journalists conference regarding Vice President Kamala Harris' racial heritage ("Donald Trump and the 'controversy' over Kamala Harris' racial identity," Aug. 7). It is very apparent that Trump indicated that Harris was being opportunistic and using her racial heritage for political advantage.

I am not at all aware if Harris ever presented her Indian ancestry as her heritage exclusively. If she did, based upon what she has projected since running for president in 2016, Trump's view may be credible. It seems from her posturing, she embraced being a Black woman or a woman of color for political posturing and gain.

This is no different than President Barack Obama's posture as being the first Black president while he is of mixed race. He chose to identify more with his Black heritage as an adult. There is not a thing wrong in doing that, even if for political gain! I applaud Obama and Harris for proudly identifying their Black heritage. I also applaud their astuteness if they magnified their Black heritage as a way of attracting Black voter support. It is politically savvy. But Page deliberately tries to assign racism to Trump as the motivation for his comments. That is out of line, especially coming from a respected journalist like Page.

— Dave Roberts, Frankfort

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KATHY BYRNE
1957-2024

Daughter of mayor was trial attorney

Cited 'no ceiling' as Mom's legacy

By Gregory Royal Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Kathy Byrne, the only child of Chicago's first female mayor, was an influential Illinois trial attorney who specialized in asbestos litigation.

Byrne, 66, died Aug. 8 at Rush University Medical Center of complications from surgery to remove a blood clot, her family said. A Gold Coast resident, she had been suffering from lung cancer.

Katharine Byrne was raised by her mother, Jane Byrne, in the Northwest Side Sauganash neighborhood after her father, William Byrne, a Marine pilot died in a plane crash.

Kathy Byrne later reflected on lessons from her mother, who served a single term as mayor from 1979 to 1983 and died in 2014.

"Her greatest legacy to me was that there is no ceiling," Kathy Byrne said in a post on the website of her Chicago law firm, Cooney & Conway. "You talk about a glass ceiling, but I'm unaware. I'm sure there probably is one, but I've never felt there was anything that I could possibly be prohibited from doing."

Although Kathy Byrne didn't follow her mother's lead in running for elected office, she was active in all levels of politics.

An early family photo shows her as a small child with John F. Kennedy, whose campaign was supported by Jane Byrne. As an adult, Kathy Byrne co-chaired Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza's unsuccessful 2019 campaign for mayor and co-hosted a downtown fundraiser for presidential candidate Joe Biden later that year. Byrne gave Mendoza a pin that belonged to her mother, which Mendoza wore every day during the campaign.

Byrne was a fierce guardian of her mother's legacy, recalled former Gov. Pat Quinn, who renamed the interchange where the Eisenhower, Kennedy and



Kathy Byrne, daughter of former Mayor Jane Byrne, stands at Jane Byrne Park near the historic Water Tower in Chicago on Aug. 2, 2023. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dan Ryan meet after Jane Byrne.

"We had the formal announcement. Then I'd say a couple weeks later her daughter saw me and said, 'Boy that Jane Byrne interchange really has put a big spark in my mom's life,'" Quinn recalled. "She gets up in the morning, she goes to the kitchen and makes coffee, and then she sits at the kitchen table and turns on news radio 78 to listen for the traffic report."

While Byrne's last name often drew attention to her mother's story, was made her own reputation as an attorney.

Byrne received her law degree from Loyola University and became a partner at Cooney & Conway, whose offices are across the street from City Hall. She was also the second woman elected to lead the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and established a scholarship at Loyola.

Kevin Conway, her colleague at the law firm, remembered her as someone who would encourage younger women lawyers to "seek leadership."

"You're great attorneys, you should become leaders,"

he recalled Kathy Byrne saying.

Much of her practice was devoted to asbestos litigation. In a profile published by Loyola School of Law, Byrne reflected on the dangers of asbestos, and failure of government to act on those dangers.

"You realize that the only reason (companies) took this hideous, insidious product out of things was because lawyers brought lawsuits," Byrne said. "Not because the government acted."

She also spoke about advocating for her clients.

"My instinct is to say, 'don't take it personally,' but I take it personally," she said. "I actually think you should take it personally, because your clients are taking it personally and you owe it to them to echo that."

Willy Vogt, Kathy Byrne's only son who is now a law student, recalled his mother as "a very hard worker who cared a lot about the cause of justice for regular people."

Visitation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1010 W. Webster Ave., with a Mass to follow at 11 a.m.

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ON AUGUST 13 ...

In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured what is now Mexico City from the Aztecs.

In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English and Austrian forces over French and Bavarian soldiers.

In 1818, suffragist Lucy Stone was born in West Brookfield, Mass.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1860, sharpshooter Annie Oakley was born Phoebe Anne Moses in Darke County, Ohio.

In 1899, filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock was born in London.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London; she was 90.

In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice-chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

In 1942, Walt Disney's animated feature "Bambi" premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

In 1946, author H.G. Wells died in London; he was 79.

In 1948, opera star Kathleen Battle was born in Portsmouth, Ohio.

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1.

In 1961, East Germany closed the border between East and West Berlin in an attempt to halt the flight of refugees from the East. (Two days later, work began on the Berlin Wall.)

In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.

In 1993, a body found in a South Carolina creek was identified as that of James Jordan, 57, father of basketball superstar Michael Jordan. (Two teenagers were later convicted in his murder.)

In 1995, baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died in Dallas; he was 63.

In 1997, the animated comedy series "South Park" began airing on Comedy Central.

In 1999, at age 30, tennis player Steffi Graf retired from the sport that she had dominated for nearly two decades.

In 2000, Somalia swore in legislators for its first central government after almost a decade of inter-cine warfare.

In 2003, Libya agreed to set up a \$2.7 billion fund for the families of 270 people killed in the 1988 Pan Am bombing.

In 2004, a stronger-than-expected Hurricane Charley roared ashore Florida's Gulf Coast as a dangerous Category 4 storm, resulting in at least 10 U.S. deaths. Also in 2004 Hutu marauders raided a U.N. refugee camp in western Burundi, shooting and hacking at least 150 Congolese Tutsis to death.

In 2006, Israel's Cabinet became the final party to sign on to a U.N. cease-fire deal with Hezbollah.

In 2009, Les Paul, the virtuoso guitarist and entertainer who paved the way for rock 'n' roll with his innovations to instruments and recording technology, died in White Plains, N.Y.; he was 94.

In 2012, Helen Gurley Brown, pioneering editor of Cosmopolitan magazine and author of the 1962 best-seller "Sex and the Single Girl," died; she was 90.

In 2014, Brazilian presidential candidate Eduardo Campos, 49, and six others died in plane crash near the coastal city of Santos.

In 2016, Michael Phelps closed out his Olympics career in Rio de Janeiro with a team win in the 400-meter medley relay, giving the most decorated athlete in Olympic history his 23rd career gold medal.

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Death Notices

Daugherty, Joan Marie

Joan Marie Daugherty, nee Combiths, joined the heavenly choir of angels on August 8, 2024. Born February 24, 1936 on Chicago's north side, Daughter of Wallace and Bernice. Loving sister of Wallace (Elizabeth) Combiths and of the late Carole Mellers. Beloved wife of the late Edward Daugherty. Proud mother of Daniel (Molly), Bridget (Michael) Sawchuk, and Colin (Rachel). Dear grandmother of Caley, Emma, Connor, Liam, Shannon, Fiona, and Siobhan. Aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Joan was a proud graduate of Immaculata High School, Mundelein University, and Loyola University, with a MS in Social Work. In her career, she was a devout and caring Case Manager at Catholic Charities, Misericordia, and Community Alternatives. She will be missed by all who knew her. Family and friends will gather for a visitation on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago. Chapel prayers Friday, August 16, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** and processing to Holy Child Jesus Parish, 2324 W. Chase Ave, Chicago, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Evanston, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's name can be made to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. For funeral info call 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com.



Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

Marubio, Richard

Richard Marubio, of Ingleside, IL, passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at his home. Richard was the founder of Raincoat Roofing.

He is survived by his wife Carol (nee Fabian); daughters Michele Fox and Debra (Brent) Mitchell; seven grandchildren; one great granddaughter; sisters Jodonna (late John) Berquist, Carla (Dick) Cross, and Bernadette (Jim) Couch; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Bruna and by his brother Leo (Joan, surviving) Marubio.

Visitation will be 3 - 8 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024 at **Ringa Funeral Home** in Lake Villa. Additional visitation will be at Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa from 10 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024. Funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 17, 2024 at Prince of Peace Church. Cremation will take place privately after the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Rich's memory to the American Cancer Society.

Okigawa, Yasuko

Yasuko Okigawa, née Nakamura, age 91, of Northbrook. Beloved wife of the late Kazuichi; dear mother of Ray (Charlene) Okigawa and Yumi (Colin) Hara; loving grandmother of Timothy (Shari Wauzzinski) and Mia (Jake Philo) Hara, Sean (Jennifer) Murphy, Matthew (Ashley) and Mark (Alexandra Nicolarsen) Okigawa, and Sarah (Kyle) Brewer; cherished great-grandmother of 12; preceded in death by four brothers. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Society of the Sacred Heart (rscj.org/donate), P.O. Box 958047, St. Louis, MO, 63195 or Midwest Buddhist Temple of Chicago (mbtchicago.org/donate-now), 435 W. Menomonee St., Chicago, IL, 60614. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or to leave a condolence message, please go to habenfuneral.com, click on Yasuko's obituary, and post a message under "Tributes."



Sasamoto, George Nobuo

George Nobuo Sasamoto, born October 20, 1924, died August 11, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Nobuko "Mary". Loving father of Kathy Lenthart, Nancy (Doug Weingarten) Sasamoto and Irene (Matthew Witt). Devoted grandfather of Billy (Nicole) Weingarten, Christine (Omar El-Dabt) Weingarten, Rebecca Weingarten and Ian (Christi Nakajima) Lenthart. Doting great grandfather of Jason Weingarten. First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, the Korean War. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Buddhist Temple of Chicago www.buddhisttemplechicago.org would be appreciated. Memorial visitation Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 10 a.m. until memorial service at 11 a.m. at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago IL 60057. For info 773-472-6300 or www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com.



Marciela Garcia

1940-2017



Marciela was the best tamale maker, giver of hugs, worst in an emergency, best at unconditional love. She worked as a stenographer for 15 years, and was a loving abuelita not just to her eleven grandchildren, but to many of the children she worked with as a volunteer at the Chicago Public Library. Family was really important to Marciela. She was the eldest of 8 brothers and sisters, and due to her mother's passing at a young age, assumed a motherly role for her younger siblings. An animal-lover, Marciela leaves behind her two cats, Fiona and Ray, and her dog, Sammy.

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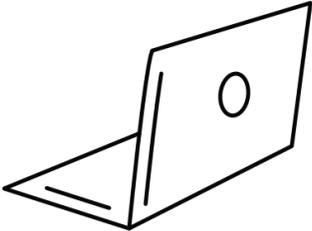
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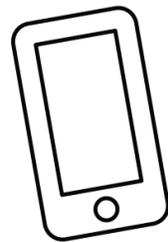
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August 13, 2024
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DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The Bidder must complete and submit an Electronic Bid prior to the bid due date. An electronic bid must be submitted through the City of Chicago's website at www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement, or before the due date and time stated below. The City's system will not accept electronic bids after the due date and time. Bidders must register for a log-in account to submit an electronic bid. Please allow up to three business days for creation of your log-in account. Paper bids will not be accepted. All Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

DESCRIPTION: Hauling of Sewer Debris/Catch Basin Debris (Special Waste) & General Construction Debris (Non-Special Waste)
DEPARTMENT: Department of Water Management
CONTRACT TYPE: Work Services

ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND RESPONDED TO FROM THIS URL ADDRESS: www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement

SPECIFICATION NO: 1289517
RFQ NO: 10427
QUESTIONS DUE DATE: September 5, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.
BID/PROPOSAL OPENING DATE: October 3, 2024
TIME: 11:00 a.m., Central Time

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: August 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Central Time via conference call.

All Attendees must pre-register by August 26, 2024 to participate. Interested Attendees must email Lisa Jones at lisa.jones@cityofchicago.org. Email Subject: Pre-Proposal Conference for Specification No. 1289517; Hauling of Sewer Debris/Catch Basin Debris (Special Waste) & General Construction Debris (Non-Special Waste)

Contact: Lisa L. Jones,
Procurement Specialist
Email: Lisa.Jones@cityofchicago.org
Phone: 813/2024 7679421

LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of School District 156, Cook County, Illinois has hereto designated Dr. Anita Rice, Superintendent and/or her designee to prepare a tentative budget for the said School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025;

AND WHEREAS, the tentative budget is available for public inspection in the District School Business Office at Lincoln School District 156, 410 157th Street, Calumet City, Illinois.

THEREFORE, a Public Hearing will be held to discuss this budget on September 19, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. in the cafeteria 1 at Lincoln School, 410 157th Street, Calumet City, Illinois.

LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT 156
Penny Lundquist, Secretary
Board of Education
August 13, 2024 - 7679554

LEGAL NOTICES

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SCHEDULE A

Pledged Interest

PLEDGOR

MICH CHI WESTERN MEMBER LLC, a New York limited liability company

ISSUERS

MICH CHI WESTERN LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

INTERESTS PLEDGED

100% membership interest

The UCC1 was filed on January 1, 2022 with the Secretary of State of the State of New York under the Filing No. # 20220103002454.

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Attorneys for Secured Party

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GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

Financial Analyst
(Original & Promotional)

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 Analyst 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 subordinate financial staff. **Salary:** \$100,761.18 per year

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. **Salary:** \$51.55 per hour

Buyer (Original)

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 complex 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 supervision, 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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NOTICE OF SALE
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TO: OCCUPANT, LIVING TRUST OF LENA A LEVERENZ, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE LIVING TRUST OF LENA A LEVERENZ, ANA LEVERENZ, MARCO GONZALEZ, SAMANTHA GONZALEZ, Village of Hanover Park, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002197 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000649 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2001 ELM AVE HANOVER PARK IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 06-36-309-008-0000 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674335

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK WALTER RIVERS SHARON PEECE OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALITY TAX DEED NO. 2024COTD002269 FILED JUNE 5, 2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 13, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0001548 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number N/A. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6822 VALLEY VIEW RD, HANOVER PARK, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-31-105-023-0000 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674910

TO: OCCUPANT, PETER ZALEWSKI; FRANCES L ZALEWSKI; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. F/K/A LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A LASALLE TALMAN BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A LASALLE CRAGIN BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A CRAGIN FEDERAL BANK FOR SAVINGS; Chicago Title and Trust Company as Trustee of Trust Deed dated July 30, 1992; ANNA ZALEWSKI; SUSAN ZALEWSKI; WALTER ZALEWSKI; Village of Mount Prospect; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002605 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000617 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 310 S HATLEN AVE MOUNT PROSPECT IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 08-10-217-017-0000 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674017

TO: OCCUPANT, CARL T OSTLING; Village of Mount Prospect; CENTRAL VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; OCCUPANT OSTLING; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002616 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000618 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 703 W CENTRAL RD, UNIT #1-87 MOUNT PROSPECT IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 08-11-203-032-1015 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674023

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TO: OCCUPANT, OXFORD CAPITAL HOLDINGS INC., City of Evanston; EVANSTON GAR RENTAL; DAVID KNOTT; OXFORD CAPITAL HOLDINGS; DAVID IZSAK; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002195 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000649 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 110 ASBURY AVE EVANSTON IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-25-226-049-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674372

TO: OCCUPANT, JAMES R. BOX; JOAN BOX; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; Illinois Department of Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; Cook County Clerk; Cook County State's Attorney; ALISHA BOX; ISAJAH JORDAN; JESSICA BOX; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002563 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/17/2022 Certificate No. 19-0004807 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1757 W CHASE AVE CHICAGO IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-30-423-032-0000 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674343

TO: OCCUPANT, ZBIGNIEW KACZYNSKI, ESCHER PROPERTIES, LLC US ENTERPRISES LLC F6, Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; MACIE KACZYNSKI; Village of Franklin Park; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002610 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/12/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000755 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3202 LINCOLN ST FRANKLIN PARK IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-21-319-041-0000 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 foreclosures 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, 8/14/20247674024

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK JAIME HERNANDEZ OCCUPANT - 8353 W ADDISON ST UNIT 106 GLORIA HERNANDEZ ADDISON ST UNIT 106 GLORIA HERNANDEZ TRUSTEE OF THE GLORIA HERNANDEZ AND JAIME HERNANDEZ REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 11.15.2017 AMENDED 08.04.2021 JAMES A MARINO, ESQ. NITZA M. CORREA 3559-8353 LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES 3559-8353 LLC, ONIWINBI, INCORPORATED, CO-MANAGER GLODY TOWER LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES GLODY TOWER LLC, RA. DEBRA J. TUCKER TRUSTEE OF THE GLORIA HERNANDEZ AND CO-MANAGER ADDISON POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, RA: MARIA IWANSKA ADDISON POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, GARREL FOUNTAIN, PRESIDENT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALITY TAX DEED NO.: 2024COTD002610 FILED: 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0003203 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable. This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8353 W ADDISON ST, UNIT 103 AND UNIT 106, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-23-400-007-1003; 12-23-400-007-1006 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 foreclosures 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

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; STEVEN D. FOY; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A./FICA WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANCORP... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001593

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; ILLIANA FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION; BELMONT REALTY CORPORATION... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001593

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; EDUARDO RANCHERO; LOLITA RANCHERO; City of Harvey, TITUS AMICKS; SHAWN PATRICK... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001690

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; WILLIE CARTER; City of Harvey, BELMONT REALTY CORPORATION... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001702

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; KINSMEN DEVELOPMENT LLC; NATIONAL COVENANT PROPERTIES; Village of Dolton... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001777

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001821

TO: OCCUPANT; JUAN S. JIMENEZ ROMERO; DWAYNE; VANESSA JARELY JIMENEZ GALINDO; City of Markham; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000436

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK KAREN E. BANNISTER OCCUPANT SHANTEKA PERRY RACHEL BANNISTER DARRELL GORDON ELIZABETH BANNISTER UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 13, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0001614

TO: OCCUPANT, WILLIAM JAMES; City of Harvey, JACQUELINE BELMONT JAMES ANGES-NAR SOLUTIONS INC; WILLIAM JAMES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001693

TO: OCCUPANT; WALTER TURNER; City of Chicago; City of Harvey; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; LARRY GAY; AMY ANDERSON; LASHAWN WATKINS; DONAVAH HICKS; DELANO PRICE; COZZIE NELSON; BRUCE JOHNSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001703

TO: OCCUPANT; PREMIER INVESTORS GROUP LLC; FELICIA DAWKINS; BENJAMIN FLINDING CORP; City of Chicago; Village of Dolton; KENNETH HARRIS; NORMAN HARRIS; COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY; COOK COUNTY CLERK; INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC; MICHAEL STEIGER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001800

TO: OCCUPANT UNIT 1F; OCCUPANT UNIT 2; OCCUPANT UNIT 2F; OCCUPANT UNIT 2R; CESAR BURGOS; TANIA TORRES; City of Harvey; PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1R; C. VALENCIA, UNIT 2F; GRACIELA CASTILLO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001822

TO: OCCUPANT; SVR REAL ESTATE, LLC - 17404 LONGFELLOW; U.S. BANK, N.A.; Village of South Holland; KEVIN TOLAR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/04/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0000449

TO: OCCUPANT; WILLIE L. WINSTON; MARCIA M. WINSTON; SELANA WINSTON A/K/A SELINA WINSTON; RAVEN HENDER; JUNIOR SHIELDS; DESIREE JANIGA; VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR; Adonis Curry; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001663

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; JOEZF BALOS; City of Harvey; DE MONTE REALTY CORPORATION; JACQUELINE MARTIN; CHARL VINCENT; TANYA BROOKS, UNIT 1; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001597

TO: OCCUPANT; MARY ELIZABETH HOLLINS; City of Harvey, PARIS LARK; JORDYNN L. BINK; JIM THOMAS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001722

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CULTR CAPITAL GROUP LLC; City of Harvey; BILL FUCHS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001819

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO SOUTHW HOLLAND TRUST & SAVINGS BANK; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1982; AND KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 6172; MARIE GOLDEN; JESSE INGRAM; City of Harvey; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/04/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001838

TO: OCCUPANT; JUNE'S LUXE SUITES LLC A/K/A JUNE'S LUXE SUITES LLC; LARRY BURSE; MICHAEL BROWN; GREGORY GROSS; AUSTIN GREYSON; Village of Dolton; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001592

TO: OCCUPANT; ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; City of Harvey; SHAKESHA JACKSON; JONNESH HUNTER; CHRISTIAN SCOTT; BELMONT REALTY CORPORATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001683

TO: OCCUPANT; BRIAN E ROCKETT; TERESA ROCKETT; TIMOTHY WILLIAMS; City of Harvey; BELMONT REALTY CORPORATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001701

TO: OCCUPANT; JUAN BOBADILLA; City of Chicago; Village of Dolton; CORA JAEGER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001759

TO: OCCUPANT; PETER SHIPP; ALBERTA SHIPP; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; TAMMIE POWELL; DOROTHY COVINGTON; CLARENCE CHRISTMAS; City of Harvey; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/20/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/13/2022 Certificate No. 19-0001820

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK MICHAEL L. PATTON OCCUPANT CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK AUGUSTA JAMES JAMES AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 13, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0001848

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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



ABC7 Outlook:
Partly to mostly sunny.

TUESDAY
Day Night
High: **84** Low: **65**
Nice with periods of clouds and sunshine
POP: 5%
Winds: NE 4-8 mph

WEDNESDAY
Day Night
High: **84** Low: **70**
Pleasant with a blend of sun and clouds
POP: 5%
Winds: E 6-12 mph

THURSDAY
Day Night
High: **77** Low: **69**
More humid with rain and a thunderstorm
POP: 95%
Winds: ENE 8-16 mph

FRIDAY
Day Night
High: **81** Low: **66**
Periods of sun with a stray t-storm; humid
POP: 40%
Winds: WSW 7-14 mph

SATURDAY
Day Night
High: **80** Low: **66**
Times of clouds and sun
POP: 25%
Winds: WSW 8-16 mph

SUNDAY
Day Night
High: **82** Low: **64**
Clouds and sun with a few showers
POP: 65%
Winds: WNW 7-14 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Tuesday Conditions
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™
2 4 7 7 4 2 0
RealFeel Temperature®
71 81 88 89 85 80 80

Tuesday Activities
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
Golfing Index
10 10 10 10 10 10 10
Fishing Index
7 4 10 10 6 8 4

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

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Monday Temperatures
O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	82
Low	61
Normal high	83
Normal low	66
Record high	101 (1918)
Record low	47 (1982)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Monday

Location	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Aurora	81	51	83	60
Gary	81	54	84	64
Kankakee	78	53	83	63
Lansing	80	55	83	64
Midway	81	61	83	67
Romeoville	78	56	83	64
Valparaiso	77	54	84	63
Waukegan	81	59	81	62

Monday Precipitation

2024	2023	Normal
Monday*	0.00"	0.00"
Month to date	0.85"	0.13"
Year to date	25.11"	23.06"

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

Pollen as of 8/12
Trees Grass Weeds Mold
Absent Absent High Moderate
Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

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

Sun and Moon

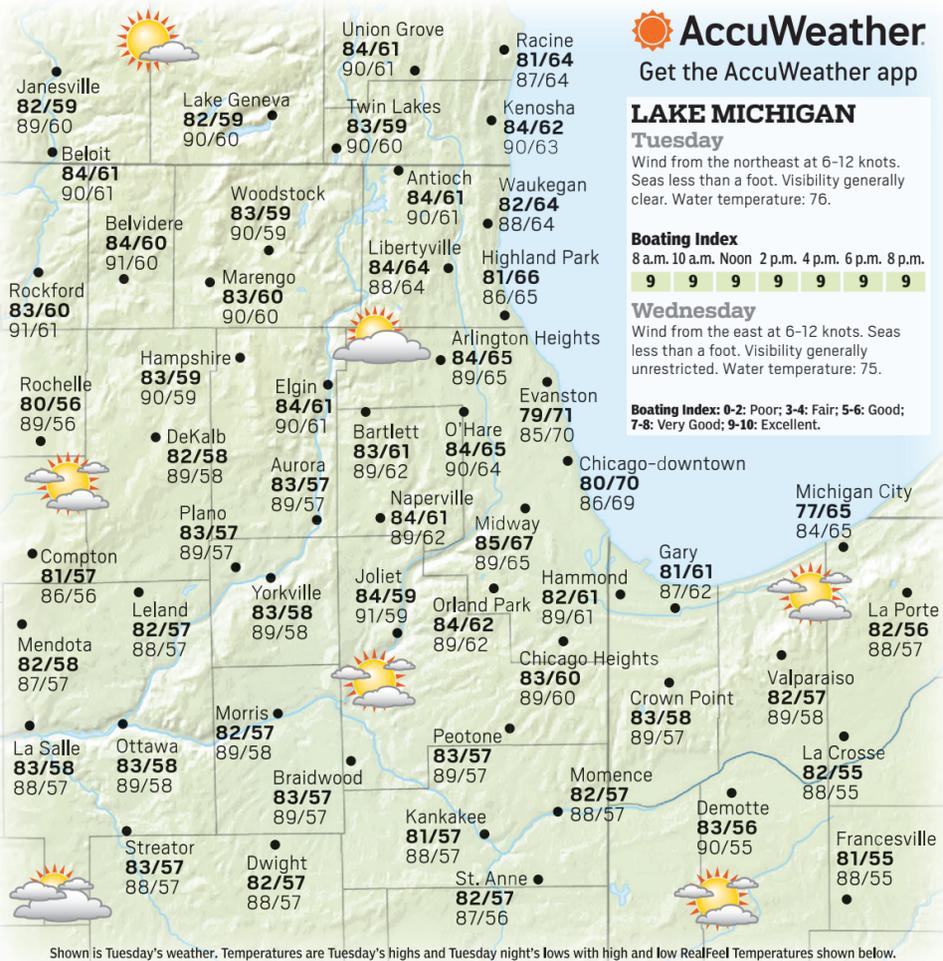
	Tue.	Wed.
Sunrise	5:57 a.m.	5:58 a.m.
Sunset	7:53 p.m.	7:52 p.m.
Moonrise	3:10 p.m.	4:17 p.m.
Moonsset	none	12:01 a.m.

Full Last New First
Aug 19 Aug 26 Sep 2 Sep 11

Tuesday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:58 a.m.	7:52 p.m.
Venus	7:35 a.m.	8:46 p.m.
Mars	12:50 a.m.	3:50 p.m.
Jupiter	12:53 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
Saturn	9:01 p.m.	8:19 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:25 p.m. Mars: 5:25 a.m. Jupiter: 5:25 a.m. Saturn: 9:20 p.m. Mercury: not visible



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LAKE MICHIGAN
Tuesday
Wind from the northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas less than a foot. Visibility generally clear. Water temperature: 76.

Boating Index
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
9 9 9 9 9 9 9

Wednesday
Wind from the east at 6-12 knots. Seas less than a foot. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 75.

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

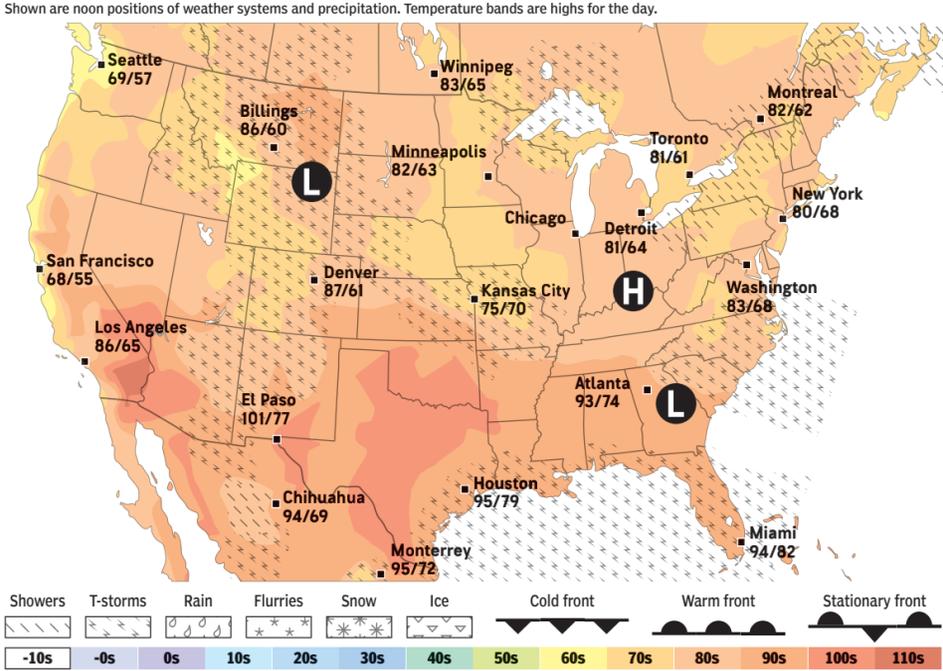


QUESTION: I missed seeing the Perseid meteor shower. Do I still have a chance?

ANSWER: While the peak of the Perseids was actually yesterday, you may still have the chance to see one of the most active meteor showers of the year tonight, provided we have clear skies and you are in a location away from "light pollution." According to NASA, meteor showers are named after the constellation from which the meteors appear to emanate. So in this case the Perseids emanate from "Perseus."

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

NATIONAL FORECAST



REGIONAL CITIES

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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	102/79/s	101/80/s
Albany, NY	80/59/pc	84/60/sh
Albuquerque	92/66/t	92/68/pc
Amarillo	100/74/s	98/70/pc
Anchorage	62/49/s	63/50/s
Asheville	79/64/t	80/64/pc
Aspen	70/47/t	70/44/pc
Atlanta	93/74/s	89/73/pc
Atlantic City	76/64/pc	78/65/s
Austin	99/76/s	99/76/pc
Baltimore	84/64/pc	87/65/s
Billings	86/60/t	84/60/pc
Birmingham	92/71/s	92/74/t
Bismarck	84/65/pc	75/64/t
Boise	88/62/pc	89/64/s
Boston	83/67/pc	80/67/pc
Brownsville	96/81/t	98/81/pc
Buffalo	79/62/pc	81/62/s
Burlington, VT	81/61/pc	83/62/pc
Charleston, SC	91/74/t	87/71/t
Charleston, WV	86/57/pc	89/58/pc
Charlotte	82/69/t	85/67/s
Chattanooga	91/68/pc	90/69/pc
Cheyenne	80/59/t	80/56/pc
Cincinnati	83/64/pc	86/63/pc
Cleveland	81/59/pc	82/61/s
Colorado Spgs	84/59/t	81/56/pc
Columbia, MO	76/68/t	85/73/t
Columbia, SC	88/72/t	86/69/t
Columbus, OH	83/61/pc	84/63/pc
Concord	81/56/pc	85/57/pc
Corpus Christi	96/80/t	97/79/pc
Dallas	100/81/s	101/83/s
Daytona Beach	93/77/t	92/77/t
Denver	87/61/t	83/59/pc
Duluth	80/59/t	77/64/pc
El Paso	101/77/s	98/77/c

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	64/46/pc	65/46/c
Fargo	82/67/pc	79/68/t
Flagstaff	77/53/t	79/52/pc
Fort Myers	94/78/s	93/79/t
Fort Smith	96/76/pc	101/75/s
Fresno	97/67/s	96/66/s
Grand Junction	80/63/t	87/61/pc
Great Falls	85/57/t	79/55/s
Harrisburg	83/63/pc	86/61/s
Hartford	82/60/pc	84/62/pc
Helena, MT	81/57/t	78/54/t
Honolulu	89/75/r	88/75/pc
Houston	95/79/pc	95/78/pc
Int'l Falls	81/56/pc	81/60/t
Jackson, MS	99/75/s	100/74/pc
Jacksonville	96/76/t	93/76/t
Juneau	62/48/sh	65/48/sh
Kansas City	75/70/t	90/73/t
Las Vegas	105/82/s	105/79/s
Lexington	86/62/pc	87/63/pc
Lincoln	80/68/t	89/69/t
Little Rock	97/76/pc	97/78/t
Los Angeles	86/65/s	87/63/s
Louisville	86/67/c	88/69/pc
Macon	96/72/s	92/73/t
Memphis	93/76/pc	87/75/t
Miami	84/59/t	94/81/t
Minneapolis	82/63/s	81/65/t
Mobile	97/76/t	100/77/t
Montgomery	97/71/s	98/73/t
Nashville	89/69/c	90/66/t
New Orleans	96/80/t	97/81/s
New York City	80/68/pc	85/69/s
Norfolk	82/68/t	81/65/pc
Oklahoma City	98/76/s	99/77/s
Omaha	78/67/c	85/70/t
Orlando	94/78/t	94/77/t

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Palm Beach	93/80/t	93/79/t
Palm Springs	110/78/s	110/80/s
Philadelphia	82/67/pc	85/67/s
Phoenix	107/89/pc	109/88/s
Pittsburgh	79/56/pc	82/58/s
Portland, ME	82/59/s	81/60/pc
Portland, OR	73/59/c	80/59/pc
Providence	81/63/pc	83/62/s
Raleigh	84/67/t	86/65/s
Rapid City	86/63/t	83/59/pc
Reno	88/56/s	91/56/s
Richmond	82/65/c	86/64/s
Rochester	79/59/pc	83/60/s
Sacramento	90/59/s	93/58/s
St. Louis	80/69/t	82/74/t
Salem, OR	76/54/pc	81/56/s
Salt Lake City	85/66/t	88/65/t
San Antonio	99/79/s	100/79/s
San Diego	79/68/pc	78/65/pc
San Francisco	68/55/pc	69/58/pc
San Juan	88/79/r	90/81/r
Santa Fe	85/60/t	85/60/pc
Savannah	94/76/pc	86/74/t
Seattle	69/57/c	75/57/c
Shreveport	100/78/pc	101/78/s
Sioux Falls	77/66/c	73/68/t
Spokane	80/54/s	81/55/s
Syracuse	80/61/pc	83/62/pc
Tallahassee	97/76/t	98/76/t
Tampa	93/80/t	93/80/t
Topeka	77/71/r	94/74/t
Tucson	97/77/t	99/77/t
Tulsa	96/78/pc	100/78/s
Washington, DC	83/68/pc	86/68/s
Wichita	92/74/t	99/74/s
Wilkes-Barre	80/58/pc	84/57/s
Yuma	108/85/s	107/81/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/77/t	87/77/t
Algiers	91/73/s	90/72/c
Amsterdam	81/63/t	74/62/t
Ankara	91/63/s	93/62/s
Athens	99/77/s	98/79/s
Auckland	57/42/s	59/45/pc
Baghdad	113/87/pc	114/84/pc
Bangkok	96/81/t	96/82/t
Barbados	86/80/r	88/80/s
Barcelona	87/74/pc	82/73/t
Beijing	82/71/pc	88/73/t
Beirut	90/79/s	89/78/s
Berlin	88/63/s	91/68/s
Bermuda	86/79/t	84/78/r
Bogota	67/47/pc	69/48/pc
Brussels	84/64/t	74/60/pc
Bucharest	99/72/s	96/67/s
Budapest	97/68/pc	98/69/s
Bueno Aires	63/48/s	62/50/pc
Cairo	97/79/s	96/78/s
Cancun	91/76/t	93/78/t
Caracas	90/77/sh	92/76/t
Casablanca	86/64/pc	85/66/s
Copenhagen	74/64/pc	78/65/pc
Dublin	70/48/sh	69/61/pc
Edmonton	80/56/t	79/49/pc
Frankfurt	93/69/t	87/66/t
Geneva	92/65/t	85/62/r
Guadalajara	77/62/t	80/63/t
Havana	90/75/t	90/74/t
Helsinki	74/54/s	75/54/s
Hong Kong	87/81/t	88/81/t
Istanbul	94/77/s	94/76/s
Jerusalem	89/71/s	91/71/s
Johannesburg	72/49/pc	67/39/s
Kabul	93/67/s	94/68/s
Kingston	94/81/t	96/81/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Kyiv	74/56/pc	77/60/s
Lima	67/58/s	66/58/pc
Lisbon	80/65/s	80/64/s
London	78/62/c	73/56/pc
Madrid	90/67/t	90/61/t
Manila	91/80/t	91/80/t
Mexico City	77/59/sh	76/57/sh
Monterrey	95/72/pc	95/71/pc
Montreal	82/62/pc	82/63/pc
Moscow	67/53/sh	70/49/pc
Munich	87/61/t	85/61/t
Nairobi	77/56/pc	78/58/pc
Nassau	92/81/r	91/79/pc
New Delhi	89/81/t	91/81/t
Oslo	70/57/c	68/62/r
Ottawa	81/59/pc	83/62/pc
Panama City	87/76/r	88/77/t
Paris	86/64/t	80/62/c
Prague	89/64/s	86/67/t
Rio de Janeiro	68/57/c	74/63/s
Riyadh	113/87/pc	113/86/pc
Rome	92/72/s	92/70/s
Santiago	72/48/pc	67/45/c
Seoul	96/80/pc	96/79/t
Singapore	90/80/t	88/79/sh
Sofia	98/64/s	98/64/s
Stockholm	74/56/pc	74/57/pc
Sydney	67/59/r	64/56/r
Taipei	96/81/t	94/79/t
Tehran	103/81/s	101/81/s
Tokyo	95/82/t	92/81/r
Toronto	81/61/pc	83/61/s
Trinidad	85/81/t	88/79/s
Vancouver	69/58/c	73/59/pc
Vienna	92/67/t	95/72/pc
Warsaw	77/55/s	82/59/s
Winnipeg	83/65/pc	81/65/t

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BUSINESS

Lawsuit: Hospital misplaced body

Family cites negligence by the Chicago-based CommonSpirit Health

By Lisa Schencker
Chicago Tribune

A California hospital misplaced the body of a 31-year-old woman who died at the facility, leaving her family thinking she was alive and missing for a year, her family alleges in a lawsuit filed Wednesday against the hospital and the Chicago-based health system that owns it.

Jessie Marie Peterson suffered a diabetic episode on April 6, 2023, and went to Mercy San Juan Medical Center in Carmichael, Calif.,

according to the lawsuit, which was filed by her mother and sisters in Superior Court in Sacramento County.

The suit was filed against the hospital, unnamed workers involved in the allegations, Dignity Health and Chicago-headquartered CommonSpirit Health. The hospital is part of Dignity Health, which is part of CommonSpirit.

Two days after being admitted, Peterson called her mother, Ginger Congi, asking to be picked up because she was going to leave the hospital, according to the lawsuit. That was the last time Congi spoke with her daughter, the lawsuit alleges. When Congi called the hospital several days later asking to be transferred to her daughter, she was told her daughter wasn't

there and had left "against medical advice," according to the lawsuit. Peterson's medical records also indicated she had been discharged from the hospital, according to the lawsuit.

Peterson's family then began searching for her, filing a missing person report and distributing missing person flyers.

It wasn't until April 12, 2024 — about a year after Peterson's family was told she'd left the hospital — that a detective with the Sacramento County sheriff's office called the family to tell them she'd been found dead. Several days later, the family was told that Peterson's body was in one of Mercy San Juan's off-site storage facilities, according to the complaint.

The hospital had not notified the

family of her death a year earlier, and the day after she died: "Mercy San Juan hospital transferred Jessie's body to a cold storage facility. Jessie was placed on Shelf Number Red 22 A and forgotten," according to the lawsuit.

Peterson's mother and sisters Angie Rubino and Chandra Peterson-Chastain are alleging, in their lawsuit, negligent handling of a corpse; negligence for failing to notify the family of Peterson's death and for failing to issue a certificate of death right after she died; and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

"They've never apologized, they've never acknowledged just how awful a screwup they have here," said Marc Greenberg, a partner with Tucker Ellis LLP, who

represents Jessie's family in the lawsuit. "There has to be change, and the only way the hospital is going to take a hard look at themselves and how they're managing this is by understanding there's a cost in not doing your job right."

In a statement, a CommonSpirit Health spokesman said "we extend our deepest sympathies to the family during this difficult time. We are unable to comment on pending litigation."

The family is seeking more than \$5 million in actual and statutory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages, Greenberg said.

CommonSpirit has more than 2,200 sites of care across more than 20 states. Though it has headquarters in Chicago, it does not have health care facilities in Illinois.



Cartons of eggs at a Kroger grocery store in Houston on Aug. 15, 2022. BRANDON BELL/GETTY

Judge dismisses suit against Kroger for how it labels eggs

'Farm fresh' doesn't commit stores to any specific qualities

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Kroger can label eggs "farm fresh" even if they are produced by hens living in industrial confinement, a federal judge ruled in a decision dismissing a prospective class-action lawsuit against the grocery giant Tuesday.

Plaintiff and Mariano's shopper Adam Sorkin filed a lawsuit against Kroger in federal court

in Chicago last fall. Sorkin argued that when he bought premium-priced eggs labeled "farm fresh" from Kroger-owned Mariano's, he believed the label meant the eggs were produced by hens who lived "on farms, with open green space, grass, hay and straw."

The farm fresh label "evokes favorable impressions in consumers" such as "a farmer getting up with roosters to gather warm eggs from straw nests and rush them to the local general store," Sorkin argued, alleging the product label violated the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Illinois

Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

But Sorkin's complaint failed to substantiate that most shoppers understand the "farm fresh" label to guarantee that they were produced "on some sort of idyllic farm with a red barn, an abundance of hay, and hens frolicking in idyllic green pastures," U.S. District Judge Charles Kocoras wrote in a decision dismissing the case Tuesday, as first reported by the Sun-Times.

"The term 'farm fresh' does not say or suggest anything about whether the eggs came from a hen that was caged or not," as opposed

to more specific terms such as "cage free" or "free-range," Kocoras wrote.

Sorkin, who argued in court documents that the "farm fresh" label misleadingly "implied that the hens who produced the eggs were 'enjoying time playing in the grass and dirt, spreading their wings, etc.," based his claim on a "legally unreasonable interpretation of the product label," Kocoras ruled.

Representatives for Kroger and Mariano's did not immediately return a request for comment Friday, nor did attorneys for Sorkin.

Ice cream store owners to retire

Aurora's Banana Split will be in new hands

By David Sharos
Beacon-News

The time has come for long-time owners Lisa and Randy Brown to split from their iconic ice cream shop in Aurora.

The retirement the couple has yearned for most of the last few years has finally arrived as a new owner will take over the Banana Split ice cream shop at 820 Church Road on Wednesday.

New owner Daniel Cuevas, 28, of Aurora, is a former Marine and graduate of Aurora University with a degree in business administration. He said there will be no changes in the menu and he aims to connect with the community the way the Browns have over the years.

"I have no intention of changing the menu or anything about the shop," Cuevas said just days before assuming ownership. "The most important thing for people to know is — nothing is changing. We're keeping all the same ingredients, keeping the same menu, and I want to continue the relationships they've had with distributors and vendors as well as the community."

"At the end of the day, they have already created this with 40 years of hard work and relationships, and I'm not going to come in and reinvent the wheel," he said.

Randy Brown, 65, said he never thought he would spend more than 40 years at Banana Split.

"Our first day was Feb. 11, 1983, the day before my 24th birthday," he said. "I never envisioned having this long of a run but there was never an endgame, either. We never thought about it. It was just — let's give it try. We were hoping to get out last year, but word-of-mouth didn't help us sell the business. We ended up incorporating a broker into the deal and once the signs went up all kinds of activity took place. The broker had a lot of work to do with people showing interest."

He began working for Dairy Queen before buying his own business, a much different sort of profile to transition into your own ice cream shop than his wife Lisa, 62, who said she wanted to be a flight attendant.

"I don't have any regrets, not with Randy," she said. "It was him. My dad was a big influence in us doing this and we didn't think it would fail."

Family members including the Browns' 31½-year-old granddaughter are getting used to the idea of the couple leaving Banana Split.

"Our granddaughter said, 'Oh no, that's not good. That's not good at all, Mama. They can't do that,'" Randy Brown said about the sale. "The kids like coming in and making their own waffle cone and eating it."

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Federal agencies making it easier to cancel services

New initiative aims to simplify process, save consumers money

By **Fatima Hussein**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the name of consumer protection, a slew of U.S. federal agencies are working to make it easier for Americans to click the unsubscribe button for unwanted memberships and recurring payment services.

A broad new initiative, dubbed “Time Is Money,” includes a rollout of new regulations and the promise of more for industries spanning health care and fitness memberships to media subscriptions.

“The administration is cracking down on all the ways that companies — through paperwork, hold times and general aggravation — waste people’s money and waste people’s time and really hold onto their money,” Neera Tanden, White House domestic policy adviser, told reporters Friday in advance of the announcement.

“Essentially in all of these practices, companies are delaying services to you or

really trying to make it so difficult for you to cancel the service that they get to hold onto your money for longer and longer. These seemingly small inconveniences don’t happen by accident — they have huge financial consequences.”

Efforts being rolled out Monday include a new Federal Communications Commission inquiry into whether to impose requirements on communications companies that would make it as easy to cancel a subscription or service as it was to sign up for one.

The Federal Trade Commission initiated “click to cancel” rulemaking in March 2023 requiring companies to let customers end subscriptions as easily as they started them.

Also Monday, the heads of the departments of Labor and of Health and Human Services are asking health insurance companies and group health plans to make improvements to customer interactions with their health coverage, and “in the coming months will identify additional opportunities to improve consumers’ interactions with the health care system,” according to a White House summary.

The government already has launched several initiatives aimed at improving the

consumer experience.

In October, the FTC announced a proposed rule to ban hidden and bogus junk fees, which can mask the total cost of concert tickets, hotel rooms and utility bills.

In April, the Transportation Department finalized rules that would require airlines to automatically issue cash refunds for delayed flights and to better disclose fees for baggage or reservation cancellations.

In June, the Justice Department, referred by the FTC, filed a lawsuit against software maker Adobe for allegedly pushing consumers toward the firm’s “annual paid monthly” subscription without properly disclosing that canceling the plan in the first year could cost hundreds of dollars.

Some business advocates are not a fan of the government’s overall efforts to crack down on junk fees.

Sean Heather, senior vice president of international regulatory affairs and antitrust at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the initiative is “nothing more than an attempt to micromanage businesses’ pricing structures, often undermining businesses’ ability to give consumers options at different price points.”

US fighting to expand tech rules for China

By **Ana Swanson**
The New York Times

The Biden administration is fighting to overcome opposition from allied nations and the tech industry as it prepares to expand restrictions aimed at slowing China’s ability to make the most advanced semiconductors, which could be used to bolster Beijing’s military capacity.

The administration has drafted new rules that would limit shipments to China of the machinery and software used to make chips from a number of countries if they are made with American parts or technology, as well as some types of semiconductors, according to those briefed on a draft version.

The rules are aimed at blocking some newer routes that Chinese chipmakers have found to acquire technology.

The United States has been pushing allies including Japan and the Netherlands during diplomatic visits to toughen their restrictions on technology shipments to China. Those nations are home to companies that produce chipmaking machinery, including ASML Holding NV and Tokyo Electron Limited.

But industry in the United States and other countries has argued that the rules could hurt them, and it remains unclear whether foreign governments will issue limitations.

Some rules that the United States plans to impose would have significant carve-outs, the people said. The rules blocking shipments of equipment to certain semiconductor factories in China would not apply to more than 30 allied countries, including the Netherlands, South Korea and Japan.

That has sparked pushback from U.S. firms, who argue that the playing field will be further tilted against them if the U.S. government stops their sales but not those of their competitors.



A worker heats a glass tumbler to prepare to embed a bullet Aug. 1 at BenShot in Appleton, Wisconsin. **SARA STATHAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Tracking ads on Truth Social

Experts say platform unlikely to generate huge profits from its Trump-centric clientele

By **Matthew Goldstein, David Yaffe-Bellany and Stuart A. Thompson**
The New York Times

SARASOTA, Fla. — Days after the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump, Ben Wolfram, the president of a family-run glassware business, started advertising a new product on Facebook: a whiskey tumbler with a bullet sticking out of it. It was inscribed with the words “Bulletproof Trump.”

Within an hour, Facebook had removed the advertisement for violating its prohibition on political content in ads. So Wolfram turned to Truth Social, the social network owned by one of Trump’s companies, paying \$7,500 to run about five variations of his ad over a week. Truth Social posted them without any questions.

Trump’s site “was a lot more lenient,” said Wolfram, whose company, BenShot, is based in Appleton, Wisconsin. His ads were seen more than 1 million times.

Five months after going public, Trump Media & Technology Group, which owns Truth Social, has revealed little about how it plans to build its business. But an examination by The New York Times found that the company, which is a major source of Trump’s wealth, is increasingly reliant on revenue from an obscure corner of the ad market: a niche, sometimes called “the patriotic economy,” that caters to hard-core Trump fans and Christian conservatives.

In effect, Trump Media’s business is financed by right-wing merchants with relatively small ad budgets, including some that have been kicked off other social media platforms or are trying to jump on the Trump bandwagon. It has created what amounts to a closed-loop ecosystem: a Trump-centric site that depends on many ads by and for Trump loyalists. That contrasts with larger social networks, such as Facebook and X, which run ads from Fortune 500 companies like Disney and Walmart, raising questions about how much Trump Media can grow.

About half the ads that have appeared most frequently on Truth Social this year are for such companies as Republican Dogs, which sells Trump 2024 flags; and Proud Patriots, which offers Trump T-shirts and

related paraphernalia, according to data gathered by Konrad Iturbe, a researcher who has collected data on 851 unique ads on Truth Social this year.

That’s up from 2023, when a third of the most frequent advertisers on Truth Social were marketing political apparel or other products geared toward a conservative demographic, according to Iturbe’s data.

The results of this strategy have been far from robust. In the first three months of the year, Trump Media lost \$327.6 million and generated just \$770,000 in revenue, all of it from ads. (It has \$350 million in cash from its merger in March with a publicly traded shell company.)

Trump Media’s reliance on ads from right-wing merchandisers could prevent it from expanding, experts said. In June, Truth Social had 448,700 monthly active users in the United States, a fraction of the 74.3 million users on X, according to Similarweb, a data tracking site.

Large companies “are not going to get anywhere near Truth Social” because it is so closely tied to Trump, said Russell Winer, deputy chair of the marketing department at New York University’s Stern School of Business. “I don’t think it’s ever going to make money.”

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Autoworkers face layoffs in Detroit

Stellantis is warning that it could lay off as many as 2,450 of the 3,700 union workers employed at a truck plant just outside Detroit.

The job cuts would be at the Stellantis Warren Truck Plant, which builds an older version of the Ram 1500 pickup called the Tradesman, sold mainly to commercial businesses. The company came out with a new version of the truck in 2018, and for the 2025 model year there’s a new Tradesman.

Stellantis is shifting production of the new Tradesman to the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan. So the company will lay off one shift of workers at the Warren facility, where the Jeep Wagoneer SUV is still built. A Stellantis spokeswoman said layoffs could begin as soon as Oct. 8. — *Associated Press*

With bankruptcy, gym aims for sale

NEW YORK — Gym operator Blink Fitness has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Blink, an Equinox-owned chain with more than 100 locations, said Monday that it was filing for bankruptcy to help facilitate a sale of the business. The New York-based company added that its gyms remain open — with Blink telling its members that it anticipates “limited impact on day-to-day operations” through the process.

Also Monday, Blink said it received a commitment for \$21 million in new financing from its lenders to help support ongoing operations, pending court approval.

Blink operates in the following seven states: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Texas. — *Associated Press*

Cash App OKs \$15M payout in data breach

By **Christine Hauser**
The New York Times

People who have used Cash App accounts may be entitled to receive up to \$2,500 each as part of a \$15 million settlement related to a data breach involving the popular payments and investment platform, according to court documents and the company.

The exposure of sensitive information for more than 8 million users of Cash App Investing was revealed in a regulatory filing in 2022 by Block, its parent company. The data was exposed when a former employee downloaded corporate reports.

A second breach involving more customers took place in 2023 with Cash App’s person-to-person payment services after

the defendants failed to take security measures, according to a consolidated class-action complaint filed in February in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

It said Block and Cash App were negligent in allowing unauthorized access to personal identification information and mishandled complaints about the breaches and fraudulent transactions.

A proposed \$15 million settlement agreement was filed in March, giving holders of Cash App accounts from Aug. 23, 2018, through Aug. 20, 2024, the option of submitting a claim for out-of-pocket losses of up to \$2,500, as well as other costs.

Block and Cash App have denied doing anything wrong and said the settlement

was not an admission of liability.

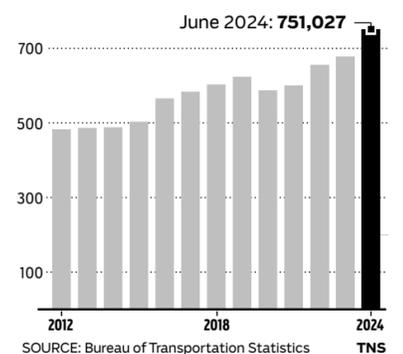
The deadline to submit claims is Nov. 18, and a final court hearing is set for Dec. 16.

A spokesperson for Block declined to comment Friday, and referred to recently published documents on the settlement administrator’s website. News of the settlement was first published Friday by USA Today and other news organizations.

Block previously said the information disclosed included customers’ names and Cash App brokerage account numbers. For some customers, the breached data included portfolio value, holdings and trading activity. User names, passwords, Social Security numbers and other personally identifiable details were not included in the breach, the company said.

Airline employment

Employment at U.S. passenger airlines, scale in thousands of full-time equivalent jobs in June of each year





Windmills turn May 6 at Ilcosos Norte province, northern Philippines. Experts say some governments are paying more attention to solar energy than turbines. **AARON FAVILA/AP**

Study shows US among countries falling short on wind power goals

By Ed Davey
Associated Press

The world is falling well short of a promise made at global climate talks last year to triple the amount of wind power, according to a report by an energy think tank released last week.

Last December, countries at the U.N. COP28 climate conference committed to tripling all renewable electricity by 2030. Wind power specifically must triple to achieve that, according to the International Energy Agency and others.

Examining national targets set by 70 countries that account for 99% of wind power, London-based energy nonprofit Ember projects that over the next six years, wind power will double, not triple, compared to the 2022 baseline.

The report looked at onshore and offshore wind turbines.

"Governments are lacking ambition on wind, and especially onshore wind," said Katy Altieri, electricity analyst at Ember. "Wind is not getting enough attention."

Wind often blows hardest when the sun is not high in the sky, making it a good complement to solar energy

in efforts to make clean electricity 24 hours a day.

The report also measured countries' progress toward their own goals. The U.S. ranked worst on this, falling 100 gigawatts short — enough to power more than 30 million homes. The target used for the U.S. comes from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, part of the Energy Department. In an email exchange, the department declined to comment.

The second biggest gap between national targets and wind projects in development was in India, at more than 30 gigawatts. Despite having considerable wind potential, only 4% of electricity in India comes from wind, Altieri said. Several officials at India's Energy Ministry did not reply to emailed requests for comment.

Ranking best by this measure were Brazil and Finland, which are on track to exceed their wind targets by 15 and 11 gigawatts, respectively. They were among just 10 countries due to surpass their goals. Seven of the 10 are in Europe, including Turkey.

Wind speed also matters. Doubling wind speed results in an eightfold

increase in power.

Some countries have strong wind but have barely begun building out wind turbines.

Russia has among the greatest wind potential of any country, according to the NREL, but Ember said it generated less than 1% of its electricity from wind in 2023. John Reilly of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who has studied energy policy and climate change for 45 years, said Russia is not committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"It has huge amounts of natural gas and coal, so there's no real economic incentive for them to develop wind," he said.

Like many islands, Japan is very windy, but it generates just over 1% of its power from wind, Altieri said.

"The ocean is very deep just a little bit offshore of Japan, so that makes it more difficult," Reilly said. Steep mountains also make it hard to place turbines.

Heavy regulation in South Korea makes it difficult to build wind turbines, and public opinion had slowed development further, he said. Worldwide, there has often been resistance to wind turbines.

Stung by austerity, Argentines without job appealing to saint

By Isabel Debre
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Struggling to feed her family after losing her job as a cleaner this year, Norma Villarreal went to church Wednesday in the hardscrabble outskirts of Buenos Aires and waited in the pre-dawn darkness for over an hour to petition St. Cayetano, the patron saint of bread and work.

"We are very hungry and we're tired and since the government never does anything for us, I went

to ask the saint," Villarreal, 56, said of the Roman Catholic priest canonized in 1671 for using his family fortune to help the poor of Naples.

This year might be unique in one thing: The desperation over rising joblessness that drives Argentines to call on St. Cayetano has been matched by rage at the painful austerity program of libertarian President Javier Milei.

The government's shock economic measures — aimed at slashing annual public spending by 3% of

the country's gross domestic product — has created an excruciating recession, pushing up unemployment to nearly 8%.

The aging crowds of pilgrims crossing themselves and clutching rosaries outside the sanctuary have dwindled in recent years — a reflection, observers say, more of the diminishing relevance of Roman Catholicism in Argentina than of any improvement in the unemployment rate, which jumped 2 percentage points in the past five months.

Ice cream

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The Browns say eight offers were made for the business, and Randy Brown said he believes "everyone is going to be happy with the person we chose to sell to."

"We held out for a mom-and-pop owner. There is talk of a franchise maybe down the road, but we were happy he (Cuevas) wanted to be a hands-on owner in the store like we've been for these 42 years and doing the work in the store," he said. "We really believe that's the success of things, being here and not having managers handle things. We thought it would be the beginning of the end of Banana Split if we sold to someone who is just going to let somebody else run it and oversee it from a distance."

Both the Browns and Cuevas spoke about an email the new owner sent to the Browns just a few years ago, which included his praise for the business and interest in someday owning it.

"He showed (the email) to us," Randy Brown said. "He had saved it on his phone that if we were ever interested in selling he would be interested in

buying.

"He told his family for years, 'One day, I'm going to own that business,' and he said and did the right things," Brown said. "He was here on opening day and we've been working with him since February. We wanted to see what the other offers were, but after weighing all the pros and cons... he reminded us most of ourselves."

Cuevas said that, in his view, that email had a big impact on the Browns and their decision to sell to the young entrepreneur.

"When I sat down to give my pitch about why I wanted Banana Split and why I am fascinated with it, I informed them that, by the way, I reached out two years ago," he said. "Lisa said that she monitors the emails and never saw anything but I had already pulled it up on my phone to show her and I think that played a huge role in solidifying everything I had said."

Cuevas has been shadowing the Browns for a while trying to get a better understanding of the operation.

Randy Brown said he will have to let the Banana Split's legion of loyal workers go and Cuevas will then rehire them, just one of many promises Cuevas has

made as he assumes ownership.

The Browns said their employees "have become great friends."

"Customers and workers have become friends," Lisa Brown said.

The Browns also realize that as long as the business and products continue they will touch a future they can already see.

"Everybody has these childhood memories of places to eat or things they liked, and we are part of that," she said. "It's amazing knowing we have been instrumental in a lot of memories for others and for us, and it has been a real humbling experience."

The couple has two married children and three grandchildren. Randy Brown plans to continue volunteering with the Lions Club and is a board member of Fox Metro Water Reclamation District.

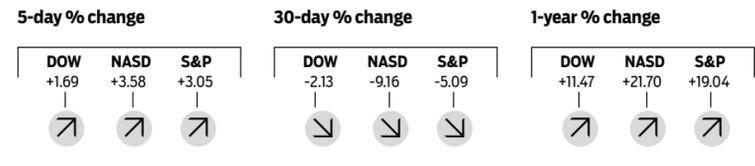
"I'm going to sew and play with the grandkids. I think I'm ready," Lisa Brown said about retirement. "I'm sure Wednesday when things are signed it will be a sad day, but it's a new beginning and a new chapter."

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 24	542.75	547	528	536.75	-5.75
		Dec 24	565.75	570	552	559.75	-6
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 24	376.25	385.25	372.50	383.25	+6.50
		Dec 24	394.75	403	390.25	401.50	+6.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Aug 24	1020.50	1038.25	1012	1012	-16
		Sep 24	987.50	988.75	959.50	971.25	-17.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Aug 24	42.87	42.89	41.61	41.61	-1.13
		Sep 24	42.42	42.42	41.23	41.48	-0.94
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Aug 24	327.70	328.90	316.80	318.30	-8.00
		Sep 24	312.60	315.40	303.20	306.00	-5.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 24	76.99	80.16	76.70	80.06	+3.22
		Oct 24	75.62	78.54	75.44	78.46	+2.85
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 24	2.173	2.256	2.155	2.189	+0.04
		Oct 24	2.311	2.394	2.301	2.342	+0.056
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 24	2.3972	2.4442	2.3878	2.4429	+0.0526
		Oct 24	2.2076	2.2605	2.1992	2.2593	+0.0570

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	107.80	-0.91	Equity Residential	N	70.85	-0.50	Mondelez Intl	O	69.28	-0.44
AbbVie Inc	N	190.18	+0.25	Exelon Corp	O	36.90	-0.20	Morningstar Inc	O	305.47	...
Adtalem Global Educ	N	71.46	-0.61	Federal Signal	N	93.11	-1.19	Motorola Solutions	N	412.76	+2.00
Allstate Corp	N	171.36	+0.33	First Indl Rtl	N	53.01	-0.57	NISource Inc	N	31.56	+2.1
Aptargroup Inc	N	143.29	-0.66	Fortune Brands Innov	N	71.73	-1.34	Nthn Trust Cp	O	82.51	-1.78
Arch Dan Mid	N	58.07	-0.37	GATX	N	135.86	-1.60	Old Republic	N	33.71	-0.13
Baxter Intl	N	36.93	-0.22	Gallagher AJ	N	281.60	-1.15	Packaging Corp Am	N	193.33	-0.74
Brunswick Corp	N	74.48	-0.17	Grainger WW	N	959.42	-17.84	Paylocity Hldg	O	150.41	-4.42
CBOE Global Markets	N	203.62	+2.80	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	133.60	-1.54	RLI Corp	N	145.64	-1.43
CCC Intellig Solut	O	10.16	-0.22	IDEX Corp	N	191.30	-3.04	Ryan Specialty Group	N	65.46	+3.7
CDW Corp	O	212.10	+1.63	ITW	N	236.62	-2.59	SterisCorp Inc	O	58.65	-1.0
CF Industries	N	90.85	+1.06	Ingredion Inc	N	128.26	-1.91	TransUnion	N	84.60	+1.0
CME Group	O	206.59	-0.07	John Bean Technol	N	88.44	-1.99	US Foods Holding	N	52.39	+3.6
CNA Financial	N	48.04	-0.68	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	234.94	-3.26	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	320.55	-1.62
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.83	-0.32	Kemper Corp	N	60.23	-0.4	United Airlines Hldg	O	40.42	-1.04
Deere Co	N	345.01	-1.02	Kraft Heinz Co	O	34.17	-1.10	US Cellular	N	52.10	+3.0
Discover Fin Svcs	N	123.71	-2.68	LKQ Corporation	O	38.47	-0.63	Ventas Inc	N	58.98	-0.39
Dover Corp	N	174.37	-1.86	Littelfuse Inc	O	240.71	-2.06	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	10.20	-0.48
Everestnet Inc	N	61.95	-0.08	McDonalds Corp	N	269.46	+1.55	Wiltrust Financial	O	97.73	-3.6
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	71.14	-0.71	Middleby Corp	O	134.41	-1.41	Zebra Tech	O	320.34	+3.9

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Palantir Technol	29.38	-0.63
Ford Motor	9.86	-0.24
Lumen Technologies	4.64	-0.93
Keycorp	15.94	+1.33
Barrick Gold	38.17	+1.58
Bank of America	25.89	-1.11
Visa Inc	259.89	+1.13
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	2.26	-0.01
Nu Holdings Ltd	12.50	+1.0
A&T Inc	19.43	-0.06
Vale SA	10.28	+0.01
Energy Transfer L.P.	15.55	-1.11
Pfizer Inc	28.45	-1.0
Ambev S.A.	2.26	-0.01
Algonquin Power & Ut	5.15	-0.26
Carnival Corp	14.60	-0.17
Swst Airlines	25.38	+0.05
IAMGold Corp	4.72	+0.44
Petrobras	14.69	+0.48
Kenvue Inc	21.09	+0.07
WalMart Strs	68.70	+0.75
Wells Fargo & Co	52.06	-0.70
Unity Software Inc	15.21	-0.33
Medical Prop Trust	4.49	-0.17

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	163.95	-1.44
Alphabet Inc A	162.29	-1.38
Amazon.com Inc	166.80	-1.14
Apple Inc	217.53	+1.54
Berkshire Hath B	430.39	-1.28
MasterCard Inc	406.81	-0.79
Eli Lilly	884.38	-7.30
Exxon Mobil Corp	119.00	+0.15
JPMorgan Chase	206.19	+0.39
Meta Platforms Inc	455.69	-1.09
Novo Nordisk AS	129.89	-3.58
Nvidia Corporation	109.02	+4.27
Taiwan Semicon	167.63	+0.51
Tesla Inc	197.49	-2.51
UnitedHealth Group	565.29	+6.53
Visa Inc	259.89	+1.13
WalMart Strs	68.70	+0.75

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	41.29	-0.08	+20.7
American Funds AmrcnBala m	34.58	+0.09	+15.8
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	55.66	-0.05	+15.1
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	64.16	-0.05	+15.5
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	70.01	+0.01	+12.8
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	79.58	-0.14	+22.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	71.42	-0.11	+25.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	24.67	-0.01	+11.9
American Funds InvCamrcA m	56.65	-0.13	+24.6
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	61.18	-0.10	+15.4
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	60.48	-0.12	+19.5
Baird AggrgatBdInstl	9.94	+0.02	+8.4
Dodge & Cox Intl	12.82	+0.03	+9.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStkl	50.78	+0.02	+6.9
Dodge & Cox Stkl	258.44	-1.64	+15.2
Fidelity 500ldxInvsPrrm	188.78	+0.03	+21.5
Fidelity BCGrowth	204.01	+0.86	+31.7
Fidelity Balanced	29.19	+0.03	+16.8
Fidelity ContraFund	19.58	+0.03	+32.8
Fidelity EXMktDxInPr	79.94	-0.62	+12.4
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdX	14.53	+0.01	+10.4
Fidelity GroCo	37.74	+0.20	+31.1
Fidelity IntlDxInslPrm	49.22	-0.08	+10.5
Fidelity THMktDxInvsPrrm	146.62	-0.13	+20.2
Fidelity USBDIInvsPrrm	10.49	+0.02	+7.5
PIMCO IncI2	10.67	+0.01	+9.3
PIMCO IncInsl1	10.67	+0.01	+9.4
PIMCO TlRetIns	8.71	...	+7.7
Schwab SP500ldX	82.55	...	+21.4
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	493.64	+0.08	+21.5
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	47.44	+0.01	+15.2
Vanguard DivGrInV	39.02	-0.09	+11.8
Vanguard EqInclAdmrl	89.69	-0.11	+12.0
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	183.30	+0.62	+27.9
Vanguard HCAmrl	95.02	-0.28	+13.1
Vanguard IntlTEAdmrl	13.69	+0.01	+5.3
Vanguard InslDxInvs	440.22	+0.08	+21.5
Vanguard InslDxInvsPlus	440.22	+0.08	+21.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	108.07	-0.11	+7.9
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	301.63	-1.34	+12.2
Vanguard PrrmCpldxAdmrl	170.56	-0.14	+17.3
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	108.63	-0.85	+9.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fdd	24.25	+0.03	+10.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fdd	19.46	+0.02	+12.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fdd	37.76	+0.02	+13.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fdd	23.66	+0.01	+13.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fdd	42.19	+0.01	+14.3
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ELECTION 2024

New twist in debate on Obamacare

After years of vow to repeal, GOP more vague on ACA plans

By Noah Weiland
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, have quickly made the Affordable Care Act central to their campaign, raising the specter of another Republican repeal effort next year if former President Donald Trump wins the White House.

“If Donald Trump gets the chance, he will end the Affordable Care Act and take us back to a time when insurance companies had the power to deny people with preexisting conditions,” Harris said at a rally in Philadelphia last week as she introduced Walz as her running mate. “You remember what that was like?”

The next day, Walz said at a rally in Detroit that Trump would keep trying to undermine the 2010 health law because “he doesn’t care.”

But so far they are battling a rival without a position.

Missing from the campaign this year is an organized effort against the Affordable Care Act by Republicans, who have tried and failed repeatedly to repeal the law. Trump threatened yet another repeal effort in November, but he walked his comments back in the spring, saying without specifics that he would make the health law “much better.”

“President Trump is not running to terminate the Affordable Care Act,” Karoline Leavitt, a Trump campaign spokesperson,



A sign promotes the Affordable Care Act on the UniVista Insurance company office in Miami. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY 2015

said in a statement. “He is running to make health care actually affordable.”

His running mate, Sen. JD Vance of Ohio, echoed Trump’s in-between position when he told the news site NOTUS recently that past efforts to repeal the law were “fundamentally focused around the idea of fixing what was broken, not about stripping people’s health care away.”

“You’re certainly going to see efforts to reform the system,” Vance said.

The one-sidedness of the debate is a shift from the 2020 presidential campaign, when the Justice Department under Trump asked the Supreme Court to overturn the law. Although there were signs that year that

Republican candidates were moving away from trying to repeal the act, Trump was still vowing to get rid of it, even as he failed to outline an alternative.

This year the Republican Party’s official platform, presented at the national convention last month in Milwaukee, included no mention of the Affordable Care Act and few references to other health care reforms.

The absence of a Republican plan underscores how dramatically the politics of Obamacare have changed since the law was enacted and since the Biden administration nearly doubled enrollment in marketplaces through the use of subsidies to reduce the costs of plans. About 21 million people

signed up for plans in the most recent enrollment period, blowing by the previous record and elevating the health and political costs of a repeal.

Trump and Republican lawmakers have responded with what health policy experts call a strategy of ambiguity. After years of trying to get rid of the law, they have abandoned calls for a repeal but are broadly criticizing the costs and quality of plans on the Obamacare marketplaces. That approach amounts to a “shell game,” said Leslie Dach, a former adviser in the Obama and Biden health departments.

If Trump wins a second term, he may not need lawmakers to weaken the

Affordable Care Act. Health policy experts say his administration could recycle its first-term agenda by reducing advertising and spending on workers who help people enroll in Obamacare plans, shortening enrollment periods and expanding the availability of cheap, short-term plans that shirk Affordable Care Act regulations. Those moves helped to cause enrollments to plateau when Trump was in office.

The most significant blow to the law could come from inaction. Trump and congressional Republicans are unlikely to support legislation that extends major subsidies that have lowered premiums for people with Obamacare plans and are set to expire next year. Experts

have credited those subsidies for the boom in enrollment in recent years.

“Death by a thousand cuts,” said Sabrina Corlette, a professor at Georgetown University’s Center on Health Insurance Reforms.

Democrats are operating in the friendliest environment they have had since Obamacare became law. Between 2010 and 2022, the uninsured rate among Black and Hispanic Americans was cut roughly in half, a trend that the Biden administration and outside experts attribute to the Affordable Care Act. More than 60% of Americans now have a favorable opinion of the law, according to a survey published in May by KFF, a nonprofit health policy research group.

Even if Trump were to win the White House with full Republican control of Congress, it is unclear how lawmakers would coalesce around a new repeal plan.

Alex Azar, former health and human services secretary under Trump, said a future Republican administration would likely pursue more “technocratic” adjustments to the Affordable Care Act — a reflection of how difficult it would be to unwind the law.

Some policy recommendations are also incorporated in Project 2025, a Heritage Foundation-sponsored playbook for a possible second Trump administration developed in part by former Trump administration officials. The project’s authors wrote that they were not calling for a repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The recommendations, they said, serve as “policy suggestions to curb the abuses” of the health law.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine general details gains made by incursion

Residents in Russia’s Kursk area appeal to Putin for assistance

By Samya Kullab
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine’s top military commander says his forces now control more than 380 square miles of Russia’s neighboring Kursk region, the first time a Ukrainian military official has publicly commented on the gains of the lightning incursion that has embarrassed the Kremlin.

Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi made the statement in a video posted Monday to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s Telegram channel. In the video, he briefed the president on the front-line situation.

“The troops are fulfilling their tasks. Fighting continues actually along the entire front line. The situation is under our control,” Syrskyi said.

Russian forces are still scrambling to respond to the surprise attack after almost a week of fierce fighting.

Russian President Vladi-

mir Putin said the incursion, which has caused more than 100,000 civilians to flee, is an attempt by Kyiv to stop Moscow’s offensive in eastern Ukraine’s Donbas region and gain leverage in possible future peace talks.

Zelenskyy confirmed for the first time that the Ukrainian military is operating inside the Kursk region. On Telegram, he praised his country’s soldiers and commanders “for their steadfastness and decisive actions.”

He did not elaborate. He also suggested that Ukraine would offer humanitarian assistance in the region.

Speaking Monday at a meeting with top security and defense officials, Putin said the attack that began Aug. 6 appeared to reflect Kyiv’s attempt to achieve a better negotiating position to end the war. He insisted that Moscow’s army would prevail.

Putin said Ukraine may have hoped that the attack would cause public unrest in Russia, but it has failed to achieve that goal, and he claimed that the number of volunteers to join the Russian military

has increased because of the assault. He said Russian forces will carry on with their offensive in eastern Ukraine regardless.

Acting Kursk Gov. Alexei Smirnov reported to Putin that Ukrainian forces had pushed more than 7 miles into the region across a 25-mile front and control 28 Russian settlements.

Smirnov said 12 civilians have been killed and 121, including 10 children, have been wounded. About 121,000 people have been evacuated or left the areas affected by fighting on their own.

Tracking down all the Ukrainian units that are roaming the region and creating diversions is difficult, Smirnov said, noting that some are using fake Russian IDs.

The governor of the Belgorod region adjacent to Kursk also announced the evacuation of people from a district near the Ukraine border.

Ukrainian forces swiftly rolled into Sudzha about 6 miles over the border after launching the attack. They reportedly still hold the western part of the



People evacuated from fighting between Russian and Ukrainian forces in the Kursk region sit next to tents Monday at a temporary residence center in Kursk, Russia. AP

town, which is the site of an important natural gas station.

The Ukrainian operation is under tight secrecy, and its goals remain unclear. The stunning maneuver counters Russia’s unrelenting effort in recent months to punch through Ukrainian defenses at selected points along the front line in eastern Ukraine.

Russia has seen previous incursions into its territory during the nearly 2½-year war, but the foray into the Kursk region marked the largest attack on its soil since World War II, constituting a milestone in the hostilities. It is also the first time the

Ukrainian army has spearheaded an incursion rather than pro-Ukraine Russian fighters.

The advance delivered a blow to Putin’s efforts to pretend that life in Russia has been largely unaffected by the war. State propaganda tried to play down the attack, emphasizing the authorities’ efforts to help residents of the region and seeking to distract attention from the military’s failure to prepare for the attack and quickly repel it.

Kursk residents recorded videos lamenting that they had to flee the border area, leaving behind their belongings, and pleading with

Putin for help. But Russia’s state-controlled media kept a tight lid on any expression of discontent.

Retired Gen. Andrei Gurulev, a member of the lower house of the Russian parliament, criticized the military for failing to properly protect the border.

The combat inside Russia rekindled questions about whether Ukraine is using weaponry supplied by NATO members. Some Western countries have balked at allowing Ukraine to use their military aid to hit Russian soil, fearing that it would fuel an escalation that might drag Russia and NATO into war.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks Aug. 4 in Jerusalem. NAAMA GRYNBAUM/POOL

Israeli defense official scolded for ‘total victory’ criticism

By Adam Rasgon
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blasted his defense minister, Yoav Gallant, on Monday after Israeli news media reported that Gallant had disparaged the Israeli leader’s goal of “total victory” over Hamas, the armed Palestinian group Israel has been battling in the Gaza Strip.

The strongly worded statement from Netanya-

hu’s office was a reflection of a rift within Netanyahu’s right-wing government, and in Israel more broadly, over the prosecution of the war, now in its 11th month.

Ynet, a centrist Israeli news outlet, reported that Gallant had told members of the Israeli parliament’s foreign affairs and defense committee Monday that Netanyahu’s “total victory” slogan was “nonsense.” A member of the committee, who spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose details

of the closed-door meeting, confirmed that Gallant used the term.

“When Gallant adopts the anti-Israel narrative, he harms the chances of reaching a hostage release deal,” the prime minister’s office said. “Israel has only one choice: To achieve total victory, which means eliminating Hamas’ military and governing capabilities, and releasing our hostages. This victory will be achieved.”

Realizing that goal, Netanyahu’s office said,

was the directive of the prime minister and the Cabinet, which everyone in the government, including Gallant, must follow.

Gallant’s office didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Firing Gallant was not on the agenda for Netanyahu, according to a second Israeli official, who spoke on condition of anonymity and was not authorized to communicate with reporters. Netanyahu could still oust Gallant from his role at

a later date, if he decides to take such action.

The rift comes during a critical week in the conflict, when Israel is bracing for an expected retaliation from Iran and its Hezbollah ally in Lebanon.

Hamas has consistently said any cease-fire agreement should include an end to the war and a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza. Netanyahu has suggested being open only to a pause of several weeks in the war.

School cellphone bans gain ground

At least eight states have put measures in place this year

By **Natasha Singer**
The New York Times

Cellphones have become a school scourge. More than 70% of high school teachers say student phone distraction is a “major problem,” according to a survey this year by Pew Research.

That’s why states are mounting a bipartisan effort to crack down on rampant student cellphone use. So far this year, at least eight states have passed laws, issued orders or adopted rules to curb phone use among students during school hours.

The issue isn’t simply that some children and teenagers compulsively use such apps as Snap, TikTok and Instagram during lessons, distracting themselves and their classmates. In many schools, students have also used their phones to bully, sexually exploit or share videos of physical attacks on their peers.

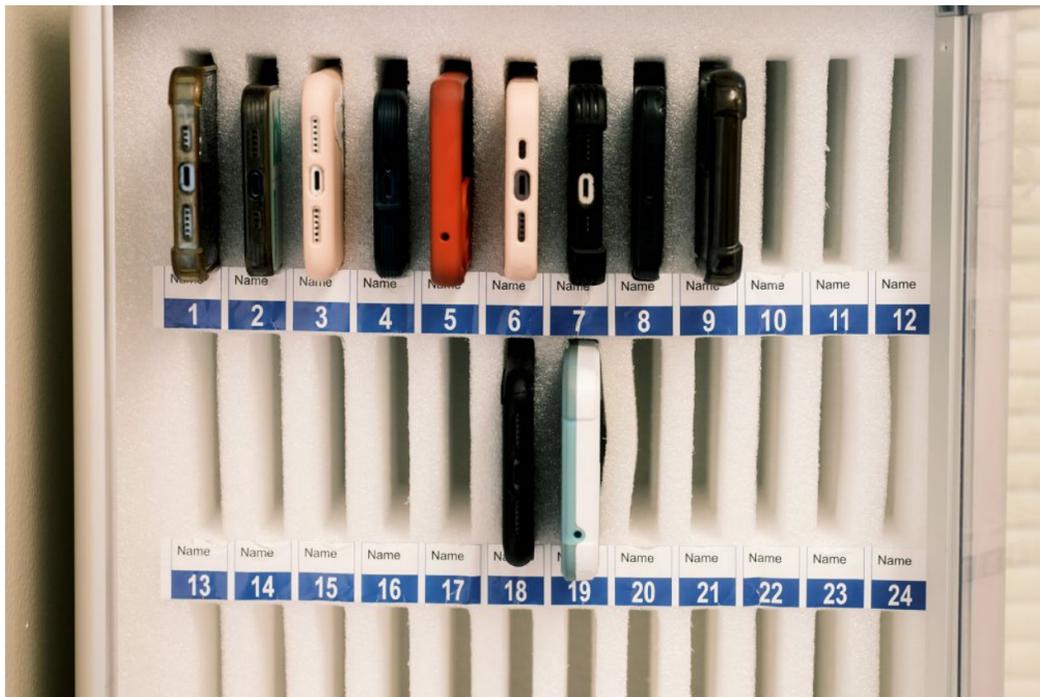
But cellphone restrictions can be difficult for teachers to enforce without schoolwide rules requiring students to place their phones in lockers or other locations.

Now, state lawmakers, along with some prominent governors, are pushing for more uniform restrictions in public schools.

With the new school year underway this month in some states, those new rules are kicking in. Here’s what to know.

Why are schools cracking down on smartphones?

Students are often subject to cyberbullying and bombarded with text messages and social media notifications during school. Studies have shown that mobile phones, text messages and even “nomophobia” — the fear of not having access to one’s phone — can distract



Confiscated cellphones rest in a specialized phone safe at Timber Creek High School in Orlando, Florida. The Orange County

students and impair learning. States hope that cracking down on phone use in the classroom will reduce learning distractions as well as tech misuse by students.

Some independent schools are also banning phones. Recently, the head of Georgetown Day School in Washington wrote in *The Atlantic* that it was “time to remove phones from schools.”

Do phone bans in schools work?

Teachers say phone bans in the classroom have helped improve students’ ability to concentrate on their lessons and work in groups. Some schools have also found that the bans decreased phone-related bullying and student fights.

Even so, the bans could have limited effect on the larger problem of technology in the classroom.

Some students use school-issued laptops or

tablets in their classes, with such diversions as YouTube or video games one click away. Studies have found that laptop use in the classroom can have a distracting, negative impact on student learning.

Students have also used school devices to bully their peers. Bark, a risk-monitoring service that scans students’ school-administered Google and Microsoft accounts, said in July that it had documented more than 8.5 million cases of school cyberbullying on Google Docs since 2019 — and more than a half-million cyberbullying cases involving students on Microsoft Teams.

Where did the phone bans start?

Last year, Florida passed a law requiring public schools to prohibit students from using personal wireless devices, including smartphones and earbuds, during class time. Orange County Public Schools in Orlando,

the nation’s eighth-largest school system, went even further, banning students from using their phones during the entire school day.

The Florida measure also requires school districts to block student access to social media platforms on school Wi-Fi and specifically prohibits TikTok on school-issued devices. It includes exceptions permitting cellphone use for educational activities “when expressly directed” by a teacher.

Which states are next?

Several states have followed Florida, passing laws or adopting new rules this year that, with limited exceptions, ban student cellphone use either during class or throughout the entire school day. These include Indiana, Louisiana and South Carolina where the new school year has begun.

Other states have passed

new policy or funding measures to help schools rein in student cellphone use.

Pennsylvania recently allotted millions of dollars in grants for schools to purchase lockable bags to store pupils’ phones, and Delaware recently allocated \$250,000 for schools to test lockable phone pouches.

In Virginia, Gov. Glenn Youngkin issued an executive order last month directing state agencies to develop “cellphone-free” education policies and procedures for schools to adopt by the start of next year. New laws in Minnesota and Ohio will require schools to adopt policies to limit cellphone use next year.

This summer, Gov. Gavin Newsom of California and Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York separately said they would work with state lawmakers on legislation to tackle student phone use in schools.

How are schools enforcing the new state bans?

Some schools are now racing to alert families about the new cellphone rules and put them into effect.

Among them is Sabine Parish, a small district in western Louisiana, which posted an online notice last week warning students and parents that “all cellphones and smartwatches must be stowed in lockers or powered off” during class time.

To comply with the new Indiana law, Franklin Township Community School Corp., a small district in Indianapolis, recently adopted new rules barring students from using personal cellphones, laptops or video game consoles during class.

Many schools now require students to leave their cellphones in shoe-rack-like holders during class — or place them in their lockers or in lockable bags during the school day. Other districts confiscate cellphones from students caught violating the rules and lock the devices in specialized “phone jail” cabinets for the rest of the school day.

How do students and parents feel about the bans?

Although 70% of parents agree that cellphone use among students should be “banned during class,” more than half think students should be allowed to use their phones “sometimes,” such as during lunch or recess, according to a survey this year by the National Parents Union.

Some students also object to bans on a device they rely on to take notes in school, photograph class assignments or make plans to meet their friends during lunch. Critics have said cellphone bans could also disproportionately harm students with adult responsibilities, such as after-school jobs or taking care of ill relatives.



A firefighter works to extinguish the flames Monday at a house in northern Athens as hundreds of others tackle a major wildfire raging out of control. **MICHAEL VARAKLAS/AP**

Hundreds of firefighters try to control wildfire in Greece

By **Elena Becatoros**
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — A major wildfire raged out of control Monday in the northern suburbs of Athens, triggering evacuations of several areas as swirling winds hampered efforts of hundreds of firefighters and dozens of water-dropping planes.

Faced with a massive, fast-moving blaze that sent flames towering at times to heights of more than 80 feet, Greece was promised assistance from other countries, activating Europe’s mutual civil protection mechanism. The fire that began Sunday afternoon burned homes and sent a blanket of smoke and ash over central Athens, where the smell of burning lingered in the air. Power cuts hit parts of the capital and affected traffic lights at major junctions in the center.

The blaze reached and damaged outlying sections of an Athens suburb about 9 miles from the city center. There were no reports of trapped residents, and authorities said 15 people were injured, mostly due to smoke inhalation.

French Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin said France would send a helicopter, 180 civil security personnel and 55 fire engines. Greece’s civil protection authority said Italy was sending two water-dropping planes, and the Czech Republic was sending 75 firefighters and 25 vehicles.

Spain and Turkey were also finalizing reinforcements to send to Greece.

The wildfire was racing through pine forests left tinder-dry by repeated heat waves this summer. June and July of this year were the hottest months ever recorded in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever. An early start of the fire season has strained the country’s firefighting force.

“Firefighters have been working at full tilt for months,” said Nikos Lavranos, head of Greece’s main firefighters union. “They are exhausted.”

Authorities are faced with “an exceptionally dangerous fire, which we have been fighting for more than 20 hours under dramatic circumstances,” Climate Crisis and Civil

Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias said Monday.

The fire was burning on two separate fronts, with some parts in difficult-to-reach areas on a mountain northeast of Athens, Kikilias said.

Three hospitals, including one for children; two monasteries; and a children’s home were evacuated Monday afternoon.

At least 30 emergency push alerts were sent to cellphones in the area warning people to flee, while homes in several areas were burned, although the exact number was not clear.

“The wind would go in one direction and then in the other. The smoke was suffocating. You couldn’t see. Your eyes teared up. You couldn’t breathe. You couldn’t see the house,” said Spyros Gorilas, a resident of the area of Dion who hosed down his house with water to save it from the flames. “Even the helicopter that dropped water, you couldn’t see it. You could only hear it. Nothing else.”

Evacuation orders were issued throughout the day for additional Athens suburbs as strong winds continued unabated.

‘A sad day’: 8 doctors among victims of Brazil plane crash

By **Eléonore Hughes**
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Arianne Risso worked every day to help her patients battle cancer. That made it all the more heart wrenching when her life, along with that of seven other doctors, ended abruptly when a plane tumbled from the sky in Brazil.

She boarded the ill-fated flight Friday in Cascavel, in Parana state, bound for Sao Paulo’s Guarulhos international airport. It crashed in Vinhedo, and footage of the ATR 72 twin-engine turboprop plunging while in a flat spin horrified people across Brazil.

It smashed into the backyard of a house inside a gated community and burst into a fiery wreck. All 62 people aboard were killed, according to a statement from Parana’s Medical Council. Risso and at least one colleague were headed for an oncology conference to sharpen their knowledge about a disease that kills tens of thousands of Brazilians every year.

“They were people used to saving lives, and now they lost theirs in such tragic circumstances,” Parana Gov. Ratinho Júnior told journalists Friday in Vinhedo, adding that he had friends on the doomed plane. “It is a sad day.”

Risso’s cousin, Stephany Albuquerque, recalled in a phone interview that the two often played together when she was young. Even then, Risso wanted to become a doctor and, as she grew older, applied herself so intensely to her studies that she rarely went out on the town. Medicine was her calling.

“Arianne treated people who were terminally ill at a time in their lives when they were struggling. But Arianne was always available and did everything with a lot of love,” Albuquerque told The Associ-



Debris of an Voepass airplane is captured Saturday where it crashed the day before in Vinhedo, Sao Paulo state, Brazil. All 62 people aboard were killed. **ANDRE PENNER/AP**

ated Press by phone from Florida, where she now lives. “She wasn’t the kind of doctor who would tell the patient ‘This is your illness, take this.’ No, Arianne took care of people. ... She would give out her personal phone number to patients.”

Risso, 34, was flying with Mariana Belim, 31. The two had been in residencies at Cascavel’s cancer hospital, and a statement from the institution praised them for the conscientiousness, care and respect with which they treated their patients. “It’s no wonder that praise for them both would often reach us. Their love of the profession was very clear,” the hospital said.

Willian Rodrigo Feistler, a general practitioner who grew up in Cascavel, knew six people who died in the crash and was particularly close to Belim, with whom he studied and had maintained a 15-year friendship.

“Mariana was serene with a melancholic temperament but very intelligent, empathetic and devoted to her profession,” Feistler said by phone from Cascavel. “She dedicated much of her life to studies and medical training. She had already specialized in clinical medicine and was completing her specialization in clinical oncology.”

José Roberto Leonel

Ferreira, a recently retired doctor who also died in the fiery wreck, was one of Feistler’s teachers during his undergraduate studies. He had a radiology clinic in Cascavel.

“I went over cases with him on several occasions. He was a receptive person who helped other doctors in the discussion of cases to reach diagnoses,” Feistler said.

For now, there are more questions about the crash than answers.

Metsul, one of Brazil’s most respected meteorological companies, said Friday that there were reports of severe icing in Sao Paulo state around the time of the crash. Local media cited experts pointing to that as a potential cause, although others cautioned against jumping to a conclusion.

Both the plane’s “black boxes” — one with flight data, the other with cockpit audio — were recovered. The air force’s center for the investigation and prevention of air accidents began analyzing them at its laboratory in the nation’s capital, Brasilia. Airports Minister Silvio Costa Filho said the center was also opening a criminal probe. The airline Voepass and the French-Italian ATR manufacturer are assisting investigators, they said in statements.

NEWS BRIEFING

Scientists say Mars could harbor ocean below dusty surface

From news services

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mars may be drenched beneath its surface, with enough water hiding in the cracks of underground rocks to form a global ocean, new research suggests.

The findings released Monday are based on seismic measurements from NASA's Mars InSight lander, which detected more than 1,300 marsquakes before shutting down two years ago.

This water — believed to be 7 to 12 miles down in the Martian crust — most likely would have seeped from the surface billions of years ago when Mars harbored rivers, lakes and possibly oceans, according to the lead scientist, Vashan Wright of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California, San Diego.

Just because water may be sloshing around inside Mars does not mean it holds life, he said in an email. “Instead, our findings mean that there are environments that could possibly be habitable.”

His team combined computer models with InSight readings including the quakes' velocity in determining that underground water was the most likely explanation. The results appeared Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

If InSight's location at Elysium Planitia near Mars' equator is representative of the rest of the red planet, the underground water would be enough to fill a global ocean a mile or so deep. It would take drills and other equipment to confirm the presence of water and seek out any potential signs of microbial life.

Although the InSight lander is no longer working, scientists continue to analyze the data collected from 2018 through 2022, in

search of more information about Mars' interior.

Wet almost all over more than 3 billion years ago, Mars is thought to have lost its surface water as its atmosphere thinned, turning the planet into a dry, dusty world.

RFK Jr. on NC ballot: Robert F. Kennedy Jr. can remain on North Carolina's presidential ballots after a state judge refused Monday to block printing his name and those of other candidates of the “We the People” party that was recently certified by the State Board of Elections.

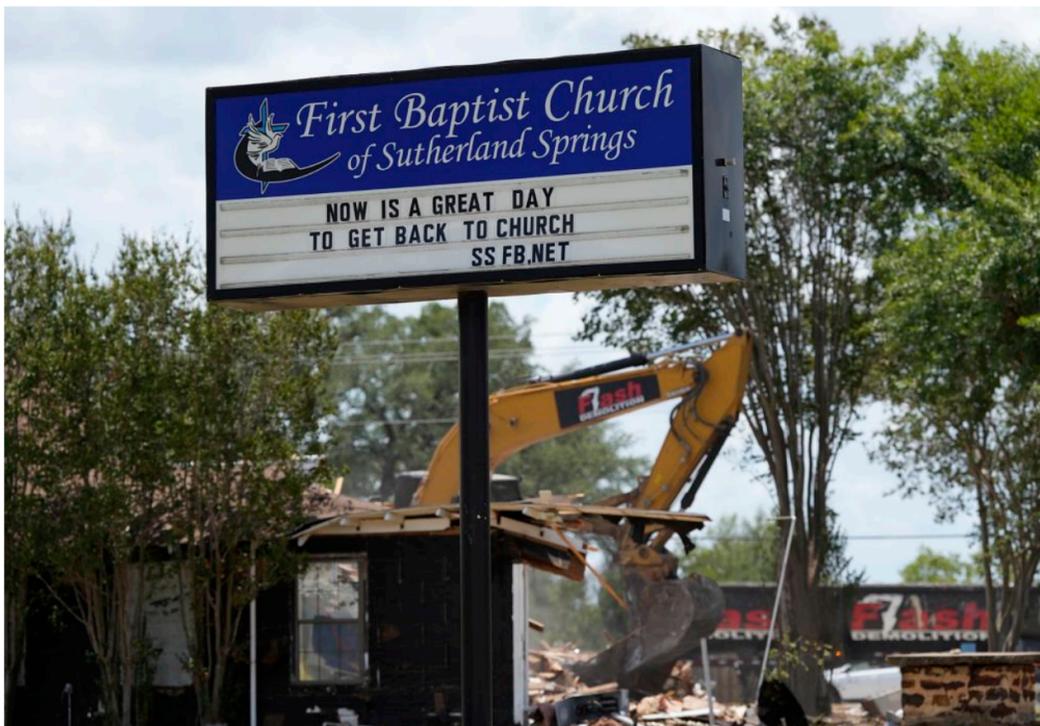
Wake County Superior Court Judge Keith Gregory rejected the request for a preliminary injunction by the North Carolina Democratic Party, which challenged the board's 4-1 decision last month that declared We the People an official party.

Kennedy's supporters have used We the People to get him on the ballot in a handful of states. He otherwise promotes himself nationally as an independent.

Texas power inquiry: Texas' attorney general launched an investigation Monday into Houston's electric utility over allegations of fraud and waste after Hurricane Beryl.

The latest investigation of CenterPoint Energy comes after state regulators and Republican Gov. Greg Abbott demanded answers about storm preparations and the response to Beryl, a Category 1 hurricane that knocked out power for days to nearly 3 million people in the nation's fourth-largest city.

The storm was blamed for at least three dozen deaths, including those of some residents in homes left without air conditioning in sweltering heat after the storm.



Texas shooting site razed: Crews begin demolition Monday of First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, where a gunman killed 26 worshippers in 2017. “It’s a very somber day for us,” said Amber Holder, a church member who was among the families that sued to preserve the scene of the deadliest church shooting in U.S. history. **ERIC GAY/AP**

The utility pledged its support of the investigation.

Attorney General Ken Paxton did not cite specific allegations of waste or fraud in his announcement, and his office did not respond to requests for comment.

Beryl damaged power lines and uprooted trees when it made its Texas landfall on July 8.

It's the latest natural disaster to hit Houston after a powerful storm ripped through the area in May, leaving nearly 1 million people without power.

Many residents fear that chronic outages have become the norm since Texas' power grid failed amid a deadly winter storm in 2021.

2 stabbed in London: A man stabbed an 11-year-old girl and her mother in London's bustling theater district Monday before being arrested. Police said there was no indication that the attack was terrorism-related.

The attack occurred

shortly before noon outside a tea shop in Leicester Square, a magnet for tourists with its shops and theaters.

“I would like to pay tribute to the members of the public, including staff from local businesses, who bravely intervened in this incident,” Metropolitan Police Detective Chief Superintendent Christina Jessah said. “They put themselves at risk and showed the best of London in doing so.”

The victims were taken to a major trauma center. The girl required treatment, but her life was not in jeopardy, police said. Her mother, 34, had less serious injuries.

The suspect is 32, and police don't believe he knew the victims.

Knife crime has been on the rise in Britain.

California earthquake: A 4.4 magnitude earthquake was strongly felt Monday from the Los Angeles area all the way to San Diego, swaying buildings, rattling dishes and setting off car alarms, but no major damage or

injuries were reported.

It shook a medical building, a live interview on ESPN was interrupted, and the ground swayed in Anaheim, home to Disneyland.

Photos on social media showed shampoo bottles and other items littering the floor of a Target store in L.A. A small number of reports were filed from the southern San Joaquin Valley, about 100 miles northwest of L.A.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake originated about 7.5 miles below the surface.

Deadly Syria attack: U.S.-backed Syrian fighters carried out a rare attack Monday in eastern Syria, striking at three posts manned by pro-government gunmen and claiming that they killed 18 of them in a major escalation near the Iraq border.

The renewed clashes in Syria's eastern oil-rich province of Deir el-Zour came amid high tensions in the region since last month's killings of a top

commander of Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group in Beirut and the political leader of the Palestinian Hamas group in Iran. Israel was blamed for both attacks, and Iran and Hezbollah have vowed to retaliate.

The Syrian government, which is backed by Russia and Iran, has vowed for years to liberate eastern Syria from U.S. forces who have been deployed in the area since 2015 to help fight the Islamic State.

Monday's attack by members of the Arab-led Deir el-Zour Military Council — part of the U.S.-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces — came days after clashes and shelling between the SDF and pro-government gunmen left more than a dozen people dead.

The Deir el-Zour Military Council said the new attack was in retaliation for government forces' shelling the villages of Dahla and Jdaidet Bakara last week that left at least 11 civilians dead.

Polls find Harris leads Trump in 3 key states

Results still show vulnerabilities for Democratic ticket

By Lisa Lerer and Ruth Igielnik
The New York Times

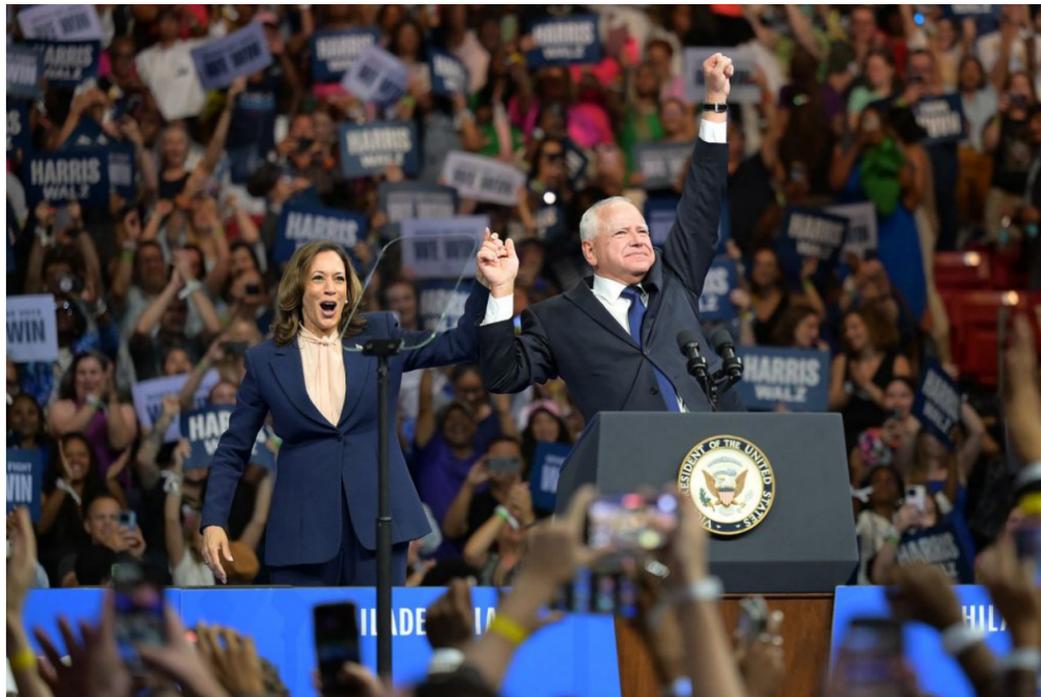
Vice President Kamala Harris leads former President Donald Trump in three crucial battleground states, according to new surveys by The New York Times and Siena College, the latest indication of a dramatic reversal in standing for Democrats since President Joe Biden's departure from the presidential race.

Harris is ahead of Trump by 4 percentage points in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, 50% to 46% among likely voters in each state. The surveys were conducted Aug. 5 to 9.

The polls, some of the first high-quality surveys in those states since Biden announced he would no longer run for reelection, come after nearly a year of surveys that showed either a tied contest or a slight lead for Trump over Biden.

While the reshaped race is still in its volatile early weeks, Democrats are now in a notably stronger position in these three battleground states that have long been key to the party's victories — or defeats. Still, the results show vulnerabilities for Harris. Voters prefer Trump when it comes to whom they trust to handle the economy and immigration, issues that remain central to the presidential race.

Harris' numbers are an upswing for Democrats from Biden's performance in those states, even before his much-maligned debate showing destabilized his candidacy. In May, Biden was virtually tied with Trump in Times/Siena polling in Wisconsin and Michigan. Polling conducted before and after the debate in July showed Trump with a narrow lead in Pennsylvania.



Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz appear at a rally Aug. 6 in Philadelphia to kick off their campaign for the White House. Harris' ascendancy has boosted Democrats' polling lately. **JOSE F. MORENO/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER**

Much of the newfound Democratic strength stems from improved voter perceptions of Harris. Her favorability rating has increased 10 percentage points among registered voters in Pennsylvania just in the past month, according to Times/Siena polling. Voters also view Harris as more intelligent and more temperamentally fit to govern than Trump.

Les Lanser, a retiree from Holland, Michigan, who typically votes Republican, said he was considering backing Harris in November. While he disagrees with some Democratic policies, he said he could not stand Trump's “disrespectful” and “unacceptable” attitude.

“Some of her character is real appealing to me. I'm not so sure I agree with a lot of her policies,” said Lanser, 89, who regrets supporting Trump in 2016. “But the alternative is just not acceptable at all in my

mind — because character is everything.”

The polls offer an early snapshot of a race that was transformed in little more than two weeks. The whirlwind of political change seized the nation's attention and reinvigorated some voters who were approaching the rematch between Biden and Trump with a deep sense of dread.

It is unclear how much of Harris' bounce in the polls stems from the heightened excitement surrounding her ascent to the top of the ticket or whether that momentum will last. Candidates traditionally gain a few percentage points in the days and weeks after announcing their running mates. Harris announced her selection of Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota on Tuesday, as voters were responding to the Times/Siena surveys in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Still, there is little doubt that replacing Biden on the

ticket has turbocharged Democratic enthusiasm about the election. Among Democrats, voter satisfaction with their choice of candidates has skyrocketed since Harris entered the race, up 27 percentage points in the three swing states since May, according to the latest Times/Siena results. Democrats are now more likely to say they are satisfied with their candidate choices than Republicans, a reversal from three months ago, when the question was last asked.

John Jordan, a Democratic voter from Croydon, Pennsylvania, praised Biden's accomplishments as president and said he would have voted for him again in November. But his friends and family are way more “pumped up” to support Harris.

In the three battlegrounds, Harris is in a stronger position than Biden was in May with most demo-

graphic groups, including white voters without a college degree. She is faring better with key parts of the Democratic Party's coalition that had begun to erode under Biden, most notably Black and young voters. But she also appears to be holding on to older voters, who were some of the president's most ardent supporters.

The share of voters who said they trusted Harris to handle economic issues was higher than the share Biden received in May, although she is still 9 points behind Trump on an issue where the Republican nominee has long held the advantage. And she has a 24-percentage-point advantage when it comes to whom voters trust to handle abortion, an issue considered one of the strongest for Democrats — in May, Biden held a 13-percentage-point advantage on abortion.

Trump's attacks on Harris as “not smart” and

“incompetent” have not landed with most voters. Nearly two-thirds of voters see Harris as intelligent, more than say the same about Trump. A majority of white voters without a college degree — a demographic that typically favors Republicans — said Harris was “intelligent.”

But the polls also indicate clear vulnerabilities for the new Democratic presidential nominee. They found that 42% of voters said Harris was too liberal; 37% said the same about Biden last October. Trump and his campaign have tried to define Harris as a left-wing extremist from deep-blue San Francisco who is out of touch with swing-state voters.

Beyond views of Trump, the polls captured mixed feelings about his running mate, Sen. JD Vance of Ohio. Vance had a rocky debut on the campaign trail after a number of past comments drew fresh scrutiny, including a remark in 2021 that the United States was being run by “childless cat ladies” like Harris.

In all three states, Vance is viewed broadly unfavorably by independent voters: About one-third said they were dissatisfied, and an additional 17% described themselves as “angry” about his selection. Strikingly, he receives lukewarm support from a notable number of Republican voters. While 43% said they were excited about their vice presidential nominee, 38% said they were satisfied but not enthusiastic.

Walz, by comparison, received higher marks within his own party. In Pennsylvania, the only state where the poll was taken entirely after Harris' running mate, 48% of Democrats said they were excited about the vice presidential nominee. In Wisconsin and Michigan, some interviews were completed before Harris announced that she had chosen Walz.

ARTS & LIVING



The musical is now at the Epiphany Center for the Arts in Chicago. MACKENZIE HILTON

REVIEW '44: THE UNOFFICIAL, UNSANCTIONED OBAMA MUSICAL' ★★★½

Hilarious spoof stocked with top-tier talent

'44' deliciously skewers Barack, Joe, Michelle and the gang

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Out pops fightin' Joe Biden, "Benjamin Button-ized" for the night but still wobbly on stairs, here to tell the story of the 44th President of the United States, "told from my recollection." And with that opener, the sanctuary at the Epiphany Center for the Arts bounces with a hilarious spoof R&B musical stocked with top-drawer singing talent and comedic invention, replete with vocal tours de force for Biden, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Hilary Clinton and a plethora of antagonistic, warbling Republicans from John Boehner to Mitch McConnell to Sarah Palin.

The Epiphany Center at Jackson Boulevard and Ashland Avenue is conveniently located for the Democratic National Convention and I'd say these commercial producers from Los Angeles are crazy if they close this terrific show before the big confab and all the bored media who'll come looking for stories beyond the United Center. Once (or maybe if) the politicians find it, it'll get attention, all fully deserved. "44" is smart, sophisticated satire, penned and composed by Eli Bauman, once an Obama campaign organizer. He comes with a raft of TV comedy credits, decent musical chops and enough insider intel to make the show appeal to those of us who watched Obama's rise.

In its format, as we roll through the dark nights of the Obama soul, the show is something akin to the full-length musical satires like "Rod Blagojevich Superstar!" that Second City produced here around 20 years ago and, of course, to "Saturday Night Live"-style comedy. But this show has more ambition, higher-end production values (including a live, five-piece band), Broadway-caliber singing from the three hilar-

ious leads, T.J. Wilkins (Barack Obama), Chad Doreck (Joe Biden) and Shanice (Michelle Obama) and a chic, uber-cool vibe, as befitting the big-eared honoree here described as "a hot fudge sundae with vanilla ice-cream."

There's no question this is a show for Democrats, but it's also not afraid of skewering its own side, which has been sorely lacking in oft-anemic (or nonexistent) political satire in Chicago in the last few years. At the end of the night, the only thing that really matters with these kinds of things is how funny they turn out to be (or not). And while this show certainly traffics in familiar satirical identities (goofy Joe, bitter Hillary, goth Mitch, slimy Ted Cruz, salacious Sarah, closeted Lindsey Graham and so on), it tickled me purple all night long. And it's not afraid to bite, either.

Highlights include the "thoughts and prayers" quartet of Palin, McConnell, Michael Uribes' Ted Cruz ("I'm every kid you hated in high school, rolled into one") and Dino Shorté's Herman Cain. There's a Barry White-like solo ("It's Cain Time") for the former CEO of Godfather's Pizza; a sensual love ballad for

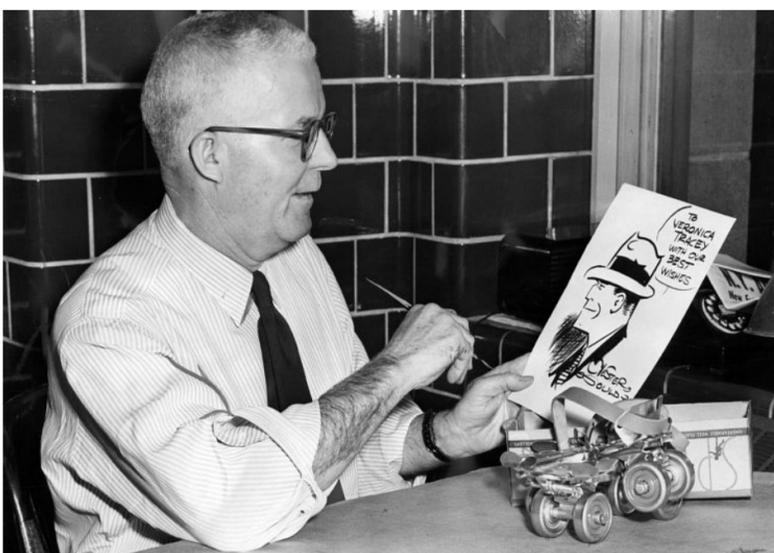
the singer-songwriter Shanice after Michelle finds the Lincoln Bedroom a turn-on; a self-pitying number for the ever-spurned Hillary (Kelley Dorney), with the lyric, "I've known it was a crap shoot since I was a babe in my Pampers pantsuit"; and a duet for Obama and Abraham Lincoln, known here as the First Black President.

Most of the music is original with occasional familiar clapbacks, such as when Kevin Bailey's gravel-voiced Boehner sings "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want to." And the songs are zesty and funny: "How Black is too Black?," sings Obama, wondering.

"It's time to forget about the collapse of the global economy," sings Michelle to her beau. "Be my George Washington and climb down my chimney tonight."

I hope Bauman, who also directs and co-producers, has someone who can tell him the show is too long by about 15 minutes and to cut some of his weaker second-act material. I'd maybe write a Kamala Harris cameo into a show created before

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Chester Gould, whose cartoon Dick Tracy is familiar to millions, with a drawing and roller skates on Feb. 13, 1952, he planned to send to Veronica Tracey, 12. LOUIS PAUS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Are comic strips still a part of your daily life?



Rick Kogan

There were many amazing things that one could see by joining the estimated 1 million people who came to the lakefront over the weekend for that annual festival of noise called the Chicago Air and Water Show.

"Best water on the

planet," shouted a guy selling plastic bottles of water for \$5.

You could see, of course, airborne antics, parachutists, a biplane. The Blue Angels. Two men playing chess. There was a man with a colorful parrot on his shoulder and a woman whose face was painted red, white and blue. And near Oak Street, I saw an older man in a chair reading comics.

These days it's a rarity, seeing a person reading a newspaper the old-fash-

ioned way, which is ink on paper and not on a phone or laptop. But comics?

The man, who told me he lived in Kenosha, said he had been reading comics since he was a kid, "and that was a long time ago." There was a newspaper on the ground at his side and the comics were in his hands. We talked for a while and then his two grandkids ran over and the Saturday sky show started.

"Have a look," he said,

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CELEBRITIES

Disney fetes Ford, other stars as 'legends'

From news services

Disney bestowed "legends" status on 14 artists who have shaped the company. The honorees — who the company says have had a "significant impact" on Disney's legacy — include Harrison Ford, Angela Bassett, Miley Cyrus, director James Cameron, iconic film composer John Williams, Jamie Lee Curtis and Kelly Ripa.

This year's class of Disney Legends was honored in a ceremony Sunday as a part of the D23 fan convention. Ryan Seacrest hosted the show, now streaming on Disney+.

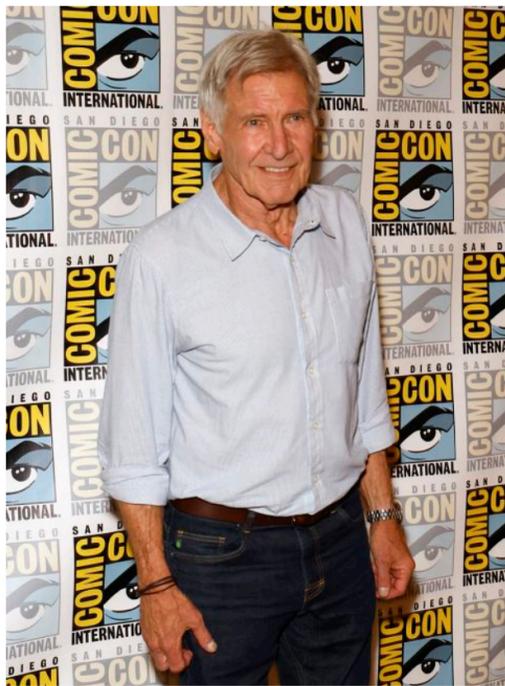
Ford called himself an "assistant storyteller," noting the many contributions of his collaborators to his career. He got emotional as he thanked Disney CEO Bob Iger, who presented the award, for his professional guidance and friendship.

The "Indiana Jones" and "Star Wars" actor is joining the Marvel Cinematic Universe in the upcoming "Captain America: Brave New World."

Cyrus got emotional as she accepted the award. "Legends get scared, too. I'm scared right now, but the difference is, we do it anyway. All of you can do that every single day. It's legendary to be afraid and do it anyway," the "Hannah Montana" star said.

Bassett, who appeared in "Black Panther" and "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," reunited with the film's director, Ryan Coogler, who presented her honor. Bassett also stars in "9-1-1," on ABC, owned by Disney.

"To the fans, you are



Harrison Ford, seen July 27, is among the artists Disney says have had a "significant impact." **CHRISTY RADECIC/INVISION**

the magic," Bassett said. "There are not enough words to let you know how much I appreciate you, how much I love you. I stand here today because you bought the tickets, you have watched the television shows, you have cheered me on my best days and lifted me up on the more difficult ones."

Phoenix exits gay period film: Joaquin Phoenix has dropped out of an untitled Todd Haynes film days before production was to begin in Mexico. The gay romance period piece by the "May December" director was scrapped entirely.

It was announced recently that "Top Gun: Maverick" breakout actor Danny Ramirez was cast opposite Phoenix as the love interest.

Haynes said during the 2023 Cannes Film Festival that the original script was based on ideas that Phoenix brought to him.

According to IndieWire, financial backing for the film hinged on the Oscar winner's casting.

Reynolds, Lively top box office: In the Ryan Reynolds-Blake Lively box-office showdown, the husband and wife came out winners.

Reynolds' Marvel Studios smash "Deadpool & Wolverine" remained the top movie in North American theaters for the third straight week with \$54.2 million in ticket sales according to studio estimates Sunday. Worldwide, it's now surpassed \$1 billion. "Deadpool & Wolverine," though, was closely followed by "It Ends With Us," the romance drama starring Lively, which surpassed expectations with a stellar \$50 million debut.

Aug. 13 birthdays: Actor Kevin Tighe is 80. Singer Kathleen Battle is 76. Director Paul Greengrass is 69. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 65. Actor John Slattery is 62. Actor Debi Mazar is 60. Actor Seana Kofoed is 54. Actor Sebastian Stan is 42. Actor Eme Ikwuakor is 40. Singer James Morrison is 40. Actor Lennon Stella is 25.

Daughter suspicious about mom's 'tax benefit' wedding



R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric

Dear Eric: My mom and her partner have been together for 20 years. This winter, my mom informed me that, upon the advice of their financial adviser, they'd be getting married this year.

I have zero issues or concerns about the man she's marrying, but knowing the reason is based on a financial "nudge" for tax bracket purposes, insurance and trusts, instead of a desire to be together for the rest of their lives, I'm having a hard time getting psyched for the wedding, which will be a small family ceremony, then a reception party with more than 100 people invited.

It feels disingenuous to have a celebration of this size given the reasoning for the occasion. Any advice on how to find some joy in this event?

— *Where is the Love*

Dear Love: Think of it as an anniversary party.

We've all happily gone to weddings of young people whose unions didn't end up lasting 20 years. Why punish your mom and her partner for proving the concept before cutting the cake?

Look, I'm a romantic from the Nora Ephron school, but the fact is marriage is a legal and financial institution that carries with it a plethora of benefits, from tax breaks to hospital visitation rights to protections around property and inheritance. You get those benefits if you have a quickie Vegas wedding to someone you met at the Caesars Palace buffet or if you wait 20

years and have a backyard ceremony. That's the deal. Remind yourself that their standard deductions don't impact you, but the last two decades of their commitment have. Otherwise, you'll miss out on this one chance you have to celebrate the fact that they did something extraordinary and 100% free: They found someone and loved them for a long time.

Dear Eric: I have a 3-year-old with my ex-husband whom I currently have a strained relationship with. I had to file a restraining order because he assaulted me when I was picking her up from his house. Though there is a history of domestic violence, I am happy to be building my life back up away from that.

She still sees him every other weekend. I want her to make up her own mind about him one day, and I don't want my opinions to sway her thoughts. How do I continue to nurture her relationship with him when I truly don't think he's a good person?

— *Conflicted Ex*

Dear Conflicted: The best way to care for the relationship right now might be revisiting the terms of your custody. He can't even do pick-up without resorting to assault; this is not a safe shared custody agreement, and the blame lies with him. You don't have to clean up his mess.

Thank you for protecting yourself with the restraining order. Please keep seeking out help. If you don't have the means to consult your lawyer, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org) has a searchable database that will direct you to local legal resources.

Until your ex gets the help he needs and makes amends to you and your daughter, any relationship

he's building with her will be unhealthy.

As time goes on, your opinion of him may not change. It won't be appropriate to vent to her, but your experiences are real and legally documented. Your feelings are valid. You can tell her the truth.

Dear Eric: I work at a small, community-based organization. It is not perfect, but it's been one of my favorite jobs ever, except for a few of my colleagues who seem to complain endlessly about the smallest things.

This has led to other staff feeling judged; we've even had people leave over it. Any chance I get I will sing the place's praises, and if the complaining is next level, I leave the room.

I am so sick of it. This is a great place to work, and it'd be even greater if we supported each other rather than devolving into cliques and endless rants. Any suggestions on how to put a stop to at times toxic complaining?

— *Sick of Watercooler Complaints*

Dear Sick: Some people just like to complain about work. I tickled myself thinking what if the question after yours was from your co-worker. "This person at my job is just so positive ..."

Talk to your co-workers one on one. See if you can get to the bottom of their issues. Maybe they're complaining because they don't feel empowered to make changes. Or maybe they're toxic jerks.

Ask a higher-up for help shifting the office culture. You don't have to wave the Pollyanna banner all on your own.

Send questions to eric@askingeric.com.

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handing me the comics. Now, I have never been a regular reader of comics, not even as a kid, but I respect those who do (one grandmother was a rabid fan) and know they have been popular entertainments for more than a century.

Some people see them as firmly part of the country's cultural fabric. Richard Marshall, the author of "America's Great Comic-Strip Artists," told me years ago. "The comic strip and jazz are the only two American art forms."

Though many newspapers, the Tribune included, were running some pages of Sunday drawings and comics in the late 19th century, they were not in color and had no continuing characters.

The first newspaper comic strip character was featured in Joseph Pulitzer's New York World in 1895. He was "The Yellow Kid," a gap-toothed, jug-eared urchin dressed in a nightshirt. He became an instant sensation.

William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the rival New York Journal, hired the artist behind "The Yellow Kid" and made the comic the star of a Sunday package touted later in 1896 as "Eight Pages of Poly-



The Chicago Tribune float of comic strip characters in the Santa Parade on Nov. 18, 1950, in Chicago. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO**

chromous Effulgence That Make the Rainbow Look Like a Lead Pipe!"

The newspaper world recognized a circulation builder. After World War I, as comics were becoming daily staples in an increasing number of papers, the Chicago Tribune's bosses, cousins Col. Robert R. McCormick and Capt. Joseph Medill Patterson, started to cultivate their own comics.

Patterson led the way,

especially after moving to New York to start the Illustrated Daily News (soon to become the New York Daily News) in 1919.

"It is probably true that no other publisher in history — not even Hearst — took as much interest in the comics he published as Patterson did," wrote Stephen Becker in his 1959 book, "Comic Art in America."

Patterson helped create and nourish, among many

other strips, "The Gumps," "Gasoline Alley," "Moon Mullins" and "Terry and the Pirates." He was enthusiastically hands-on, offering advice, advising artists and coming up with promotional ideas. He often gathered cartoonists to discuss characters and storylines.

My favorite comic story concerns the day an artist came into Patterson's office with a proposal for a strip called "Little Orphan Otto." Patterson looked at

the drawings. "He looks like a pansy," he said, using derogatory language common at the time. "Put a skirt on the kid and call him Annie."

Here's another notable Tribune comic story.

When a man named Chester Gould arrived in Chicago in 1921, he found it "exhilarating" and decided to stay. He attended Northwestern University where he studied business and commerce. He married,

started a family. He took classes at the Art Institute.

And he created comic strips for the city's newspapers. He tried the Tribune but for a decade was unsuccessful. Then he came calling with drawings of a detective he called "Plainclothes Tracy." Patterson had a look, shortened that to "Dick Tracy" and the strip was launched on Oct. 4, 1931.

It was an immediate hit. Gould and his family settled onto a farm in Woodstock and he commuted six days a week to Tribune Tower and, rarely taking a vacation, created in both places a vast array of strange characters and compelling plots and technological gizmos that fascinated the readers.

I was more than surprised to find Dick Tracy in the pages that Campbell had given me. "Doonesbury" too. I did not recognize such other strips as "Wumbo," "Frazz," "Bound & Gagged," or "Sherman's Lagoon," but assume they are popular with some people.

The pages also told me there was a place to "check out more than 75 other strips." Seventy-five! Among them I found an offering called "Breaking Cat News" by Georgia Dunn. Ever seen it?

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'44'

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her meteoric rise. And the show still needs to work on its sound reinforcement issues in this Chicago run (this soaring venue is glam but not acoustically the easiest).

But those are minor quibbles. I hope some of the DNC people and the Obama Foundation folks make it over, maybe including the man himself, who I saw at Second City long ago.

Finding the sweet spot between affection and satire is far from easy in these kinds of show

and Bauman somehow threads that needle, not the least because he has strong comedic material, skilled pacing and a notably mature, 11-member cast who commit to the truth of what they are doing and then sell it to the rafters: Larry Cedar, Marquell Edward Clayton, Summer Nicole Greer, Jane Papageorge and Jeff Sumner are the funny supporting players.

The show even has a heart, thanks to the key titular performance from Wilkins. Saturday's audience clearly had a blast, roaring "We love you, Joe" at Doreck's wide-

eyed creation, howling for Michelle and cheering her hubby as he sang, "There ain't no red states, there ain't no blue. There's only the United States and that's me and you."

Very 2008, I know. But we can all hope.

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When: Through Aug. 17
Where: Epiphany Center for the Arts, 201 S. Ashland Ave.
Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes
Tickets: \$44-\$129 at www.44ObamaMusical.com



Cast members of "44: The unofficial, unSANCTIONED Obama Musical." **MACKENZIE HILTON**

What to watch TUESDAY

August 13, 2024

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

Matt Rife: Lucid — A Crowd Work Special

Netflix
In Netflix's first-ever crowd work special, popular comedian Matt Rife returns to the stage to deliver more good-humored laughter to an audience in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Bold and the Beautiful

CBS, Check your local lineup
It's a crossover event in the soap world as *The Young and the Restless*' Danny (Michael Damian) and Christine, aka Cricket (Laura Lee Bell), are invited to the Forrester estate (in *The Bold and the Beautiful* world) for a party celebrating the success of the relaunch of Brooke Logan's (Katherine Kelly Lang) "Brooke's Bedroom" fashion line — or so they think. Might a musical number from Danny be in the works?

100 Day Hotel Challenge

HGTV, 7 p.m. ■ New Series
It's a husband-and-wife competition as HGTV's winningest duo, Brian and Mika Kleinschmidt, set out to transform two dated hotels — the 1950s family-owned properties The Beacon Hotel (formerly known as the



'100 Day Hotel Challenge'

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Salter Path Inn) and the William & Garland Motel, right next door — into charming waterside retreats in just 100 days. Judging their work will be Drew and Jonathan Scott.

America's Got Talent

NBC, 7 p.m.
Season 19 of this variety competition series kicks off its live Tuesday night competition

episodes from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Live results shows will air Wednesdays starting this week.

A Boston (R)evolution

PBS, 9 p.m.
This documentary special explores race and gender in politics, with a focus on Boston's historic 2021 mayoral race.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Neighbors' GLEN WILSON

- Lightyear** (2022, Children) Chris Evans, Keke Palmer **Freeform, 5 p.m.**
- Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (2011, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel **SYFY, 5:30 p.m.**
- One Perfect Wedding** (2021, Romance) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**
- Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves** (2023, Fantasy) Chris Pine, Michelle Rodriguez **MGM, 7 p.m.**
- Secrets in the Desert** (2023, Suspense) Kayleigh Ruller, Cailin McDonald **LMN, 7 p.m.**
- The Equalizer 2** (2018, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal **FX, 7 p.m.**
- The Fugitive** (1993, Action) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones **AMC, 7 p.m.**
- Tombstone** (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer **TNT, 7 p.m.**
- Cars 3** (2017, Children) Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo **Freeform, 7:30 p.m.**
- Neighbors** (2014, Comedy) Seth Rogen, Zac Efron **E!, 8 p.m.**
- Royally Ever After** (2018, Romance) Fiona Gubelmann, Torrance Coombs **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**
- Do You Trust Your Boyfriend?** (2021, Suspense) Lawson Greyson, Kendall Cato **LMN, 9 p.m.**
- Black Knight** (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason **BET, 9:30 p.m.**

From the editors of **tv** Weekly and **tvinsider.com**

CATCH A CLASSIC

2024 Summer Under the Stars: Jean-Paul Belmondo

TCM, beginning at 5 a.m.
French actor Jean-Paul Belmondo makes his Summer Under the Stars debut with a 13-film lineup that includes three TCM pre-

mieres: the drama **Seven Days ... Seven Nights** (1960), co-starring Jeanne Moreau; the comedy/drama **A Monkey in Winter** (1962), also with Jean Gabin; and the gangster film **Borsalino** (1970), also featuring Alain Delon. Other highlights include director Jean-Luc Godard's 1960 French New Wave crime thriller **Breathless** (pictured); **Two Women** (1960), a war drama co-starring Sophia Loren; the 1981 action thriller **The Professional**; and more.



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TV Q&A

Pour one out for 'Whiskey Cavalier'?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: My question deals with an hourlong series that was on one of the major networks about four or five years ago (maybe longer) called "Whiskey Cavalier." It was about members of the CIA who solved national and international situations. I thought it was an outstanding and entertaining show but only lasted one season. What happened to it?

A: "Whiskey Cavalier" aired on ABC for a single, 13-episode season in 2019. ABC described it as "adventures of an FBI agent and his new partner, a ... CIA operative, who together lead a team of spies." Scott Foley and Lauren Cohan starred. It had a promising start with audiences (benefiting from an Oscars telecast as the lead-in) but then lost viewers. After its cancellation, there was reportedly a brief reconsideration by ABC, but it did not lead to actual renewal.

Q: I am anxious to find a movie on demand or elsewhere about an undersea crew, much like "The Abyss," but with Richard Crenna as the ship's doctor. I can't recall the title. Can you help?

A: I suspect you remember "Leviathan" from 1989, with a cast including Crenna, Peter Weller and Amanda Pays. I have found it on Max and Spectrum On Demand and for rent and sale on Amazon Prime Video. It has also been released on DVD, Blu-ray and 4K.

Q: Can you tell me if the show "The Finder" is available anywhere? I really enjoyed it and was disappointed it didn't last.

A: The spinoff of "Bones," with Geoff Stults as a man skilled at finding things and people, was another



Scott Foley and Lauren Cohan star in "Whiskey Cavalier," which was canceled after one season. **RICH FURY/GETTY 2019**

single-season series, this one on Fox in 2012. The 13 episodes from that season are on Disney+ and for rent or purchase on Amazon Prime Video.

Q: Are there any episodes after Season 2 of "The Client List"?

A: No. The drama starring Jennifer Love Hewitt as a woman who becomes a prostitute began as a made-for-TV movie in 2010. Its ratings success inspired a Lifetime series that ran two seasons 2012-13. Ratings declined but a bigger problem was reportedly conflict between Hewitt on one side and the network and studio on the other. Deadline.com said at the time that there was "a creative standoff with star Hewitt over storylines for a potential third season after the actress, who is an executive producer on the show, had requested that (co-star) Brian Hallisay, her real-life fiance and father of her baby, also play her character Riley's baby daddy on the show." The show's other producers

had a different idea, and the differences could not be worked out. By the way, Hallisay and Hewitt are now married and have three children.

Q: About 40 years ago there was a TV story about how the Christmas tree for Rockefeller Center was chosen. The tree was located on land shared by a convent and the nuns were hesitant to let the tree be cut down. It was a beautiful story, and I've always wanted to see it again. Any ideas?

A: The movie was "The Christmas Tree," from 1996, directed by Sally Field and starring Julie Harris and Andrew McCarthy. While my searching did not come up with an authorized DVD or streaming, I have seen it featured on YouTube.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Die-hard singer: 2 wds.
 - 5 Drops back (banking firm)
 - 14 Former QB Tony
 - 15 Wet forecast
 - 16 Arm of the sea
 - 17 Environmental science: Abbr.
 - 18 Therefore
 - 19 Get a goal in soccer
 - 20 "Cold Hearted" singer: 2 wds.
 - 23 Celeb couple
 - 24 Mint in a tin
 - 25 Anecdote
 - 27 Full-court
 - 30 Waltz and tango
 - 34 Teases
 - 37 Not fake
 - 39 Kitchen appliance
 - 40 "... you joking?"
 - 41 Starter course, often
 - 43 Nothing
 - 44 May or June
 - 47 Musical interval
 - 48 Narrate
 - 49 "As I was saying..."
 - 51 Bird eggs' spots
 - 53 Notion
 - 55 Leads to
 - 59 Tools for punching
 - 62 Online identifier: 2 wds.
 - 65 Picture, for short
 - 67 Fork-tailed bird
 - 68 Reebok competitor
 - 69 Raring to go
 - 70 City in Oklahoma
 - 71 Pell-___
 - 72 Mall part
 - 73 Accomplishes
 - 74 ___ of March
- DOWN**
- 1 Griddled corncake
 - 2 Highly outspoken
 - 3 "Gotta go": 2 wds.
 - 4 Whipped cream servings
 - 5 Devices like Nooks
 - 6 Fishhook part
 - 7 Dallas nickname: 2 wds.
 - 8 Pig's nose
 - 9 Sibling nickname
 - 10 Old, and then some
 - 11 Mass of blood
 - 12 "... we go again!"
 - 13 Bouquet part
 - 21 What we breathe
 - 22 Boy
 - 26 ___ Vegas, Nevada

Solutions

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- 28 Chair or sofa
- 29 Hairstyling business
- 31 Dairy Queen treat
- 32 Villainous
- 33 Offer at retail
- 34 ___ Sutra
- 35 De-wrinkle
- 36 Reject as false
- 38 Country road
- 42 Goes down
- 45 Windy natural disaster
- 46 Dined on
- 48 Watery natural disaster
- 50 "Of course!"
- 52 Light brown
- 54 Was in a movie
- 56 Rescued
- 57 Author Zola
- 58 Flipped animals
- 59 Hairy animals
- 60 "... do you mean?"
- 61 Corporate emblem
- 63 Gambling city
- 64 Lake that borders Ohio
- 66 Rock that's mined

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 13): You're especially popular this year. Profits rise in dedicated teamwork with your partner. Joint ventures hit an autumn jackpot. Monitor changing news from reliable sources this winter. Springtime rains silver into your coffers, leading you to redirect summer explorations.

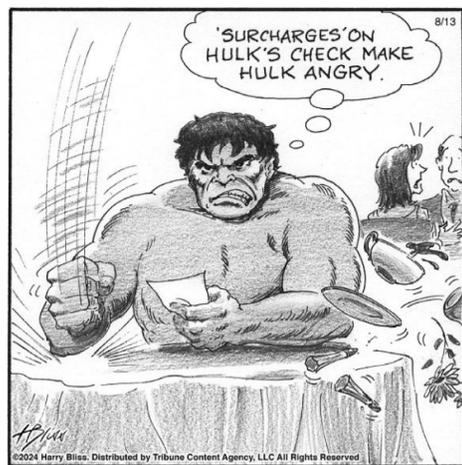
- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Do the homework. Don't accept more than you can handle by the deadline. Consider logistics and practicalities. Keep detailed records.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Review budgets carefully before agreeing to a purchase or new expense. Postpone an important decision until you're sure. Talk it over with your partner.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 6. Wait to act until you're both on the same page. Temporary overwhelm could incite sparks. Avoid upsets and monitor a delicate situation. Patiently clarify.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Stick to practical objectives with your health, fitness and work. Make plans and connections. Avoid fantasies and distractions. Move one step at a time.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Listen and learn with loved ones. Moderate a disagreement. Reassure someone who feels left out. Share your thoughts and dreams.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Domestic matters have your attention. Consider hidden costs before purchasing. You may pay another way for something "free."
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Polish a diamond in the rough. Outline ideas before presenting. Edit, revise and clarify. Simplify to basics. Propose collaborative possibilities. Follow through on promises.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expenses may be higher than planned. Postpone and research. Get creative. Work with your team for practical solutions. Collaborate your way around an obstacle.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Personal discipline overcomes a challenge. Practice patiently. Give up something for something you want more. Take charge. Make plans to achieve an ambition.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Private contemplation soothes. New information challenges old beliefs. Reflect before doing anything. Consider others affected. Avoid sensitivities.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Inspire your team by example. Listen carefully to avoid conflict. Check the data. Avoid stepping on anyone. Share ideas and resources with friends.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Avoid professional controversy by keeping a low profile and focusing on the job at hand. Look for silver linings. Listen carefully to instructions.

— 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

North-South vulnerable, West deals

North	East
♠ A Q J 3	♠ 8 4
♥ 3 2	♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 9 7	♦ 4 3
♣ A K 8 6 2	♣ Q J 10 9 5
West	South
♠ K 9 6	♠ 10 7 5 2
♥ K Q J 6 5 4	♥ A
♦ A J 6	♦ K Q 10 8 5 2
♣ 7	♣ 4 3

Today's deal may look like a simple one, but there are several landmines scattered about and declarer must play it very carefully. South wins the opening heart lead in hand, perform, and faces his first challenge immediately. He will fail if he leads a low spade to dummy's queen. He will not be able, against good defense, to do the three things that he must do: Draw trumps, establish the diamond suit, and get back to his hand to enjoy the established diamonds. There are variations depending on whether declarer leads a diamond to the king or runs the nine of diamonds, but the defense can always prevail.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♣	3♥	Dbt*
4♥	4♠	All pass	

*Responsive, like a negative double, but by the non-opening side

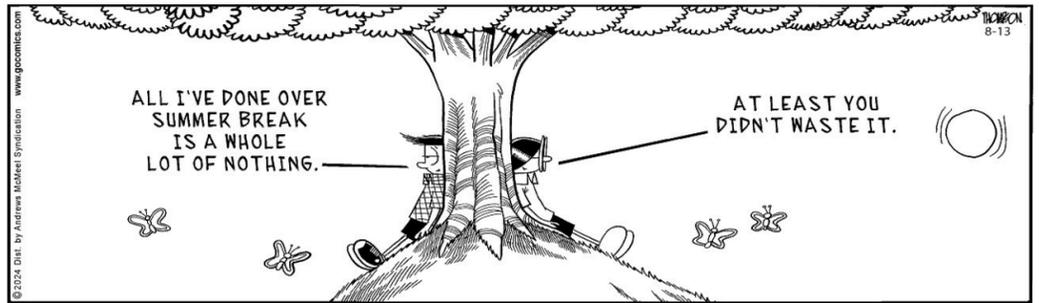
Opening lead: King of ♥

South must lead the 10 of spades at trick two and draw three rounds of trumps immediately. The next trap is that he cannot lead a diamond to the king. West can defeat the contract by ducking his ace. South must run the nine of diamonds. West will win with the jack and lead another heart. South must be careful not to ruff this, or he will not be able to return to his hand after knocking out the ace of diamonds. South must discard a diamond or a club from his hand, allowing dummy to ruff the next heart. Then he can lead a diamond to the king, knocking out the ace, while he still has a trump left to get back to his hand.

Well, how did you do?

— Bob Jones, Tribune Content Agency

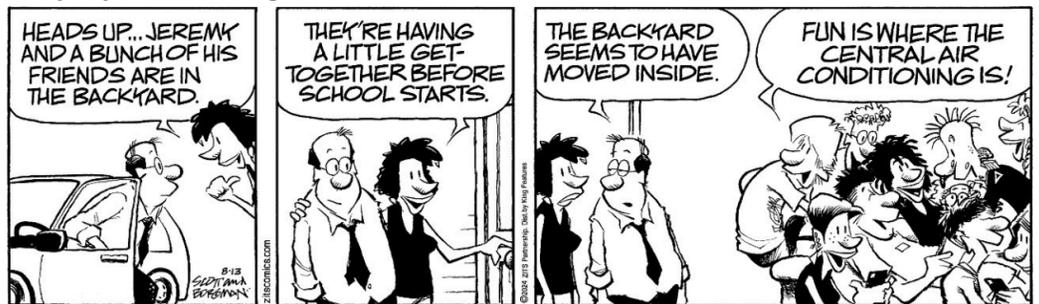
Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson



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



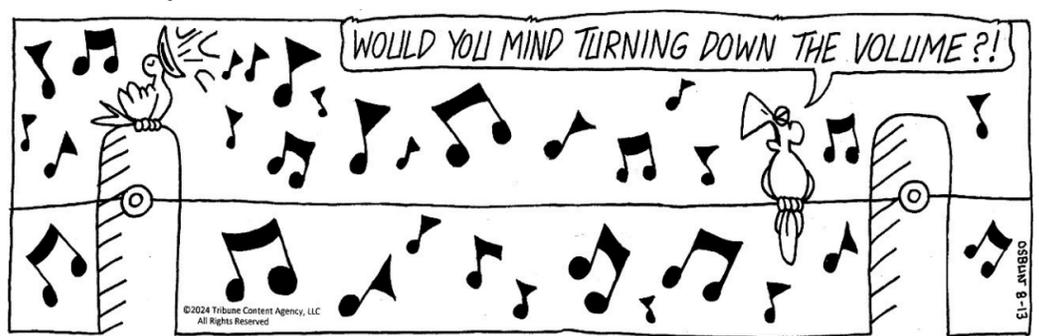
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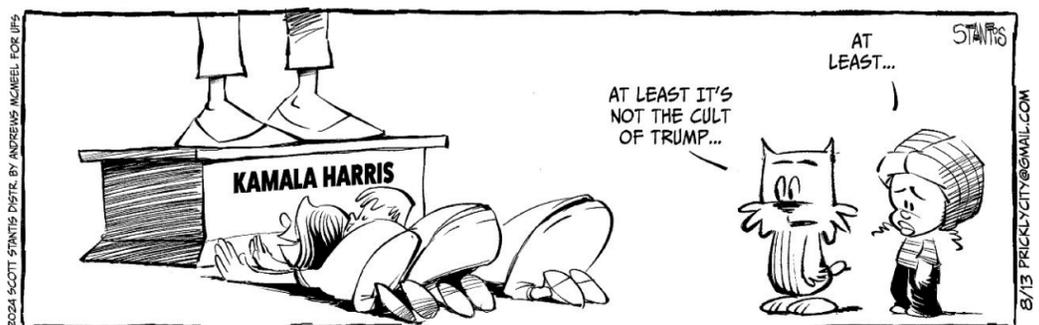
Dick Tracy By Charles Ettinger and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



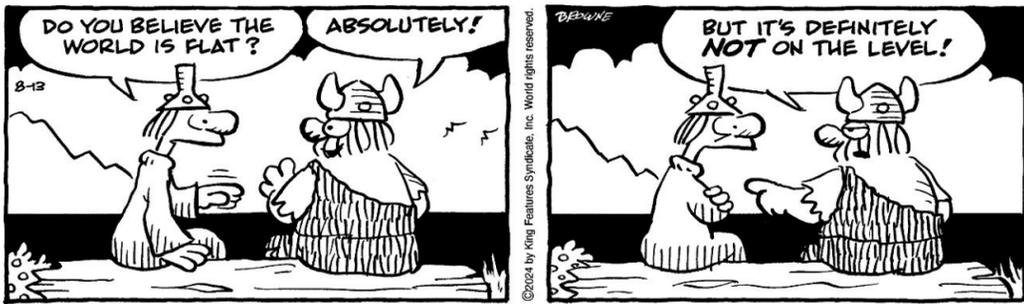
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



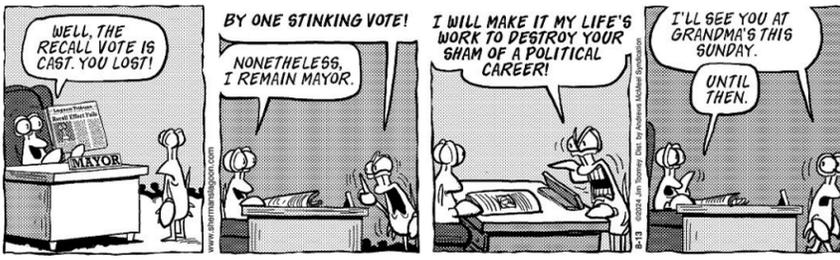
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



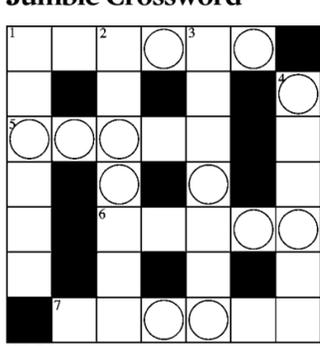
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Where was the 1953 armistice to end the Korean War signed?
 A) Incheon
 B) Kaesong
 C) Panmunjom
 D) Pyeongyang
 Monday's answer: Alex Karras starred as George, Webster's adoptive father, in the 1980s TV sitcom "Webster."

Jumble Crossword



ACROSS
 1. Candidly
 5. Elbow or ankle
 6. To live
 7. Blossom

DOWN
 1. Argue against
 2. Esteemed
 3. It's symbol is Li
 4. Expedite

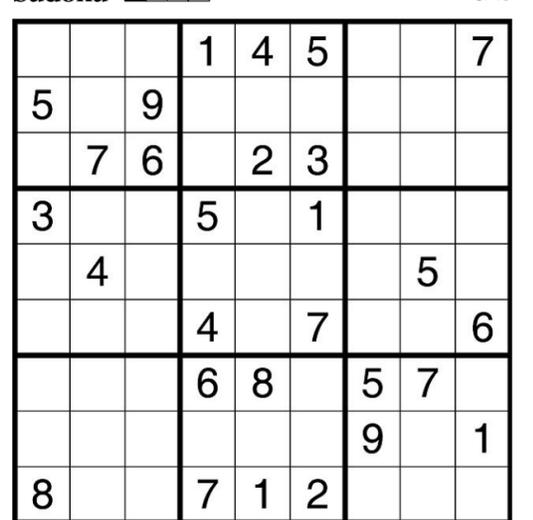
ANSWER
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 ESTXI
 METNSA

ANSWER
 BOETCJ
 ENNEIMT
 LUIMHT
 NTAHES

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Circled letters: O, U, N, D, E, R, T, H, E, M, A, N, S]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4



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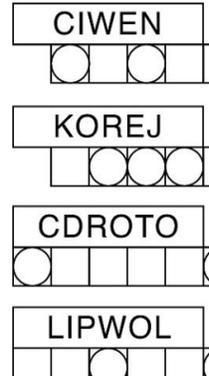
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



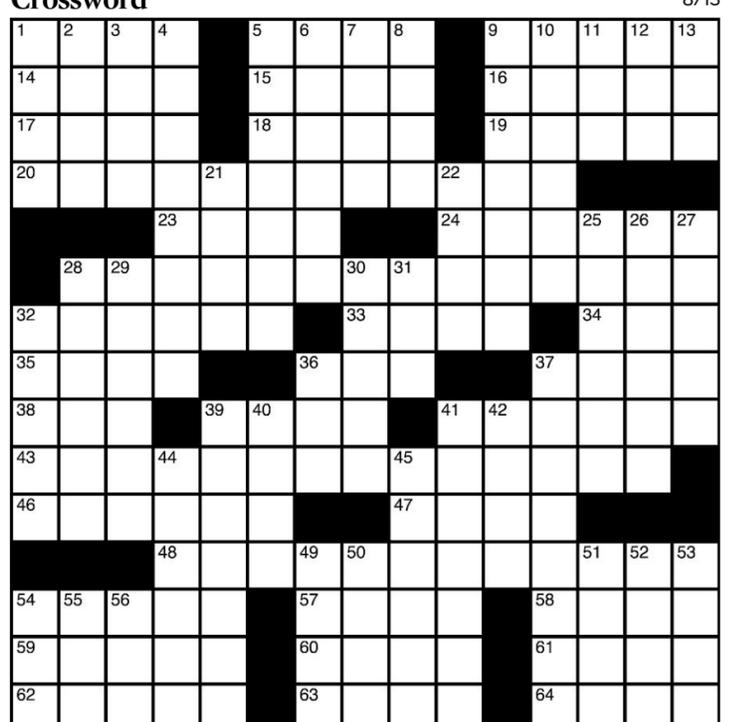
Answer here



Monday's answers

Jumbles: CREST MINOR VISION FINISH
 Answer: The baseball player's performance at the plate was becoming — HIT OR MISS
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Crossword



Across
 1 Desert hill shaped by wind
 5 bene
 9 Tax deadline month
 14 Breakfast chain that serves stacks
 15 Gem with milky iridescence
 16 Ecological community
 17 Daughter of Katie Holmes
 18 Fictional sleuth Wolfe
 19 Conked out
 20 Be too afraid to
 23 Restaurateur Matsuhisa
 24 Red Sox div.
 28 Add extra protection
 32 Walks quickly
 33 Arterial blockage
 34 House mem.
 35 Doesn't stick the landing, say
 36 Tennis great Shriver

Down
 37 Pirelli product
 38 Responded to a growling stomach
 39 Superstar
 41 Plato's hometown
 43 Ask leading questions
 46 "That's true about me"
 47 Wee bit
 48 Noncash corporate benefits, or what a cook would call the starts of 20-, 28-, and 43-Across?
 54 "___ luck!"
 57 Verdi tragedy
 58 Water repellent?
 59 Easy-to-read font
 60 Word with bed or engine
 61 Podcaster Klein
 62 1983 Streisand title role
 63 Some video game inhabitants
 64 Quakers, e.g.

Down
 11 Filling in a tobiko maki roll
 12 Little scamp
 13 "___ that sink in"
 21 Nobel Peace Prize winner Annan
 22 Filled tortilla
 25 Better ventilated
 26 Rears, at sea
 27 Hunts and pecks on a keyboard
 28 Wodehouse character Wooster
 29 Door to the street
 30 Teatro alla ___: Milan opera house
 31 Horror movie street
 32 Like shade trees
 36 "___ favor": "please," in Spanish
 37 What are a-changin', in a Dylan song
 39 "Possibly not even that"
 40 "___ arigato": Japanese "thank you very much"
 41 Fireplace accessories
 42 Foolish one
 44 Show derision to
 45 Ego of "SNL"
 49 Movie musical starring Judi Dench and Idris Elba
 50 Fuzzy fruit
 51 Seep
 52 Rat (on)
 53 Win shares in basketball, e.g.
 54 Put down, as sod
 55 Mine deposit
 56 Tuna container

Monday's solution



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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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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).

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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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
 1151+ = Champ
 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Gamer
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

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BEEF ONION CARROT TURNIP

WordWheel

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

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Having a point

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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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- 1 Fonda or Falk
- 6 "___ About You"
- 9 Got up
- 10 ___ O'Neil of "The Wonder Years"
- 12 Exhausted
- 13 Frasier & Niles
- 14 Enjoy a winter sport
- 15 Dad on "Little People, Big World"
- 16 Actor Ed ___
- 19 Gentile of "The Goldbergs"
- 23 "High ___"; Gary Cooper classic
- 24 "Beavis and Butt-___"
- 25 "Little House on the Prairie" actor
- 28 "___ of S.H.I.E.L.D."
- 30 ___ vera; lotion ingredient
- 31 One-dish meal
- 32 Actress Teri
- 33 France's dollar before the euro
- 34 Gilbert, for one
- 36 Letters before an alias
- 39 Cartoon dog
- 42 "Suddenly ___"

DOWN

- 44 Cary or Hugh
- 45 "Tosca" or "Carmen"
- 46 Street paver's goop
- 47 "Bad ___ Black Rock"; Spencer Tracy film
- 1 Boone & Sajak
- 2 Actor Estrada
- 3 Actress on "NCIS: Hawaii"
- 4 Suffix for Nepal or Japan
- 5 "The ___ Skelton Hour"
- 6 "___ with a Plan"
- 7 "The Kids ___ Alright"
- 8 Prefix for please or place
- 10 Mr. Linkletter
- 11 Recent "Chicago Fire" role
- 13 "___ 54, Where Are You?"
- 15 "___ in Trees"
- 17 Jack ___ of "Barney Miller"
- 18 Prefix for fat or sense
- 20 Stimpny's housemate
- 21 Granola bit
- 22 Football field divisions: abbr.
- 25 Fail to keep up
- 26 So, state
- 27 And not
- 28 "One Day ___ Time"
- 29 Highest army rank: abbr.
- 31 Mrs. in Madrid
- 33 Cook in oil
- 35 Isn't ___ to; probably won't
- 37 Killmer of "Chicago Fire"
- 38 Med. school course
- 39 "___ Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"
- 40 Gun rights org.
- 41 Boatman's need
- 42 Layer of grass
- 43 "___ Lazy River"

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JUMBLE

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

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 RADYEM
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Introducing the Lincoln penny! What a great way to honor him.

THE LINCOLN PENNY DEBUTED ON THE CENTENNIAL OF HIS BIRTH BECAUSE ---

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

“ ”

his birth because — IT MADE "CENTS"

Answer: The Lincoln penny debuted on the centennial of

ARROW WORDS

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

Menu option	Worth	Oyster's prize	Small number	Role player	Braves legend	Shoelace tips
						Golf's Ernie
				Confine		
Ditto	Zapped, in a way	de cologne	Urban blight	Towering Shake up		
				Tender spots		
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Part of TGIF	No longer working	Acress Thurman		Code-cracking org.	Go to sea	
That lady		Red planet	Guitarist Paul		Old TV's Club	Mauna
				Mainstay		
Makeup maker						
Small sofa				Found by chance		
Old Norse works				Guys		

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CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors



The Yankees' Aaron Judge hits an RBI double in the bottom of the first inning against the White Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field on Monday night.

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David, meet Goliath

Facing Judge and the Yankees is a gargantuan mismatch for White Sox

It was three years ago Monday that the White Sox rebuild had its signature moment.

Tim Anderson's walk-off home run into the corn in the Field of Dreams game in Dyersville, Iowa, handed the Sox a 9-8 comeback win over the New York Yankees, giving fans hope that 2021 could be the year.

Long story short: It was not the year.

The Sox have fallen so far and so fast since that '21 season that the lineup Yankees starter Luis Gil faced Monday night on the South Side was nearly unrecog-

nizable, especially with Luis Robert Jr. getting the day off for a mental refresh.

After losing 24 of their last 25 games, the 28-91 Sox got a chance to face Aaron Judge and the Yankees in a mismatch made in MLB heaven.

Before the game, a reporter asked Yankees manager Aaron Boone if it would be "catastrophic" to lose a game to this historically bad Sox team.

"You know, when we don't win, it's usually catastrophic," Boone replied. "And when we do win, it is what it is. We're on



Paul Sullivan

In the Wake of the News

a mission to be a great team, a championship team. Most of us have been around long enough to know that every night you set foot on a big-league diamond, you're capable of losing and you're capable of winning.

"If we play well, we should put ourselves in a good position. But you can't get caught up in that."

You can't blame Boone for being diplomatic. But every

team that plays the 2024 White Sox knows how embarrassing it would be to lose to them, particularly during this stretch of unfathomable baseball.

The Sox came into the game with a franchise-record 12 straight home losses and hadn't won at Guaranteed Rate Field since July 10 against the Minnesota Twins. They were hoping to avoid becoming the second team in history with 92 losses in 120 games, a feat accomplished by the 1916 Philadelphia Athletics (27-92-1).

If you were looking for a David-versus-Goliath scenario, Sox Park was the place to be.

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CUBS

Mound setbacks continue to mount

Shutting down Brown is the latest detour for team's young pitchers

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

CLEVELAND — Right-hander Ben Brown's timeline to rejoin the Chicago Cubs has become murky.

Brown has been shut down "for the time being," manager Craig Counsell said Monday, while he continues to experience symptoms in his neck. He won't start throwing again until he is fully symptom-free.

The neck issues have plagued the 24-year-old since he was diagnosed in June with a "benign area of concern."

"We just weren't making progress," Counsell said before the Cubs' 9-8 loss to the Cleveland Guardians. "So he is not throwing right now."

While Counsell didn't have an estimated time frame for when Brown might resume throwing, he did not call it a season-ending situation.

Until the setback, Brown had been playing catch regularly. In late July, Counsell estimated that Brown would need roughly two weeks to build up and be ready to pitch once he advanced to the next stage of his throwing progression because he had been keeping his arm moving since he went on the injured list June 9.

Instead, it's unclear when — or if — Brown will be able to help the Cubs this season.

Brown told the Tribune in late June that his diagnosis typically features a two- to three-month burnout period, and doctors believed at that point he was already roughly one month into that phase.

"I want to pitch through anything, I want to be out there," Brown said then. "It could have been X, Y and Z. And luckily, it's none of that stuff. It's just something that randomly is there. I couldn't have done anything about

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Cubs pitcher Ben Brown watches a pop-up during the eighth inning against the Pirates at Wrigley Field on May 19. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q&A HARD KNOCKS' DIRECTOR SHANNON FURMAN

Bears have 'some of the best stories we've ever had'

By Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

Episode 1 of "Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Bears" started exactly where it was supposed to — with a draft-night phone call to Caleb Williams and the introduction of the quarterback who hopes to revise the franchise's tortured history at the position.

Coach Matt Eberflus said that April union will "go down as an iconic day in Bears history." Series narrator Liev Schreiber described Williams as "a once-in-a-generation jewel with the talent to match the hype."

All across Chicago, Bears fans got goosebumps. But there was much more to the "Hard Knocks" premiere — and there will be

much more to the series — than just Williams. Episode 1 offered a compelling Nick Saban cameo; a glimpse into Jonathan Owens' rooting interest in his wife, Olympic gymnast Simone Biles; and an unforgettable karaoke performance from offensive lineman Theo Benedet.

Four more episodes are ahead with the next installment arriving Tuesday night. So what can we expect from the NFL Films/HBO production over the next month? And how have the filmmakers identified the most compelling content to share with a national audience?

Tribune reporter Dan Wiederer recently caught up with "Hard Knocks" director Shannon Furman to discuss the series. Here are the most significant parts of that

conversation, edited for clarity and brevity.

You guys have arrived at a bit of a landmark time in Bears history with so many things happening. When this opportunity arose, what was your greatest intrigue in chronicling this team in this moment?

We do a ton of research on our own, but we like to get input from the team, from people around the team. We have a producer at NFL Films who is a die-hard Bears fan. So he has been a huge, huge help in this whole process and in giving us different storylines. The Michael Jordan theme song and getting Ray Clay involved, that was his idea this

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The "Hard Knocks" camera and sound crew film during Bears training camp at Halas Hall on Wednesday in Lake Forest. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Team	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 BEARS					CIN (exh.) Noon Fox-32
 CUBS	@CLE 5:40 p.m. Marquee	@CLE 5:40 p.m. Marquee		TOR 1:20 p.m. Apple TV	TOR 1:20 p.m. Marquee
 WHITE SOX	NYN 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	NYN 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH		@HOU 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	@HOU 6:10 p.m. NBCSCH
 SKY			PHX 7 p.m. Marquee, Prime		@LA 4 p.m. CW-26
 FIRE					Next game Aug. 24 @NYC
 RED STARS					Next game Aug. 24 @LOU

Bears

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week.

People have asked me a lot about where our ideas come from. And I would say 50% of it we kind of know going in and then 50% of it just unfolds as the practices are happening. We learned a ton during those three days where it was just rookies or second-year guys out there (at Halas Hall). You can kind of go all-in and mic people up that you may have never really heard of or never knew too much about. So we learned a lot in that week.

Then as things unfold in games, like with Collin Johnson, he was on our radar. We knew about him a little bit. But you score two touchdowns in a game, you're going to find yourself on "Hard Knocks."

The theatrical introduction of Caleb Williams on the show really resonated with people in Chicago of a certain age. If Caleb becomes the Bears quarterback to win a Super Bowl here, he becomes Jordanesque in stature. So what was the genesis of the idea to introduce him in that way?

We had been here a couple days, filming him, filming the team. And I got an e-mail and it was kind of all written up. Eric Powers is the die-hard Bears fan (on our team). He told us how (former Bulls public address announcer) Ray Clay is still in the area. We reached out. He was willing to help us out. He was actually on vacation, so we had to figure out exactly when he would be home. He helped us find a studio. The home office had to make sure we could clear the music (by the Alan Parsons Project). So once they told us that was good to go, we knew we were all-in with it.

And then it's not even something that you have to ask Caleb to do. He's walking out to the field every day. So we just had to pick the appropriate equipment and figure out the way we wanted to capture it. We had a couple different camera folks on it to get it from inside the locker room out to the field. So we storyboarded out that whole process. And I thought it worked really well.

As an extension of that, you guys are playing a big role in lifting the curtain on "Caleb Williams: QB1 of the Chicago Bears" to a national audience. As you've gotten to know Caleb and this team a little more, what strikes you the most about this introduction to an audience that's going to have its eyes on his career for the long haul?

I think it's his maturity. I would never guess that he is a rookie with the way he's handled things and just carried himself at this camp. He seems like he's like a fifth-year guy. He's been doing this for a long time. So that's the biggest thing I've seen about him. The way that his teammates are taking to him, too, which I think is all part of that. The fact that he comes off as mature as he is, it just seems like he really has a great grasp of the locker room at this point, and it's only going to get better.

This isn't the first time you've had the No. 1 pick on "Hard Knocks." In 2016 in L.A. with Jared Goff, in 2018 in Cleveland with Baker Mayfield — did those experiences inform the way you went about the process with Caleb? Is there anything that translates between those experiences and the one we're going through?

For sure. Jared is still a close friend of mine. And I think we learned, like, the blimp scene (in 2016) gets brought up a lot where Jared wasn't sure where the sun was setting and rising. And, I mean, we laugh about it now. But I think at first it was kind of brutal for him. It was something that we thought was funny. He thought it was funny at the time. And then when you go on and you don't have a ton of success your rookie year, all of a sudden it's like you become dumb. And he's not dumb. That's ridiculous.

So I think we are much more aware of things like that in this day and age and want to make sure nothing like that would happen with Caleb. But they're all different. Baker is very different than both Jared and Caleb are. And the amount of exposure he had to the media at that time, he had a whole show following him around leading into the draft process. So I think — and we do this with everyone, not just the first pick of the draft — everyone is their own person. So you get to know people and figure out how best to deal with them. What works for them, what works for us. It's all part of this whole process with this show. It's just meeting people and figuring out personalities.

With Nick Saban, who was Eberflus' coach at Toledo and remains a mentor, was that inclusion for the show accidental or by design? And secondly, was that interaction between those two in Eberflus' office a natural meeting or was it somewhat staged?

I mean, I wish I could stage a scene with Nick Saban. That was definitely not staged. I believe he was in the area for a speaking engagement. I believe that's what Coach (Eberflus) told me. And when he heard that, he was like, "I want to get him over here to help talk to the team." So it was perfect timing. Worked out for all of us.

We obviously have the building covered properly to get those moments on camera.



Bears defensive end DeMarcus Walker is the center of attention by the HBO Hard Knocks camera crew during training camp on Wednesday at Halas Hall in Lake Forest. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

And there probably is a whole lot more that we could use from those conversations. He's a fascinating coach who has had a ton of success. And their relationship really is genuine.

So many storylines are really compelling. From the outside looking in, it feels like the hardest part must be trying to pick the best of the best of what you have. When you're confined to a 55-minute block for each episode, how do you go about identifying the best of the best and then also trying to figure out, how do we tell this story in a way that's meaningful while understanding you're going to have to leave a lot of really good stuff on the cutting-room floor?

You have to know you have four more shows. So it's kind of like, what can you hold on to for another show? I know there was a player that we really liked that we thought was going to be introduced the first week. And then Collin Johnson goes and scores two touchdowns. All of a sudden you're scrambling. Like, "I need to go get a shoot with Collin tomorrow." So we went to the coffee shop with Collin the day after the game. So that happens all the time.

You have to adapt. What can you hold on to? What has to be used in the moment because of the timeliness of it? Like the Jonathan Owens situation, the Olympics are very timely. It was obviously happening right then. So that all needed to be included in the first show.

But it's really important to us that Jonathan's football story gets told too. So you're going to be seeing more of that in the coming weeks, his journey and how he made it from the Packers to here and what his career has been like. So that's the most important thing. It's knowing what you can hold on to and what you can't.

There's obviously going to be a guy or two who we love but doesn't get introduced in the show. But I really try. One of the things since I've been the director of the show is that I really don't want to waste people's time. So when we find somebody we like, I always say it's quality over quantity. We'll put more resources toward finding the right people and making the scenes we do with them as good as they possibly can be instead of just running around shooting everything that's happening and having nothing actually hit.

Can you give a feel for the size of your team working on this project and what the process is, from gathering to filtering to selecting to actually piecing together a show?

The Cliffs Notes version of that is there are 35 of us here on location right now. And then there's probably another team about that size at home back in Mount Laurel, N.J., at NFL Films. So we had, on any given day, at least eight cameras at practice. They're not all on the field. Some are elevated. So we say there's about 400 hours of video shot for every episode that goes on the air.

There's a lot of communication that goes into it with us and the home office. And the way the project is organized, our producers are given a character. So last week, someone was assigned Caleb. Someone was assigned the wide receiver group. Someone was assigned Coach Eberflus. And then there's a whole other group of people who are in charge of making sense of those segments that are put together with everything that everyone cuts.

Then there's a whole different team that works on the game, separate from what goes on during the week. So I like to tell people at this point it's kind of like a choreographed dance, the way everything goes.

I want to say this is the 23rd season of the show. They weren't all consecutive. But with

more than 20 years of doing this show, we probably learned something new every year that we use to make the show better for the following year. At this point we have a ton of resources to do this the right way.

You're dealing with a group of players that has almost grown up on camera. Their existence has been on social media. In your time working with the show, how has that changed? There's always the thought of how much of an intrusion this may be. But it seems like there's a whole generation of people now who don't feel like it's an intrusion at all because of the way they have lived their lives for 20-plus years.

I think you said it right there. I've seen it change just from 2015. That was my first year as the assistant director on this show. So this is my 10th season now doing this, and kids have just grown up documenting their every move and whatnot. So it's definitely different.

I'm trying to think if there's been one person here who has told us they don't want to be a part of this, but I don't think it has happened. I think every single wire request we've made has gone through. So it's been kind of nice.

It wasn't always like that at the beginning. My first season at NFL Films was 2004, so I edited on the Chiefs version of the show, which I believe was 2007. And then the Cowboys did it. Tony Romo didn't want to be mic'd. I'm not sure if Tony Romo ever even wore a mic for that show. I know Matt Ryan was kind of difficult to get to do it.

Now, we have other ways to figure out how to cover things. You're around the quarterback group, so you still get access to those guys. But it is a whole different generation of guys now who kind of get it more. They get the branding. They get what the exposure can do for them. And it's made our lives a little bit easier.

Early on, did anything stand out to you that was unique about Halas Hall, the Bears organization, somebody you're dealing with?

I probably can't talk too much about it yet because it'll be a character that we're developing. But some of the guys who are going to be trying to make this team, I feel like we have some of the best stories we've ever had. Just genuinely good people who have goals and other things going on in their lives. It's going to be really cool for us to tell some of these guys' stories — about their journey, on making this team. And I think you'll start to learn about some of them this week.

We love the quarterback room as a whole. So it works out for us that Caleb Williams is the No. 1 pick of the draft this year, but all the guys in that room are pretty awesome. So we like that whole group and we're hoping we can make them all a part of this whole experience. They've been great so far. So hopefully you'll see more of them this week too.

And just another thing of note here: This facility is beautiful. Just the layout of camp and where we are with the marshes and things like that. Flying the drone early in the morning, visually it's kind of stunning here. It's been pretty awesome.

On the topic of the quarterbacks room, one clip that came out during the Hall of Fame Game was of Caleb announcing his signing bonus in a team meeting, and Tyson Bagert began having the fake seizure in the front row. What have you learned about Bagert as the backup quarterback and a guy who is full of character?

Yeah, we love Tyson. He's definitely on our radar. So we're hoping to get more into him this week again. I don't want to give too much away about things we may have already

done with him, but I loved that. I also loved his reaction to the singing (of Theo Benedet). When you see him singing along with "Proud to Be an American," that was one of my favorite moments in the show. I said that to my assistant director when we were watching: "Did you notice Tyson's reaction yet?" And he started looking at him and was like, "Oh, my God, I hadn't." So, yeah, he's definitely someone we want to get more into.

This is my 12th season covering this team and I can't remember a group in the locker room that has such a surplus of personality and character and vibrancy. I imagine that makes it a little more difficult for you to zero in on just a few stories that you get to tell over four or five weeks. But what has struck you about the overall makeup of the team and, by extension, what's the difficulty of trying to figure out which characters are the most compelling?

We definitely have a group of guys who are on our radar already. And when players make plays in the game, that certainly helps get them into the show. It's moments inside the team room — like we had Theo Benedet singing this past week. That's a way to do it also. So there are definitely guys who are on our radar.

But then sometimes they don't get in because someone else does something that's a little bit more memorable. But we try our best to get the guys who we really like and who have been working with us and figure out ways to make sure their story gets told in the show.

So much was made before you arrived that the Bears never wanted to be on "Hard Knocks" and that Chairman George McCaskey was a big reason there was a lot of resistance. How have those interactions been with McCaskey? And because of that past resistance, have there been any impediments that maybe didn't exist in other places?

No. I mean, the team has been great. And George has been great. I don't know that you'll see him on TV or anything, but he's been super welcoming. Everyone here has been very welcoming. I think it's relationship building, honestly. The fact that we had some time to get to know people. I made three trips here before we started filming. So you start building trust. You get to know each other on a personal level. And it's not about the show and what you're doing that way. Just know my background, where I come from, how long I've been doing this, why I love doing this. And then you form a mutual respect.

I'm having a lot of fun doing this this year. Last year (with the New York Jets) wasn't the easiest at times because it was so late. We didn't know about the show until a couple days before, so it took more time for those relationships to build. Here, the fact that we had some time to really get to know everybody leading into this process was huge and has been very helpful.

Just to tie a bow on everything, we all understand who the headliner of this team and this series is. It's Caleb Williams. He's one of the most fascinating athletes in the country right now. How much more Caleb can people expect in the next month as they tune in each Tuesday night?

Yeah, I would expect to see Caleb in every show. I don't know if it'll be quite as much as it was in the first episode. He was obviously one of our main focuses for that. But we love the quarterback room as a whole. So even if it's not seeing him as the feature of it, I imagine he'll be around those other guys a ton. We really want to tell their stories also. So I think you'll be seeing Caleb in the other episodes too.

SPORTS

CHICAGO BASKETBALL REPORT

Former Sky players star in gold medal game

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

Former Sky players Kahleah Copper and Gabby Williams delivered the final blows in Sunday's gold medal basketball game as the United States beat France 67-66 to take home its eighth consecutive Olympic title.

Despite serving as a rotational player for the majority of the Olympics, Copper stepped up to lead the U.S. after a shaky start. She finished with 12 points and five rebounds off the bench, sinking a pair of free throws with three seconds left that turned out to be the difference.

Williams, meanwhile, scored a team-high 19 points for France and nearly upended the U.S. bid for gold. She nailed a 3-pointer to cut the lead to one with five seconds to go, and after Copper's free throws she sank a buzzer-beater — only to realize her foot was over the 3-point line, leaving her team one point short of forcing overtime.

The Sky drafted Williams with the No. 4 pick in 2018, and the 5-foot-11 forward played her first three WNBA seasons in Chicago. The Sky had traded for Copper the year before, and the pair represented a promising young future as the team pushed for deeper play-off runs.

Williams was an immediate starter for the Sky as a rookie, but she fell into contention with coach James Wade over her role with the French Federation of Basketball, which ultimately resulted in a full-season suspension and trade in May 2021. Animosity from that situation clearly still lingers, as Williams responded to tweets



Kahleah Copper goes up for a basket during the gold medal game against France on Sunday at Bercy Arena in Paris.

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Sunday from Angel Reese by saying the Sky "did me dirty" and that she never wanted to play in Chicago again.

Copper's tenure with the Sky was longer and more stable as she developed into a team centerpiece after breaking out as Finals MVP for the 2021 champions. Her exit from Chicago last offseason signaled the beginning of a new chapter for the franchise under coach Teresa Weatherspoon — and the trade that sent Copper to Phoenix enabled the Sky to select Kamilla Cardoso with the No. 3 pick in this year's draft.

Also on the Olympic front, Lincolnwood native Jewell Loyd (Niles West) and Chicago's Anthony Davis (Perspectives Charter) won their second gold medals with the U.S. women's and men's teams, respectively. New Bulls guard Josh Giddey was the only player to represent either Chicago professional team in Paris, exiting the tournament with Australia's quarterfinal loss to Serbia.

Angel Reese signs with Unrivaled: The Sky rookie became the latest WNBA star to sign with Unrivaled — a new 3-on-3 league founded

by Napheesa Collier and Breanna Stewart — during the Olympic break.

The Unrivaled season is scheduled for January to March in Miami. Reese is one of 10 players who have been announced for the inaugural lineup, which also includes Copper, Kelsey Plum and Arike Ogunbowale. The group eventually will include 24 players, split into six teams.

The season also will include a 1-on-1 tournament with a \$250,000 prize for the winner. The league has not finalized a media rights deal for its inaugural season.

Reese cited the financial support — which includes a \$100,000 minimum salary in addition to bonuses for results — as a deciding factor in her commitment to Unrivaled.

"I never planned on going overseas," Reese said. "A lot of us never want to go overseas, but some people do have to unfortunately. So being able to make six figures here within three months, being able to be housed in Miami, just being able to get better at 3-on-3 — that's something that I love to do."

Illinois women face Italian and Greek teams on European tour: The Illinois women's basketball team played a pair of exhibition games against European opponents last weekend in Italy and Greece, earning wins over club teams Spain & Italy Select and Amilla Peristeriou.

Four players finished in double digits — Adalia McKenzie with 11 points and Genesis Bryant, Berry Wallace and Kendall Bostic with 10 each — in a balanced win over Spain & Italy Select. Sopho-

more Gretchen Dolan sank three 3-pointers against Amilla Peristeriou to lead the scoring with 21 points in a 67-65 win. Senior Makira Cook recorded 14 assists over the two games.

During days off, the team visited the Acropolis and the Colosseum, learned to make pizza in Florence and took boat tours of the Saronic Islands and Amalfi Coast.

The Illini won the first Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament last season — the first postseason tournament title in program history.

Northwestern and Loyola to play in MKE Classic: The Northwestern and Loyola men's teams will head north in December for the MKE Tip-Off, a one-day, three-game event at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee.

Northwestern will face Georgia Tech and Loyola will play San Francisco. The Dec. 15 event also includes a matchup between host Milwaukee and Akron.

Sky dates to watch: The Sky (10-14) return to action after the Olympic break on Thursday at Wintrust Arena against the Phoenix Mercury and gold medalists Copper, Brittney Griner and Diana Taurasi.

Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever return to Wintrust on Aug. 30 for the teams' fourth and final meeting. The previous game — an 88-87 Sky win on June 23 — snapped a two-game losing streak to the Fever and featured Reese's eighth consecutive double-double.

"I'm a dog," Reese said after the win. "You can't teach that."

Sullivan

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Sox rookie left-hander Ky Bush, making his second career start, faced a lineup that featured Juan Soto, Judge and Giancarlo Stanton in the Nos. 2-3-4 slots. The three sluggers had 92 home runs between them, not far off the Sox's major-league-worst total of 101.

Judge led the majors entering Monday with 42 home runs and needed one more to reach 300 for his career. He was playing in his 953rd game; the record for shortest time to hit 300 homers was held by Ralph Kiner, who accomplished it in 1,087 games. Even Yankees immortal Babe Ruth took 1,173 games to reach 300, though he did start his career as a pitcher with the Boston Red Sox.

Some managers lately have been intentionally walking Judge with the bases empty, as early as the second inning. It's the kind of treatment that hasn't been seen regularly since Barry Bonds was destroying the record books in the early 2000s with the aid of modern chemistry.

Would Grady Sizemore, in his third game as interim Sox manager, join the club and not pitch to Judge?

"We're going to be extremely careful," Sizemore said before Monday's game. "That guy does a lot of damage."

Of course, many of the fans who turned out Monday came specifically to watch Judge hit a home run. History is fun to watch, at least when it's not a historic losing streak.

And it's not like the Sox need to win to make the postseason. This is, after all, entertainment. So maybe ... ?

"Yeah, I'm not worried about anyone else," Sizemore said. "They can go buy another ticket somewhere else. ... I'm going to try to minimize his damage as much as I can."

Sizemore didn't have any qualms about how to approach the hottest hitter in baseball, much like Joe Maddon didn't care in May 2016 when the Cubs manager had his pitchers pitch



The Yankees' Aaron Judge signals to the dugout after hitting a double, allowing Alex Verdugo to score, during the first inning Monday against the White Sox.

ERIN HOOLEY/AP

around Washington Nationals star Bryce Harper in a four-game series at Wrigley Field. The Cubs walked Harper 13 times, including an MLB-record six times in one game, which included three intentional walks.

"For me, it was about the right thing to do in that moment," Maddon later told me. "It was all about their lineup construction that made me do it. It had nothing to do with competing or not competing. I have to look out for the best interests

of us first. I'll never look out for what's in the best interest of the Washington Senators-slash-Nationals."

The 2016 Cubs were trying to become a championship-caliber team.

The 2024 White Sox? Not so much.

After Bush on Monday, fellow rookie Jonathan Cannon starts Tuesday and Davis Martin is slated for Wednesday.

Sizemore, a former teammate of Boone's in Cleveland, knows he

has nothing to lose. He's playing with house money since general manager Chris Getz already announced the 2025 manager will come from outside the organization. Sizemore said the two-game series with the Cubs was "just wild," and he was excited to go "toe-to-toe" with the Yankees.

"I'm trying to have fun with it," he said. "I don't know if I'll ever manage again, so I'm going to manage like it's the World Series. I don't really care about anything else. I just care about the guys and

having fun and putting them in a position where they're competing and having fun and playing good baseball."

I asked Sizemore if he really thought he never would manage again.

"Yeah, of course," he said. "Guys are in this career their whole lives, and maybe you never even get an interview or maybe you never get that job. So I don't know where I'll be. I didn't walk in here this year ever thinking this was a possibility."

Cubs

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it. It wasn't in my preparation, it's not in my posture, it's just there."

The Cubs appeared poised this season for their young pitchers to take important developmental steps. Instead, it has been one ailment after another for pitchers who were positioned to help this year and potentially grow into a bigger role in 2025.

Left-hander Jordan Wicks (right oblique strain) has been on the IL since June 15 and finally made his first rehab appearance with an affiliate Saturday at Triple-A

Iowa. If the Cubs bring him back as a starter rather than use him in relief, Counsell estimated Wicks would need three more rehab starts before being activated.

Right-hander Hayden Wesneski (right forearm strain) has been throwing more aggressively while rehabbing in Arizona and is expected to pitch off a mound this week.

But the Cubs' top prospect, right-hander Cade Horton, is likely done for the season because of a setback with his subscapularis strain.

"Is it frustrating for the players? Of course it is," Counsell said. "From our perspective, we just

have to plan accordingly and do our best, from a medical standpoint, to minimize as best we can.

"But the positive light is none of the things in our eyes that have happened are really of a serious nature, of a real long-term nature. We anticipate them either having a shot to get back at the end of this year or being perfectly healthy going into next year."

All four of those pitchers figured to play some role on next year's team, though their injuries and the impact on their innings pitched in 2024 raise some questions as to how much they can be realistically counted on.

Brown has thrown 55 1/3

big-league innings, while Wicks has been limited to 28 innings over seven games (six starts) because of two injuries. Wesneski, floating between starting and relieving, sits at 61 1/3 innings. Horton had reached Triple A for the first time in his pro career, where 18 of his 34 1/3 innings this season were recorded over five starts.

For as much as the Cubs did due diligence at the trade deadline in looking to be opportunistic, holding on to right-hander Jameson Taillon, who is under contract for two more years, makes a lot of sense despite this mix of young, intriguing starters. There is still

value in pitchers like Taillon who are largely durable and reliable and possess major-league experience.

Younger, less experienced pitchers must prove they can be relied on at the big-league level. No matter how many high-upside arms the Cubs attempt to develop, pitching depth, especially among starters, will remain incredibly important. These injuries could make the roster evaluation process more challenging in the offseason.

"They're all names that will be under consideration next year," Counsell said. "But the injuries matter as to where you think about them going into next year."

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

HOUSTON 6, TAMPA BAY 1

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.304
Bregman 3b	5	1	1	1	2	.260
Alvarez dh	5	2	2	1	3	.308
Diaz c	4	1	1	3	1	.299
Pena ss	3	0	2	0	0	.276
Singleton 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.235
Meyers cf	4	0	1	1	1	.230
McCormick lf	3	1	0	1	0	.201
Leon rf	4	0	0	0	2	.118
TOTALS	36	6	10	6	11	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Caballero 3b	3	0	0	1	1	.238
Carlson lf	4	0	1	0	0	.269
Y.Diaz 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.270
a-Misner ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Morel 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.125
DeLuca rf	4	0	0	0	1	.188
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	3	.199
Mead dh	3	0	1	0	2	.238
Walls ss	3	1	2	0	0	.165
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	3	.114
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	13	

Houston	104	010	000	610	0
Tampa Bay	001	000	000	14	0

a-struck out for Y.Diaz in the 9th.
LOB: Houston 6, Tampa Bay 4.
2B: Alvarez (28), Walls (4).
3B: Walls (2).
HR: Bregman (18), off Bradley; Diaz (12), off Bradley.
RBI: Bregman (58), Alvarez (64), Diaz (36), Meyers (48), Caballero (32).
SB: Caballero.
Runners left in scoring position: Houston 2 (McCormick, Meyers); Tampa Bay 1 (Jackson).
RISP: Houston 3for 8; Tampa Bay 0for 2.
GDP: Leon.
DP: Tampa Bay 1 (Walls, Morel, Y.Diaz).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez, W, 12-5	5½	3	1	1	1	9	3.38
Scott	1½	1	0	0	0	2	1.77
Ort	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley, L, 6-7	4½	8	6	6	2	6	3.49
Kelly	1½	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Lovelady	2	2	0	0	0	1	5.76
Sulser	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Scott 1-0, Kelly 3-1.
HPB: Bradley (Pena).
Umpires: Home, Ryan Blakney; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Alan Porter; Third, Sean Barber.
T: 2:29. A: 10,540 (25,025).

SEASON TEAM PITCHING BY ROLE

through Sunday; baseball-reference

STARTER	ERA	W	L	HR	K9	AVG
Seattle	3.24	42	39	77	8.24	.224
Philadelphia	3.47	51	29	76	8.27	.235
Kansas City	3.53	46	35	74	8.44	.236
Pittsburgh	3.69	31	34	80	7.84	.249
Baltimore	3.77	47	33	78	8.29	.242
Chi Cubs	3.81	30	34	85	8.35	.244
Detroit	3.86	31	36	71	8.86	.246
NY Yankees	3.91	49	34	92	8.92	.236
LA Dodgers	3.92	39	30	82	8.58	.239
Boston	3.98	37	34	87	8.55	.242
San Diego	3.99	37	40	83	8.97	.238
Atlanta	4.03	39	36	73	9.42	.245
Tampa Bay	4.10	25	37	85	8.67	.253
Milwaukee	4.12	26	30	85	8.23	.251
Houston	4.12	42	35	87	9.12	.237
Cincinnati	4.14	40	37	83	8.27	.238
Texas	4.17	33	46	88	8.00	.239
NY Mets	4.23	32	36	78	8.00	.238
Minnesota	4.25	39	32	96	9.23	.238
San Francisco	4.34	31	37	83	8.63	.253
Toronto	4.34	36	47	85	8.25	.243
Washington	4.42	30	44	77	8.13	.264
St. Louis	4.44	40	36	80	8.02	.256
Cleveland	4.56	38	39	103	8.35	.256
Arizona	4.66	37	32	70	7.39	.263
LA Angels	4.67	27	50	85	7.61	.252
Chi White Sox	4.73	20	52	94	7.93	.247
Oakland	4.79	34	52	81	8.06	.268
Miami	5.15	18	48	90	7.88	.270
Colorado	5.55	19	53	101	6.64	.288

RELIEVER

RELIEVER	ERA	W	L	HR	K9	AVG
Cleveland	2.69	31	10	37	9.56	.204
Milwaukee	3.29	41	20	60	8.35	.229
Atlanta	3.38	22	20	41	9.41	.240
Cincinnati	3.55	17	24	46	9.44	.231
Oakland	3.59	16	17	39	8.86	.230
Chi Cubs	3.62	29	26	41	9.24	.226
LA Dodgers	3.65	30	19	60	8.74	.227
NY Yankees	3.66	21	15	47	8.89	.230
Houston	3.67	20	20	51	9.36	.230
St. Louis	3.73	20	22	45	8.00	.247
Seattle	3.77	21	17	41	9.57	.218
Tampa Bay	3.92	34	21	62	8.69	.230
Minnesota	3.97	26	20	44	9.06	.222
Miami	3.98	26	27	41	9.05	.238
San Diego	4.02	29	13	48	9.31	.244
Baltimore	4.08	23	16	44	9.01	.223
NY Mets	4.08	29	24	54	10.66	.227
Detroit	4.13	25	27	54	8.21	.237
San Francisco	4.17	30	22	55	9.09	.252
Washington	4.17	24	25	48	8.14	.253
Philadelphia	4.18	20	47	10.16	.240	
Arizona	4.23	29	21	53	7.69	.255
LA Angels	4.25	16	16	32	8.20	.222
Kansas City	4.28	19	18	37	7.45	.258
Boston	4.32	24	21	56	8.61	.254
Pittsburgh	4.39	25	27	42	9.13	.248
Texas	4.54	22	17	59	9.32	.240
Chi White Sox	4.97	8	39	60	8.95	.259
Toronto	5.03	18	17	69	7.83	.253
Colorado	5.64	25	22	58	7.81	.288

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

through Sunday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Witt KC	118	472	164	100	.347
Judge NYY	117	415	136	93	.328
Kwan Cle	92	369	120	67	.325
Gerrero Tor	117	451	144	69	.319
Y.Alvarez Hou	112	417	128	68	.307
J.Soto NYY	115	428	130	97	.304
Altuve Hou	114	469	142	65	.303
Devers Bos	103	393	118	74	.300
Diaz Hou	106	411	123	49	.299
Rooker Oak	104	381	111	58	.291

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 42; Santander, Baltimore, 35; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 31; J.Soto, New York, 30; Rooker, Oakland, 29; Henderson, Baltimore, 29; Raleigh, Seattle, 26; J.Najjar, Cleveland, 26; 3 tied at 25.
RBI: Judge, New York, 106; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 97; Witt, Kansas City, 87; J.Najjar, Cleveland, 85; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 84; Rooker, Oakland, 83; J.Soto, New York, 82; Santander, Baltimore, 79; Perez, Kansas City, 78.
Pitching: Skubal, Detroit, 13-4; Rodriguez, Baltimore, 13-4; Lugo, Kansas City, 13-6; Rodon, New York, 13-7; Burnes, Baltimore, 12-4; Ober, Minnesota, 12-5; Gil, New York, 12-5.

CLEVELAND 9, CHICAGO CUBS 8

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Happ lf	2	3	1	2	0	.230
Busch 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.263
a-Wisdom ph-1b 2	0	1	0	1	0	.200
Suzuki rf	4	1	2	1	0	.269
Bellinger dh	4	0	0	0	0	.276
Thomas 3b	2	1	0	0	1	.182
Hoerner 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.256
Swanson ss	5	0	1	3	1	.232
Crow-Armstrong 5	1	1	1	2	.212	
Amaya c	3	1	1	0	1	.218
b-Tauchman ph 1	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Bethancourt c	0	0	0	0	0	.429
TOTALS	35	8	9	8	8	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	2	2	1	2	0	.326
Thomas cf	4	0	0	0	2	.109
Ramirez 3b	4	3	2	0	0	.282
Fry dh	3	0	1	1	0	.271
c-Brennan ph-dh 1	0	1	0	0	0	.246
J.Najjar 1b	4	1	2	2	1	.249
Noel rf	4	2	2	4	1	.250
Gimenez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.253
Freeman ss	3	0	0	0	1	.212
Rocchio ss	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Hedges c	3	1	2	0	1	.162
TOTALS	32	9	11	9	6	

a-struck out for Busch in the 7th. b-pinch hit for Amaya in the 8th. c-singled for Fry in the 8th. E: Paredes (3), Rocchio (9).
LOB: Chicago 9, Cleveland 1. **2B:** Swanson (17), Wisdom (6), Ramirez (26). **HR:** Happ (20), off Lively; Crow-Armstrong (4), off Lively; Noel (7), off Imanaga; Kwan (13), off Imanaga; Noel (8), off Pearson. **RBI:** Happ 2 (6), Crow-Armstrong (24), Hoerner (36), Swanson (40), Suzuki (55), J.Najjar 2 (8), Noel 4 (16), Kwan 2 (36), Fry (41). **SB:** Ramirez (26),

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS

WTA WORLD TOUR NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Monday at Sobey's Stadium, Toronto, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#3 Jessica Pegula d.
Amanda Anisimova, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.
SUNDAY'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Amanda Anisimova d.
#8 Emma Navarro, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
#3 Jessica Pegula d.
#14 Diana Shnaider, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Monday at IGA Stadium, Montreal, hardcourt outdoor
Alexei Popyrin d. #5 Andrey Rublev, 6-2, 6-4.
SUNDAY'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#5 Andrey Rublev d. Matteo Arnaldi, 6-4, 6-2.
Alexei Popyrin d. Sebastian Korda, 7-6(0), 6-3.

WTA BARRANQUILLA OPEN
Monday at Parque Distrital de Raquetas; Barranquilla; Brazil; outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#8 Elsa Jacquemot d.
Linda Klimovicova, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.
Gao Xinyu d. Carole Monnet, 2-6, 7-6(3), 7-5.
Mariam Bolkvadze d. Maria Timofeeva, 3-6, 7-6(1), 6-0.
Viktoria Hrunckakova d.
Destanee Alava, 6-2, 6-4.
Anastasiya Soboleva d. Maria Paulina Perez Garcia, 6-1, 6-0.
Francesca Jones d. Katarzyna Kawa, 6-1, 6-3.

ATP/WTA CINCINNATI OPEN
Monday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Mason, Ohio; outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
Flavio Cobolli d. #10 Tommy Paul, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
Karen Khachanov d.
Francisco Cerundolo, 6-0, 6-3.

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	16	4	5	53	56	39
Cincinnati	15	7	3	48	44	33
Columbus	12	4	7	43	47	22
N.Y. Red Bulls	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	36
Philadelphia	6	10	9	27	45	42
CF Montreal	6	10	9	27	34	49
Nashville	6	11	8	26	39	39
D.C. United	6	11	8	26	35	50
Chicago	6	12	7	25	30	47
New England	7	14	2	23	23	42

WESTERN

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	14	5	7	49	50	36
Los Angeles FC	14	5	5	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	50	41
Minnesota United	9	10	6	33	40	41
Austin FC	8	10	7	31	28	37
FC Dallas	8	11	6	30	38	39
Portland	6	14	6	24	52	46
San Jose	4	19	2	14	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 Montreal, 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.

LEAGUES CUP

MONDAY'S RESULT, ROUND OF 3
United-feds UNAM vs. Seattle FC, late

TUESDAY'S MATCHES

Inter Miami CF vs. Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Philadelphia vs. FC Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.
Matanzel vs. Cruz Azul, 7p.m.
New York City FC vs. Tigres UNAL, 7p.m.
Colorado vs. Toluca, 9p.m.
St. Louis City SC vs. America, 9:30p.m.
San Jose vs. Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.

NWSL

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Orlando	11	0	5	38	32	12
Kansas City	10	1	5	30	42	22
Washington	11	4	1	34	32	18
Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	19	13
Portland	8	5	3	27	27	20
North Carolina	8	7	1	25	20	17
Chicago	7	7	2	23	22	22
Bay FC	6	10	0	18	19	28
Louisville	3	6	7	16	21	27
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, 8p.m.
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 9:30p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (16-1-1)

w-August 10: U.S. 1, Brazil 0 (Gold)
Oct. 24: vs. Iceland, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27: vs. Iceland, 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 30: vs. England, 12:30 p.m.
w-Olympic Tournament

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S MATCH

Man United vs. Fulham, 3p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Ipswich vs. Liverpool, 7:30a.m.
Arsenal vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m.
Everton vs. Brighton, 10a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
West Ham vs. Aston Villa, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Brentford vs. Crystal Palace, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Man City, 11:30a.m.

WNBA

TEAM	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15

WEST

TEAM	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	10	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Chicago, 7p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 7p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Phoenix at Indiana, 6:30p.m.
Connecticut at Dallas, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Washington, 1p.m.
New York at Las Vegas, 3p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 4p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Connecticut at Atlanta, 2p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 2:30p.m.
Los Angeles at Las Vegas, 5p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 8p.m.

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	
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	12
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	16	3
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

WEEK 2 THURSDAY'S GAME

Philadelphia at New England, 6p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Baltimore, 11a.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, noon
N.Y. Giants at Houston, noon
Detroit at Kansas City, 3p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 3:25p.m.
Arizona at Indianapolis, 6p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Carolina, 6p.m.
Seattle at Tennessee, 6p.m.
Washington at Miami, 6p.m.
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 6:05p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 6:30p.m.
Dallas at Las Vegas, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Green Bay at Denver, 7p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 7p.m.

AUTO RACING

LATE SUNDAY: NASCAR CUP

COOK OUT 400

At Richmond Raceway; Richmond, Va.; Lap length: 0.75 miles

FN ST DRIVER

FN	ST DRIVER	M	LAPSPT
1	Austin Dillon	C	408 50
2	Denny Hamlin	T	408 52
3	Tyler Reddick	T	408 40
4	Bubba Wallace	T	408 42
5	Ross Chastain	C	408 32
6	Christopher Bell	T	408 50
7	Kyle Larson	C	408 30
8	Cary Hocevar	C	408 31
9	Chase Elliott	C	408 34
10	Daniel Suárez	C	408 37
11	Ryan Blaney	F	408 26
12	Kyle Busch	C	408 25
13	William Byron	F	408 24
14	Josh Berry	F	408 24
15	Michael McDowell	F	408 27
16	Brad Keselowski	F	408 21
17	Todd Gilliland	F	408 20
18	Chris Buescher	F	408 22
19	Joey Logano	F	408 32
20	Noah Gragson	F	407 17
21	Chase Briscoe	F	407 16
22	Ty Gibbs	T	407 15
23	Zane Smith	C	407 14
24	Austin Cindric	F	407 13
25	Ryan Preece	F	407 12
26	Ty Dillon	C	407 0
27	Justin Haley	F	406 10
28	Alex Bowman	C	406 9
29	Erik Jones	T	406 8
30	Daniel Hemric	C	406 7
31	John H. Nemechek	F	405 6
32	Harrison Burton	F	405 5
33	Riley Herbst	F	405 0
34	Corey Lajoie	C	404 3
35	Parker Retzlaff	F	402 0
36	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	397-a 1
37	Martin Truex Jr	T	250-e 9

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 84-121; D.Hamlin 85-92; D.Suárez 93-121; D.Hamlin 122-123; C.Elliott 124

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Rai wins after Greyserman's collapse



Aaron Rai took advantage of Max Greyserman's late meltdown to win the Wyndham Championship on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title. Rai closed with a 6-under 64, with the 29-year-old Britn making a 6 1/2-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th to post at 18-under 262 in the regular-season finale at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina. "It truly is a dream come true," said Rai, above, a two-time winner on the European tour. Greyserman, the 29-year-old former Duke player, shot 69 to finish two strokes back on a day when everyone played at least 36 holes in the event washed out by rain Thursday and delayed Friday and Saturday. Rai was four back after Greyserman holed out from 91 yards for eagle on the 13th, then had a share of the lead a hole later when Greyserman drove out-of-bounds and made a quadruple-bogey on 14. Greyserman birdied the par-5 15th to pull a shot ahead, then four-putted the par-3 16th for a double bogey and parred the last two. "Played good enough to kind of run away with it," Greyserman said. "Obviously, stuff happens in golf that sometimes it's not meant to be."

Rodgers: Regret lie about vax status



Aaron Rodgers says in a soon-to-be published book that he should have handled discussing his COVID-19 immunization status differently. The 40-year-old Jets QB was still with the Packers in 2021 when he told reporters he was "immunized" against the virus — and then tested positive for COVID three months later. Rodgers unsuccessfully appealed to the league that his homeopathic treatment should qualify him as vaccinated. "If there's one thing I wish could have gone different, it's that, because that's the only thing (critics) could hit me with," Rodgers reportedly told author Ian O'Connor for the biography, "Out Of The Darkness: The Mystery of Aaron Rodgers." ESPN said Rodgers says in the book his main reason for claiming he was "immunized" was the statement represented "the crux of my appeal." Rodgers said at the time he was allergic to an ingredient in the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines and was concerned about potential adverse reactions to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. "But if I could do it again ... I'm just going to tell them I'm allergic to PEG," Rodgers says in the book.

Legendary UNC soccer coach retires



Anson Dorrance, whose 21 NCAA championships are the most by a coach in any Division I sport in college history, is retiring after 45 seasons directing the women's soccer program at North Carolina. Associate head coach Damon Nahas will serve as interim coach this season. Dorrance said he was excited heading into the season but came to the conclusion he didn't have the energy to give 100% to the job. The 73-year-old led the Tar Heels to a 934-88-53 record in 45 seasons (1979-2023). He also was men's coach from 1977-88. The 934 wins, 21 NCAA titles and 147 NCAA Tournament wins are the most in women's soccer history. Dorrance's career was blemished when two former players filed a sexual harassment lawsuit in August 1998. They claimed Dorrance, above, created an uncomfortable environment by asking players about their sexual activity. Dorrance denied it, and the case was eventually settled in 2008. Dorrance was the head coach of the U.S. national team from 1986-94, leading it to the title in the inaugural Women's World Cup in China in 1991. —AP

OLYMPICS

Politics played its part in Paris

As usual, subplots of Games provide fodder for controversy

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

PARIS — Not long after the Algerian boxer at the center of a gender misconceptions controversy won a gold medal at the Paris Olympics, Donald Trump pounced on the achievement at a rally more than 7,000 miles away in Bozeman, Montana.

The former president has used the saga surrounding Imane Khelif as part of the culture wars raging through America ahead of November's election. Khelif faced an extraordinary amount of scrutiny from world leaders, celebrities and social media warriors who questioned her eligibility or falsely claimed she was a man.

She won gold Friday night, not long before Trump's speech in Montana.

"I'd like to congratulate the young woman who transitioned from a man into a boxer. If you saw, he won, she won, the gold medal," said Trump, who imitated the Italian boxer who quit her match against Khelif because she was overwhelmed.

Trump repeatedly incorrectly referred to Khelif as "he."

There's no such thing as an apolitical Olympics, and that was very clear from the dazzling opening ceremony in Paris that offended religious groups and also drew Trump criticism. And just like that, the two-week sporting spectacle was pulled into the political discourse pulsating throughout the United States.

It isn't a new phenomenon as the connection between politics and the Olympics have gone hand-in-hand dating back to when they resumed in the late 19th century — optimistically billed as a way for nations to compete without going to war.

"The Olympics are always pulled into political discourse because of the nature of the competition, in which nations compete against each other for dominance. This foundation in nationalism means that at its core, the Olympics is about nationalism first and athletics second," said Zein Murib, associate professor of political science at Fordham University.

"Additionally, the Olympics have been used to condone or punish nations, as is the case with Germany in 1936, when the Olympics were held in Nazi Germany despite global protest that doing so would condone the regime, or 2024 when Russian athletes were excluded due to the invasion of Ukraine."

For the Paris Games, the International Olympic Committee banned Russian athletes who are in the military or publicly supported the invasion of Ukraine. The IOC also blocked Russians from team sports, while track and field enforced its own blanket ban.

In gymnastics and weightlifting, Russia's teams skipped qualifying events in protest of being forced to compete as neutrals or to



Algerian boxer Imane Khelif, who was at the center of a gender misconceptions controversy at the Paris Olympics, celebrates after winning gold in the women's 66kg final. Khelif has been the subject of harassment, including from former U.S. President Donald Trump. **ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP**

undergo vetting, including checks of their social media.

There were 32 "neutral" athletes at these Games, 17 of whom previously represented Belarus and 15 representing Russia. They competed under the status of "Individual Neutral Athletes" and were not permitted to participate in the opening ceremony. The Summer Games in Tokyo three years ago had more than 300 Russian athletes.

One political swipe against these Games came in the form of a video that portrayed Paris as a crime-ridden cesspool and mocked the Olympics. The video spread quickly on social media as 30,000 social media bots linked to a notorious Russian disinformation group. Within days, the video was available in 13 languages, thanks to quick translation by AI.

It was a way for Moscow to make its presence felt in Paris as groups linked to Russia's government using online disinformation and state propaganda to attack France. It was evidence that global events like the Olympics are now high-profile targets for online disinformation and propaganda.

Murib said the political tension tied to this year's Olympics is heightened because a coordinated group of "bad actors" has grown significantly and gained massive global reach over the past decade.

The tension was high going into the opening of the Games, as high-speed rail in France was disrupted by coordinated arson attacks. Even before the Olympics, French officials said they disrupted several sabotage plots, including arresting a Russian man who planned to destabilize the Games

"I think people on all sides of the political spectrum look to athletic competition as a barometer of the legitimacy of governing logics, and many will take wins — and losses — as lessons for the viability of democracy or authoritarianism," Murib said. "We can see this at play in the ways that Trump immediately weighed in on Imane Khelif's Olympic eligibility with the far right trope of keeping men out of women's sports."

Khelif filed a legal complaint in France for online harassment.

Despite the dramas, these Games will be remembered as an overwhelming success. Paris was on full display with breathtaking — and accessible by public transportation — venues, star performances by the athletes and spectators back for the first time since before the 2020 global pandemic.

NASCAR

Playoff format incentive for Dillon to wreck way to win

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Austin Dillon was first to the finish at Richmond.

The question is whether he crossed a different sort of line on his way there.

Dillon won for the first time in nearly two years in the NASCAR Cup Series on Sunday night, but the race seemed out of reach before he spun Joey Logano out of the way and then sent Denny Hamlin into the wall as well — all in the final few seconds. Once the initial celebration ended, Dillon had quite a bit to answer for — but becoming a NASCAR villain for a few days may be a small price to pay for such a desperately needed victory.

"Absolutely a line was crossed, but it's an invisible line," Hamlin said. "It's not defined. They have rules and provisions for stuff like this, but they never take action for it."

Elton Sawyer, the senior vice president of competition, indicated NASCAR would take a good long look at the end of this race, but that doesn't mean the penalties will outweigh the benefits of Dillon's aggressiveness. He was outside the top 30 in the standings, but this one victory put him on track to make the playoffs.

"Our sport has been a contact sport for a long time. We always hear, 'Where's the line?'" Sawyer said. "I would say that the last lap was awful close to the line. ... If anything rises to a level that we feel like we need to penalize then we'll do that on Tuesday."

The reactions from other drivers were unsurprising. Logano was livid. Hamlin said the collision blew his shoulder out. Even Bubba Wallace — tangentially involved because Dillon leapfrogged him in the playoff race — tossed a few barbs the winner's way.

There's no denying the excitement of the wild finish. The 400-lap race had been pretty quiet for the first 398 or so. There wasn't a single unplanned caution until a wreck involving Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Ryan Preece sent the race to overtime and likely robbed Dillon of a much less controversial win.

Until then, the race's biggest story involved tire strategy. It was the first time in a points-paying Cup race that teams had multiple tire options, and that created some choices to analyze. It was an interesting topic, but not a particularly thrilling one.

Then Dillon bumped two veteran drivers out of the way to win.

"As far as good for the sport, I heard we were trending No. 1 on Twitter right now," Dillon said. "People must be viewing it right now, so that's good."

NASCAR, of course, is no stranger to the

larger debate about when aggressive driving becomes reckless driving. But a more modern development — the playoff race — probably played a role Sunday as well. The win-and-you're-in nature of postseason qualification means the difference between first place and second can be massive.

"It's just the rules of the sport, right? It is what it is," Dillon said. "Wins get you into the next round."

So Richmond turned into a perfect storm of sorts. A struggling driver had a chance — perhaps his last decent chance — to salvage a mediocre season. Dillon had every incentive to push the envelope.

Unless NASCAR hands down unusually substantial penalties, it was probably worth it for Dillon — although he'll want to watch his back for the rest of this season. Logano offered an ominous "wait and see" when asked how he'd race Dillon in the future.