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Sculptures commemorating the centennial of the Springfield race riot of 1908 stand outside the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. They represent charred chimneys rising from the smoldering rubble of burned-out buildings. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Sentence levied in bribery of Burke

Developer Cui gets 32 months; likely the final hearing in case

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago-area real estate developer was sentenced Friday to 32 months in federal prison for bribing then-Ald. Edward Burke to help him secure a pole sign permit for a Northwest Side liquor store, marking the end of a corruption case that rocked City Hall and became a watershed in the downfall of the old political machine.

In sentencing Charles Cui, U.S. District Chief Judge Virginia Kendall said Cui violated the trust the public put in him as a lawyer through his corruption, and exacerbated it by later lying to federal agents and failing to turn over crucial emails to a grand jury in an attempt to cover it up.

Kendall also said a message had to be sent to “other developers here in the city, especially those who are trying to make money on real estate and development of properties.”

“(They) need to recognize that you can’t go around the government’s processes, you have to go through them legally,” Kendall said.

Dressed in a blue suit and yellow tie, Cui sat at the defense table for most of the hearing, eyes downcast and one foot occasionally tapping quickly under the table. Before the sentence was announced, Cui stood at the lectern and read a tearful apology to the court and his family.

“Your honor, today marks the lowest point in my life,” Cui said in a deep, soft voice, reading from a sheet of paper with his hands in his pockets. “I am truly ashamed.”

Cui’s sentencing was likely the final court hearing stemming from the bombshell corruption investigation into Burke, the city’s longest-serving alderman and longtime head of the powerful Finance Committee.

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Springfield race riot site given monument status

Biden: 1908 incident ‘literally shocked the conscience of the nation’

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — President Joe Biden on Friday signed a proclamation designating the site of the 1908 Springfield race riot, one of the most egregious outbreaks of race-related violence in American history, as a national monument.

The riot has long been a calamitous symbol of the racism and intimidation that many Black Americans have endured in America. In recent years, both of Illinois’ Democratic U.S. senators, Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, pushed for the legislation to prioritize the site of the riot as a national monument, and advocates have urged Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906, a federal law

that protects cultural and natural resources of historic or scientific interest, to make that a reality.

That came to fruition on Friday, two days after the 116th anniversary of a riot that erupted just blocks from where President Abraham Lincoln once lived.

“That literally shocked the conscience of the nation,” Biden said at the Oval Office, flanked by Durbin, Duckworth, Democratic U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski of Springfield and others. “We have no safe harbor unless we continue to remind people what happened.”

According to the White House, the monument will serve as a reminder of “the hateful violence targeted against Black Americans,

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President Joe Biden hands a pen to Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland after signing a proclamation Friday at the White House to designate the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., is at left. **ANNA ROSE LAYDEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Volunteers from '96 reflect, see changes

Past helpers share their memories, thoughts of political landscape now

By Rebecca Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Eido Walny spent much of his free time as a volunteer at the 1996 Democratic National Convention wandering the halls of the United Center, chatting with senators and watching Bill Clinton’s prime-time acceptance speech.

“For a bright-eyed 20-year-old, that was incredible,” Walny said. “I still have my box of various credentials from that time. It was amazing.”

Before next week’s Democratic convention, the first Chicago has



Lt. Gov. Julianna Stratton dances as Gov. JB Pritzker talks with Ald. Walter Burnett, 27th, during the Democratic National Convention’s Volunteer Appreciation Rally at Wrigley Field on Thursday. **JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE**

hosted in 28 years, the Tribune followed up with two of the then-young volunteers from 1996. Now middle-aged, they shared their favorite memories and how their political views have evolved.

Meanwhile, as the ‘96 helpers reminisce, about 12,000 volunteers — ranging in age from 16 to 102 years old — will help out

at next week’s convention with jobs such as giving attendees directions and driving shuttles. They’re also generally some of the most energized supporters of Kamala Harris and other Democrats. That was on display at a volunteer appreciation rally

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South, West siders just 20% of construction workforce

Host committee wanted contractors to pursue a more diverse field

By Sylvan Lebrun
Chicago Tribune

Residents of Chicago’s South and West sides make up only 20% of the construction workforce for the Democratic National Convention, the convention’s organizers revealed this week, even after extensive efforts to diversify and engage with underserved neighborhoods.

In total, 46% of construction workers hired for the convention are from Chicagoland, with the majority coming from the North Side of the city and its suburbs, according to the DNC host committee.

The committee encouraged all of their contractors to ensure that their workforce was diverse and representative of Chicago, said senior adviser Keiana Barrett. However, they chose to not set any

specific numerical benchmarks.

“What we did was spend more time focused on process than actually on percentages,” Barrett said. “There was a very robust engagement strategy to ensure that we were not only moving the needle, but making some very significant economic impacts for communities of color on the South and West sides of Chicago.”

Ald. Walter Burnett Jr., 27th, said that the convention’s organizers overall failed to meaningfully reach workers from the Near West Side where the key evening events of the convention will take place at the United Center.

Local residents and businesses had hoped that the DNC would bring an economic windfall. Particularly to the west of the convention venue, the neighborhood has historically faced a lack of investment, leading to poor housing conditions and limited economic opportunities.

Burnett said the host committee

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Harris unveils economic proposals

Vice president announces sweeping plans to cut taxes and lower the cost of essentials. **Nation & World**

Cubs walk it off against Jays

Seiya Suzuki gets his first walk-off hit as a Cub in the 10th inning to overcome a blown save. **Chicago Sports**

Paratransit drivers go on strike

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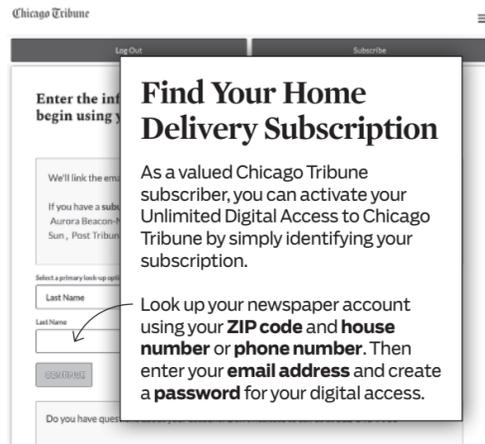


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Monument

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and the power of dedicated individuals to come together across racial lines to transform shock and grief into hope and action.”

The monument will protect 1.57 acres of federal land in Springfield and will be managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service. In the coming years, the park service will work with community groups “to plan for interpretation, commemoration, and visitor experiences associated with the new park site,” the White House said, including the charred foundations of five homes that were never rebuilt.

Those homes were among dozens burned to the ground by an angry white crowd that ran amok after two Black men accused of rape and murder were spirited out of town by authorities.

The riot spurred the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which was founded on Feb. 12, 1909, Lincoln's 100th birthday, after Black leaders including Ida B. Wells-Barnett and W.E.B. DuBois called for the creation of a national organization to fight for equality and rail against racist policies.

Biden's announcement comes as the Springfield area has faced another reckoning in recent weeks with the police killing of 36-year-old Sonya Massey, whose death led to protests across the U.S. Massey's family has said she was a descendant of William Donnegan, a shoe-

maker who was involved in the Underground Railroad and was lynched during the 1908 riot.

Walter Katz, the deputy chief of staff of public safety to former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, specializing in police reform and accountability, also has a connection to Donnegan. Katz said in a Tribune op-ed last year that Donnegan was his great-great-grand-uncle, something he learned through an investigation of his ancestry, and tied that to his chosen career path as a public defender and social justice advocate.

“So many Black Americans can point to someone in their family, in their extended family, who'd either been a victim of racial violence or a victim of police overreach, of being an illegal stop or an illegal search or a use of force or a false arrest,” Katz said in an interview on Friday.

Teresa Haley, immediate past president for the Springfield branch of the NAACP, said the city remains racially segregated more than a century after the riot. Haley said she pushed for the national monument status for the riot site along with elected officials and that Biden's announcement meant a lot to her because it's important that people understand the adverse impact the riot had on Black residents.

“What we're hoping now and what I want to see is when people come to Springfield and they come over where the memorial and the monument is being placed, that it's an opportunity to reflect,” Haley said. “It's an opportunity to think and put yourself, imagine

yourself living during that era, experiencing that race riot. And Black people and white people lost their lives.”

The chain of events leading to the riot began on Aug. 14, 1908, when two Black men, Joe James and George Richardson, were held in jail. Richardson was accused of raping a white woman and James was accused of killing a white man.

A large mob of white people gathered outside the jail demanding the two men be released so the group could lynch them. To prevent that, the county sheriff and a white business owner secretly moved the two men out of the jail and put them on a train, which took them to another jail about 60 miles away in Bloomington.

When the mob learned of this, it grew violent, burning Black-owned homes and businesses in Springfield and attacking residents and business owners. Within a couple of days, about three dozen businesses in one neighborhood — half of them Black-owned and many of the others Jewish-owned — were looted and vandalized. Several dozen homes of Black residents in the city were also destroyed.

Illinois Gov. Charles Deneen called in the Illinois National Guard to bring the rioting under control.

Ultimately, James was convicted of murder and sentenced to death by an all-white jury. Richardson was freed after the woman who accused him of rape recanted her story.

In a statement issued earlier this week, Durbin, who has a home in Springfield, said the race riot was

“a violent and hateful tragedy” that “we cannot turn a blind eye to.”

“Together, we can honor the lives lost during the deadly riot and reaffirm our commitment to fighting prejudice in Illinois and across the country,” he said.

During the Democrats' annual political rally at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield on Wednesday, Budzinski stressed the importance of the monument's creation to educate future generations of residents and visitors to the capital city about the riot and to ensure it's not forgotten.

“We're coming out of the murder of Sonya Massey, being able to recognize our history in Springfield and telling the honest truth and history of our city and our community, and how we can be looking forward, how much more progress we still have to make,” Budzinski said.

Katz called the proclamation “an important and overdue move,” calling the riot “an undertold story, which still has reverberations today.”

“We still have these vestiges, which we see in, for example, the vestiges of redlining, where people of color, Black people, were not allowed to live in a lot of places in northern cities,” he said. “So today, the commemoration is recognizing the importance of history and the importance of the Black experience within the American fabric and especially since we have seen such a push over the last couple of years, this backlash of the teaching of history.”

Cui

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Burke was convicted along with Cui and sentenced in June to two years in federal prison. A third defendant, Burke's longtime ward aide Pete Andrews, was acquitted of all charges.

In giving Cui a slightly longer sentence than Burke, Kendall said she must treat each defendant individually and that Burke had several mitigating factors in his favor, including his advanced age that would make prison “more difficult” as well as the dozens of letters she received extolling Burke's good works.

Burke also served in the military and as a police officer, the judge noted, adding, “He did not obstruct justice. He did not lie to the FBI.”

Cui was convicted by the jury in December of hiring Burke's firm, Klafter & Burke, to do property tax appeals in exchange for Burke's intervention in a permit dispute for a stand-alone pole sign for Binny's Beverage Depot.

The jury found him guilty on five counts: corruptly offering or agreeing to give things of value; using an interstate facility to promote unlawful activity; and knowingly making a false statement to the FBI.

During the two-month trial, jurors heard meticulously detailed evidence about the pole sign permit, which was for a development far from Burke's 14th Ward. Cui stood to lose significant money if the sign couldn't be used, and reached out to Burke, hoping his clout would grease the wheels with the city.

In asking for a term of at least 51 months behind bars, Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Chapman told the judge that public corruption was such a scourge on the city that it even has a well-worn name: “The Chicago Way.”

“It's a term that no one in this courtroom should know what it means, but the sad reality is that everyone in this courtroom knows exactly what it is,” Chapman said.

Chapman said the “long history of corruption and bribery and graft that plagues the city of Chicago renders us more like a punchline for late-night comedy.”

A significant prison sentence was necessary, Chapman said, to send a message to others to “other real estate developers out there,” people who need zoning changes, permits, licensing or other help with their business.

“There are people in the world who need stuff from government, and they may



Real estate developer Charles Cui and his attorney Susan Pavlow walk into the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Friday for Cui's sentencing for his conviction in a scheme to bribe then-Ald. Edward Burke. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

try to bribe their way into getting that advantage,” Chapman said, adding that this case could prompt them to think twice.

“They could say, ‘I'm not gonna be the next Charles Cui,’” Chapman said. “I'm not going down that road.”

Still, a nearly five-year prison term for Cui seemed like a tall order considering that Kendall only handed down 24 months to Burke, an elected official who, unlike Cui, was convicted of racketeering conspiracy for a series of schemes where he sought to use his official position for personal gain.

Cui's lawyers argued their client is a hardworking immigrant from China whose brief dalliance with Chicago's most powerful alderman was a blip in an otherwise law-abiding life.

Attorneys Susan Pavlow and Adam Sheppard wrote in their sentencing filing that Cui was “significantly less culpable” than Burke given he's not a public official, was not charged with racketeering, and was only involved in one of the four criminal episodes contained in Burke's sweeping indictment.

“While every defendant is viewed individually, and Burke's age and good deeds played a role in (Burke's) sentence, he was convicted of more offenses, and more serious offenses, than Mr. Cui,” the defense memo stated.

In court Friday, Pavlow described Cui as “a very good and decent man” who has lost everything because of his decision to seek Burke's help, including his credibility with lenders and his ability to practice law.

“Charles lost his project, he lost his investment, he's being sued for millions of dollars as a result of this,” Pavlow said.

The evidence at trial focused on a series of emails Cui sent in 2017 as he was desperately trying to get the

city to reverse its denial of the Binny's pole sign permit.

In perhaps the most damning communication, jurors were shown a 2017 email from Cui to his lawyer, asking to switch attorneys.

“Can I have Edward Burke handle 4901 W Irving Park property tax appeal for me, at least for this year?” Cui wrote. “I need his favor for my TIF money. In addition I need his help for my zoning etc for my project. He is a powerful broker in City Hall, and I need him now. I'll transfer the case back to you after this year.”

Burke tried to smooth the way for the sign permit, jurors heard, calling the city zoning administrator and reaching out to the buildings commissioner. The permit, however, was still not approved, and ultimately the sign was torn down.

Cui also emailed Burke asking him for representation from Klafter & Burke, records show.

On Aug. 25, 2017, Burke responded to Cui's email saying someone from his firm will reach out. Over the next week, Burke was caught on wiretaps telling his assistant to call then-Buildings Commissioner Judy Frydland about the pole sign, according to court records.

After Frydland talked about it with Cui, he had his zoning attorney submit a photoshopped image of the sign to the Buildings Department purporting to show the sign had been in recent use.

On Sept. 5, less than two weeks after his first outreach to Burke, Cui signed contingent-fee paperwork hiring Klafter & Burke for the Portage Park development, according to records.

By that time, however, Cui's photoshopped image was red-flagged by a Buildings Department design specialist, who brought it to Frydland's attention, according to court records.

Cui tried to claim the image came from a real estate

broker who could vouch for the image's accuracy, and, after learning about the issue, Burke allegedly had his assistant contact a zoning administrator to help resolve it, according to court records. Both efforts failed, and City Hall's denial of the sign permit became final on Nov. 6.

Over the next several weeks, however, Burke voted in favor of several other measures involving Cui's property that came before the City Council, including a permit for a different sign board and an ordinance granting a privilege “in the public way,” according to prosecutors.

When Cui was confronted by FBI agents in 2019, he lied about his interactions with Burke, saying he'd only hired Burke's firm because he'd “heard” they were good tax attorneys, according to trial testimony.

Prosecutors on Friday also alleged Cui obstructed justice by failing to turn over several of the most incriminating emails after receiving a federal grand jury subpoena for any records pertaining to his interactions with Burke.

In his argument, Chapman said that as a sophisticated businessman and licensed attorney, Cui knew what he was doing in reaching out to Burke.

“This wasn't a bribe paid to some pole sign inspector,” he said. “He sought out the most powerful alderman in the City Council, and maybe the most powerful alderman in the city's history.”

As for the motive, Chapman said it was what most bribery cases come down to: greed.

“He knows it's a crime to pay a bribe to an alderman. He knows it's a crime to lie to the FBI. He knows right from wrong,” Chapman said. “But when money was on the line, he chose wrong.”

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Johnson intervened on behalf of protest groups

Mayor stepped in over permit for Union Park rally, organizer says

By Jason Meisner and Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson personally intervened in a dispute between his own administration and a coalition of activist groups set for a massive protest at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week, helping reverse the city's denial of a permit to set up stages and sound systems for rallies in a park near the United Center, the coalition's leader said Friday.

The agreement, which was reached after hours of back-room negotiations between the parties, nullified an emergency motion filed in U.S. District Court earlier this week alleging the city had violated protesters' First Amendment rights by restricting how the rallies could be staged.

"We talked directly to the mayor," Hatem Abudayyeh, executive director of the Arab American Action Network, said during a news conference in Federal Plaza after the deal was struck. "We knew that he supported us, our coalition and these protests and it's proof positive that he called one of the top leaders of the coalition directly on his cellphone and said 'We're gonna make this happen. I'm gonna make sure that everybody's rights are protected.'"

Pressed on whom specifically the mayor called, Abudayyeh said it was Frank Chapman, of the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression.

"The mayor has said from the very beginning that he supports the protest movement," Abudayyeh said. "The protest movement is what brought him to City Hall. ... He said, 'I understand that struggle. Because I am part of a national liberation struggle as well.'"

A spokesperson for the mayor was not immediately available for comment.

Johnson said at a news conference earlier Friday that his staff was "working out the details" with protesters.

"I'm going to make sure that these individuals have everything that they need to make sure that their voices are heard," he said.

In addition to allowing a stage and sound system for two rallies in Union Park, the agreement with the city also allows for the setup of seven portable toilets on the far east side of Union Park, away from parade assembly and disbanding areas, according to the coalition.

Abudayyeh said the deal was proof that "organizing works."

"The city pulled another move in bad faith by saying we can't have any sound and we can't have a stage in Union Park, and then we did what we do best," he said. "We did the grassroots organizing that we know how to do, and we won what we needed to win."

The latest controversy bubbled

up just days away from the kickoff of the convention after the city responded by letter to two permit requests that have been pending for more than seven months to be able to install stages and sound equipment as well as portable toilets and other amenities in Union Park and another smaller park along the planned protest route.

The letter, which was attached to the emergency motion filed late Wednesday, stated the rally petitions were granted "subject to the following conditions: no stages or platforms, portable restrooms or toilets, tents or canopies, or sound equipment may be installed by your organization."

The city said it was going to provide a stage and amplified sound at one of the parks which will be used by multiple organizations during the four-day event, and that allowing other groups to bring in their own equipment would be "redundant."

The letter, signed by Chicago Department of Transportation Assistant Commissioner Bryan Gallardo, also cited myriad safety concerns, as tents and portable toilets can be used to conceal weapons or other illegal activity and their materials can be broken down and used as weapons against the police.

"While CDOT is not suggesting that your particular group will use these items in these ways, their presence in the park could be abused by others to harm members of the public or law enforcement officers," the letter read.

At a rally with other protest organizers and supporters outside City Hall on Thursday, Abudayyeh said it was clear the city doesn't "want us to speak."

"They are restricting our rights based on content," Abudayyeh said. "Someone doesn't want us to speak about Palestine."

The temperature had lowered considerably by Thursday afternoon, however, as both sides reported to the judge during a brief telephone hearing that they were working behind the scenes on a settlement.

An in-person hearing had been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. Instead, the plaintiffs abruptly withdrew the emergency motion and the hearing was canceled.

The city's Friday agreement allows the demonstrators to use stages and sound equipment, but the city will not be providing such equipment at Union Park, Abudayyeh said.

The coalition planning the march is continuing to press the city for a longer route for its Monday and Thursday marches, he added.

The city has permitted the group to take a roughly 1-mile march route starting in Union Park on Monday and Thursday, court records show. A similar offer has been extended to several other protest groups.

The route, first proposed by the mayor's administration last month, calls for protesters to assemble in Union Park on the Near West

Side before marching west along Washington Boulevard to Hermitage Avenue, then past a small park north of the United Center. The route then turns east on Lake Street back to Union Park.

The march's organizers had been fighting for a wider, longer path to the convention center, including being allowed to stay on Washington Boulevard instead of being diverted to smaller side streets.

But Wood ruled earlier this week that she would not force City Hall to change its proposal, writing the city has a "significant government interest" in controlling the expected crowds for safety and security.

"This falls well short of a First Amendment violation," Wood wrote. "As such, the alternative parade route represents an adequate alternative channel of communication."

The sticking point then moved to the issue over the planned rallies.

For weeks, Abudayyeh has described plans to host pro-Palestinian speeches in both Union Park and Park 578 in front of a protest crowd he most recently estimated will include 25,000 people.

In their nine-page motion for an injunction, the activist groups say the real motive for the last-minute, "made-up process" was to try to silence their protests against the Israeli military action in Gaza and other concerns.

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Workers

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rejected his plan to create a neighborhood-specific outreach team for the Near West Side; now, he does not personally know anyone in his ward who has been hired as construction labor for the convention.

"I was trying to work with them on doing a specific hiring program for the community, having a job fair for the community, and it didn't happen," Burnett said. "They wanted to do the whole city instead of just doing the community. And I thought that was unfair, because they're in the community, and right now the community has to live with all of the inconveniences that go on."

The DNC host committee has held workforce and contractor recruitment events in and around the United Center, including a contracting outreach event at Malcolm X College on the Near West Side.

Additionally, a spokesperson for the DNC host committee said they are currently in the process of finalizing a contract with a West Side-based workforce development firm to source more local personnel for post-convention labor, as the venues are restored to their original condition.

Local labor and business leaders said that the DNC host committee and its chosen prime contractors did take the time to connect with many Black and Latino communities on the South and West sides. Additionally, they noted that many of the key businesses involved in the convention are run by entrepreneurs of color from the south and west of the city, including the exposition services prime contractor Show Strategy.

Yet the still-limited representation of these neighborhoods in the construction workforce may reflect endemic problems in terms of equitable employment opportunities in the city.

"We have to do more to get people interested in going into certain industries, that's the paramount thing," said Cornel Darden Jr., chairman of the Greater Chicagoland Black Chamber of Commerce. "As a kid, if you don't know that a job even exists, that it's even a possibility, then the chance of you taking on such a job would be slim to none."

Wearing hard hats covered in union stickers, a team of carpenters put up wooden boards on Friday outside of the United Center to support a large mural of Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris.

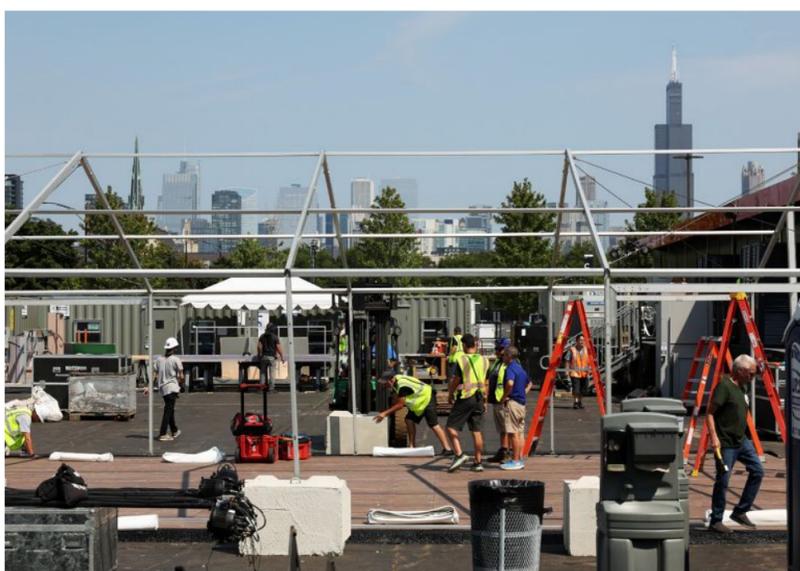
It was the third week of nonstop work at the United Center for 48-year-old carpenter Emmitt Wright, who had responded to a labor call for the DNC. With the convention just three days away, his team was still hard at work putting finishing touches on the site.

Wright grew up on the West Side, near Cicero. His uncle helped him join a carpenters union in 1999, and he'd been in the profession ever since.

"I was born with a hammer,"



Local 1 union carpenter Jaclyn Ramirez, center, and other carpenters put up a large mural of Vice President Kamala Harris outside the United Center along Madison Street in Chicago on Friday. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Workers construct temporary structures at a parking lot in preparation for the Democratic National Convention at the United Center in Chicago on Wednesday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Wright said, as golf carts carrying convention volunteers whizzed by. "What I do is not work. I love it."

With him on the crew on Friday were Danny Morales and Jaclyn Ramirez, two carpenters from the Bridgeport neighborhood. Growing up in a blue collar area, Morales and Ramirez said they both felt encouraged to go into the trades after watching friends and family take similar jobs.

When called by prime contractors for the DNC to assist in workforce development, unions such as the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council did not have to look far to find diverse crews of workers to offer for the convention, communications director Phil Davidson said.

Their union has people that "come from every neighborhood in Chicago," including the South and West sides. Wright, Morales and Ramirez are all members.

Yet Davidson said that major barriers still exist for people from under-resourced neighborhoods in Chicago entering the trades, including transportation.

Their union's nine-week pre-apprenticeship program requires participants to show up every day at 6 a.m. to one of two training centers.

"If you don't have reliable transportation, it's hard to make that work," Davidson said.

The prime construction contractor for the DNC is McHugh-Powers UC, a joint venture between McHugh Construction and local Black-owned business Powers & Sons Construction Co. However, carpenters and construction workers were also hired by other prime contractors, including event management company Show Strategy.

Glenn Charles Jr., a Black entrepreneur from Englewood who runs Show Strategy, said that his own workforce's South and West side representation was "for sure" significantly over 20%.

Both McHugh-Powers and Show Strategy ran internship programs to engage young people from across the city to work on the convention, with McHugh-Powers offering a program specifically for

minority students at Chicago community colleges. They also partnered with numerous unions and local organizations to conduct outreach to workers from underrepresented communities.

President of McHugh Construction Kinjal Patel said that they had engaged an extensive local network of minority-owned subcontractors for the DNC and kept a "strong emphasis on diverse hiring practices."

"I think overall, if anybody came on site, you see a very diverse group, a labor workforce that represents all the various communities from around the city," Charles said.

In the end, the DNC hired construction workers from two-thirds of Chicago's ZIP codes. However, South and West side residents combined made up only two-fifths of their Chicago-based workforce and one-fifth of total labor.

Changing the composition of the construction workforce is a "large ship to turn" and will take time, said Pamyla Brown, community

and citizenship director for Lakeside Alliance, a coalition of Black-owned construction firms.

The Lakeside Alliance is currently building the Obama Presidential Center on the South Side. As of the end of 2023, 38% of total hours of construction labor on the presidential center were worked by people from the South and West sides. This accounts for almost three-quarters of the labor delegated to any Chicago residents.

Brown said that the DNC construction workforce's 20% South and West side composition is still a major sign of progress, especially on such a large project with a short time frame.

"I'm hoping that the attention being given to all the great work that the team did with the DNC and the work that we're doing at Lakeside Alliance and the Obama Presidential Center, these will continue to spark those much needed conversations so that we can start seeing more generations of folks living on the West and South sides of the city of Chicago to go into these very lucrative and life-changing careers," Brown said.

A spokesperson for McHugh said that the company has long been active in projects on the South and West sides, so was able to "lean heavily on existing relationships."

McHugh-Powers collaborated with a number of groups dedicated to training and sourcing workers from underrepresented communities, including minority workforce development organization HIRE360.

HIRE360 was also able to bring recent Chicago Public Schools graduates from their pre-apprenticeship cohort to tour the DNC construction site, said Executive Director Jay Rowell.

The current workforce participation from the South and West sides represents a "really solid effort," Rowell said. However, he added that much more work needed to be done to recruit individuals from disadvantaged neighborhoods for the trades, so that a more diverse workforce is available for Chicago's future construction projects.

"I think it's really important that the individuals who live in every neighborhood of Chicago should participate on construction teams in the city that they call home, and that's been a real focus of our partnership," Rowell said.

The DNC host committee also reached out "early and often" to the Greater Chicagoland Black Chamber of Commerce and many other key Black trade organizations, including them throughout the workforce and contractor recruitment process, Darden said.

Darden added that the DNC overall did a "phenomenal" job promoting diversity and inclusion among their contractors, and that there were "no hard feelings" from his organization regarding the 20% participation of South and West side construction workers.

"We should always strive to do better, right? I know sometimes we fall short," Darden said. "We saw the effort, and we felt like we were a partner and we had every opportunity to participate."

What to expect as Chicago gets set for DNC protests

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

Focus will be split when the Democratic National Convention arrives in Chicago. Inside the United Center, attendees and TV viewers will be glued to the Harris-Walz ticket.

But when cameras pan outside, eyes will shift to protesters.

Protest groups have been gearing up for months to take advantage of the attention coming to Chicago. They have planned at least seven large demonstrations, with more rallies unsanctioned by the city likely to come.

The groups plan to push a mix of causes, ranging from abortion rights to the local firefighter union's contract. Several will decry the federal government's support of Israel, while yet another organization is seeking to show solidarity with the warring country.

The flurry of demonstrations is a part of democracy Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson has, at least in word, welcomed with open arms. At a news conference Friday, the mayor noted — as he has repeatedly since his election — that he once led protesters in large demonstrations himself.

"They don't have to be concerned about their First Amendment right," Johnson said. "I'm going to make sure that these individuals have everything that they need to make sure that their voices are heard."

But the mayor also can't afford for a national audience to get treated to scenes of chaos or violence on Chicago's streets.

His police superintendent, Larry Snelling, has stated the department's protest focus will be on "constitutional policing," but vowed officers will intervene "the moment" things get out of control.

"We will not allow people to come here and destroy the city," Snelling told the City Club earlier this week.

The lingering fears of violence bubbling up are inspired in part by the 1968 DNC, marred by police attacks on protesters. Pundits and demonstrators have tried to tie this year's convention to that one, while city leaders have more often cited the far-calm 1996 DNC and 2012 NATO summit when describing their prep.

Despite the rosy picture of protest support Johnson has painted, virtually all organizers planning demonstrations have blasted city authorities for having a slow, confusing and at times apparently hostile permit approval process. Several have even taken the city to court to get marches approved, including a pro-Palestinian protest coalition that won a key concession Friday from the city to hold speeches with a stage and sound equipment in Union Park.

Unplanned and unpermitted protests are possible, and logistical changes are sure to come among the many groups that plan

to demonstrate.

But just days away from the convention, the plans and aims of the protesters are becoming clear. Through interviews with protest leaders and with permit information shared Friday by the city, the Tribune has made a list of the expected marches and rallies.

Bodies Outside of Unjust Laws march

■ Start: 5 p.m. Sunday at Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue.

■ Focus: Abortion rights, LGBTQ+ rights, stopping Israel's war efforts in Gaza.

■ Route: Down Michigan Avenue to the southern end of Grant Park.

■ Organizers: Primarily abortion and LGBTQ+ rights groups alongside other leftist organizations.

The DNC protests will start a full day before the United Center even opens. Like other protest groups, the coalition backing this first march has a laundry list of issues, but LGBTQ+ and abortion rights are top of mind for the group.

"What unites us is a demand for bodily autonomy," organizer Andy Thayer said.

A long struggle with the city over permits ended with protesters winning a route down Michigan Avenue. The protest's final destination is meant to send a message, Thayer said. The group will walk to Grant Park's Gen. John Logan statue — a focal point of the raucous 1968 DNC protests.

March on the DNC first march

■ Start: Monday at noon at Union Park.

■ Focus: Ending U.S. aid to Israel, support of other leftist stances like more money for health care and housing.

■ Route: Speeches in Union Park, then west mostly along Washington Boulevard before another stop for speeches at Park 578. Continues north on Damen Avenue and back to Union Park on Lake Street.

■ Organizers: Pro-Palestinian and leftist groups.

The groups behind the March on the DNC have fought the city in federal court over permits for months. So far, their efforts have won them two marches, one Monday and another Thursday. The protest's leaders on Friday also won the right to use stages and sound equipment at Union Park, giving them to locations to stop for speeches.

The Monday march may very well be the week's biggest. Pro-Palestinian groups from across the Midwest plan to take charter buses to Chicago for the event, organizer Hatem Abudayyeh said.

"The majority of the people are going to be here for day one," he said.

The group has organized medics and trained supporters in de-

escalation. Many of its leaders have led Gaza-focused protests around Chicago for months. The coalition has won other permits, but leaders said they only plan to march once on Monday and once on Thursday.

Poor People's Army march

■ Start: Monday at 4 p.m. in Humboldt Park near Division Street and Sacramento Boulevard.

■ Focus: Demand policies to fight poverty, including halting U.S. military aid to Israel and instead spending money to house impoverished Americans.

■ Route: West on Division Street, south on Western Avenue, east on Maypole Avenue to Park 578, according to the city.

■ Organizer: Philadelphia-based protest group Poor People's Army

■ The Poor People's Army has already been marching for a month. The group protested at the Republican National Convention in July in Milwaukee, and some members planned to head straight to Chicago from there on foot.

The out-of-town group that has demonstrated at every major political convention for two decades won a permit in Chicago in an apparent accident. The city was forced to give them approval by default when it failed to respond to an application in time.

Far left presidential candidates such as Cornel West and the Green Party's Jill Stein are expected to join. But the route the group won in February is now in question — it takes protesters right past the United Center and well inside the security perimeter announced by the Secret Service in July.

That hasn't changed the plans of the organizers, who hosted a "civil disobedience" training Friday. They say they will shirk the city's route and instead go east on Madison Street to the United Center. They will keep going when they get to the no-go zone's fence, organizer Cheri Honkola said.

"We're going to continue to take the route that they were basically forced to give us," she said. "Nobody wants to be arrested. But we think that there's a higher law."

Chicago Coalition for Justice in Palestine march

■ Start: Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Union Park

■ Focus: End Israel's war efforts in Gaza and halt U.S. aid to Israel

■ Route: No pre-planned route because organizers did not apply for a permit

■ Organizer: Local pro-Palestinian groups

The Chicago Coalition for Justice in Palestine had planned to apply for a permit. But the day Chicago police cleared a DePaul University protest encampment, leaders ripped the application in

half outside City Hall.

The coalition has planned many of Chicago's pro-Palestinian marches over the last year. While the marches have been loud and disruptive, they generally have not resulted in violence. Organizers have tried to map out routes with police on the fly, though their big and small crowds have at times blocked major roadways such as Interstate 90 and DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Abudayyeh, who is also spokesperson for this coalition, said protesters hope to take a long path and will work with police to chart a course.

"We are protesting every day because the world is going to be watching," Abudayyeh said. "We are trying to stop a genocide. This is the Vietnam War of our generation."

Israeli American Council rally

■ Start: Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Park 578.

■ Focus: Show support for Israel.

■ Location: Park 578.

■ Organizer: The nationwide group Israeli American Council.

The war in Gaza will be a top focus among demonstrators next week. But not all of them share the same opinion.

The pro-Palestinian marches across the country and planned for the DNC caught the attention of Aya Shechter, chief programming officer for the Israeli American Council. Shechter has moved ahead on a pro-Israel rally over the last few weeks.

The message is simple, she said: "We stand with Israel."

Like others, the Los Angeles-based, nationwide group struggled to get a permit, but finally won one earlier this week. They do not plan to host a coinciding march, but will also put on a "hostage square" exhibition Tuesday aimed at bringing attention to the Israeli people kidnapped by Hamas on Oct. 7 who are still being held hostage.

The group's Wednesday rally in Park 578 — two blocks north of the United Center — might cross paths with the Chicago Coalition for Justice in Palestine's march, which is also set to occur Wednesday evening near the United Center.

March on the DNC second march

■ Start: Thursday at 5 p.m. at Union Park.

■ Focus: Ending U.S. aid to Israel, support of other leftist stances such as more money for health care and housing.

■ Route: Speeches in Union Park, then west mostly along Washington Boulevard before another stop for speeches at Park 578. Continues north on Damen Avenue and back to Union Park on Lake Street.

■ Organizers: Pro-Palestinian and

leftist groups.

This March on the DNC is a carbon-copy of the one planned for Monday in logistics and purpose. But it may have fewer participants with many out-of-town demonstrators expected to head home after the first go.

Still, the Thursday march will take place in a prime moment. The Gaza-focused, pro-Palestinian protesters will be marching around the same time Vice President Kamala Harris accepts the Democratic presidential nomination.

"We chose the end of the day to coincide," said Abudayyeh, also a key planner for this march.

Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 contract protest

■ Start: Daily between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Madison Street and Ashland Avenue.

■ Focus: Demand a collective bargaining contract with the city.

■ Route: Back and forth on several Madison Street blocks near the start.

■ Organizer: Local 2, Chicago's rank-and-file firefighter union. Chicago's rank-and-file firefighters' union has been without a new collective bargaining contract for three years. It's taken too long, says union President Pat Cleary.

Among other demands, the union wants more paramedics and ambulances. But the city is stalling at the bargaining table and not responding to the union's proposals.

"It's just a game," Cleary said. "So we're going to let 'em know. We're going to protest."

The firefighters union does not have a protest permit. They were denied for "bogus" reasons, Cleary said. They have put up billboards to gain even more publicity and plan to march anyway. Cleary had at first promised only a Tuesday demonstration, but later said the union would protest every day during the DNC.

"I'm gonna do what I'm gonna do," he said.

Speaking platform rallies

Chicago authorities are allowing various groups to use equipment provided by the city at Park 578 to hold speeches. So far, 29 different 45-minute speaking slots making use of a stage and sound equipment have been scheduled.

Most of the speakers planning to take the stage represent far-left groups, according to a schedule shared by the city. But open slots remain and other political interests have staked a claim, such as the conservative Illinois Policy think-tank. Many of the speaking slots are held by groups planning to stop in the park during marches.

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Thursday at Wrigley Field. Chants of "When we fight, we win" filled the stadium, as hundreds donned blue outfits.

In '96, Walny, then a student at the University of Chicago and a board member for the Illinois College Democrats, ended up at the DNC through volunteering with U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin's campaign and helping out with Clinton's reelection efforts in the Chicago area. He told the Tribune at the time that education funding was a pressing issue for young Democrats.

"I think it's still important. I mean I have an 18-year-old son now," Walny said this week. "I know what my parents were paying for me to go to the University of Chicago, and I know what tuition at the University of Chicago costs now, and I know how impossible it was for us to fill out the (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) this year."

But some things have changed for Walny, a 48-year-old founding attorney of Walny Legal Group who's also the village president of Bayside, Wisconsin. Walny now identifies as a "fierce Independent" and said he's undecided on the presidential race.

While he has good memories from the 1996 convention, Walny said he couldn't see himself working at or attending the DNC this year. In college, Walny remembers talking about Bears or Packers games after political debates with friends. Those political conversations wouldn't be possible now, he thinks.

"Democrats have moved far to the left. The Republicans have moved far to the right," Walny said. "I think a lot of that has to do with rather than trying to appease the middle, everybody's tried to appease the extremes, and it's resulted in a pretty divided country."

Walny said he'll probably have a better idea of whom he'll vote for



Torah Hudson, left, and Maebelle Bushman watch the Kenwood Academy marching band perform during the Democratic National Convention's Volunteer Appreciation Rally at Wrigley Field on Thursday.

after the debates, with the health of the economy at the front of his mind. He said he wants to learn more specifics about Harris' positions through interviews.

"How do you vote for a candidate in good faith, not knowing what they stand for, hiding from the issues. It worries me quite a lot," he said. "She might be a great candidate, but I don't know."

But current volunteers are more optimistic about Harris, saying they're excited to help get her elected. Officials with the Chicago 2024 DNC Host Committee said people from every state and every ZIP code in Chicago make up the 12,000 volunteers. They also said they received around 30,000 volunteer applications for the convention.

"People are coming from all over the nation and all over the world not just to nominate Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, but also to see our beautiful city and experience the hospitality that all of you are bringing to them," Gov. JB Pritzker said Thursday at the rally.

As Nadine Drilling, 61, of Naperville, stood in line outside Wrigley



Barbara Halverson holds her volunteer credential during the Democratic National Convention's Volunteer Appreciation Rally. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Field, she said she'll contribute in any way so Donald Trump isn't reelected. During the convention, she'll greet guests at hotels and airports.

"He (Trump) made this country very divisive," she said, adding that maintaining Social Security and Medicare are important issues for her in the election. "He blamed Democrats for everything, and I feel like it's made me bitter against other people, and I don't want to be that way."

Brenda Gomero, 28, of Buck-

town, said she immediately signed up to volunteer after President Joe Biden dropped out of the race. While she planned to vote for Biden, she said she wasn't passionate about his candidacy. Now, she's much more excited, she said.

For Gomero, who's assigned to the sustainability unit, protecting reproductive rights is the number one issue, an area polls show Harris has an advantage over Trump. While she isn't worried about abortion becoming illegal in Illinois, she said it's "heartbreak-

ing" for others across the country, especially those who may not have the money to travel long distances for the procedure.

"I think having someone like Trump in the White House, it's a danger to women," she said. "I come from an immigrant background, so just someone that's so anti-immigrant like he is, it's terrible."

In 1996, when Beth Mohsinger was a 21-year-old student from Syracuse University volunteering at the DNC, she remembers its "fun" and "celebratory" nature, especially the night she got to go inside the convention hall. She told the Tribune at the time that abortion rights was the most important issue for young Democrats.

Mohsinger, who's now a fundraiser for groups supporting reproductive health and rights, laughed when reached by phone this week, saying while she doesn't remember talking about the issue 30 years ago, she isn't surprised. After the Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade two years ago, she said protecting abortion rights is even more urgent.

"She (Harris) is the most outspoken presidential candidate we've ever had on the abortion issue, and with her and Tim Walz, they're the most pro-reproductive health ticket we've ever seen in history," Mohsinger, 49, said. "It's exciting that it's a motivating issue. I mean, it's also depressing and sad that we are at this point that ... we had to have our rights taken away from us."

Mohsinger said she's also paying attention to the economy this election and other social issues, such as racial justice and LGBTQ+ rights. For her, the Democratic Party's positions best align with her values. She's scheduled to be at next week's convention as well, she added.

"I mean the party's not perfect, no party is perfect," she said. "But certainly it's the party I most identify with."

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Political discourse has devolved into shouting, ghosting

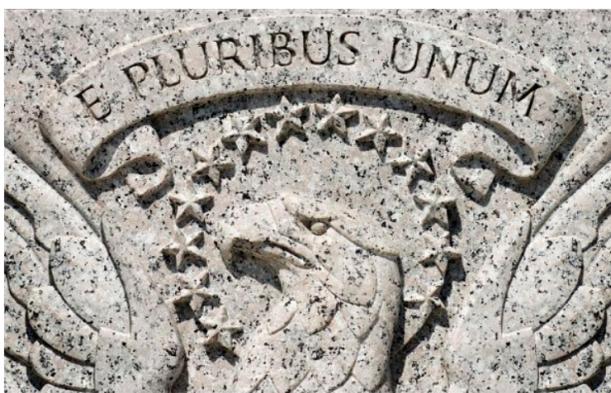
By James Coltella

My accent as an Englishman in America hasn't protected me from the whiplash of dating and ghosting. It strikes me that many people prefer to leave silence to do the talking, rather than express an opinion that might not be well received.

Yet ghosting is the epitome of bad manners. Surely as a society, we owe it to each other to be honest, giving closure rather than adding confusion?

Unfortunately, it appears that ghosting isn't just a phenomenon in dating. It's everywhere, including in political discourse. In that regard, how honest can we be with each other when the world can so quickly turn on us? Is ghosting just the result of an age in which it is perhaps safer to say nothing?

Encountering Ron Heifetz's adaptive leadership framework at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, I questioned my whole methodology. I began to see that adding the right amount of heat into a system or conversation catalyzes parties to stop what is described as "work avoidance," allowing honest and productive discussions to occur. The bravery required isn't merely about pushing back but also about receiving



E pluribus unum — Latin for "out of many, one," the traditional motto of the United States — is engraved on the World War II Memorial in Washington.

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and holding perspectives that don't resonate with our views of ourselves.

Exercising not just the right to an opinion but also the duty to listen provided a container in which fruitful discussions could emerge, something epitomized by sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild in her book "Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right." Hochschild's deep dive into tea party supporters in Louisiana, who have since become ardent Donald Trump support-

ers, is fascinating. Revealing hard truths about why they feel so slighted and holding these as real ensured that multiple voices could surface.

It is far too simple just to cancel opinions that don't fit with our worldview, yet much harder to listen to perspectives that we feel are vile and repugnant. President John F. Kennedy was right when he observed that "too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought." Unfortunately, supporting the

right opinions is now becoming somewhat of a sport, and I was horrified to hear a teenager talk about being ostracized for not liking and sharing a post. Not giving an opinion on the cause in question was certainly to the teen's detriment. Yet the fear of saying the wrong thing is perhaps just as bad. Where was the container for them in which they could hold safe?

Since moving here from England, I have learned that America is not one country but a collection of different identities — 11 if writer Colin Woodard in his book "American Character" is to be believed, ranging from what he terms as Yankeeedom in the North, Tidewater in the East, New France in the South and the Left Coast in the West. As such, how is it possible to unite thought, if not to recognize that we can hold together differences of opinion?

It appears America has drifted so far to the margins of political debate that the center ground of "E pluribus unum" holds no more.

Yet the America I have always loved is one in which you can visit the grocery store without locking the house and a place where after a snowstorm, people go out to clear their path — a simple

but important act of collective endeavor. America is at heart a country of community, whose strength is in its ability to rally together and not just on events like July Fourth.

This country has always had a voice but ensuring it holds multiple voices is key to stopping it from tearing itself apart. Ralph Waldo Emerson, father of the American Renaissance, said that "people seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character." Therefore, when we are next tempted to assert a hasty opinion or conversely opt to ghost someone, maybe we should instead engage in more generative conversations, offering up a container for discussions to take place.

Understanding how both parties feel ensures that we can move forward with a promise of collaborative visions of the future — visions of a country that doesn't just offer the opportunity of a new world but also one that creates a world of new opportunities.

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How Tribune can help comics

Rick Kogan's column about comic strips is interesting ("Are comic strips still a part of your daily life?" Aug. 13). I have been a Tribune reader since about 1950 and a subscriber since 1960. Throughout those decades, the comics have been the one section I always read. Other newspapers have a much smaller list of cartoons, often with smaller type that requires a magnifier.

Comics creators have changed over the decades. Some were very good, some were mediocre and a few were boring. Chester Gould produced "Dick Tracy," which my parents always read, but over the decades, a variety of authors has failed to carry out the format of "Tracy" stories. The subject matter is dragged out to the point in which following the issue or issues is often impossible, and some of the topics make a poor story. "Tracy" is a fitting example of this problem.

I suggest that the Tribune invite its subscribers to express what is funny and what is not. Or what is readable and what is virtually never enjoyable.

The Tribune specifically should ask whether it is time to retire "Dick Tracy." With the comic strip section being a longtime success and an important part of the Tribune, readers should have the opportunity to express their opinions.

— Robert Tingler, Palatine

Horrible experience at O'Hare

Welcome to Chicago! Or not. Apologies to all international travelers who arrived at O'Hare International Airport on a recent Tuesday afternoon. It took two ridiculous hours to get through the customs lines and pick up luggage. Bleary-eyed passengers were being yelled at and given either no information or contradictory information from rude employees about which line they were supposed to get in and how to proceed. Lines moved beyond slowly.

While there were many empty baggage carousels, Carousel No. 4 was stacked with baggage piling up from four large international flights arriving about the same time. (Praise to the hard-working baggage attendants who were forced to climb on the belt to relieve continuous baggage jams and, at one point, pull suit-

cases from an entire flight off the carousel because passengers were held up in customs. They gave us our only helpful information.)

It was a horrible introduction to Chicago and absolutely inexcusable. No kind of management anywhere in sight; just chaos.

Who's minding the store?
— Susan Phillips, Naperville

Finding, producing lost recipes

Into the 1960s, there was a little white tile building on Garfield Boulevard in Chicago called Elliott's Kitchen. It served complimentary powdered-sugar doughnut holes and the world's most delicious barbecue beef. Into the 1980s, on Tuesdays, Old Prague in Cicero served goulash soup — exquisitely delicious!

These great places are long out of business, but do the magical recipes survive? Someone could make a fortune producing these culinary masterpieces.

There's at least a newspaper column or possibly a TV show for lost recipes.

— Richard F. Nolan, Park Ridge

CTA president is awfully blasé

CTA President Dorval Carter Jr.'s apparently blasé attitude toward the transportation challenges our city is facing strongly reminds me of MAD magazine spokesman Alfred E. Neuman and his dimwitted grin. His motto, "What, me worry?" certainly fits this situation.

— Mark Woodward, Chicago

Explanation for Sox's season

As a longtime White Sox season ticket holder, I don't think the front office has a clue what its job actually is: Win baseball games.

I say this because the front office talks about the players' effort, attitude and character but doesn't mention their talent. If winning games is about effort, attitude and character, then sign me — and millions of others — up to play. We, too, will try really hard.

But this isn't Little League with participation trophies. This is the major leagues. Instead of making excuses or trying to stress the positive, maybe the front office should look in the mirror and own that it sucks at evaluating talent and developing the talent



it has (as players regress with the Sox). Own it.

— William Choslovsky, Chicago

'Chariots of Fire' offers insight

Regarding the recently completed Summer Olympics in Paris, the opening ceremonies wowed me, the athletes' backstories engaged me and the sporting events drew all my attention and enthusiasm. And, of course, NBC's hiring of Snoo Dogg was inspired.

I did take a break from the action to watch the 1981 film "Chariots of Fire," about British Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell who ran in the 1924 Olympics. Watching it was apt because it dramatizes a previous time the Olympics were held in Paris.

Abrahams won a gold medal in the 100 meters with a time of 10.6 seconds. This year, American Noah Lyles won gold with a time of 9.79 seconds.

Liddell won gold in the 400 meters with a time of 47.6 seconds. In 2024, American Quincy Hall won gold with a time of 43.4 seconds.

After 100 years of sports medicine, specialized training, and technology, the time difference between Abrahams and Lyles is 0.81, and the time difference for Liddell and Hall is 4.2 seconds. It shows small but crucial progress.

At one point in the film, Abrahams, played by Ben Cross, says, "I believe in the pursuit of excel-

lence, and I'll carry the future with me." That, I believe, sums up the spirit and the goal of the Olympics.

— Jim Bauman, Crystal Lake

'Woke,' 'weird' or 'moderate'?

"Woke" is frequently used in social media. It is a slang term from African American vernacular English. Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "woke" as "aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice)." The term gained widespread use with the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement. "Woke" is a word for social awareness.

MAGA Republicans use it for anyone who is or appears to be liberal or progressive, i.e., politically leaning to the left.

MAGA supporters have been labeled as "weird," the equivalent of being weak. They do not respect the Constitution, believe in rule of law or recognize the will of the people. This "weird" label upsets conservative politicians and their pundits because they think it is childish and mean. Really? Seems to me that it is describing Donald Trump.

I do not support any political affiliation. So I must be a "true" moderate or a disengaged moderate or possibly a weird moderate. Like moderates in California, I would like fair taxes, responsible budgets, vital services provided efficiently and effectively, encour-

agement of economic growth and the absence of religion in government.

So are you "woke," "weird" or a "moderate"?

Maybe we should all read the book by former U.S. Rep. Mickey Edwards, "The Parties Versus the People: How to Turn Republicans and Democrats Into Americans."

Can we find the political middle to save America?

— John Rottman, Marion, Illinois

Who is the right candidate?

An organization has been looking for a new leader. Recruiters are looking for wise leadership. I am being considered. I have insufficient knowledge in some critical areas. However, I have certain skills and the know-how to get things done. For these challenging times, I have the right experience.

Shortly, a new leader will be called upon to think and make important decisions about complex issues involving economics, finance, science, international relations and law. Decisions would affect constituents of diverse businesses and social interests. The candidate chosen needs to get it right and does not have the luxury of time to be trained. Many within the organization, and many beyond, will be watching and hoping for success.

Should I get the job?

— Russell Harwood, Naperville

PETER DWARS 1949-2024

Former IHDA chief led push for below-market financing

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

Peter Dwars was responsible for creating and providing below-market financing for about 30,000 housing units across the state for low-income and moderate-income families during his time as head of the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Dwars was skilled both in politics and communications, colleagues said, and adept at using his knowledge to advise three governors on housing finance matters and to explain complex concepts to lawmakers.

"Peter was long recognized as the guru of bond financing and other innovations in housing finance not only in Illinois, but nationwide by governors, mayors and other elected officials, bond attorneys, bankers and others over many years," said Peter Lennon, who twice served alongside Dwars as the Illinois Housing Authority's deputy director.

Dwars, 74, died of complications from pancreatic cancer on July 1, said his wife of 42 years, Gail Beesen-Dwars. He was a resident of Chicago's Old Town neighborhood.

Born in Hammond, Indiana, Dwars received a bachelor's degree in marketing and economics in 1971 from Indiana University in Bloomington. He managed a Jewel grocery store for a time before earning a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago in 1972.

Dwars joined the staff of IHDA, a quasi-independent state agency formed in the late 1960s as a way to find solutions for the housing shortage for low- and middle-income families in the state.

The authority issues tax-exempt bonds that enable it to provide below market rate financing for housing, and it also administers state and federal funding programs to promote new construction and major renovations of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families as well as for the elderly and disabled.

Dwars held several roles at the agency, including in marketing and as head of its mortgage credit department. He became the authority's deputy director in 1977 and at various times served as acting executive director. In 1988, Dwars was appointed the agency's executive director.

"Pete not only excelled at public finance, but he also proved himself to be exceptional at defining public policy, and actually caring about the people we were charged to serve,"



Peter Dwars, director of the Illinois Housing Authority, talks with Uptown residents about a Section 8 housing issue on Sept. 14, 1989. MICHAEL FYER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

said James W. Kiley, who preceded Dwars as IHDA's executive director.

Former IHDA general counsel John Glennon said that Dwars was involved with "almost every single low-income and affordable housing program we take for granted today."

As executive director, Dwars directed all IHDA operations, including a \$1.1 billion multifamily rental housing program, \$43 million in federal program funds and nearly \$40 million in low-income tax credits. He was responsible for managing the agency's \$10.6 million annual budget at the time, funded entirely from its own activities.

Dwars worked with U.S. House and Senate committees to permanently extend federal mortgage revenue bond and low-income housing tax credit programs, and with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to rewrite regulations for its Section 8 rental subsidy program.

"At the time, none of those programs were universally acceptable for demographic, racial discrimination and real estate valuation reasons," Glennon said of the various low-income and affordable housing programs that Dwars had helped craft. "Pete worked both sides of the aisle and suburban and city legislators to get those programs into operation. And something Pete never got credit for was his commitment to find financing for minority real estate developers when no private lenders would loan money to them."

Dwars kept up on new concepts in the rapidly evolving field, Glennon said.

"Whenever there was a big meeting coming up, on a new concept like tax credits or accelerated depreciation or Section 8 income limits, you would almost always find Peter at 7 or 8 p.m. back in the corner of his office, probably sneaking a Parliament cigarette, with a stack of reading materials 6 inches high," Glennon

said. "He would not walk into that meeting the next day unless he was going to be the best-prepared fellow in the room. And he always was."

In 1994, Dwars left IHDA to join CS First Boston as vice president of investment banking operations for infrastructure financing in the Midwest. The following year, CS First Boston exited the municipal bond field, and Dwars soon was hired by Alex. Brown & Sons, as a vice president overseeing housing and infrastructure financing for state, county and local governments.

In 1996, Dwars joined commercial real estate firm Jos. Cacciatore & Co. as a vice president of business development.

Dwars rejoined IHDA as executive director in 2000. By then, its staff had grown to 200 employees and it had a \$1 billion investment portfolio.

Mary Kenney was a secretary at IHDA when Dwars encouraged her to go to law school. She did and in his second tour of duty he hired her as the agency's general counsel. She was IHDA's executive director from 2011 to 2015.

"The citizens of Chicago and Illinois owe Peter a great debt," Kenney said. "He created thousands of new units of affordable rental housing — as well as thousands of new homeowners through his creative methods of financing deals and mortgages."

After leaving IHDA for good in 2003, Dwars handled business development at Alliant Asset Management, which is a firm that invests in tax-advantaged real estate developments. He retired from Alliant in 2014.

In addition to his wife, Dwars is survived by his 101-year-old mother, Harriet; a sister, Sue Ann; and a brother, Thomas.

A funeral service was held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPT. 17 ...

In 1787 the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1862 Union forces held back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

In 1907 Warren Burger, the 15th chief justice of the Supreme Court, was born in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1920 the American Professional Football Association — precursor of the National Football League — as formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1939 the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. The Allies, however, encountered fierce German resistance.

In 1947 James Forrestal was sworn in as the first U.S. defense secretary.

In 1948 Sweden's Count Folke Bernadotte, the U.N. mediator in the war between Israel and the Arab countries, was assassinated near Jerusalem.

In 1949 more than 130 people died when fire gutted the Canadian passenger steamer Noronic at a pier in Toronto.

In 1962 U.S. space officials announced the selection of nine new astronauts, including Neil Armstrong, who became the first man to step onto the moon.

In 1972 the television show "M*A*S*H" premiered on CBS.

In 1976 NASA publicly unveiled the space shuttle Enterprise at ceremonies in Palmdale, Calif.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1980 former Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza was assassinated in Paraguay.

In 1983 Vanessa Williams, of New York, became the first black contestant to be crowned Miss America.

(The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal.)

In 1984 Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

In 1986 the Senate confirmed the nomination of William Rehnquist to become the 16th U.S. chief justice.

In 1991 the U.N. General Assembly opened its 46th session, welcoming new members Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North and South Korea, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

In 1992 a federal judge overturned the impeachment of former U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings, saying he did not receive a fair trial by the Senate, which convicted him in 1989 of perjury and conspiracy.

In 1994 Heather Whitestone, of Alabama, was crowned Miss America, the first deaf contestant to win the title.

In 2005 two passengers were killed and more than 80 people injured when a Chicago commuter train derailed while changing tracks at high speed.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Fineman, Elliot Norman

Elliot Norman Fineman, a remarkable advocate and compassionate man, passed away on February 4, 2024. He was larger than life and endlessly charming, even during his dementia, and very, very funny. His stated goal was to make sure no one was ever worse off for knowing him, but he went much further and tirelessly worked to improve the lives of his family and friends and to support the community. In the last few years of his life, he gave to 42 charities (I know, I had to collect them to stop the donation requests). When doctors gave his 42-year-old wife, Patricia, 3 months to live, the medical team attributed my mother's additional 21 months of life to the love and efforts of my father. He was a brilliant marketing consultant and created effective strategies for Fortune 400 corporations. In one of these, he met Nancy Schnell, his wonderful companion of about 20 years, who, like his wife, died young. Some described his life as tragic, but he would say, "Many people never have one great love in their life, but I had two." In addition to marketing, his life's journey spanned from poker tables to executive management to trading commodities and options, and finally to creating and helming the National Gun Victims Action Council. Tragically, his son, Michael, fell victim to gun violence, igniting Elliot's unwavering commitment to passing sane gun laws. His background as a successful marketing consultant compelled him to explore how to get laws passed using an economic framework. He grew up in the South Bronx and made it to MIT. Ever the mathematician, I would be remiss to point out that he died on 02/04/2024, 42 years later, but in the same week as his wife, who died, like his son, at the age of 44. His cherished, brilliant younger brother, Joel, died at 42. Elliot was a wonderful, sweet, courageous, inspiring man. He is survived by his absolutely devastated daughter, who finds the grief almost unbearable (which is why this obituary is appearing so late after his death), his cousin David Gouverneur, and his grandchildren, Andrew, Dylan, and Joelle. In lieu of flowers, please vote Democratic.

He graduated from Texas Senior High School in 1975 as a national merit scholar and was awarded a scholarship to Tulsa University, where he majored in urban studies. After completing his degree, he attended law school at the University of Texas in Austin and passed the Texas bar exam. His first job took him to Chicago, where he worked for Arthur Anderson accounting firm. It was there that he discovered a lifelong love for the city of Chicago.

Death Notices

McClendon, Dennis 'MrDowntown'

Cartographer Dennis McClendon, "Mr Downtown," died of complications related to pancreatic cancer in the early morning of August 8, 2024. He was sixty-seven years old. Born in Texarkana, Ark., to Noble and Merida McClendon on July 23, 1957, Dennis had a brilliant mind and an avid curiosity about the world around him. He was a precocious boy who read everything he could get his hands on — cereal boxes, advertising mailings, railroad timetables — and informed himself about even the most arcane topics, laying the foundation for a life-long love of learning and knowledge.

While still in high school Dennis passed the FCC exam before he was even old enough to drive and became a radio disc jockey at KOSY-FM in Texarkana under the DJ name Mark Austin. He later worked as a volunteer disk jockey for CRIS Radio in Chicago, which provides daily readings of newspapers and periodicals for the visually impaired.

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"With the zeal of the converted," as he put it, Dennis immersed himself in Chicago history, architecture and urban design. He bought an apartment in the South Loop when that section of downtown was still a neglected area, and played an active role in the South Loop Neighbors organization. He held many positions during his long tenure there, including president and vice president of planning and development. He became known as the face of the organization.

His work as a cartographer and designer has impacted generations of Chicago visitors and residents alike. He worked for the American Planning Association (APA) and helped produce their monthly publication. His work on maps for the magazine led to him establish his own company, Chicago CartoGraphics. Dennis created maps for many cities and other clients, including the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) and Chicago Transport Authority (CTA) and the Chicago Department of Transportation, where he designed the original Chicago Bike Map. He was a longtime member of the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS), where he was founder and host of its annual "GeoDweeb Geopardy" competition.

As an expert in Chicago history, Dennis was a popular lecturer on a wide variety of topics, including railroad stations, bridges, World's Fairs, mapmaking, and Burnham's 1909 Plan for Chicago. He also maintained a formidable presence online, particularly on Reddit, where he posted under the screen name "MrDowntown." He was known as a reliable source of information and expertise, and often provided concise, academically-sourced answers to settle debates on r/Chicago and r/AskHistorians, among other subreddits. And he was one of the primary sources that local media often turned to, including WBEZ's "Curious City" radio broadcast and WTTW's "Ask Geoffrey" television program. In addition, his "Chicago in Maps" website has long been a trusted resource for historic map collections.

Dennis was extraordinarily kind and endlessly generous with his knowledge, seeming to know a little bit (or in most cases a lot) about everything. He loved Chicago, and was a certified tour guide and vice president of the Chicago Tour-Guide Professionals Association. Whenever he was out and about in the city, he would stop to offer assistance and give directions to anyone he encountered with a map in their hand and a puzzled look on their face.

Dennis was also a citizen of the world. An avid traveler, he visited more than 100 countries on every continent but Antarctica and shared this passion with his family and friends, encouraging them to travel often. An exceptional travel companion, he had a conversational knowledge of Spanish, German, and French, and had an enormous respect for other cultures and different ways of life. On his travels Dennis especially loved visiting cities around the world. As an enthusiastic aficionado of trains, he often took pictures of public transportation as well as outstanding examples of urban design, contributing many of his photos to dedicated websites. He was a member of the Chicago Map Society, the Central Electric Railfans Association, and a longtime mentor to members of the Chicago chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Noble Lester McClendon. He is survived by his mother, Merida McClendon; sister Denise Cariveau and husband Louis; nephews David Cariveau and wife Katy, and Michael Cariveau; niece Sara Monfries and husband Nick.

Mikos, F.J. Mike J. 'Mike'
F.J. "Mike" Mikos, 91, of Lake Leelanau, formerly of Chicago died Friday, August 9, 2024 in Suttons Bay, MI. A celebration of Mike's life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with the **Martinson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Leelanau.**

Nelson, James Paul
James Paul Nelson, 80, of Huntley, died peacefully, on August 13, 2024 at JourneyCare Hospice in Barrington with his loved ones at his side. Jim was born November 25, 1943, the son of Herman and Anne (Bell) Nelson. On January 25, 1964, Jim married Barbara Grace Morin. Barb preceded him in death on October 19, 2013. Jim is preceded in death by his eldest son, Paul Nelson. Jim served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in June 1972.

Everyone who knew Jim knew he was friendly, kind and a perfect gentleman. Jim was devoted to his Catholic faith. He was a member of the St. Mary Knights of Columbus. Jim's smiling face and kind words will be missed by all who knew him. Jim is survived by his son, Robert Eric Nelson, and his grandchildren, Jack Paul Nelson, and Julia Reed Nelson. Jim is preceded in death by his brother, Richard Joseph Nelson, and sister Linda (Charles) Harth. Jim is survived by his special friend and loving partner, Anne Walker. Jim is also survived by many in-laws, nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 4 pm – 8 pm at DeFiore Funeral Home - 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 10 am at St. Mary Catholic Church - 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials/donations may be directed to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at www.alzfdn.org. For further information, please contact the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or online condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com

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LEGAL NOTICES 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 routine services, supplies and materials utilizing the informal bid process for services with a dollar value less than \$10,000 and materials, supplies and equipment with a dollar value less than \$25,000. Salary: \$82,722.38 per year

Senior Buyer (Original & Promotional)

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

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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Stray showers/downpours. The type where you'll want to grab the umbrella. Still a bit muggy with highs in the upper 70s. Breezy at times.

SATURDAY
Day Night
High: **79** Low: **67**
Breezy and not as warm with a shower
POP: **85%**
Winds: **W 10-20 mph**

SUNDAY
Day Night
High: **80** Low: **64**
Clouds and sun with a stray shower; breezy
POP: **90%**
Winds: **N 10-20 mph**

MONDAY
Day Night
High: **79** Low: **62**
Mostly sunny, breezy and less humid
POP: **0%**
Winds: **ENE 10-20 mph**

TUESDAY
Day Night
High: **77** Low: **60**
Mostly sunny and beautiful
POP: **5%**
Winds: **NE 7-14 mph**

WEDNESDAY
Day Night
High: **79** Low: **61**
Mostly cloudy
POP: **15%**
Winds: **NNE 6-12 mph**

THURSDAY
Day Night
High: **85** Low: **64**
Sun and areas of high clouds and nice
POP: **15%**
Winds: **NNE 6-12 mph**

CHICAGO FORECAST

Saturday Conditions
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

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

Golfing Index

6	6	2	4	5	2	5
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Fishing Index

3	3	4	6	4	0	3
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CHICAGO ALMANAC

Friday Temperatures
O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	87
Low	67
Normal high	83
Normal low	65
Record high	98 (1988)
Record low	48 (2004)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Friday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	87	66	82	60
Gary	89	70	83	64
Kankakee	85	67	83	63
Lansing	86	67	83	63
Midway	86	68	83	67
Romeoville	86	66	83	63
Valparaiso	84	68	83	63
Waukegan	87	69	80	61

Friday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Friday*	0.17"	0.00"	0.15"
Month to date	1.27"	1.13"	2.24"
Year to date	25.53"	24.06"	24.78"

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

Pollen as of 8/16

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Absent	Absent	Moderate	High

Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index

Friday's reading: **Moderate**

Saturday's forecast: **Good**

Primary pollutant: **Ozone**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

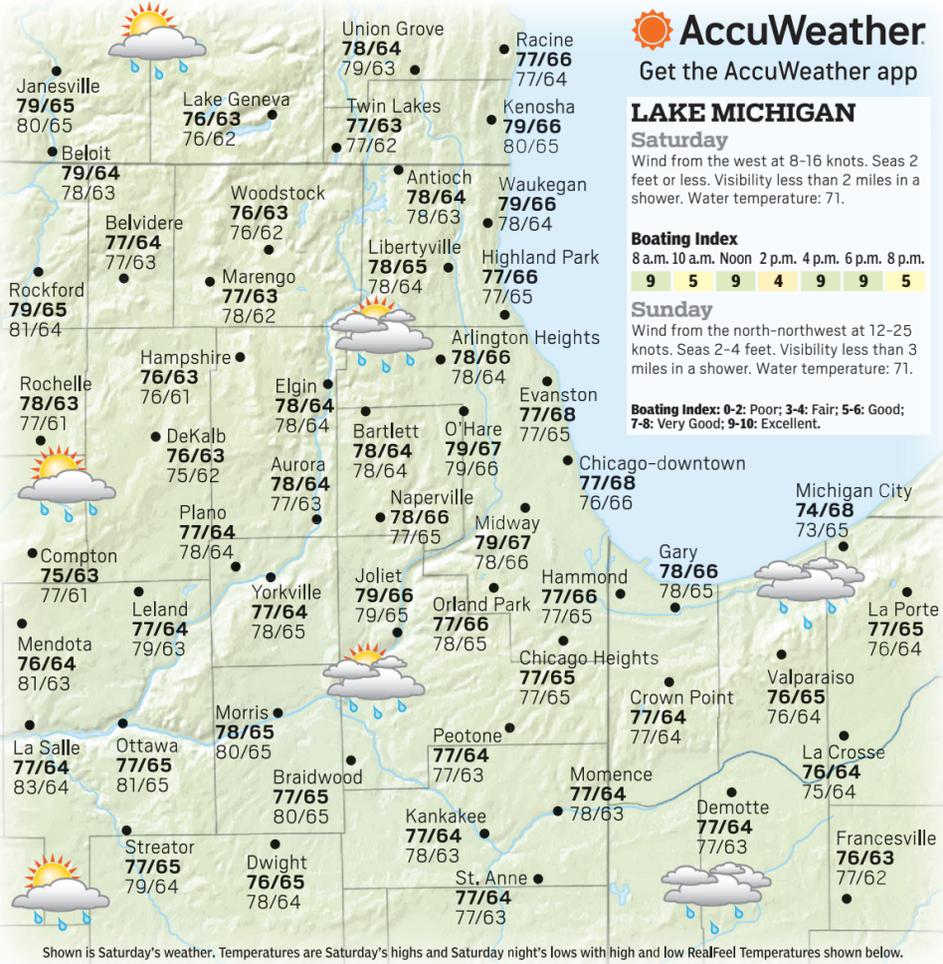
	Sat.	Sun.
Sunrise	6:01 a.m.	6:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:47 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
Moonrise	6:58 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Moonset	2:54 a.m.	4:12 a.m.



Saturday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:26 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Venus	7:45 a.m.	8:41 p.m.
Mars	12:44 a.m.	3:47 p.m.
Jupiter	12:40 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
Saturn	8:45 p.m.	8:02 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:15 p.m. Mars: 5:30 a.m. Jupiter: 5:30 a.m. Saturn: 9:05 p.m. Mercury: not visible



Shown is Saturday's weather. Temperatures are Saturday's highs and Saturday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Saturday
Wind from the west at 8-16 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 2 miles in a shower. Water temperature: 71.

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

9	5	9	4	9	5
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Sunday
Wind from the north-northwest at 12-25 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility less than 3 miles in a shower. Water temperature: 71.

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

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Jaisol Martinez

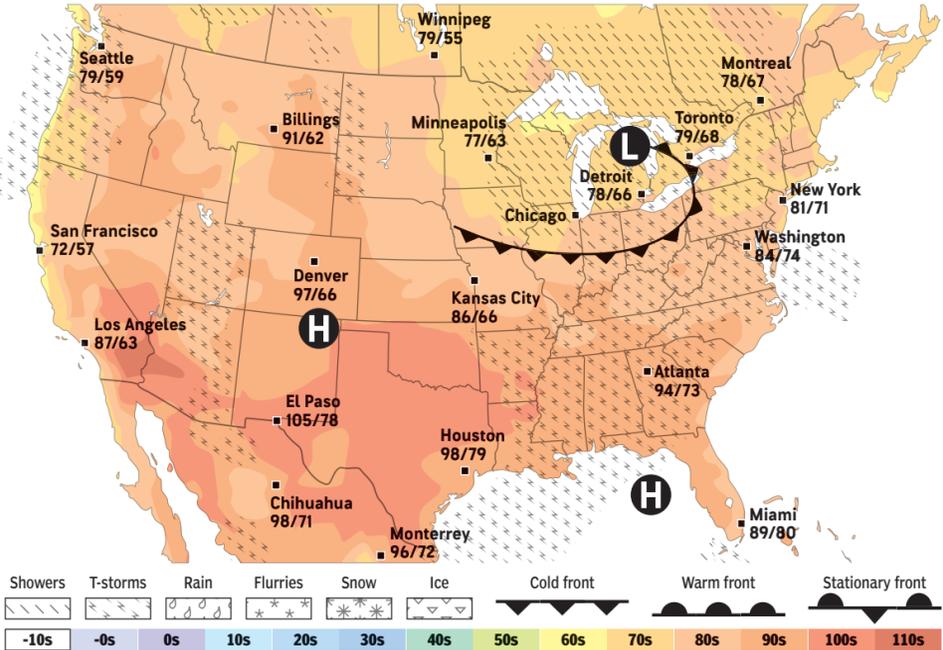
QUESTION: How much rain did we get from the storms Thursday night into Friday morning?

ANSWER: It depends on where you live. There were clusters of storms in parts of Will, DuPage and Cook counties that dropped 1-3 inches of rain in a short amount of time. A Flood Advisory was in effect for parts of those counties from about 2-5:15 Friday morning. Burr Ridge reported 3.01 inches of rain and Darien got 1.72 inches. Naperville reported 1.21 inches of rain from overnight storms, and closer to the city, Midway reported 1.06 inches of rain. A storm spotter near downtown got 0.26 of an inch and O'Hare reported only 0.05 of an inch.

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

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



Legend for weather symbols: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Cold front, Warm front, Stationary front, and temperature bands from -10s to 110s.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sat.		Sun.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Illinois				
Carbondale	93/67/t	84/64/s		
Champaign	80/65/s	82/62/t		
Decatur	81/67/s	82/63/t		
Moline	80/65/s	82/61/t		
Peoria	79/66/s	82/63/t		
Quincy	83/65/s	82/64/s		
Rockford	79/65/sh	81/60/pc		
Springfield	81/65/s	81/59/t		
Sterling	79/64/pc	81/58/s		
Indiana				
Bloomington	86/66/t	79/64/t		
Evansville	92/69/t	83/65/t		
Fort Wayne	79/66/t	75/61/t		
Indianapolis	84/65/t	78/63/t		
Lafayette	79/65/pc	77/61/t		
South Bend	77/66/t	74/60/pc		
Wisconsin				
Green Bay	75/64/c	80/56/pc		
Kenosha	79/66/sh	80/60/pc		
La Crosse	78/62/pc	84/58/s		
Madison	78/64/c	81/56/s		
Milwaukee	79/67/sh	79/63/pc		
Wausau	75/61/c	79/55/s		
Michigan				
Detroit	78/66/t	76/62/t		
Grand Rapids	75/65/sh	76/59/pc		
Marquette	66/58/sh	67/55/pc		
Sault Ste. Marie	75/64/sh	75/53/sh		
Traverse City	73/68/sh	74/61/sh		
Iowa				
Ames	81/61/pc	82/59/s		
Cedar Rapids	78/63/s	82/60/s		
Des Moines	83/62/s	83/63/s		
Dubuque	77/62/pc	80/59/s		

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	106/79/s	106/79/s
Albany, NY	81/68/t	80/68/t
Albuquerque	98/70/s	97/71/s
Amarillo	104/74/s	104/71/s
Anchorage	62/57/s	66/54/r
Asheville	87/66/t	83/65/s
Aspen	84/51/s	77/51/c
Atlanta	94/73/t	89/70/t
Atlantic City	79/72/t	79/70/t
Austin	101/75/s	102/76/pc
Baltimore	83/74/t	83/70/t
Billings	91/62/s	97/67/c
Birmingham	94/72/t	91/68/t
Bismarck	81/59/pc	84/62/s
Boise	99/67/s	94/65/s
Boston	75/67/t	78/65/c
Brownsville	96/80/t	95/80/t
Buffalo	83/68/t	77/64/t
Burlington, VT	82/68/sh	80/68/t
Charleston, SC	91/74/s	93/74/t
Charleston, WV	91/67/t	79/65/t
Charlotte	91/72/t	89/67/t
Chatanooga	92/70/t	88/68/t
Cheyenne	92/62/s	88/61/c
Cincinnati	88/65/t	76/64/t
Cleveland	83/67/t	76/65/t
Colorado Spgs	94/64/s	90/61/pc
Columbia, MO	88/65/s	84/64/s
Columbia, SC	92/73/s	93/71/t
Columbus, OH	85/66/t	79/66/t
Concord	79/63/c	78/62/c
Corpus Christi	97/79/pc	97/77/pc
Dallas	104/83/s	106/84/s
Daytona Beach	88/71/s	92/75/t
Denver	97/66/s	91/64/pc
Duluth	76/59/pc	78/56/s
El Paso	105/78/s	101/75/s

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	60/54/sh	73/50/c
Fargo	80/59/s	83/59/pc
Flagstaff	79/55/t	80/54/pc
Fort Myers	92/74/s	93/77/s
Fort Smith	99/77/pc	98/75/pc
Fresno	95/63/s	92/65/s
Grand Junction	93/66/s	90/68/pc
Great Falls	87/56/s	91/60/c
Harrisburg	81/73/t	79/68/t
Hartford	83/69/c	81/68/c
Helena, MT	90/58/pc	93/60/c
Honolulu	89/77/pc	90/76/sh
Houston	98/79/s	100/79/pc
Int'l Falls	78/54/s	78/51/pc
Jackson, MS	98/77/t	102/77/t
Jacksonville	91/71/s	93/74/t
Juneau	68/49/pc	78/53/s
Kansas City	86/66/s	84/64/s
Las Vegas	105/83/c	105/81/s
Lexington	90/67/t	80/66/t
Lincoln	87/63/s	82/63/c
Little Rock	95/77/t	99/73/t
Los Angeles	87/63/s	87/63/s
Louisville	91/67/t	81/67/t
Macon	94/71/t	96/69/t
Memphis	94/76/t	93/72/s
Miami	89/80/t	90/79/t
Minneapolis	77/63/pc	84/62/pc
Mobile	95/76/t	100/76/t
Montgomery	97/73/t	99/70/t
Nashville	89/73/t	86/70/t
New Orleans	94/78/t	98/80/t
New York City	81/71/c	77/71/t
Norfolk	86/73/t	88/73/t
Oklahoma City	103/76/s	102/73/pc
Omaha	84/62/s	81/62/pc
Orlando	91/71/s	92/76/s

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Palm Beach	90/77/pc	91/75/pc
Palm Springs	109/83/s	110/82/s
Philadelphia	83/71/t	80/69/t
Phoenix	107/90/s	110/90/pc
Pittsburgh	84/67/t	76/65/t
Portland, ME	77/66/c	78/66/c
Portland, OR	84/62/t	78/59/pc
Providence	89/73/t	89/69/t
Raleigh	89/63/s	90/64/pc
Rapid City	88/53/s	92/53/s
Reno	85/73/t	87/69/t
Richmond	85/68/t	78/67/t
Rochester	83/57/s	87/54/s
Sacramento	90/70/s	85/66/s
St. Louis	81/58/t	76/55/pc
Salem, OR	86/70/t	92/69/c
Salt Lake City	101/78/s	100/78/pc
San Antonio	75/68/pc	78/67/pc
San Diego	72/57/pc	68/55/pc
San Francisco	92/78/t	92/79/t
San Juan	94/65/s	92/64/s
Santa Fe	92/73/pc	94/72/t
Savannah	79/59/t	76/56/pc
Seattle	102/80/pc	106/79/t
Shreveport	83/58/s	84/63/pc
Sioux Falls	89/61/pc	84/58/s
Spokane	80/70/t	78/68/t
Syracuse	96/75/s	96/77/t
Tallahassee	92/76/s	93/81/s
Tampa	91/67/s	87/65/s
Topeka	101/79/t	101/79/pc
Tucson	99/76/s	96/74/pc
Tulsa	84/74/t	85/71/t
Washington, DC	95/73/s	93/72/s
Wichita	77/68/t	77/66/t
Wilkes-Barre	109/84/s	109/83/s
Yuma		

WORLD CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/78/t	89/77/t
Algiers	88/66/s	94/71/s
Amsterdam	75/60/pc	72/55/pc
Ankara	84/57/s	90/60/s
Athens	97/78/s	94/75/s
Auckland	60	

Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Paratransit drivers for Pace, CPS go on strike

Some riders with disabilities experience service limitations

By Sarah Freisztat and Molly Morrow
Chicago Tribune

Paratransit drivers for Pace Suburban Bus and Chicago Public Schools went on strike Friday, delaying service for some transit riders with disabilities and health conditions.

The drivers, employed by SCR Medical Transportation, walked out on strike at 3 a.m. amid attempts to reach a labor contract with the company, Teamsters Local 727, the union that represents the drivers, said in a statement.

About 800 drivers walked out, said Caleen Carter-Patton, business manager for the union. About 450 of those drivers work with Pace, she said.

Pace would continue to maintain service, but wait times might be longer, spokeswoman Maggie Daly Skogsbakken said. SCR is one of several paratransit providers in the city, she said.

The agency, which said it is not part of the labor dispute, asked passengers to postpone nonessential trips or use alternative services like the Taxi Access Program and Rideshare Access Program, which allow eligible riders to take taxi or ride-share trips subsidized by Pace.

"We are focused on maintaining service for some of our most vulnerable passen-

gers, and we are hopeful that an agreement will be reached as soon as possible," Skogsbakken said in an email.

The paratransit program, required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, is open to certified riders with a disability or health condition that prevents them from riding traditional CTA or Pace buses and trains.

The strike also affects CPS paratransit bus drivers, though school does not start until late August. CPS officials said in a statement they were monitoring the strike.

"We encourage the parties to work toward an agreement that ensures qualified students have access to the transportation

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Texas firm awarded up to \$1.6B for chip plants

By Madeleine Ngo
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration will award up to \$1.6 billion in grants to Texas Instruments to help the company build three manufacturing plants, the latest in a slew of awards intended to ramp up the nation's production of semiconductors.

The money will help the Dallas-based company construct two plants in Sherman, Texas, and a facility in Lehi, Utah, Commerce Department officials announced Friday. The grant is meant to strengthen the domestic supply of semiconductors, the tiny chips that are key components of electronic devices.

The investment will "advance U.S. economic security and mitigate those same supply-chain vulnerabilities that were brought to light during the pandemic," Laurie Locascio, undersecretary of Commerce for standards and technology, said during a call with reporters Thursday night.

In addition to the grant, the department will award up to \$3 billion in loans to Texas Instruments, officials said. The company is also expected to claim federal tax credits that could cover 25% of the cost of building and outfitting factories with production equipment. The funds will support the company's investment of more than \$18 billion to construct the facilities, officials said.

The money comes from the CHIPS Act, which passed Congress in 2022. The legislation was intended to bolster the domestic production of semiconductors and reduce the nation's dependence on Asian countries for them. Only about 10% of the world's semiconductors are manufactured in the United States, down from about 37% in 1990.



Workers hand out orders during lunch time at Portillo's River North restaurant in Chicago on Oct. 20, 2021. JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Activist investor obtains 10% stake in Portillo's

Engaged Capital pushes for change, including smaller restaurants with lower costs

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Activist investor Engaged Capital is pushing for change at Oak Brook-based Portillo's as the hot dog giant continues to pursue an ambitious long-term expansion plan.

In an SEC filing Thursday, Engaged, which disclosed a nearly 10% stake in the company, said it had been in conversation with Portillo's about "potential steps to unlock the intrinsic value" of its business.

Those conversations have included discussions about how to optimize restaurant performance and improve restaurant-level cash-on-cash returns, the filing said.

Changes to the company's board of directors have been discussed as has the potential sale of the business, Engaged reported in the filing. People familiar with the matter said conversations between Engaged and Portillo's management, including CEO Michael Osanloo, had been constructive, and that

a leadership change was not on the table.

In a statement Friday, a Portillo's spokesperson confirmed the company had talked with Engaged, which previously undertook an activist campaign at Shake Shack.

"Our Board and management team will continue to take actions and make decisions that are in the best interests of our shareholders," the Portillo's spokesperson said.

The activist push comes as Portillo's continues to pursue aggressive expansion plans. At an investor meeting last year, the company — which was founded in a Villa Park parking lot in 1963 and went public just three years ago — said it planned to grow from the approximately 80 locations it had at the time to more than 900 stores over the next two decades.

At a second quarter earnings call earlier this month, Portillo's said it anticipated opening a total of at least 10 new stores this fiscal year. The company reported revenues of \$181.9 million during the quarter, a 7.5% increase over the year.

But that revenue growth was driven by new restaurant openings, Chief Financial Officer Michelle Hook said during the earnings call. Same-store restaurant sales were down 0.6% — a decrease driven by

a 2.3% decline in transactions, Hook said.

Engaged has suggested Portillo's boost efficiencies by opening smaller restaurants that require lower overhead costs as it continues to expand, people familiar with the matter said.

Portillo's shares are down nearly 25% year-to-date and around 70% since their IPO in late 2021.

Locally, the hot dog giant has also faced labor activity and allegations of law-breaking by the National Labor Relations Board.

Workers at two suburban food preparation facilities voted to unionize in separate elections held by the NLRB, but Portillo's has appealed both elections — one of them several times — maintaining that union organizers made immigration promises to workers in exchange for "yes" votes.

In July, NLRB officials alleged Portillo's committed several labor law violations before and after one of the elections; the company denies violating the law. In a filing in response to the allegations, Portillo's argued that the NLRB, which enforces labor law in the U.S., is unconstitutional, joining a growing list of companies that have made similar arguments in recent months.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

BMW recalls 1.3M vehicles in China

BEIJING — BMW is recalling more than 1.3 million vehicles in China that might have Takata airbag inflators following a similar recall in the United States last month, officials said Friday.

The recall covers nearly 600,000 vehicles made in China between 2005 and 2017, and more than 750,000 imported vehicles made between 2003 and 2018, the Chinese State Administration for Market Regulation said. It includes models from series 1 to series 6 cars and the X1, X3, X4, X5 and X6 SUVs.

The inflator can explode when the airbag deploys, sending fragments into the car and injuring the occupants, the Chinese agency said. Takata airbag inflators have been blamed for the deaths of at least 35 people since 2009 in the U.S., Malaysia and Australia. — Associated Press

Head Start staffers to get boost in pay

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is hiking pay for educators in the early childhood program Head Start as part of an effort to retain employees and attract new ones in the midst of a workforce shortage.

The administration's new rules, published Friday, will require large operators to put their employees on a path to earn what their counterparts in local school districts make by 2031.

Large operators also will have to provide health care for their employees. Smaller operators — those that serve fewer than 200 families — are not bound by the same requirements, but will be required to show they are making progress in raising pay.

Head Start teachers, a majority of whom have bachelor's degrees, earn an average of less than \$40,000 a year. — Associated Press

Dotcom loses 12-year deportation fight to US

By Charlotte Graham-McLay
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Kim Dotcom, founder of the once popular file-sharing website Megaupload, lost a 12-year fight this week to halt his deportation from New Zealand to the U.S. on charges of copyright infringement, money laundering and racketeering.

New Zealand's Justice Minister Paul Goldsmith divulged Friday that he had decided Dotcom should be surrendered to the U.S. to face trial, capping — for now — a long legal fight. A date for the extradition was not set, and Goldsmith said Dotcom would be allowed "a short period of time to consider and take advice" on the decision.

A member of Dotcom's legal team, Ira Rothken, wrote on X, formerly Twitter, that a bid for a judicial review — in which a New Zealand judge would be asked to evaluate Goldsmith's decision — was being prepared.

The saga stretches to the 2012 arrest of Dotcom in a raid on his Auckland mansion, along with other company officers. Prosecutors said Megaupload raked in at least \$175 million — mainly from people who used the site to illegally download songs, television shows and movies — before the FBI shut it down earlier that year.

Lawyers for the Finnish-German millionaire and the others arrested had argued that it was the users of the site, founded in 2005, who chose to pirate material, not its founders. But prosecutors

argued the men were the architects of a vast criminal enterprise, with the Department of Justice describing it as the largest criminal copyright case in U.S. history.

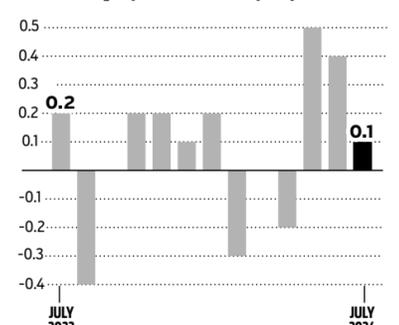
The men fought the order for years, but in 2021 New Zealand's Supreme Court ruled that Dotcom and two other men could be extradited.

Two of Dotcom's former business partners, Mathias Ortman and Bram van der Kolk, pleaded guilty to charges against them in a New Zealand court in June 2023 and were sentenced to 2½ years in jail. In exchange, U.S. efforts to extradite them were dropped.

Prosecutors had earlier abandoned their extradition bid against a fourth officer, Finn Batato, who died from cancer in 2022.

Real earnings

Monthly percent change in real (adjusted for inflation) average hourly earnings for all employees, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

TNS



A man sells chickens in Sholla Market in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The nation's currency, the birr, has plunged in value since the government allowed it to float last month. AP 2022

Exchange rate reforms send Ethiopia's prices into a spin

By Samuel Getachew
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — The prices on the menu have been erased at a small hotel in a suburb of Ethiopia's capital.

That was no mistake, the waiters said, as businesses in Addis Ababa struggle to keep up with spiraling inflation since the government implemented a flexible exchange rate policy late last month.

Since then, the Ethiopian birr had lost 60% of its value against the dollar as of Monday, sparking anxiety as customers are forced to pay more for basic commodities and some businesspeople are hoarding.

The menus at the Samra Hotel in Bole, a leafy suburb of Addis Ababa, captured the instability: There's a new price for every meal at any moment.

"Previously, prices would be updated bimonthly but nowadays it's on a daily basis, if not by the hour," said Rahel Teshome, who works at the hotel.

Many supermarkets in Addis Ababa are hoarding products in warehouses and only selling small quanti-

ties in their stores to escape punishment by city authorities, who have vowed to crack down on hoarders. Consumers who want to buy in bulk must pay inflated prices for products they are told to pick up from warehouses.

In Merkato, the capital's biggest open-air market, guards are stationed in an attempt to keep businesses from raising prices. Last week, police officers raided some warehouses and confiscated 210,000 gallons of edible oil they later distributed to local cooperatives, which offered it at previous prices. More than 3,000 stores accused of hoarding have been shuttered across the country.

The Addis Ababa City Trade Bureau has warned that more actions will be taken against people who take advantage of the floating of the birr to hike prices.

The new exchange rate policy was a historic decision in a country where the government for decades fixed the price of foreign currencies, allowing a black market to flourish. Commercial banks now can set foreign exchange prices, and nonbank enti-

ties are permitted to operate foreign exchange bureaus for the first time.

The International Monetary Fund approved a four-year credit facility worth \$3.4 billion coinciding with Ethiopia's reforms. The IMF pledged to disburse \$1 billion to address pressing needs, with Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva describing the reforms as a "landmark moment for Ethiopia."

Ethiopia, which suffered foreign currency shortages in the months leading to the reforms, imports many essential commodities. Authorities imported 3.7 million gallons of edible oil, but such interventions have been minor given the rising prices of other essential goods.

Experts say Ethiopians face unpredictable days ahead in a country where official salaries have generally stagnated for years.

Those with fixed incomes will be most affected by the floating of the birr, said Getachew Alemu, an Addis Ababa-based public policy specialist, adding that the immediate injection of IMF funds will not be enough to absorb the pressure.

Seed sales out, giveaways in for organic producer in New York

By Cara Anna
Associated Press

NAPLES, New York — An organic seed company with national reach has surprised its supporters by announcing that it will end sales and give hundreds of varieties away, declaring "we can no longer commodify our beloved kin, these seeds, or ourselves."

The Cocozelle zucchini, now \$14.25 per 100 seeds? No charge. Catnip, kale, the rampant mint? All free.

Petra Page-Mann and Matthew Goldfarb, the couple who run Fruition Seeds in upstate New York, said they're letting go workers, stopping sales Aug. 27 and relying on public goodwill — donations of money, talent and effort — to grow and distribute seeds on a \$76,000 budget.

That's a dramatic shift for a company with a budget of over \$1 million in 2022 and a profile high enough that it's among a handful of seed companies featured in the New York Botanical Garden's shop.

"The call is simple enough: Seeds are gifts. Gifts are shared," the couple said in a long and searching announcement weeks ago. They've thought about barriers to access and what they call the indignity of the dollar. Burnout, too, played a role. "We're weaving a new fabric together, Friends."

As ripe apples plunked into the grass at their farm in the hilly Finger Lakes region and workers pounded

together a bunkhouse for the volunteers who'll now be crucial, Page-Mann and Goldfarb were open about not having all the answers.

Their parents are "terrified," said Goldfarb, 48. "I'm concerned you're freeloading, I'm concerned you're gonna become a liability to this community," he recalled friends and family saying. "And I think the potentially hard thing for people to hear is, yes, that's actually how this is gonna work."

In a way, Next year, instead of shipping seed packets, they plan to give away seeds by hosting events and visiting cities around the Northeast. It's a radical extension of their work with seed libraries, seed swaps and community harvests.

The move has inspired some and bewildered others in their green village of Naples, where cyclists zip past produce stands and Black Lives Matter signs. Elsewhere, some customers have said they're too far away to get Fruition's seeds without shipping and will look to other sources.

The announcement noted Fruition's decision during the COVID-19 pandemic to face economic losses and make their online growing courses, featuring Page-Mann, 40, free for all. There was joy in giving.

Now they hope others feel the same. They have begun listing their own needs, from financial donations and legal expertise to items like printer paper and Mason

jars. "I trust, like air, what is present — though not yet visible — will carry us all," Page-Mann wrote.

The Fruition founders said they were inspired in part by mentor Adam Wilson, who runs a farm in Keeseville, New York, that he describes as an "experiment in neighborly farming and feeding," with all food and events offered as gifts.

"And he's still alive," Goldfarb said. But Fruition has been a much larger endeavor, partnering with nearby Cornell University and a number of growers in the region and as far away as Oregon and Idaho.

"They embark on an agri/cultural experiment many times the scale of the work here," Wilson wrote after the announcement. "I am shaking with excitement, but also a tinge of responsibility."

Already, Cornell has told Fruition that some of the seed varieties they had agreements for must be returned to Cornell or destroyed, Goldfarb told supporters last month. Conversations with the university continue.

Page-Mann and Goldfarb said the most excruciating part of their decision was taking it without the collective consent of their 12 employees.

"So far this transition feels like a big missed opportunity to learn how to minimize harm in the process of trying to transform systems, especially harm toward workers," one worker said.

Strike

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services that they need," the officials said.

The SCR paratransit drivers voted to unionize with the Teamsters in January 2024, according to the union. They have been working to negotiate a contract for months, and talks broke down Thursday night, the Teamsters said.

The union walked out on strike alleging the company has violated their labor

rights. Their negotiations have come down to compensation issues like wages, and the union believes the drivers make less than other operators doing the same work, Carter-Patton said, characterizing their salaries as "poverty wages."

Other drivers are handling routes typically driven by the striking members, the union said.

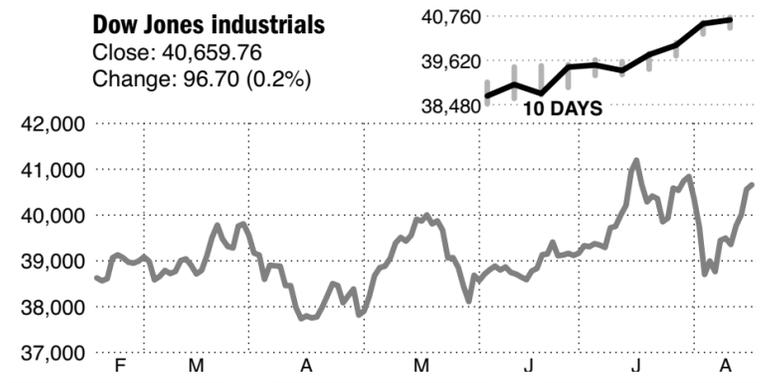
In a statement, SCR said it was "committed to providing school transportation and paratransit services for those who rely on us, with-

out service disruptions."

"SCR is dedicated to providing safe and reliable transportation for our schools and communities, and values and respects our hardworking employees," the company said in a statement. "We remain focused on reaching a fair and equitable agreement to fulfill our commitment to both our employees and communities and are hopeful that we can return to the bargaining table as soon as possible to resume negotiations."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 40,726.03 Low: 40,453.58 Previous: 40,563.06



Nasdaq Close: 17,631.72 Change: +37.22 (+.21%)	S&P 500 Close: 5,554.25 Change: +11.03 (+.20%)	Russell 2000 Close: 2,141.92 Change: +6.45 (+.30%)
10-yr T-note -0.04 to 3.88%	Gold futures +45.50 to \$2,498.60	Yen -1.32 to 147.69/\$1
Euro -0.0034 to .9075/\$1	Crude Oil -1.51 to \$76.65	

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +2.94	NASD +5.29	S&P +3.93	DOW +.92	NASD -.54	S&P +.89	DOW +17.85	NASD +32.66	S&P +27.11

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 24	527.25	533.50	523.25	530	+1.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 24	374.50	375.75	367.75	370.50	-4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 24	950.50	952.50	936.25	938.75	-12.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 24	39.50	39.99	38.60	39.95	+4.8
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 24	308.00	309.50	302.10	303.40	-4.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 24	78.16	78.16	75.54	76.65	-1.51
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 24	2.205	2.216	2.111	2.123	-.074
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 24	2.357	2.3656	2.3071	2.3102	-.0478

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	111.00	+0.06	Equity Residential	N	71.41	+1.17	Mondelez Intl	O	70.12	-1.16
AbbVie Inc	N	193.90	+0.50	Exelon Corp	O	37.61	+1.11	Morningstar Inc	O	316.33	+2.74
Adtalem Global Educ	N	72.93	-0.21	Federal Signal	N	95.18	-0.51	Motorola Solutions	N	421.37	-0.57
Allstate Corp	N	179.64	+1.53	First Indl RT	N	54.30	-1.13	NISource Inc	N	31.90	+1.17
Altigroup Inc	N	146.72	-0.29	Fortune Brands Innov	N	77.07	-0.40	Nthn Trust Cp	O	87.20	+0.97
Arch Dan Mid	N	59.09	+0.23	GATX	N	138.06	+0.45	Old Republic	N	34.74	+2.83
Baxter Intl	N	36.12	+0.39	Gallagher AJ	N	285.08	+0.68	Packaging Corp Am	N	196.60	+0.23
Brunswick Corp	N	76.90	+0.21	Grainger WW	N	966.37	+7.53	Payload Hldg	O	153.77	-2.18
CBOE Global Markets	N	202.94	+1.96	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	143.10	+0.74	RLI Corp	N	149.70	+0.98
CCC Intellig Solut	O	10.42	-0.09	IDEX Corp	N	196.58	+1.34	Ryan Specialty Group	N	64.49	+0.01
CDW Corp	O	222.76	+0.89	ITW	N	241.94	+1.68	Stericycle Inc	O	58.81	...
CF Industries	N	80.97	+1.19	Ingredion Inc	N	130.99	+0.22	TransUnion	N	93.31	-0.06
CME Group	O	207.88	+2.59	John Bean Technol	N	89.52	+1.14	US Foods Holding	N	57.72	+0.71
CNA Financial	N	49.42	+0.62	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	246.33	+2.01	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	377.23	+11.43
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.42	+0.25	Kemper Corp	N	62.34	+0.69	United Airlines Hldg	O	42.07	-0.59
Deere Co	N	377.92	+4.66	Kraft Heinz Co	O	34.62	+0.43	US Cellular	N	52.50	+0.23
Discover Fin Svcs	N	133.80	+3.11	LKQ Corporation	O	40.29	+0.30	Ventus Inc	N	58.42	+3.8
Dover Corp	N	179.83	+0.86	Littelfuse Inc	O	256.78	-3.99	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	10.92	+1.0
Everest Inc	N	62.65	-0.25	McDonalds Corp	N	278.49	+3.62	Wintrust Financial	O	100.65	+0.2
Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	70.39	+0.06	Middleby Corp	O	139.44	+0.34	Zebra Tech	O	344.14	+0.93

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	.22	-0.03
Palantir Technol	32.08	+0.86
Pfizer Inc	28.30	-0.41
Nu Holdings Ltd	14.09	+0.31
fuboTV Inc	1.53	+0.22
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.75	+0.04
Ford Motor	10.51	-0.05
Lumen Technologies	6.02	+0.31
Snap Inc A	9.23	-0.07
Ambev S.A.	2.39	-0.02
Bank of America	39.34	+0.31
Barrick Gold	19.71	+0.66
Alibaba Group Hldg	83.18	+3.64
Ancor plc	10.45	-0.40
AT&T Inc	19.34	+0.25
Itau Unibanco Hldg	6.74	-0.03
Carnival Corp	15.46	-0.28
Vale SA	10.19	-0.02
Chipotle Mex Grill	52.47	-1.50
WalMart Strs	73.45	+0.48
Petrolbras	15.16	+1.11
Wells Fargo & Co	55.33	+0.76
Energy Transfer LP	16.30	+0.31
Bristl Myr Sqb	49.36	+2.25

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
zoomcar Holdings Inc	.18	+0.07
Nvidia Corporation	124.58	+1.72
Faraday Fut Intlntg	.13	+0.00
GeoVax Labs Inc	7.06	+3.71
Cingulate Inc	17.69	+12.89
Tesla Inc	216.12	+1.98
Tonix Pharma	.45	-0.01
Rocket Lab USA Inc A	6.56	+0.73
AST SpaceMobile Cl	A31.03	-0.33
Seelos Therapeutics	.43	+0.16
Applied DNA Sci	.78	+0.34
Intel Corp	20.87	+1.18
Apple Inc	226.05	+1.33
Maxeib Solar Tech	.12	-0.01
Rivian Automotive A	13.21	-0.55
Mullen Automotive	.27	-0.07
Marathon Digital Hld	16.24	+0.78
Grab Holdings Ltd A	3.17	+0.05
American Airlines Gp	10.05	-0.04
Warner Bros Disc A	7.41	+0.17
Hyzon Motors Inc	.05	-0.02
Greenland Tech Hldcs	2.25	+0.63
Amazon.com Inc	177.06	-0.53
Adv Micro Dev	148.56	+1.20

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2879.43	+2.1/+1.1
Stox500	511.45	+1.6/+3.3
Nikkei	38962.67	+1336.0/+3.6
MSCI-EAFE	2373.78	+27.9/+1.2
Bovespa	133953.25	-200.2/-0.2
FTSE 100	8311.41	-35.9/-0.4
CAC-40	7449.70	+26.3/+0.4

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	164.74	+1.57
Alphabet Inc A	162.96	+1.66
Amazon.com Inc	177.06	-0.53
Apple Inc	226.05	+1.33
Berkshire Hath B	444.51	+3.67
Broadcom Inc	165.72	-0.41
Eli Lilly	922.12	-9.46
Exxon Mobil Corp	118.17	-0.56
JPMorgan Chase	213.97	+2.42
MasterCard Inc	468.88	+1.17
Meta Platforms Inc	527.42	-9.91
Microsoft Corp	418.47	-2.56
Nvidia Corporation	124.58	+1.72
Procter & Gamble	167.89	-0.03
Taiwan Semicon	174.54	+0.58
Tesla Inc	216.12	+1.98
UnitedHealth Group	577.68	-1.93
Visa Inc	267.38	+0.58
WalMart Strs	73.45	+0.48

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	5.08	5.09
6-month disc	4.80	4.82
2-year	4.06	4.10
10-year	3.88	3.92
30-year	4.14	4.18

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$2498.60	\$2453.10
Silver	\$28.778	\$28.342
Platinum	\$962.40	\$965.10

INTEREST RATES

	CLOSE	PREV.
Prime Rate	8.50	8.50
Discount Rate Primary	5.35	5.35
Fed Funds Target	5.25-5.50	5.25-5.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.47	0.47

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (

INVESTING

Stocks Recap



52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			YTD		1YR	
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
41376.00	32327.20	Dow Jones industrials	40726.03	39251.72	40659.76	+1162.22	+2.9	+7.9	+17.9
16334.96	13471.47	Dow Jones trans.	15824.83	15214.58	15672.77	+338.24	+2.2	-1.4	-0.2
1036.59	765.47	Dow Jones utilities	1007.83	991.72	1004.25	+6.92	+0.7	+13.9	+14.4
18841.48	14638.37	NYSE Comp.	18769.86	18177.31	18753.77	+486.61	+2.7	+11.3	+19.1
7681.59	6025.45	NYSE International	7536.58	7255.52	7529.36	+248.39	+3.4	+11.2	+21.3
20690.97	14058.33	Nasdaq 100	19561.24	18433.61	19508.52	+995.42	+5.4	+15.9	+32.8
18671.07	12543.86	Nasdaq Comp.	17674.65	16699.39	17631.72	+886.42	+5.3	+17.5	+32.7
5669.67	4103.78	S&P 500	5561.98	5324.37	5554.25	+210.09	+3.9	+16.5	+27.1
3143.02	2322.38	S&P MidCap	3020.94	2911.25	3011.38	+75.83	+2.6	+8.3	+16.8
56825.18	41178.32	Wilshire 5000	55598.42	53242.62	55519.82	+2058.33	+3.9	+15.0	+26.0
2300.00	1633.67	Russell 2000	2149.84	2058.12	2141.92	+61.01	+2.9	+5.7	+15.2
524.71	429.58	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	511.45	499.08	511.45	+12.26	+2.5	+6.8	+14.0
8474.41	7215.76	FTSE 100	8366.98	8168.10	8311.41	+143.31	+1.8	+7.5	+14.4

Gold	▲	+66.50
		\$2,498.60
Silver	▲	+1.29
		\$28.78
Crude Oil	▼	-.19
		\$76.65
Natural Gas	▼	-.02
		\$2.12
10-year T-note	▼	-.06
		3.88%
Euro	▼	-.0083
		to .9075/\$1
Yen	▲	+1.05
		to 147.69/\$1

Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Palantir Technol	32.08	+2.07
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	.22	-.05
Nu Holdings Ltd	14.09	+1.69
Lumen Technologies	6.02	+0.45
Ford Motor	10.51	+0.11
Chipotle Mex Grill	52.47	-3.08
Pfizer Inc	28.30	-.25
Bank of America	39.34	+1.06
WallMart Strs	73.45	+5.71
AT&T Inc	19.34	-.15
Barrick Gold	19.71	+2.30
Carnival Corp	15.46	+6.39
Keycorp	16.39	+1.78

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Nvidia Corporation	124.58	+19.83
Tesla Inc	216.12	+16.12
Zaraday Fut Intllngt	.13	-.10
zoomcar Holdings Inc	.18	+0.06
Intel Corp	20.87	+1.16
Avalon GloboCare Cp	.33	+0.06
Starbucks Cp	94.81	+20.29
Apple Inc	226.05	+10.06
XApp Inc	2.28	+0.30
Cingulate Inc	17.69	+15.25
Grab Holdings Ltd A	3.17	-.07
PS International Grp	1.44	+0.43
Adv Micro Dev	148.56	+14.29

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Direx SOX Bear 3X	22.41	-7.35
Direx S&P500Bear 3x	7.44	-.32
Direx SOX Bull 3X	39.73	+8.72
iShs China Large Cap	26.36	+0.91
iShs iBoxx InvGrCorp	111.19	+1.48
iShares 20+Yr TrsbD	97.44	+1.18
iShs iBoxx HY CpbD	78.84	+0.87
iShares Rus 2000	212.60	+6.14
Invesco QQQ Trust	475.03	+24.62
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	68.64	+9.79
ProShs UltraPro ShtQQQ	8.23	-1.47
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	554.31	+21.32
SPDR Financial	43.77	+1.37

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
ASML Holding NV	918.66	+58.11
AbbVie Inc	193.90	+3.97
Accenture PLC	326.92	+11.09
Adobe Inc	553.46	+17.16
Adv Micro Dev	148.56	+14.29
Alphabet Inc C	164.74	-.65
Alphabet Inc A	162.96	-.71
Amazon.com Inc	177.06	+10.12
Apple Inc	226.05	+10.06
AstraZeneca PLC	84.41	+3.22
Bank of America	39.34	+1.06
Berkshire Hath A	667130.00	+19606.98
Berkshire Hath B	444.51	+12.84
Broadcom Inc	165.72	+17.46
Chevron Corp	147.27	+2.28
Cisco Syst	49.46	+3.99
CocaCola Co	69.18	+0.50
Costco Wholesale	870.59	+15.66
Eli Lilly	922.12	+31.74
Exxon Mobil Corp	118.17	+0.27
FEMSA	113.00	+1.18
Home Depot	362.06	+13.42
JPMorgan Chase	213.97	+8.17
Johnson & Johnson	159.39	-1.23
MasterCard Inc	468.88	+12.10
McDonalds Corp	278.49	+10.58
Merck & Co	113.67	-.88
Meta Platforms Inc	527.42	+9.65
Microsoft Corp	418.47	+13.20
Netflix Inc	674.07	+40.13
Novartis AG	114.70	+2.81
Nvidia Corporation	124.58	+19.83
Oracle Corp	137.47	+5.41
PDD Holdings Inc S	149.29	+11.25
PepsiCo	172.62	+2.23
Procter & Gamble	167.89	-2.65
SAP Se	216.17	+7.64
Salesforce.com Inc	262.91	+10.38
Shell plc ADS	72.68	+1.49
T-Mobile US Inc	196.56	+2.36
Taiwan Semiconductor	174.54	+7.42
Tesla Inc	216.12	+16.12
Thermo Fisher Sci	603.98	+11.25
Toyota Mot	182.67	+14.08
UnitedHealth Group	577.68	+18.92
Visa Inc	267.38	+7.62
WalMart Strs	73.45	+5.71

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, August 16, 2024

Free-float market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 AbbVie Inc	342,494	193.90	▲ +3.97	+31.2
2 McDonalds Corp	199,772	278.49	▲ +10.58	-2.4
3 Abbott Labs	193,128	111.00	▲ +2.29	+7.8
4 Deere Co	104,143	377.92	▲ +31.89	-12.2
5 Mondelez Intl	93,666	70.12	▲ +0.40	-.4
6 CME Group	74,774	207.88	▲ +1.22	+4.8
7 ITW	71,831	241.94	▲ +2.73	+3.5
8 Motorola Solutions	70,301	421.37	▲ +10.61	+51.4
9 Gallagher AJ	62,461	285.08	▲ +2.33	+28.1
10 Allstate Corp	47,432	179.64	▲ +8.61	+73.0
11 Grainger WW	47,183	966.37	▼ -10.89	+35.6
12 Kraft Heinz Co	41,858	34.62	▼ -.65	+6.0
13 Exelon Corp	37,628	37.61	▲ +.51	-1.5
14 Discover Fin Svcs	33,593	133.80	▲ +7.41	+43.6
15 CDW Corp	29,755	222.76	▲ +9.03	+9.7
16 Arch Dan Mid	28,253	59.09	▲ +.65	-26.8
17 Equity Residential	27,074	71.41	▲ +.06	+15.5
18 Dover Corp	24,719	179.83	▲ +3.60	+29.4
19 Ventas Inc	24,136	58.42	▼ -.95	+2.4
20 CBOE Global Markets	21,234	202.94	▲ +2.12	+36.1
21 Baxter Intl	18,427	36.12	▼ -1.03	-12.9
22 TransUnion	18,130	93.31	▲ +8.81	+18.9
23 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	17,999	377.23	▲ +55.06	-19.8
24 Zebra Tech	17,750	344.14	▲ +24.19	+28.0
25 Packaging Corp Am	17,657	196.60	▲ +2.53	+35.9
26 Nthn Trust Cp	17,887	87.20	▲ +2.91	+16.0
27 IDEX Corp	14,881	196.58	▲ +2.24	-10.3
28 CF Industries	14,607	80.97	▲ +1.68	+5.9
29 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,572	30.42	▲ +.27	+4.2
30 NiSource Inc	14,307	31.90	▲ +.55	+25.6
31 US Foods Holding	14,115	57.72	▲ +5.69	+43.0
32 United Airlines Hldg	13,834	42.07	▲ +.61	-16.9
33 Morningstar Inc	13,551	316.33	▲ +10.86	+43.9
34 CNA Financial	13,384	49.42	▲ +.70	+31.7
35 Equity Lifestyle Prop	13,129	70.39	▼ -1.46	+7.0
36 Jones Lang LaSalle	11,691	246.33	▲ +8.13	+46.1
37 LKQ Corporation	10,606	40.29	▲ +1.49	-21.6
38 Aptargroup Inc	9,740	146.72	▲ +2.77	+21.8
39 Fortune Brands Innov	9,565	77.07	▲ +4.00	+10.5
40 Walgreen Boots Alli	9,426	10.92	▲ +.24	-57.1
41 Old Republic	8,980	34.74	▲ +.90	-29.6
42 Paylocity Hldg	8,544	153.77	▼ -1.06	-20.0
43 Ingredion Inc	8,252	130.99	▲ +.82	+37.2
44 Ryan Specialty Group	7,761	64.49	▼ -.49	+47.2
45 Middleby Corp	7,497	139.44	▲ +3.62	-5.3
46 First Indl RT	7,186	54.30	▲ +.72	+10.3
47 RLI Corp	6,848	149.70	▲ +2.63	+12.2
48 Wintrust Financial	6,693	100.65	▲ +2.56	+28.9
49 CCC Intellig Sol	6,495	10.42	▲ +.04	-2.1
50 Hyatt Hotels Corp	6,429	143.10	▲ +7.96	+24.5
51 Littelfuse Inc	6,365	256.78	▲ +14.01	+1.5
52 Federal Signal	5,819	95.18	▲ +1.00	+57.1
53 Stericycle Inc	5,459	58.81	▲ +.06	+29.1
54 Brunswick Corp	5,092	76.90	▲ +2.25	-6.8
55 GATX	4,914	138.06	▲ +.60	+14.5
56 Kemper Corp	4,013	62.34	▲ +2.07	+32.6
57 Envestnet Inc	3,460	62.65	▲ +.62	+14.4
58 John Bean Technol	2,850	89.52	▼ -.91	-18.3
59 US Cellular	2,782	52.50	▲ +.70	+31.4
60 Adtalem Global Educ	2,748	72.93	▲ +.86	+70.9
61 Coeur Mining	2,427	6.08	▲ +.64	+154.3
62 Addus HomeCare	2,377	131.35	▲ +6.72	+35.6
63 AAR Corp	2,263	63.13	▲ +2.96	+6.8
64 Enova Intl Inc	2,182	82.68	▲ +6.16	+62.1
65 Equity Commonwh	2,179	20.31	▼ -.10	-8.8
66 Teleph Data	2,165	20.52	▲ +.25	+15.6
67 TreeHouse Foods	2,061	39.19	▼ -.27	-17.2
68 Huron Consulting Gp	1,863	104.76	▲ +1.20	+4.6
69 Stepan Co	1,697	75.47	▲ +3.68	-14.4
70 MYR Group	1,677	101.60	▲ +1.42	-29.8
71 Distribution Solu Gr	1,614	34.54	▲ +2.15	+37.9
72 Knowles Corp	1,569	17.75	▲ +.68	+7.9
73 First Busey Corp	1,465	25.78	▲ +1.19	+26.7
74 Horace Mann	1,391	34.13	▲ +.39	+24.5
75 Century Aluminum	1,267	13.66	▲ +1.05	+73.9
76 ANI Pharma	1,262	60.02	▲ +2.12	-1.3
77 QCR Holdings Inc	1,215	72.17	▲ +2.06	+38.6
78 Tootsie Roll	1,170	28.40	▼ -.16	-11.6
79 Gogo Inc	915	7.21	▼ -.42	-43.7
80 Fst Mid Bancshares	910	38.08	▲ +1.08	+35.9
81 Sanfilipo John	903	100.31	▲ +.81	-1.4
82 Heidrick & Struggles	758	37.32	▲ +1.07	+37.9
83 SunCoke Energy Inc	740	8.81	▲ +.13	+9.1
84 Old Second Bep	715	15.96	▲ +.66	+7.1
85 Ryerson Holding	642	19.34	▲ +.88	-32.0
86 Great Lakes Dredge	612	9.42	▲ +.39	+1.7
87 OneSpan Inc	586	15.18	▲ +.51	+6.4
88 Titan Intl	557	7.73	▲ +.24	-34.6
89 Group Inc	544	13.70	▲ +3.07	+29.1
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Harris lays out agenda for economy

Tax breaks among proposals aimed at easing cost of living

By Matt Brown and Makiya Seminera
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Vice President Kamala Harris announced a sweeping set of economic proposals Friday meant to cut taxes and lower the cost of groceries, housing and other essentials for many Americans.

“Look, the bills add up,” she declared, trying to address the financial concerns that are at the top of voters’ minds and that Republican Donald Trump is attempting to blame on her.

During a speech in the battleground state of North Carolina, Harris said “building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency” as she promoted her plan for a federal ban on price gouging by food producers and grocers. She also proposed \$25,000 in down payment assistance for certain first-time homebuyers and tax incentives for builders of starter homes.

“Every day across our nation, families talk about their plans for the future, their ambitions, their aspirations for themselves, for their children. And they talk about how they’re going to be able to actually achieve them financially,” Harris said. “Food, rent, gas, back-to-school clothes, prescription medications. After all that, for many families, there’s not much left at the end of the month.”

She emphasized tax breaks for families, as well as middle- and lower-income people, promising to expand



Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during a campaign event Friday in Raleigh, North Carolina. GRANT BALDWIN/AP

the child tax credit to up to \$3,600 — and \$6,000 for children in their first year of life. The vice president also wants to enlarge the earned income tax credit to cover people in lower-income jobs without children — which the campaign estimates would cut their effective tax rate by \$1,500 — and lower health insurance premiums through the Affordable Care Act.

Overall, the plans represent a continuation of many Biden administration priorities.

Harris isn’t looking for any radical departures from President Joe Biden, who stepped down from the race last month and endorsed her. Still, the vice president has embraced a dash of

economic populism, shifting away from Biden’s emphasis on job creation and infrastructure to matters more closely tied to easing the cost of living — food prices, housing costs and tax breaks for families.

Much of what she’s proposing would require congressional approval, which is far from assured in the current political environment, though, and Harris’ campaign has offered scant details on how to pay for the ideas.

The vice president is seeking to blunt Trump’s attacks on her as “a radical California liberal who broke the economy,” as he put it during a speech Thursday, in which he displayed grocery store items meant to represent the

high cost of food.

Some of Trump’s economic advisers offered further rebuttals to Harris’ plans before she spoke Friday, with Brian Hughes, a spokesman for the former president’s campaign, calling them representative of a “socialist and authoritarian model.”

Kevin Hassett, a former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers during the Trump administration, called it “completely preposterous” for the government to play a role in setting food prices, a reference to Harris’ proposed federal ban on “corporate price-gouging” on food.

In her speech, Harris offered stark contrasts with Trump’s economic

proposals, including his call for steep tariffs on foreign goods. She said her opponent “wants to impose what is, in effect, a national sales tax on everyday products and basic necessities that we import from other countries.”

“It will mean higher prices on just about every one of your daily needs,” Harris said. “A Trump tax on gas, a Trump tax on food, a Trump tax on clothing, a Trump tax on over-the-counter medication.”

“At this moment, when everyday prices are too high, he will make them even higher.”

Year-over-year inflation has reached its lowest level in more than three years, but food prices are still 21%

above where they were three years ago. A Labor Department report this week showed that nearly all of July’s inflation reflected higher rental prices and other housing costs, a trend that, according to real-time data, is easing. As a result, housing costs should rise more slowly in the coming months, contributing to lower inflation.

Harris’ grocery pricing proposal would instruct the Federal Trade Commission to penalize “big corporations” that engage in price spikes, and it singles out a lack of competition in the meatpacking industry for driving up meat prices.

Monica Wallace, who attended Harris’ speech, called the vice president’s economic plans “what we need.”

“I have a mother who is receiving services, and just in food stamps alone, she’s still not able to afford food that will last her,” Wallace said.

Comparing Harris to Trump, Wallace said she sees the vice president as someone “definitely for the middle and lower class,” whereas the former president is “for the people who make the money to do any and everything that they want.”

Polls nonetheless show that Americans are more likely to trust Trump over Harris when it comes to handling the economy: About 45% say Trump is better positioned to handle the economy, while 38% say that about Harris. About 1 in 10 trust neither Harris nor Trump to better handle the economy, according to the latest Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll.

Financial disclosures offer peek into Trump’s wealth

Gold bars, crypto, Truth Social among candidate’s holdings

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

Former President Donald Trump owns more than \$1 million worth of cryptocurrency and up to \$250,000 in gold bars along with the portfolio of golf courses and real estate properties that have made him a billionaire, according to newly released financial disclosures.

The details come from documents filed by Trump as part of his Republican presidential bid that were released Thursday night.

The more than 200 pages of paperwork give a limited picture of the real estate developer-turned-reality TV star-turned-president’s money and investments.

In accordance with federal law, most assets’ values are listed in a range, though Trump reports the precise figure for some of his income. The document does not detail the former president’s business losses, making it impossible to determine how much of a profit any of his myriad holdings provides.

But it provides a glimpse at Trump’s vast wealth and as well as new details about some of the unusual ways he makes money.

Trump reported earning \$300,000 off sales of an edition of the Bible that he and country singer Lee Greenwood endorsed, known as “The Greenwood Bible.”

He also earned \$4.4 million in royalties off a book called “Letters to Trump” and \$500,000 off one called “A MAGA Journey.” Trump still receives royalties on a number of other books, including “The Art of the Deal,” which came out in 1987 and netted the former president \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the past year.

As a onetime member of the Screen Actors Guild, Trump receives an annual pension of \$90,776.

Trump’s fame comes from real estate, but his current biggest asset is likely his media company that operates the social media network Truth Social. The company went public in March, and Trump reports owning more than 114 million shares in the firm.

He is unable to sell the shares as part of a “lock-up” agreement preventing

major shareholders from selling stock for six months after it goes public, but with company stock at about \$23 per share Friday, his holdings are worth more than \$2 billion.

Some of Trump’s other investments are also unusual.

He reports having \$1 million to \$5 million worth of the cryptocurrency ethereum, a noteworthy holding because he’s vowed to lift regulations on the cryptocurrency industry should he return to the White House.

Trump also reported earning \$7.15 million in licensing fees from NFT INT, which appears to be a firm selling digital tokens. His wife, Melania, earned \$330,000 from selling NFTs, according to the report.

The former president also reported owning \$100,000 to \$250,000 in gold bars.

Those assets are dwarfed by a wide range of sizable investments in traditional stocks and even a wide range of municipal and school bonds, as well as his real estate holdings.

The filing also indicates the scope of the former president’s broad business empire.

Trump reports a wide



Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump holds a news conference Thursday at his golf club in Bedminster, N.J. He also owns golf clubs in Florida and Scotland. JULIA NIKHINSON/AP

range of companies and investments that span the globe. Many appear to simply be trademark claims in countries as varied as Argentina, Belarus, Cuba and India. Others are generating money for him, including more than \$3 million in income that he reported from licenses in Dubai and more than \$2 million in Oman.

Trump’s golf courses also generate money for him, including \$37 million from his club in Bedminster, New Jersey, where he gave a rambling speech and news conference Thursday; \$31 million from his golf club in Jupiter, Florida; and \$33.5

million worth of revenue from his Turnberry course in Scotland.

Trump’s flagship resort of Mar-a-Lago in Florida generated more than \$56 million in income, according to the report.

Melania Trump received a \$237,000 payment for speaking to the conservative gay rights group Log Cabin Republicans in April.

Trump also lists several noteworthy debts, including one stemming from litigation against him by the New York attorney general’s office alleging business fraud and two more from a magazine writer.

A jury found Trump liable

for sexually assaulting E. Jean Carroll in 1996, and a second jury found he slandered her when he continued to deny it. Trump lists his debts to Carroll as \$1 million to \$5 million and more than \$50 million, the highest category available. The lawsuit judgments against him were for \$5 million and \$88 million respectively. Trump is appealing the verdicts.

Likewise, Trump lists his debt to the New York attorney general’s office as more than \$50 million. He owes nearly \$500 million in the civil fraud judgment and is appealing that verdict as well.

Secret Service takes from Biden’s protective team to guard Trump

By Kate Kelly
The New York Times

The Secret Service has bolstered former President Donald Trump’s security in a variety of ways since the assassination attempt on him last month, several people familiar with the matter said Thursday, including by temporarily shifting part of President Joe Biden’s protective team to Trump.

The Secret Service has also secured ballistic glass,

which is designed to repel bullets, to provide enhanced protection for Trump at future outdoor campaign rallies, those people added, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss confidential methods.

The reassignment of members of a president’s team to a candidate is unusual, said a Secret Service official, another who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss confidential policy matters.

But the increased threat

of violence against Trump, combined with Biden’s recent reduced travel schedule, made the step necessary and feasible, the official added.

A White House spokesperson had no immediate comment, and a Trump campaign spokesperson declined to comment.

The Secret Service has been under a cloud since July 13, when an assailant was able to fire, unimpeded, on Trump at an outdoor campaign rally in Butler,

Pennsylvania. The attack grazed Trump’s ear, killed a spectator and seriously wounded two others. The FBI is investigating, and congressional leaders have opened inquiries.

The Secret Service has taken responsibility for the security lapses that made the shooting possible. Kimberly Cheatle resigned as the agency’s director and has been replaced.

But even as it reels from its worst presidential security breach in more than

four decades, the agency has had to continue its mission of protecting three dozen current and former officials, and their families, through what is proving to be a challenging and intense presidential campaign year.

Secret Service methodology “is made to be flexible,” said Donald Mihalek, who worked for the agency for two decades before retiring in 2019, “and to address known, and unknown, threats. The steps the Secret Service is taking are a natu-

ral part of its asymmetrical approach to assure their no-fail mission is fulfilled.”

It is rare — though not unheard-of — to use ballistic glass for those being protected other than the sitting president and vice president, partly because the material is heavy to move, current and former Secret Service officials said.

The glass is usually transported by military planes, these people said, easing the logistical burden on the Secret Service.

Colleges brace for further protests

As classes resume, new rules chided as speech restrictions

By Nick Perry, Jake Offenhart and Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As students return to colleges across the United States, administrators are bracing for a resurgence in activism against the war in Gaza, and some schools are adopting rules to limit the kind of protests that swept campuses last spring.

While the summer break provided a respite in student demonstrations against the Israel-Hamas war, it also gave both student protesters and higher education officials a chance to regroup and strategize for the fall semester.

The stakes remain high. At Columbia University, President Minouche Shafik resigned Wednesday after coming under heavy scrutiny for her handling of the demonstrations at the campus in New York City, where the wave of pro-Palestinian tent encampments began last spring.

Some of the new rules imposed by universities include banning encampments, limiting the duration of demonstrations, allowing protests only in designated spaces and restricting campus access to those with university identification. Critics say some of the measures will curtail free speech.

The American Association of University Professors issued a statement Wednesday condemning “overly restrictive policies” that could discourage free expression. Many of the new policies require protesters to register well in advance and strictly limit the locations where gatherings can be held, as well as setting new limits on the use of amplified sound and signage.

“Our colleges and univer-



A demonstrator waves a flag April 29 at a pro-Palestinian protest encampment on the Columbia University campus in New York. The university began restricting campus access Monday to curb “potential disruptions.” **TED SHAFFREY/AP**

sities should encourage, not suppress, open and vigorous dialogue and debate even on the most deeply held beliefs,” said the statement, adding that many policies were imposed without faculty input.

The University of Pennsylvania has outlined new “temporary guidelines” for student protests that include bans on encampments, overnight demonstrations and the use of bullhorns and speakers until after 5 p.m. on class days. Penn also requires that posters and banners be removed within two weeks of going up. The university says it remains committed to freedom of speech and lawful assembly.

At Indiana University, protests after 11 p.m. are forbidden under a new “expressive activities policy” that took effect Aug. 1. The policy says “camping” and erecting any type of shelter are

prohibited on campus, and signs cannot be displayed on university property without prior approval.

The University of South Florida now requires approval for tents, canopies, banners, signs and amplifiers. The school’s “speech, expression and assembly” rules stipulate that no “activity,” including protests or demonstrations, is allowed after 5 p.m. on weekdays or during weekends and not allowed at all during the last two weeks of a semester.

A draft document obtained over the summer by the student newspaper at Harvard University showed the college was considering prohibitions on overnight camping, chalk messages and unapproved signs.

“I think right now we are seeing a resurgence of repression on campuses that we haven’t seen since the late 1960s,” said Risa

Lieberwitz, a Cornell University professor of labor and employment law who serves as general counsel for the AAUP.

Universities say they encourage free speech as long as it doesn’t interfere with learning, and they insist they are simply updating existing rules for demonstrations to protect campus safety.

Tensions have run high on college campuses since Oct. 7, when Hamas militants assaulted southern Israel and killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and took about 250 hostages.

Many student protesters in the U.S. vow to continue their activism, which has been fueled by Gaza’s rising death toll, which surpassed 40,000 on Thursday, according to the territory’s Health Ministry.

About 50 Columbia students still face discipline

over last spring’s demonstrations after a mediation process that began earlier in the summer stalled, according to Mahmoud Khalil, a lead negotiator working on behalf of Columbia student protesters. He blamed the impasse on Columbia administrators.

“The university loves to appear that they’re in dialogue with the students. But these are all fake steps meant to assure the donor community and their political class,” said Khalil, a graduate student at Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs.

The university did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The Ivy League school in upper Manhattan was roiled earlier this year by student demonstrations, culminating in scenes of police officers with zip ties and riot

shields storming a building occupied by pro-Palestinian protesters.

Similar protests swept college campuses nationwide, with many leading to violent clashes with police and more than 3,000 arrests. Many of the students who were arrested during police crackdowns have had their charges dismissed, but some are still waiting to learn what prosecutors decide. Many have faced fallout in their academic careers, including suspensions, withheld diplomas and other forms of discipline.

Shafik was among the university leaders who were called for questioning before Congress. She was heavily criticized by Republicans who accused her of not doing enough to combat concerns about antisemitism on the Columbia campus.

She announced her resignation in an emailed letter to the university community just weeks before the start of classes on Sept. 3.

The university on Monday began restricting campus access to people with Columbia IDs and registered guests, saying it wanted to curb “potential disruptions” as the new semester draws near.

Other prominent Ivy League leaders have stepped down in recent months, in large part due to their response to the volatile protests on campus.

University of Pennsylvania President Liz Magill resigned in December after less than two years on the job. She faced pressure from donors and criticism over testimony at a congressional hearing where she was unable to say under repeated questioning that calls on campus for the genocide of Jews would violate the school’s conduct policy.

And in January, Harvard University President Claudine Gay resigned amid plagiarism accusations and similar criticism over her testimony before Congress.



Pheu Thai party leader Paetongtarn Shinawatra arrives at the party’s headquarters Friday in Bangkok, Thailand. The parliament elected her as prime minister. **WASON WANICHAKORN/AP**

Ex-leader’s daughter elected as Thailand’s next prime minister

By Jintamas Saksornchai
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Thailand’s parliament elected Paetongtarn Shinawatra as prime minister Friday, continuing the legacy of the political dynasty that began with her father, Thaksin Shinawatra, one of Thailand’s most popular but divisive political figures.

Thaksin, a former prime minister, was ousted by a military coup in 2006, which triggered decades of deep political divisions. Paetongtarn appears to be the beneficiary of a deal her father made with his old conservative foes, allowing the populist party led by her to take power while pushing aside the more progressive party that finished first in last year’s election.

Paetongtarn becomes Thailand’s third leader from the Shinawatra family, after her billionaire father, who returned from exile last year, and her aunt Yingluck Shinawatra, who lives in exile.

Paetongtarn also is Thailand’s second female prime minister after her aunt and the country’s youngest leader at 37.

As the only nominee,

she was confirmed by 319 votes in favor, with 145 against and 27 abstentions. Paetongtarn is the leader of the Pheu Thai party, the latest of a string of parties linked to Thaksin. She is not an elected lawmaker as that was not required for her to be a candidate for prime minister.

She will officially become prime minister with royal assent, though the timing of that step isn’t known.

Paetongtarn, a former business executive, appeared overwhelmed as she spoke to reporters at the party’s office in Bangkok after the Parliament vote. She said she was very “honored and happy.”

“I really hope that I can make people feel confident, that we can build opportunity and quality of life,” she said. “I hope that I can do my best to make the country go forward.”

Paetongtarn’s nomination followed the removal of Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin of Pheu Thai on Wednesday after less than a year in office. The Constitutional Court found him guilty of a serious ethical breach regarding his appointment of a Cabinet member who was jailed in

connection with an alleged bribery attempt.

It was the second major ruling in a short period to shake Thai politics. Last week, the same court dissolved the progressive Move Forward party, which won last year’s general election but was blocked from taking power. The party has already regrouped as the People’s Party.

Thaksin’s residual popularity and influence is a factor behind the political support for Paetongtarn.

When Paetongtarn was on the campaign trail for Pheu Thai, she acknowledged her family ties but insisted that she was not just her father’s proxy.

“I am my dad’s daughter, always and forever, but I have my own decisions,” she told a reporter.

However, her work will not be easy, with Thaksin continuing to call the political shots for Pheu Thai, said Petra Alderman, a political research fellow at England’s University of Birmingham.

“Thaksin was a political force to reckon with, but he was also a liability,” she said. “He has a tendency to overlap his political hand, so serving in his shadow has never been easy.”

WAR IN UKRAINE ANALYSIS

Kyiv weighs incursion goals after early success in Russia

By Kim Barker and Constant Méheut
The New York Times

KYIV, Ukraine — The success of Ukraine’s secret incursion into Russia is clear. Ukrainian forces pushed past two lines of Russian defenses in the southwestern region of Kursk and moved through Russian highways and villages with little resistance. Since the operation began 11 days ago, they have gone beyond Kursk to the neighboring region of Belgorod, putting other communities on edge and rattling Moscow.

The ultimate strategy and goals of the invasion, though, are still murky. Western allies, including the United States and Germany, say they are watching and monitoring the situation but letting Ukraine lead the way. Even the Ukrainian leadership seems surprised by the extent of the operation’s initial success, the first time that Russia, a nuclear power, has been invaded since World War II.

As for what could come next, Ukraine has several options.

Ukrainian forces could try to keep pushing farther into Russia. They could dig into the territory they now hold and try to defend it. Or, battered by continual losses in eastern Ukraine, especially this week near the strategically important city of Pokrovsk, they could decide that they have made the point to the West, and to Moscow, that Russia is not invincible. In that case, they could then pull back.

“We are playing here a bit on the psychological point that great powers do not lose their territories,” said Mykola Bieliesskov, a senior analyst from Come Back Alive, a foundation that provides support to members of Ukraine’s



Ukrainian military vehicles zip pass a road sign Monday for Ukraine, left, and Russia near a destroyed border post on Russia’s side. **DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

military. If Russia loses, “it means that they are not that big.”

There are vulnerabilities for both sides.

Ukrainian officials have told senior U.S. civilian and military officials that the operation aims to create an operational dilemma for the Russians — to force Moscow to divert troops off the front lines in the eastern Ukraine region of Donetsk, where they have made slow but steady progress for weeks.

But the operation has also created a vulnerability for Ukraine.

Some of its valuable, battle-hardened soldiers from the 600-mile front line in eastern and southern Ukraine have moved to Kursk. And that has weakened its positions in eastern Ukraine.

That reduction in strength is most notably seen near Pokrovsk, a critical logistics hub for Ukrainian forces where Russian troops are closing in, according to open-source battlefield maps.

The capture of the city would bring Russia a step closer to its goal of seizing the Donetsk region, much of which it already controls. Pokrovsk, a city with a prewar population of about 60,000, sits on a key road linking several

cities that form a defensive arc protecting the part of Donetsk that is still held by Ukraine.

Still, as Ukrainian soldiers make inroads into Russia, the leadership appears to be making plans to hold ground, analysts say.

Gen. Oleksandr Syrsky, who took over as Ukraine’s top military commander in February, said Thursday that troops had pushed more than 21 miles into Russia, and that the army has set up its first military office in Kursk.

Moscow has been slow to mount a major defense and has not yet successfully countered Ukrainian troops in Kursk, analysts say.

Analysts say the Ukrainians could also use the territory as a kind of bargaining chip with Russia, if they manage to hold it.

Ukrainian officials have told Washington that Ukraine wants leverage for the future, according to U.S. officials, perhaps to swap the Russian territory for land near Kharkiv that Russian forces took in the spring.

Mykhailo Podolyak, a top Ukrainian presidential adviser, said Friday that Russia would be forced to the negotiating table only through suffering “significant tactical defeats.”

Cease-fire deal may be on horizon

Mediators optimistic talks will lead to end of Israel-Hamas war

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A U.S. official said Friday that mediators are preparing for implementation of a Gaza cease-fire and hostage-swap deal to end the 10-month Israel-Hamas war before a final agreement is set.

The official, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, said the proposal on the table basically bridges every gap between Israel and Hamas.

It was unclear what measures were being taken before the deal is approved, but the official said a new “implementation cell” was being established in Cairo in preparation. The cell would focus on the agreement’s logistics, including releasing hostages, providing humanitarian aid for Gaza and monitoring that the terms of the deal are met, the official said.

The comments come after mediators expressed hope for an imminent deal. They said two days of talks had wrapped up in Qatar and they plan to reconvene in Cairo next week to seal an agreement to stop the fighting.

Israel issued a vague statement saying it appreciated the mediators’ efforts, and a statement from Hamas did not sound enthusiastic about the latest proposed deal to end the devastating war and free Israeli hostages from Gaza. A cease-fire is seen as the best hope for heading off an even larger regional conflict.

But President Joe Biden seemed optimistic, saying “We are closer than we’ve ever been” to an agreement.

“We may have something,” Biden told reporters Friday. “But we’re not there yet.”

Both sides agreed in principle to the plan Biden



Palestinians flee a shelter after Israel warned of airstrikes Friday in eastern Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip. ABDEL KAREEM HANA/AP

announced May 31. But Hamas has proposed amendments, and Israel has suggested clarifications, leading each side to accuse the other of trying to tank a deal.

Hamas has rejected Israel’s demands, which include a lasting military presence along the border with Egypt and a line bisecting Gaza where it would search Palestinians returning to their homes to root out combatants.

The statement from the mediators — Qatar, the United States and Egypt — said U.S. officials had presented a proposal that would bridge the remaining gaps between both sides. Teams will continue working in the coming days on how to implement specific measures, they said.

“Senior officials from our governments will reconvene in Cairo before the end of next week with the aim to

conclude the deal under the terms put forward today,” the statement said.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken planned to travel to Israel over the weekend to “continue intensive diplomatic efforts” to reach a cease-fire and to underscore the need for all parties in the region to avoid escalation, State Department spokesman Vedant Patel said.

Blinken was expected to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday to discuss the deal, said an Israeli official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The new push for an end to the Israel-Hamas war came as the Palestinian death toll in Gaza climbed past 40,000, according to Gaza health authorities, and fears remained high that Iran and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon would attack Israel in retaliation

for the killings of top militant leaders.

While talks were ongoing, Israel continued its offensive in Gaza.

On Friday, it dropped leaflets asking civilians to evacuate from areas in northern Khan Younis and eastern Deir al-Balah, saying forces plan to respond to rocket fire that targeted Israel. After the orders were given, airstrikes hit some areas of Khan Younis, sending people fleeing.

Also Friday, Israeli leaders condemned a settler rampage in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, a rare Israeli denunciation of the settler violence growing more common since the start of the war.

The riot in the village of Jit, near the city of Nablus in the northern West Bank, killed one Palestinian and injured others late Thursday, Palestinian health officials said.

Residents said at least 100 masked settlers entered the village, shot at Palestinians, burned homes and cars, and damaged water tankers. Video showed flames engulfing the small village, which residents said was left to defend itself without military help for two hours.

Netanyahu said he took the riots “seriously” and Israelis who carried out criminal acts would be prosecuted. He issued what appeared to be a call for settlers to stand down.

“Those who fight terrorism are the IDF and the security forces, and no one else,” he said, using an acronym for the Israeli military.

President Isaac Herzog also condemned the attack, as did Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who said the settlers had “attacked innocent people.” He added that they did not “represent the values” of settler communities.

Rights groups say that arrests for settler violence are rare, and prosecutions even rarer.

It was unclear why the Jit attack yielded such a strong rebuke from Israeli leaders. A similar settler riot in the village of Al-Mughayyir in April went without comparable mention from the authorities. The Jit attack comes as Israel is under heightened international scrutiny over its role in cease-fire talks to end the war.

The U.S. has broadly condemned settler violence and the expansion of Israel’s West Bank settlements.

U.S. Ambassador Jack Lew wrote on the social media platform X on Friday that he was “appalled” by the attack, and the White House National Security Council called violent settler attacks “unacceptable.”

“Israeli authorities must take measures to protect all communities from harm, this includes intervening to stop such violence, and holding all perpetrators of such violence to account,” it said in a statement.

Other Israeli officials distinguished between the settler attack on Jit and the larger Israeli settlement project, which the international community views as illegal under international law.

Far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich — an ultranationalist settler who has turbocharged settlement expansion, railed against U.S. sanctions on violent settlers and previously defended violent settlers as heroes — labeled the rioters “criminals” who were “in no way related to the settlement and the settlers.”

“We are building and developing settlements in a legal and official manner,” Smotrich wrote on X, adding that he “reject(s) any expression of anarchist criminal violence that has nothing to do with love for the land and the desire to settle in it.”

NEWS BRIEFING

Border arrests plunge 33% in July to lowest mark in nearly 4 years

From news services

WASHINGTON — Arrests for illegally crossing the border from Mexico plummeted 33% in July to the lowest level since September 2020, a result of asylum being temporarily suspended, authorities said Friday.

The Border Patrol made 56,408 arrests last month, down from 83,536 arrests in June, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, its parent agency.

Asylum was halted at the border June 5 because arrests for illegal crossings topped a threshold of 2,500 a day, although a lack of deportation flights prevents authorities from turning away everyone. U.S. authorities say arrests dropped 55% after the measure, which followed a steep decline this year that was widely attributed to Mexican authorities increasing enforcement within their borders.

“In July, our border security measures enhanced our ability to deliver consequences for illegal entry,” said Troy Miller, acting CBP commissioner.

The numbers, which were roughly in line with preliminary estimates, may give Democrats some breathing room on an issue that has dogged them throughout Joe Biden’s presidency.

“The Biden-Harris administration has taken effective action, and the Republicans continue to do nothing,” said White House spokesman Angelo Fernandez Hernández.

More than 38,000 people were admitted at land crossings through an online appointment system called CBP One, bringing the total to more than 765,000 since it was introduced in January 2023.

More than 520,000 people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua

and Venezuela were admitted through July under a separate policy allowing people from those four countries to apply online with a financial sponsor and arrive at an airport. Permits were recently halted amid concerns about fraud by sponsors.

The Department of Homeland Security “is working to restart applications processing as quickly as possible, with appropriate safeguards,” CBP said in a statement.

Arrest in Graceland scam: A Missouri woman has been arrested on charges of orchestrating a brazen scheme to defraud Elvis Presley’s family by trying to auction off his Graceland mansion and property before a judge halted the mysterious foreclosure sale, the Justice Department said Friday.

Lisa Jeanine Findley, 53, of Kimberling City falsely claimed that Presley’s daughter borrowed \$3.8 million from a bogus private lender and had pledged Graceland as collateral for the loan before her death last year, prosecutors said. She then threatened to sell Graceland to the higher bidder if Presley’s family didn’t pay a \$2.85 million settlement, authorities said.

Finley posed as three different people allegedly involved with the fake lender, fabricated loan documents, and published a fraudulent foreclosure notice in a Memphis newspaper announcing the auction of Graceland in May, prosecutors said. A judge stopped the sale after Presley’s granddaughter sued.

Graceland opened as a museum and tourist attraction in 1982 and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. A large Presley-themed entertain-



Debate gets physical: A brawl breaks out among Turkish lawmakers Friday in Ankara during a debate over opposition delegate Can Atalay, who was elected from prison as a parliamentary deputy in 2023. Atalay is serving 18 years in prison for his role in anti-government protests in 2013. He has been fighting to take his seat, which comes with immunity. ADEM ALTAN/GETTY-AFP

ment complex across the street from the museum is owned by Elvis Presley Enterprises. The announcement of charges came on the 47th anniversary of Presley’s death at age 42.

Ernesto near Bermuda: Hurricane Ernesto charged toward Bermuda on Friday as officials in the tiny British territory in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean prepared to open shelters and close government offices.

The Category 2 storm located 180 miles south-southwest of Bermuda was packing maximum sustained winds of 100 mph. It was moving north-northeast at 14 mph.

Ernesto was expected to pass near or over Bermuda on Saturday morning.

Ernesto previously battered the northeast Caribbean, where it left hundreds of thousands of people without power or water in Puerto Rico after swiping past the U.S. territory as a tropical storm.

More than 240,000 out of

1.4 million clients were still without power more than two days after the storm.

Rape protest in India: Thousands of people marched through various Indian cities Friday to protest the rape and killing of a trainee doctor at a government hospital, demanding justice and better security at medical campuses and hospitals. Demonstrators held signs calling for accountability for the woman’s rape and death as they gathered near Parliament in New Delhi. Similar protests were held in the eastern city of Kolkata — the capital of West Bengal state where the killing took place — and other Indian cities like Mumbai and Hyderabad.

The protests, which have generally been peaceful, began Aug. 9 when police discovered the body of the 31-year-old trainee doctor at the state-run R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital’s seminar hall in Kolkata.

An autopsy later confirmed sexual assault,

and a police volunteer was detained in connection with the crime.

Sexual violence against women is a widespread problem in India.

Drive-thru conviction: A man who was convicted of pointing a gun at Burger King drive-thru worker who wouldn’t accept drugs for payment and later shooting at other people elsewhere the same night has been sentenced to 143 years in prison.

Prosecutors who announced the sentence Thursday said the drive-thru incident was the beginning of a series of crimes Eugene Robertson carried out in the Denver suburb of Aurora on Oct. 17, 2022. No one was wounded.

In April, a jury found Robertson guilty of 17 crimes, including eight counts of attempted murder. The sentences for many of the crimes were stacked on top of each other. Robertson, 40, had faced a maximum sentence of more than

400 years when he was sentenced Aug. 9.

British plot arrests: Two teenagers were accused in a London courtroom Friday of having an “extreme right-wing mindset” and discussing plans to carry out terrorism.

Rex Clark, 18, and Sofija Vinogradova, 19, face charges of preparation of terrorist acts. Vinogradova is also charged with two counts of collecting information likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism.

Police said the arrests of the pair were not connected to recent rioting by the far-right in the U.K.

Prosecutors said the two communicated on a Telegram chatgroup and discussed chatting Molotov cocktail bombs.

Vinogradova was initially arrested Aug. 4 on suspicion of having a gun and collecting information that could be useful to a terrorist. She was arrested again Aug. 10 with Clark.

ARTS & LIVING



Julian Brave NoiseCat on the Mount Currie Indian reserve in British Columbia, Canada, in a scene from the documentary "SugarCane." EMILY KASSIE/SUGARCANE FILM LLC

REVIEW 'SUGARCANE' ★★★★★

Confronting trauma

Documentary explores an Indigenous search for truth kept hidden, for generations, by a Catholic mission school

By Michael Phillips | Chicago Tribune

Now at the Gene Siskel Film Center, "SugarCane" is so compelling in what it's saying, the how of it — the quiet, unerring grace of its filmmaking — doesn't register fully until it's almost over.

The documentary explores a heart-sickening tragedy of unchecked institutional abuse and worse, perpetrated by representatives and educators of the Catholic Church. It spanned generations, as we've learned and keep learning of related patterns in so many other places. "SugarCane" has its hands full with its chosen subject, a single Catholic-run boarding school in Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada, known at the time of its 1981 closing as St. Joseph's Mission.

As with the U.S., the Canadian government required all Indigenous students to attend such schools, mostly Catholic-run, all with the intention of reli-

gious indoctrination with side benefits of ethnic and cultural shaming. Those who were actually born at St. Joseph's, as one survivor says in "SugarCane," felt "thrown away" before they reached the age of 5.

Named after the First Nations reserve of Williams Lake, "SugarCane" comes from co-directors Emily Kassie and Julian Brave NoiseCat. For the latter this story is wrenchingly personal: His father, sculptor and artist Ed Archie NoiseCat, experienced horrific things at St. Joseph's and witnessed more. We learn straight off in the documentary about eye-opening efforts to determine if widespread rumors and anecdotal

evidence of 50 or more bodies buried on St. Joseph's grounds are what they appear to be.

Kassie and NoiseCat intertwine various stories with exceptional fluidity here. In part "SugarCane" works like an investigative mystery, with researchers Charlene Belleau and Whitney Spearling poring through microfiche copies of half-century-old newspaper clippings. One story in particular involves an infant discovered in a box, near the school's incinerator. This hideous detail tells a larger, sinister story in "SugarCane," and the filmmakers resist every opportunity to amp up or falsify a single development. The truth is scalding enough.

Another major figure, Rick Gilbert, is a low-key, wryly forlorn St. Joseph's survivor who is invited to Vatican City as part of the Indigenous Canadian contingent at a meeting with Pope Francis. The Pope, reading his words from a piece of paper, offers his condolences,

"sorrow and shame" for the "abuses you suffered," which were "deplorable." Better than nothing, but without actions, and meaningful investigation and consequences, the film argues, it's closer to nothing than something.

We hear what we've heard and read about so often: tales of abusive priests ("pests," one Church correspondence puts it) shuffled from boarding school to boarding school; secrets festering inside extended families that rarely come out into the open. "SugarCane" takes the time and the visual space to show us these families' surroundings, and the cruelly comforting nature all around them. It's the film of the week, to be sure, and you have a week to catch it at the Film Center.

MPA rating: R (for some language)

Running time: 1:47

How to watch: Through Aug. 22 at the Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St.; siskelfilmcenter.org

WHAT TO DO IN CHICAGO

Fan Expo and a return of Blues Brothers Con in Joliet

By Jennifer Day
For the Chicago Tribune

Blues Brothers Con — The Sequel: Head to the Old Joliet Prison where Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi will host a lineup of Chicago blues performers for another year of Blues Brothers Con. Curtis Salgado, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, and Al Spears and the Hurricane Project will perform, followed by an encore featuring Aykroyd, Belushi and hits from the original "Blues Brothers" film. The daylong event also includes a Bluesmobile Car Show, the opportunity to see the Old Joliet Prison, photo ops and plenty to eat and drink. Proceeds benefit the Joliet Area Historical Museum. *11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 17 at Old Joliet Prison, 1125 Collins St., Joliet; tickets \$25-\$500 at joliethprison.org*

Fan Expo Chicago: Pop culture aficionados of a certain era, take note, an army of celebrities will be in Chicago this weekend. "Star Wars" fans get Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker), Hayden Christensen (Anakin Skywalker), Rosario Dawson (Ahsoka), Joonas Suotamo (the new Chewbacca) and several others. Also in the lineup, Linda Hamilton from "The Terminator" movies; Marisa Tomei, known to this crowd as Aunt

May from "Spider-Man"; Laurie Metcalf, the Tony Award-winning actress who's billed here as part of the cast of "Scream 2"; Rose McGowan and Holly Marie Combs of "Charmed"; Mario Lopez and Elizabeth Berkley from "Saved by the Bell"; Kate Mulgrew and, of course, William Shatner from "Star Trek." Plus walk the floor of exhibits, participate in cosplay, play games and just generally geek out. *Through Aug. 18 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont; tickets \$12-\$399 at fanexpoqh.com*

PorchFest: Stroll through Lakeview and Roscoe Village as local music acts perform on front porches throughout the neighborhoods. It's an intimate event, one that requires registration to view the event guide. Secret porch locations and showtimes will be sent to 5 p.m. Aug. 18 in locations throughout Lakeview and Roscoe Village; tickets \$10-\$50 at lakeviewroscoevillage.org

KOCO Fest: Mark the start of school with KOCO Fest, a celebration of education that provides school supplies for young people in the Kenwood Oakland community. Backpacks will be distributed and the day will be packed with music, food and games, including bingo. *Noon to 5 p.m.*



Jim Belushi makes his way into the crowd at Blues Brothers Con at the Old Joliet Prison in Joliet in 2022.

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Aug. 17 in Mandrake Park, 3858 S. Cottage Grove Ave.; donate or register to attend at kocoonline.org

Grayslake SummerFest: Tickets to the Taylor Swift concerts out of reach? Consider making the trek to Grayslake SummerFest to see Burning Red, a Swift tribute band. Plus a Girl Power Music Video Dance Party with DJ Kayleigh Chaos and bands covering ABBA and Dave Matthews Band. The festival also features bingo, food trucks and a 4:30 p.m. parade on Aug. 17. *Aug. 17 on Whitney Street in downtown Grayslake; free, more information at grayslakevillagecenter.com*

"Death, Let Me Do My Show": Rachel Bloom, best known for "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," brings her new solo show and trademark

witty songs to the Steppenwolf Theatre mainstage. The Tribune called Bloom "a close observer of life's weirdness" and noted she had "both a vaudevillian streak and an absurdist trait wrapped in emotional need." *Through Aug. 24 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$59-\$129 at steppenwolf.org*

Antojitos Fest: What's billed as Chicago's top Latin American comedy festival returns for a second year. As founded by Spanglish improv team Antojitos, the two-day event features Latin comedians from across the United States and Latin America, including the Menudo improv team from Los Angeles. *8 p.m. Aug. 17 at Logan Square Improv, 2825 W. Diversey Ave.; tickets \$20 at www.antojitosfest.com*

Los Texmaniacs: The Tex Mex conjunto band Los Texmaniacs will appear at FitzGerald's as part of a music series organized by the International Latino Cultural Center. Los Gallos, a Chicago-based Mexi-Americana roots band, will open. *8:30 p.m. Aug. 17 at FitzGerald's Nightclub, 6615 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn; tickets (21+) \$22 at lostexmaniacs.com*

"Designing for Change — Chicago Protest Art of the 1960s-70s": The 2024 Democratic National Convention rolls into town Monday, and if that's stirred memories of the riotous 1968 installment, consider a visit to the Chicago History Museum. "Designing for Change" includes more than 100 posters, flyers, signs, banners, newspapers, magazines and books illustrating Chicago's activist art, or "artivism." It also features a section dedicated to contemporary artists who are carrying on the tradition. *9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays (closed Aug. 20) at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.; tickets \$17-\$19 (children 12 and under free) at chicago-history.org*

The Political Graveyard cemetery tours: Mysterious Chicago's Adam Selzer — who

literally wrote the (2022) book on Graceland Cemetery — has three politically centric walking tours of the dead this month. Graceland, Oak Woods and Rosehill cemeteries have their share of Illinois mayors and governors as well as the surprising: Graceland has anarchists and FOA (Friends of Abe). Rosehill boasts Mayor Richard Ogilvie, two Congressmen Aldrich (senior and junior), suffragists, a Union general and a vice president (Charles Dawes, who served President Calvin Coolidge). Oak Woods has Mayor Harold Washington, Ida B. Wells and the first Secret Service agent killed on duty (William Craig, crushed while shielding Theodore Roosevelt from a speeding trolley car). Expect Selzer — who may be the best ghost tour guide in the city — to avoid any lame ducks. *10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 17 at Graceland Cemetery, 4001 N. Clark St.; 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 E. 67th St.; and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave.; tickets \$22 for Graceland and Rosehill or \$21 for Oak Woods at mysteriouschicago.com*

Have something to do around Chicago? Email events to day.chitribevents@gmail.com.



Eugene Levy and Dan Levy will be the first father-son hosts. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2019

CELEBRITIES

Levys 'thrilled' to co-host Emmys

From news services

Eugene Levy and Dan Levy will make history at the Emmy Awards next month as the first father-and-son co-hosts.

"We are thrilled to welcome two generations of comedy genius to the Emmy's stage as hosts," Television Academy Chair Cris Abrego said in a statement Friday.

The Levys cleaned up at the 2020 Emmys — the year the winners appeared remotely because of the pandemic — thanks to their hit series "Schitt's Creek."

"For two Canadians who won our Emmys in a literal quarantine tent, the idea of being asked to host this year in an actual theater was incentive enough," the Levys said in a statement. "We're thrilled to be able to raise a glass to this extraordinary season of television."

The Emmys air live Sept. 15 on ABC.

Eugene Levy is also nominated for his Apple TV+ series "The Reluctant Traveler With Eugene Levy."

Cuomo engaged to Pelphrey: Kaley Cuoco is ready to tie the knot again, just two years after

she publicly swore off marriage.

The "Flight Attendant" and "Big Bang Theory" star announced Wednesday that she is engaged to "Mank" actor Tom Pelphrey in a series of photos and videos on her Instagram story. Showing off an engagement ring in one story, Cuoco reflected on "what a wild, beautiful journey life can be."

Cuomo also shared several black-and-white photos of the small family that she and Pelphrey have made. The actors share a daughter, Matilda.

Singer Russell dies: Jack Russell — the lead singer of the bluesy '80s metal band Great White whose hits included "Once Bitten, Twice Shy" and "Rock Me" and was fronting his band the night 100 people died in a 2003 nightclub fire in Rhode Island — has died. He was 63.

"Jack is loved and remembered for his sense of humor, exceptional zest for life, and unshakable contribution to rock and roll where his legacy will forever thrive," said a statement posted Thursday to his Instagram page.

Russell recently stopped touring after announcing he had been diagnosed

with Lewy body dementia and multiple system atrophy, which causes loss of coordination and balance, and changes in speech.

Singer Kihn dies: Greg Kihn, the singer-songwriter who had a No. 2 hit with the rollicking "Jeopardy," has died. He was 75. Kihn died Tuesday from Alzheimer's disease, according to a statement posted Thursday to Kihn's website.

Kihn, a fixture of the Bay Area rock scene in the 1980s, was best known for the Greg Kihn Band's upbeat 1983 hit "Jeopardy," which was eclipsed only by Michael Jackson's "Beat It" on the Billboard singles chart. An early MTV staple, the song and video later earned a loving parody treatment from "Weird Al" Yankovic as "I Lost on Jeopardy."

Aug. 17 birthdays: Actor Robert De Niro is 81. Guitarist Gary Talley is 77. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 66. Actor Sean Penn is 64. Saxophonist Everette Harp is 63. Drummer Steve Gorman is 59. Musician Jill Cuniff is 58. Actor Donnie Wahlberg is 55. TV personality Giuliana Rancic is 50. Actor Austin Butler is 33. Actor Taissa Farmiga is 30.

Long-term lunch date tires of pal's disrespectful attitude

R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric

Dear Eric: Twenty-six years ago, I became friends with another woman at the company where I used to work. We're retired now.

The odds of us becoming friends seemed remote, since we seem to be opposites in personality, but our friendship has endured.

In all these years, we would get together for lunch at random times. In the fall of 2022, I suggested we lunch monthly on a regularly scheduled basis. I was feeling lonely during the pandemic and thought this was a good idea.

After nearly two years of this monthly schedule, I'm realizing it doesn't feel right. There are aspects of her personality that I find off-putting. For instance, she can be imperious and rude with restaurant staff.

I want to keep our friendship; I just don't want to see her every month. I want to go back to our random lunches (which were maybe five to six times a year). How can I tell her that I want to stop the monthly schedule and go back to "occasionally" lunching with her without hurting her feelings?

— Break Time

Dear Break Time: Some friendships are like an overly sweet dessert: a little goes a long way.

You're right that telling her you don't want to see her as much will likely hurt her feelings. There's no good way of saying, "You're better in small doses."

So, blame the calendar. Ask her if you can go back to sporadic lunches because it's hard to hold a regular date.

You may not be able to

go back to fully sporadic lunches, but, if she presses, try scheduling every other month and see how it suits you.

The parts of her personality that grate may still bother you, though, and you should say something about it. Servers aren't servants, for instance. People can become petty tyrants when their stomachs are growling. But no one ever perished from having to wait a few minutes for a side of ketchup for their fries.

The next time her imperious streak shows up, kindly but firmly call it out. Tell her that it's something that bothers you and that you wish she'd make a more empathetic choice. It's what a friend would do.

Dear Eric: Like many of my friends in their late 20s, my life is still in draft form. There are so many moving pieces, but by now I have a rough blueprint of where I want to go. I work full time, and I am also a full-time graduate student.

While my career goals are feeling closer than ever, other aspects of my life, such as romantic relationships, feel more out of reach than ever. I have tried online dating and have matches, but I never make the effort to meet.

I know once I get started, a relationship will add value and fun to my life, but how do I get started when I know it will make the rest of my busy life busier and more challenging? My friends and I talk often about trying to figure out balancing work life, friendships, relationships and our mental and physical health in our 20s. How does one decide what to prioritize?

— Work Life Love Balance

Dear Balance: I'm not sure

that anyone, at any point, fully achieves balance. And maybe that's not the goal. I think of life in one's 20s as like DJing, but not like DJing with your phone at a house party where you just hit play on Spotify and hope for the best.

Professional DJs mix live, moving the bass up, the treble down; sampling, starting another track that only they can hear, while the current track finishes up. It's a lot of moving around. Every track is different. And there's always going to be somebody in the crowd screaming "You're doing it wrong. Play 'Wonderwall!'"

There's no way to do it wrong. But you should strive to do it authentically. Prioritize your health. If your physical and mental health isn't good, everything is going to suffer. So, if grad school and work have you at capacity, don't worry about anyone else's time clock for love or anything else.

If you have time to pick up a book, try memoirs others have written about this complicated time in their lives. I particularly enjoy those written by Samantha Irby, Scaachi Koul and David Rakoff. They might offer some perspective and humor.

You have more time than you think you do. When things are in alignment, you can add things into the mix — romance, other job responsibilities and a larger social circle. It will not all go according to plan. It may happen out of sequence or all cattywampus. But if you're staying true to yourself and making sure to take care of yourself, you'll learn the steps of the dance.

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NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"The Book of Bill"** by Alex Hirsch (Hyperion Avenue) *Last week: 1*



2. **"The Women"** by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's) *Last week: 2*

3. **"The Coven: Special Edition"** by Harper L. Woods (Bramble) *Last week: —*

4. **"Shadow of Doubt"** by Brad Thor (Atria/Bestler) *Last week: —*

5. **"Hard to Kill"** by James Patterson and Mike Lupica (Little, Brown) *Last week: 3*

6. **"Iron Flame"** by Rebecca Yarros (Red Tower) *Last week: 5*

7. **"The Wedding People"** by Alison Espach (Holt) *Last week: 4*

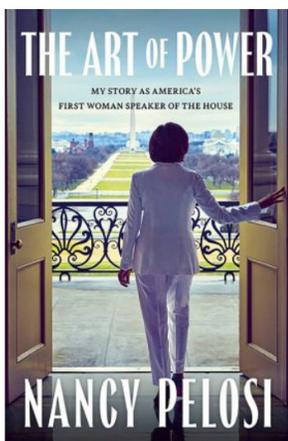
8. **"The Mercy of Gods"** by James S.A. Corey (Orbit) *Last week: —*

9. **"Swan Song"** by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown) *Last week: 6*

10. **"All the Colors of the Dark"** by Chris Whitaker (Crown) *Last week: 12*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"The Art of Power: My Story as America's First Woman Speaker of the House"** by Nancy Pelosi (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: —*



2. **"The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness"** by Jonathan Haidt (Penguin Press) *Last week: 2*

3. **"Over Ruled: The Human Toll of Too Much Law"** by Neil Gorsuch and Janie Nitzze (Harper) *Last week: —*

4. **"The New Whole30: The Definitive Plan to Transform Your Health, Habits, and Relationship with Food"** by Melissa Urban (Rodale) *Last week: —*

5. **"Shepherds for Sale: How Evangelical Leaders Traded the Truth for a Leftist Agenda"** by Megan Basham (Broadside) *Last week: 4*

6. **"All in the Family: The Trumps and How We Got This Way"** by Fred C. Trump (Gallery) *Last week: 1*

7. **"Practicing the Way: Be With Jesus. Become Like Him. Do as He Did."** by John Mark Comer (Waterbrook) *Last week: 9*

8. **"Ask Not: The Kennedys and the Women They Destroyed"** by Maureen Callahan (Little, Brown) *Last week: 19*

9. **"The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War"** by Erik Larson (Crown) *Last week: 5*

10. **"The New Menopause: Navigating Your Path Through Hormonal Change With Purpose, Power, and Facts"** by Mary Claire Haver (Rodale) *Last week: 8*

For the week ending Aug. 10, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

MUSIC REVIEWS

Ice Spice releases major flex

Virality, it could be assumed, is a gift and a curse. Hit big online and channel that momentum into mainstream appeal, then the work comes: How does an artist sustain success? Ice Spice, the Bronx rapper with the too-cool-for-school, lackadaisical flow, knows a thing or two about the topic. First came the raunchy "Munch (Feelin' U)," with its delightful dismissal of "You thought I was feeling you?" Then there was the effortless SpongeBob SquarePants-referencing "Bikini Bottom."

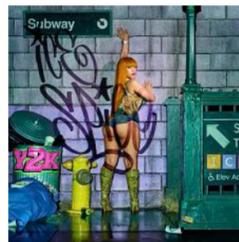
Her 2023 debut EP, "Like.?.?" produced by collaborator RiotUSA, further confirmed her talents; "Boy's a Liar, Pt. 2" with U.K. hyperpop-garage producer-artist PinkPantheress became the song of the summer. Ice Spice, in two years, has become a four-time Grammy nominee — and one of the most divisive names in mainstream rap — before she even released an album.

"Y2K!" is Ice Spice's first full-length project. At the core of the record is her immediately meme-able, booty-shaking bars, ripe for internet consumption.

A few songs directly recall the Ice Spice listeners have grown to know: "Think U the S— (Fart)" leans into her playfulness while maintaining her bravado. "Think you the s—?" Ice Spice asks. "You not even the fart." "Gimme A Light" samples Sean Paul's dancehall classic "Gimme a Light."

Across the release's 23 minutes, drill is still a priority, as she mentions on "Gimme a Light": "Let's talk drill/Who bigger than she?" she posits. Brevity is the rapper's strong suit — she knows how brief modern attention spans can be, and she cuts the fat across the album.

Her previously released single "Phat Butt" might've



'Y2K!'

Ice Spice (10K Projects/
Capitol Records)

been the clearest tease of some new sonic explorations in the world of Ice Spice, still one indebted to Nicki Minaj. She launches into a quick nod to Minaj's "Beez in the Trap" in the intro and works in a sample of the 2005 hit "I Think They Like Me" by rap group Dem Franchize Boyz with Jermaine Dupri, Da Brat and Bow Wow. Closer "TTYL" sees Ice Spice raising her voice for a rare rap-rock kiss-off.

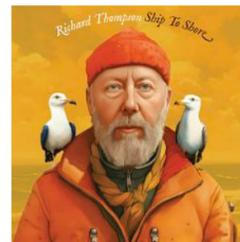
Collaborations are sparingly used: the self-referential "Oh Shhh..." with Travis Scott, the hard-hitting "Bitch I'm Packin'" with Gunna, and the infidelity-revenge anthem "Did It First" featuring the hottest rapper right now, Central Cee.

Across "Y2K!," Ice Spice flexes her flow and traverses new territory. This is the New York rapper further manicuring her unique point of view, offering listeners a short and sweet album. — *Maria Sherman, Associated Press*

For more than half a

century, British artist Richard Thompson has created albums filled with curious characters, love laments, dark humor and peerless guitar work.

That makes each release a cause for celebration, including his most recent record, "Ship to Shore." It ends a five-year recording hiatus, the longest break of Thompson's career.



'SHIP TO SHORE'

Richard Thompson
(New West Records)

His typically prolific pace was slowed in part by the completion of his engaging 2021 memoir, "Beeswing: Losing My Way and Finding My Voice 1967-1975."

"Ship to Shore" has been worth the wait because the album meets his consistently high standard while sounding like no one else. He has never sung better, and his jagged solos are concise, constant marvels.

The mood is gloomy, as usual for Thompson, with much of the music in a minor key as he sings about demons and ghosts, fear and dread, hard times, PTSD and heartache — lots of heartache. Love blinds, causes confusion and melts away. "Romance," he concludes, "is overrated" in the song "Trust."

Highlights include "Turnstile Casanova," driven by a bright guitar hook, and "Life's a Bloody Show," the tale of a dead soul who bears a resemblance to "Fergus Laing," the scoundrel in a 2015 Thompson song of the same name that was soon overtaken by actual events.

The set opens with the shanty "Freeze," a call to stay active. Thompson, 75, follows that advice, and on the closing "We Roll," he reflects on suitcase living that's a result of his concert schedule.

"I must be crazy," the road warrior muses, but there are new songs to be sung. — *Steven Wine, Associated Press*

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 17): Social connection, friendships and collaborative efforts flower this year. Coordinated routines and practices grow shared ventures. Autumn bounty fills your shared accounts. Make creative changes this winter. Taking advantage

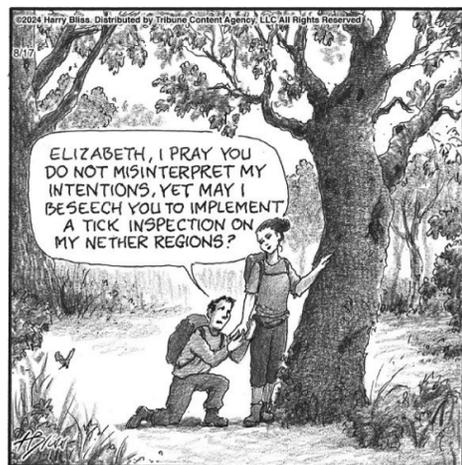
of a lucrative springtime inspires different summer studies or destinations. Work together for common gain.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Support your friends and community. A push now can have lasting benefits. Fortune favors teamwork and bold initiatives.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Take charge for the results you want. A professional challenge requires focused concentration. Do the work and profit. Career dreams appear within reach.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Study options and go. You can find what you're looking for. Make an important long-distance connection without breaking a sweat.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Collaborate to follow the money trail. Your partner helps you see things from another view. Discuss circumstances and strategies.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Rely on and support your partner. Together, you can move mountains. Strengthen foundational structures. Coordinate to advance a shared dream.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Keep in motion to maintain momentum. Steady efforts grow your physical strength. You're building for the future. Something previously impossible no longer seems so.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Relax and have fun. Indulge in creativity, artistry, sports and games. Follow your heart. Savor a fine situation with someone dreamy.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Your vision takes shape. Realize domestic dreams with as little as paint and elbow grease. Action gets lasting results with household improvement projects.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Creative inspiration motivates action. Put your imaginative ideas into words. Monitor the news. Consider things from another angle. Connect and communicate for lasting reward.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Monitor accounts and budgets to keep cash flow positive. Imagine long-term possibilities and adjust plans to suit. Follow a dream. Believe in your team.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Take great strides for a personal vision. You have the power and confidence to make things happen. Get moving and adapt as you go.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Savor private rituals. Listen to your heart, intuition and spirit. Dream up an inspiring and profitable long-term plan. Include love and happiness.

— 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

East-West vulnerable, South deals

	North		
	♠ A 9 5		
	♥ 10 7 6 2		
West		East	
♠ Q 4 2		♠ J 10 7 6	
♥ A 5 3		♥ Q J 8 4	
♦ 10 9		♦ 7 4 2	
♣ A K Q J 3		♣ 8 5	
	South		
	♠ K 8 3		
	♥ K 9		
	♦ A K Q J 8		
	♣ 10 9 2		

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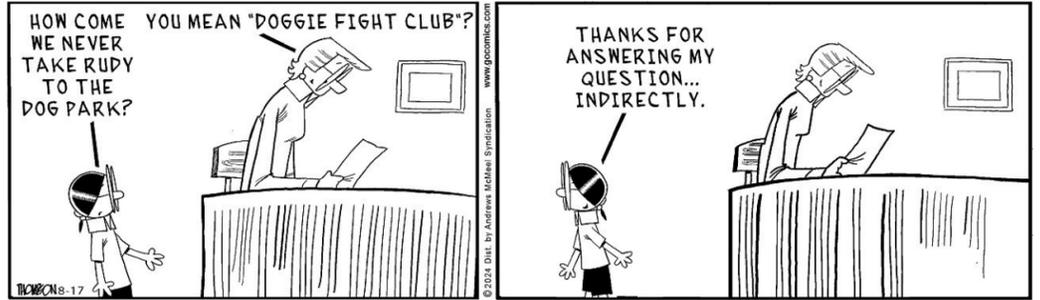
West led his fourth best club and followed with four more club tricks. South could safely discard a low spade on the fourth club, but what should he discard on the fifth club? A low heart, leaving himself with a singleton king, was a possible choice. It would leave him with seven winners if the defenders did not shift to hearts, but it was also dangerous. South decided to discard the eight of diamonds. West shifted to the 10 of diamonds, and South cashed diamonds, leaving this position with one diamond remaining:

	North		
	♠ A 9 5		
	♥ 10 7		
West		East	
♠ Q 7 3		♠ J 10 7	
♥ A 5		♥ Q J	
♦ Void		♦ Void	
♣ Void		♣ Void	
	South		
	♠ K 8		
	♥ K 9		
	♦ J		
	♣ Void		

West had to discard a spade on the jack of diamonds or South could lead a low heart to West's singleton ace and set up his king. Dummy shed a heart, but what could East do? East could not discard a spade also, so he parted with the jack of hearts. Declarer led a low spade to dummy's ace and a heart back to the queen, king, and ace. The nine of hearts was now his seventh trick. A nice deal!

— 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



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Charles Ettinger and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



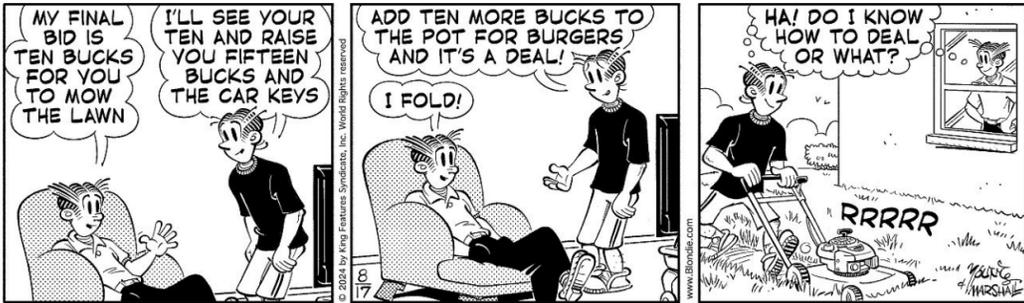
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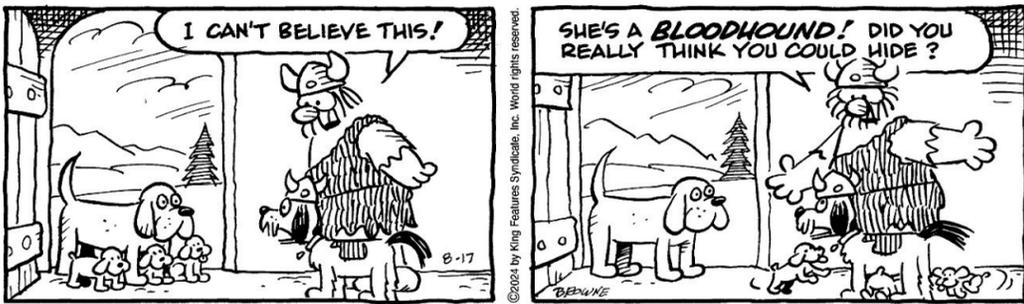
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



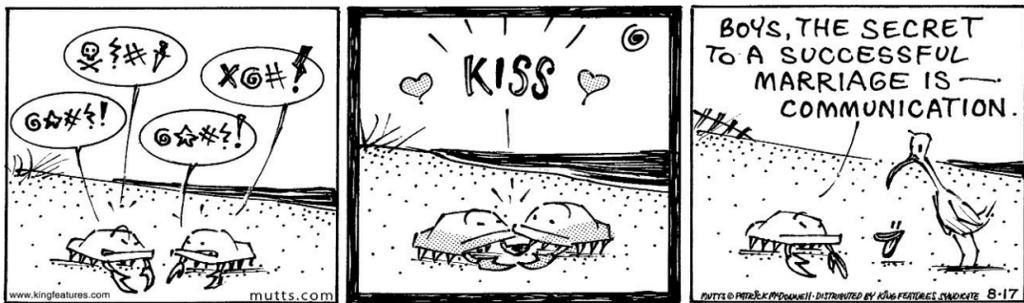
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



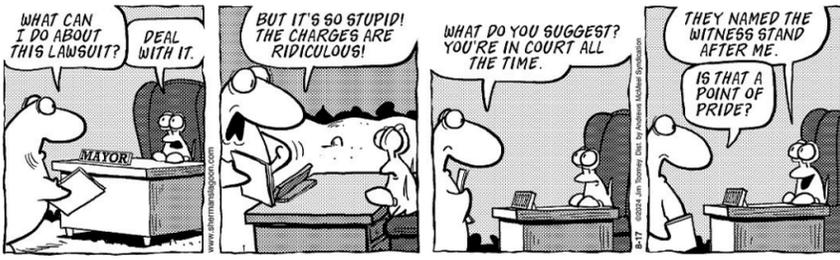
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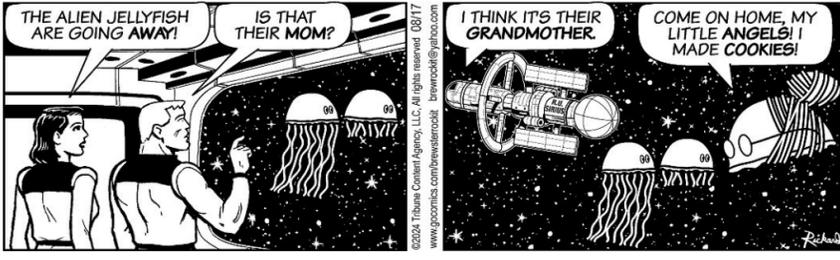
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



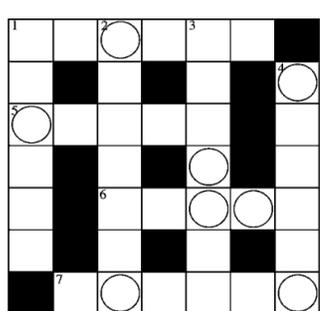
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Which figure from ancient Greek legend correctly answered the "Riddle of the Sphinx": What goes on four feet in the morning, two feet in the afternoon and three feet in the evening?
 A) Achilles
 B) Jason
 C) Oedipus
 D) Theseus
 Friday's answer: Steak tartare is made from ground, uncooked meat.
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Jumble Crossword



DOUBLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.
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ACROSS
 1. Crowded
 5. Disgusting
 6. ___ station
 7. Light wind

DOWN
 1. ___ school
 2. Journal, pad
 3. Trap
 4. Soap ___

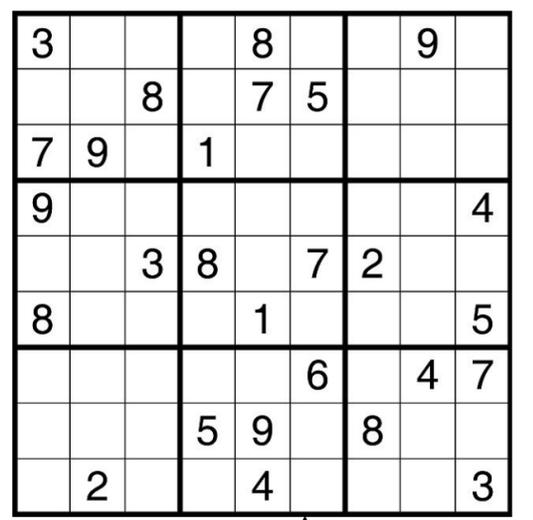
CLUE: Position, situation
 CLUE: Intrudes, interrupts

ANSWER: EMTBBO, RSGSO, NARIT, EREBEZ, EMTGAN, LEOTTRB, NEERTNSA, NGPSOE

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.

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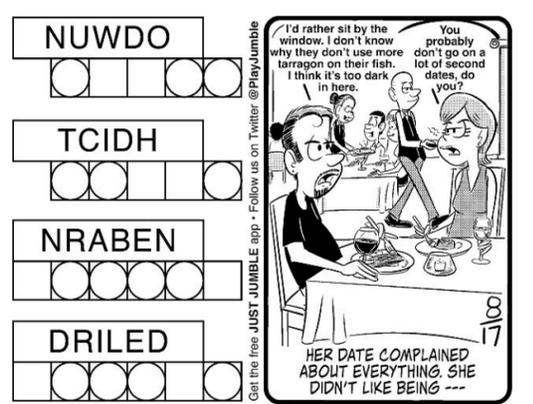
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Friday's solutions

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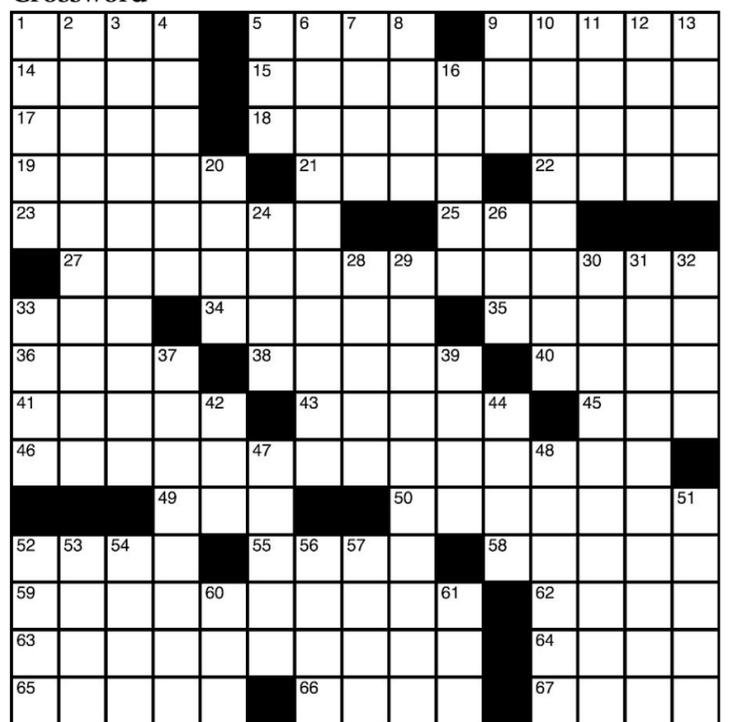
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Friday's answers

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Crossword



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 1 Croc or moc
 5 Not tons
 9 Bank
 14 Olivia of "The Newsroom"
 15 Vessel for Anne Bonny or Zheng Yi Sao
 17 Quakers' rivals
 18 Image concerns?
 19 Spoken
 21 Acronym to which an "A" is sometimes added
 22 Tops
 23 Rampaged
 25 Scorecard standard
 27 Indulgent meal
 33 Language in which "hello" is "sabaidi"
 34 Stinger?
 35 Code name
 36 Word in some pasta dish names
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 40 Outdoor game, slangily

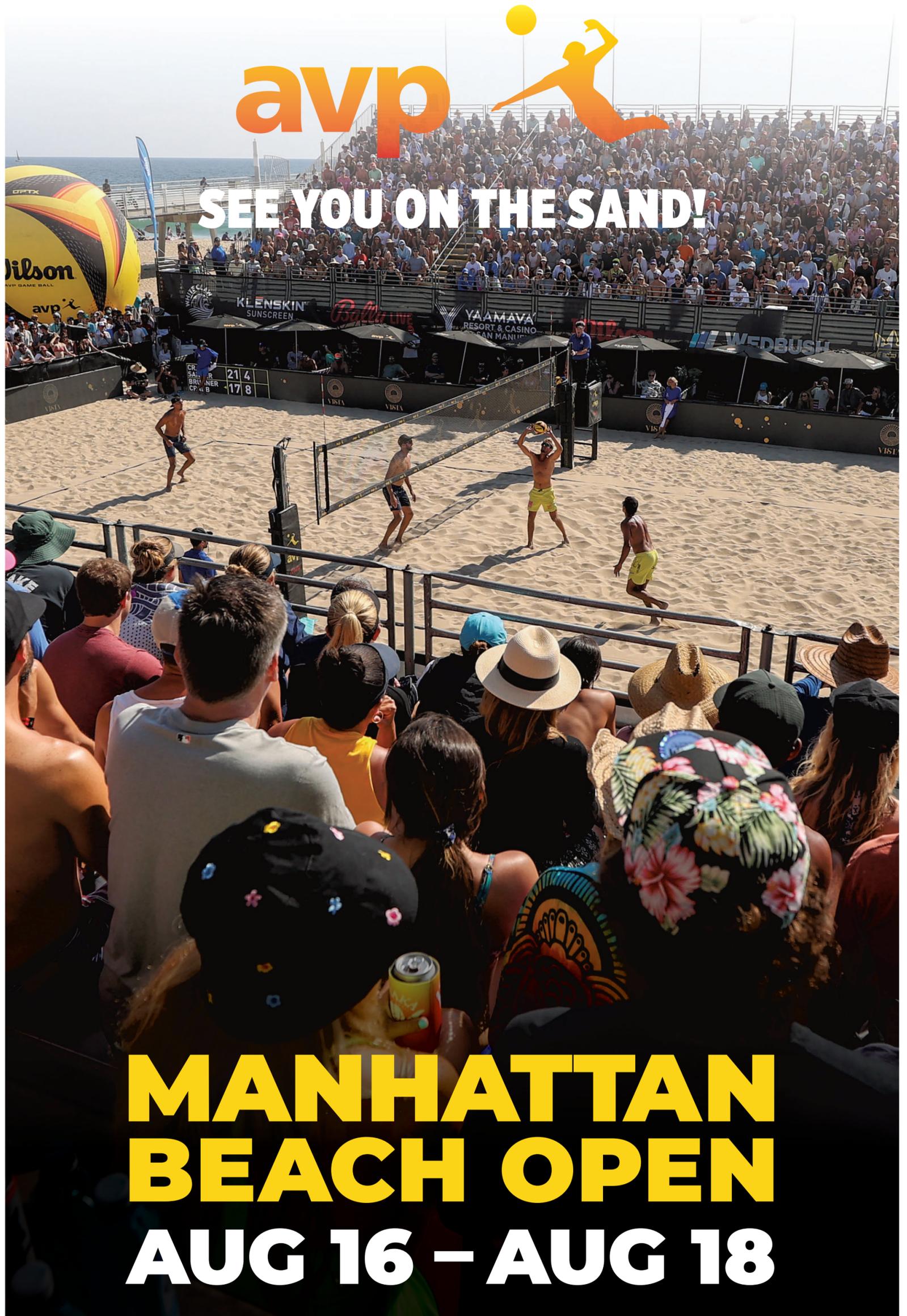
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 43 Provider of outdoor seating
 45 ___ Paulo
 46 Historic brew-haha?
 49 Important figure in Shia Islam
 50 Entertains grandly
 52 ___ bowl
 55 Point
 58 Screen print?
 59 Dressy attire that sounds casual
 62 Bygone autocrat
 63 "Basically"
 64 Teacher of the Dharma
 65 Thaumasia option
 66 Place dear to the Sundance Kid
 67 Amazon Handmade competitor

Down
 1 Smudge
 2 Brouhaha
 3 Deli basketful
 4 Guarantee
 5 Slack, e.g.
 6 End of a growing season, typically
 7 "In principio ___ Verbum": John 1:1
 8 Carry on
 9 Fellows
 10 Film score?
 11 Place-name that comes from the Seneca for "good river"
 12 Claim

Friday's solution
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Seiya Suzuki celebrates after hitting a walk-off RBI single in the 10th inning to give the Cubs a 6-5 victory over the Blue Jays on Friday at Wrigley Field. TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

CUBS 6, BLUE JAYS 5 (10)

Underachievers club

Cubs survive Neris' blown save to beat their AL counterpart Jays



Suzuki smiles after receiving a Gatorade bath following his walk-off RBI single Friday.



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

The Chicago Cubs met their American League doppelgangers Friday afternoon for the start of a three-game series at Wrigley Field.

Like the underachieving Cubs, the Toronto Blue Jays were expected to compete for a post-season spot with All-Stars Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Kevin Gausman

and Bo Bichette. Instead, they've been under .500 since April 30, frequently coming close to breaking even before falling backward again.

It's a path the Cubs know quite well. After pulling within one game of .500 on Saturday for the first time since May 28, they were swept in a three-game series at Cleveland.

They tease fans into believing there's still a chance, then pull the rug out from under them. It's the Cubs Way.

It looked like another lost cause Friday when closer Héctor Neris did his "Heart Attack Héctor"

thing in the ninth inning, balking a runner home with the bases loaded and serving up a two-out, game-tying triple to George Springer.

Neris left to a chorus of boos from the crowd of 39,614, but the Cubs bounced back for a 6-5, 10-inning win over the Blue Jays, taking another step forward.

"We can be upset that the game got tied, but he had to make big pitches to get (Daulton) Varsho out and keep the game tied and give us a chance," manager Craig Counsell said. "No one likes to give up runs. Hector did today. He gave up the lead, but he kept

it there, but he got the job done. And it's a win, and that's the big thing.

"It'd be great to pick how every win (goes) and make them beautiful, but a win is a win."

The key for the Cubs is not to take two steps back. Every game matters more with the schedule running out and a sizable crowd ahead of them in the National League wild-card race. They had a 3% chance of making the post-season before the game and have yet to go on a prolonged run since a 17-9 stretch to start the season.

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BEARS

Bengals' Burrow understands what Williams faces as rookie

By Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

The bond between Joe Burrow and Caleb Williams traces back to 2019, to a recruiting visit in Baton Rouge, La., where one future Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback was trying to persuade another to come to LSU.

Burrow wouldn't share many details of that weekend after a joint practice between the Cincinnati Bengals and Chicago Bears on Thursday afternoon at Halas Hall.

"We just got a little dinner," he said with a wide grin. "Nothing too crazy."

But Burrow did acknowledge that the two keep in touch and that he has a deeper appreciation than most for Williams' talent and the career climb he is just beginning. After all, Burrow is only four years removed from his NFL arrival — as the No. 1 pick in the 2020 draft, chosen to reenergize the Bengals franchise amid plenty of hype and great expectations.

Burrow understands the growth process Williams must go through and the grind that will intensify once the season begins.

"What you don't realize at the beginning is how long the season is," Burrow said. "You grow and you learn as time goes by with

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how to maintain your body and maintain your mind for those tough times. Because from Week 11 to 15, it's really a grind.

"You only get one bye week. My last year in college, we had 12 games and two bye weeks. So the (NFL) season is a grind. But you learn from every rep. And as long as you grow and you learn and you have great coaches, then you're all right."

Burrow can't speak with any expertise about how Bears coach Matt Eberflus, offensive coordinator Shane Waldron and their assistants at Halas Hall are equipped to nurture Williams. But Burrow is a big believer in the plan the Bears put in place to make Williams their QB1 immediately without pushing him into a watch-and-learn apprenticeship behind an established veteran.

It's the same path the Bengals chose in 2020, when coach Zac Taylor lifted Burrow to the top of the depth chart immediately after he was drafted.

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Bears QB Caleb Williams closes his eyes between drills during a joint practice on Thursday at Halas Hall with the Bengals. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Inside: 4 things to watch in the Bears' 3rd preseason game, including Caleb Williams' Soldier Field debut, Page 2



Kahleah Copper, right, celebrates with U.S. teammates Jackie Young, left, and Chelsea Gray after their victory against France in the gold-medal game on Aug. 11 at the Paris Olympics. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

WNBA

Copper returns to Chicago as an Olympic gold medalist

'21 Finals MVP shows a path to greatness for the Sky's young stars

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

Kahleah Copper didn't take any detours after winning her first gold medal with the U.S. women's national team in the Paris Olympics.

The former Sky star flew straight from Paris to Chicago, making her first return to the city

since she was traded to the Phoenix Mercury in February. Before her first rematch against the Sky on Thursday at Wintrust Arena, she enjoyed a few rare days of rest in her former home — grabbing some cake from Portillo's, getting out on Lake Michigan and celebrating in the same place where she built the foundation of her Olympic success.

This wasn't how Copper envisioned bringing gold back to Chicago.

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SKY	@LA 4 p.m. CW-26	@PHX 8 p.m. Marquee			
FIRE					Next game Aug. 24 @NYC
RED STARS					Next game Aug. 24 @LOU

BEARS WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Williams to make his Soldier Field debut

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Bears quarterback Caleb Williams will make his Soldier Field debut Saturday in the preseason game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Coach Matt Eberflus said Thursday that Bears starters will play a range of snaps based on “the ebb and flow of the game.” However, they may play against the Bengals second-teamers.

Bengals coach Zac Taylor said earlier in the week he didn’t expect to play many starters, and he didn’t indicate a change to that after a rainy joint practice Thursday at Halas Hall.

Here are four things to watch as the Bears get ready for their third preseason game.

1. Another snippet of Caleb Williams

When Bears safety Kevin Byard was asked for an assessment of Williams’ preseason debut against the Buffalo Bills last week, he called it “pretty good.” Then he quickly corrected himself.

“Honestly, I would say it was incredible,” Byard said. “Obviously it was only a couple plays, a couple throws here and there. But for a rookie he looked really comfortable. A couple of his scramble throws were really good. That little screen throw he threw to (D’Andre) Swift was really good.

“You don’t really see that type of moxie and that type of poise from a rookie quarterback. I know it was just one game, but it was really good to see and I’m looking forward to watching him again on Saturday.”

Williams completed 4 of 7 passes for 95 yards and also had a 13-yard scramble while directing two field-goal drives in the Bears’ 33-6 victory. The quality of some throws, including the flick to Swift, a third-down pass to DJ Moore and a 26-yarder to Cole Kmet, made Bears fans — and teammates — perk up.

Eberflus said he wants to see “much of the same” from Williams against a Bengals defense that presents different challenges than the Bills, who run a similar defense to the Bears.

“He’s going against a different structure here, so I think much of the same and improving and doing the basics of quarterbacking,” Eberflus said. “I think he did that last week at a solid rate.

“There were a couple things with the footwork under center and those types of things where he’s got to improve. He’s worked on those this week. But really much of the same and leveling up as we go through these weeks.”

2. Protecting Williams

A major storyline throughout training camp has been whether the Bears have the right pieces in place on the offensive line to protect Williams in his rookie season. Early camp injuries have messed with continuity.

Center/guard Ryan Bates is “week to week” with an injury, according to Eberflus, and Cole-



Bears defensive end Daniel Hardy stretches out during practice Thursday at Halas Hall.

STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

man Shelton is starting at center. Right guard Nate Davis has missed significant time with a groin injury, but he returned to practice this week and worked with the first team Thursday.

It will be worth watching to see if Davis takes his first game reps of the preseason after Eberflus said Thursday that the center and right guard positions are a competition and “not solidified yet.”

When asked about Eberflus’ statement, Davis said his mentality is to “take the reps as they come.” But Davis, who missed six games last year because of a death in his family and an injury, said he has bigger goals as he enters the second year of a three-year, \$30 million contract.

“Just to show the world the type of player I really am, especially when I’m healthy,” Davis said. “When the mind is right, the body is good, I know I am a special player. I’m just excited to showcase that.”

3. Getting after the QB

Former NFL executive and current NFL Network analyst Scott Pioli revealed Thursday that the Bears were in on trade talks for New England Patriots pass rusher Matthew Judon.

Pioli, a mentor of Bears general manager Ryan Poles, was at Bears camp this week and said he was with Poles as he discussed the possibility of acquiring Judon, who went to the Atlanta Falcons instead for a third-round pick.

It’s a sign the Bears still are exploring an upgrade at defen-

sive end opposite Montez Sweat. For now, they continue to evaluate their depth at the position.

Sweat, who missed the second preseason game with an injury, was back at practice this week, though it remains to be seen if he’ll play Saturday. The Bears have DeMarcus Walker opposite Sweat but have been getting a deeper look at players such as Dominique Robinson, Daniel Hardy and rookie Austin Booker.

Hardy and Booker each had 2½ sacks against the Bills backups on an eight-sack day for the Bears. The Bears have spoken highly of what they have seen from Booker, a fifth-round pick out of Kansas, while also noting he has development ahead.

“He’s a natural rusher, real instinctual, doesn’t predetermine prior to (the play), and you saw that today again,” Eberflus said Thursday. “Some guys just have natural slip and are able to turn the corner, and he’s got that. He’s improving, and the most important thing he has is motor. He throws his fastball every play, and that’s what a good D-lineman does.”

4. Opportunities seized?

Much has been made the last two weeks of Velus Jones Jr.’s experimentation at running back in a bid to make the roster. He had six carries for 34 yards and a touchdown against the Bills and was a storyline in this week’s “Hard Knocks” episode.

Eberflus said Thursday that Jones has displayed “toughness” in making the move from wide

receiver and is slowly learning the reads and protections he needs to play running back.

Jones should get more opportunities Saturday with the backups behind starters D’Andre Swift and Khalil Herbert. And with all of the starters limited, plenty of other backups will be looking to showcase what they can do.

On the defensive side, that could be the aforementioned pass rushers or some of the reserves in the secondary who have received opportunities with camp injuries to nickel Kyler Gordon, cornerback Tyrique Stevenson and safety Jaquan Brisker.

Gordon and Stevenson were back at practice this week and potentially could play. But Brisker remains out, and Byard spoke highly of what he has seen from 2022 seventh-round pick Elijah Hicks in Brisker’s absence.

“Elijah Hicks has been playing his behind off,” Byard said. “I really like him. I know he’s a (seventh-round pick) and he has that chip on his shoulder, and you can just see it out there, whether it’s special teams or defense.

“And that’s what I keep telling him. Jaquan, obviously he’s going to come back, but (seize) every opportunity you get to come out here and show your brand of football, show your physicality.”

Defensive coordinator Eric Washington also singled out Josh Blackwell for his work at nickel while Gordon was sidelined.

“Really like how he’s been working,” Washington said.

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“Those reps are so valuable,” Burrow said. “You learn so much in that first year when you’re getting those (first-team) reps and when you come in and you’re named the starter immediately.

“I’ll never quite understand when you draft a guy that you know is going to be your starter, but then you don’t name him your starter immediately and then he misses out on all those reps with ones that he would have had had he just come in as the starter.”

Burrow’s rookie season had its detours. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no organized team activities or minicamp practices to use for development. Training camp that summer also was abbreviated significantly.

Burrow made 10 starts as a rookie but had his season cut short when he tore the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his left knee in Week 11 when he

was hit low while throwing deep.

He returned in his second season and threw for 4,611 yards and 34 touchdowns and propelled the Bengals all the way to the Super Bowl. They followed in 2022 with 12 wins, another AFC North title and two more playoff victories, lending credibility to their blueprint for launching Burrow’s career.

Burrow and Taylor talked at length Thursday about the need to lean into every experience — every success and every misstep — as a learning opportunity.

“Every rep,” Taylor said, “is a good rep.”

Taylor singled out a 31-27 loss to the Indianapolis Colts in Burrow’s rookie season, sealed in the final minute when Burrow was blitzed and threw an interception deep in Colts territory on a pass intended for Tyler Boyd.

Coincidentally, that came against a defense coordinated and called by Eberflus.

“Joe stored that one away,” Taylor said. “It was kind of a four-

deep, one-under (look), if I remember correctly. First time we’d seen that in his career. And so Joe stored that away and said if I ever get that one again, I know what I’m going to get to.

“There are moments like that that are going to happen. You store them away and you learn from them.”

Burrow also emphasized the need to find emotional equilibrium daily throughout a roller-coaster NFL season.

“That’s what separates people,” he said. “It’s when you can maintain a levelheaded, even-keeled aura or whatever you want to call it. There are going to be ups and downs. But can you come back the next day and go about your process the same way you did the week before? Whether you won or whether you lost. Whether you threw four picks or you had five touchdowns. You just have to have the mindset at the end of the day that you’re going to be better.”

Williams had his ups and downs

during Thursday’s rainy joint practice. He was intercepted by linebacker Germaine Pratt on his first pass in 7-on-7 drills but also made several gorgeous throws, including an 11-on-11 red-zone touchdown pass to Keenan Allen.

Williams is expected to start and play a series or two Saturday in the preseason game against the Bengals at Soldier Field. Burrow and Taylor will have a good view of that experience for the rookie quarterback.

After that, the Bengals quarterback and coach will be keeping an eye on Williams’ progress from afar.

“Once you’ve been through the things that he’s been through and that I’ve been through, I think you understand it,” Burrow said. “He played in L.A. (in college), so he’s used to that big market. That goes a long way. If you can stay grounded like he can, then he’s going to get through it.”

Added Taylor: “It’ll be exciting to see how it all comes along. They’ll do it at their own pace. It’ll be fun to watch.”

Copper

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Even after the departures of Candace Parker and Courtney Vandersloot — the two other pillars of the 2021 championship team on which Copper broke out as WNBA Finals MVP — Copper was locked in with the Sky. But the uncertainty of the team’s future after a coaching transition and a fruitless free agency last winter led Copper to push for a trade to a title contender.

It was a logical move. Copper immediately found the success she was seeking in Phoenix, trailing only A’ja Wilson in scoring this season and finding mentorship in veteran teammates such as Diana Taurasi. Copper helped fuel a U.S. comeback in the gold-medal game, earning a shining accolade from Wilson: “She’s that b---.”

And the Sky have turned her loss into a success of their own, using the No. 3 pick gained in the Copper trade to anchor a rebuild around rookie stars Kamilla Cardoso and Angel Reese.

Still, none of that logic could outweigh the bittersweet feeling that tinged Thursday’s homecoming for Copper.

“I miss the city,” she said Thursday before scoring a game-high 29 points in the Mercury’s 85-65 victory. “I love being here. It’s really my second city. I’m just so grateful to be back. Everything is kind of nostalgic.”

Copper’s journey from a young star in Chicago to an Olympic gold medalist also paves a road map for Reese and Cardoso.

Both have their sights set on Los Angeles in 2028. Cardoso narrowly missed Olympic qualification with Brazil in February, a loss that fueled her throughout a championship senior year at South Carolina. Although Reese was not invited to talent-identification camps for the U.S. this year, she publicly set a goal last month to earn a spot on the next Olympic team.

It’s a goal Sky coach Teresa Weatherspoon knows well after winning gold in 1988 and bronze in 1992 — the last U.S. team to finish without an Olympic title. Weatherspoon hopes to fuel the aspirations of both rookies over the next four years.

The process was different when she was a player. Olympic prospects competed in open tryouts and suited up for tournaments such as the Pan American Games to carve out their place on the roster. But at its heart, Weatherspoon believes the process of making an Olympic team is still the same.

“The strength and power of who we are — that representation always means something,” Weatherspoon said. “When you step on that podium and your national anthem is being played, that’s something you cannot describe at all. You can’t tell people how it feels. It’s huge. It’s a beautiful thing to do.”

Copper, 29, remembers standing where both rookies are now. Three years ago, she was one of the final cuts for the Tokyo Olympic roster. Copper stashed the disappointment as another chip on her shoulder, building herself into an All-Star who powered the Sky to a title and made the national team.

Along the way, she earned the adoration of Sky fans, which was on full display from the moment she stepped back on the court Thursday.

It won’t be the last Chicago sees of Copper. The Sky will face the Mercury three more times this season, including a Sept. 15 game at Wintrust. But for now, she left the city with some advice for Reese and Cardoso: Learn how to be great amid greatness.

“You’ve got to put in the work,” Copper said. “You’ve got to be able to play with other great players. You have to understand that being a part of USA Basketball, you have to sacrifice a little bit of yourself for the group.”

“I think great players can play with other great players. That’s really the separation.”

SPORTS



Cubs Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg, center, waves to the crowd during a dedication ceremony June 23 for the unveiling of his statue outside Wrigley Field. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CUBS

‘Time to celebrate!’

Hall of Famer Sandberg says he is cancer-free

Associated Press

Hall of Fame second baseman Ryne Sandberg says he is cancer-free.

The Chicago Cubs great made the announcement on Instagram on Thursday, nearly seven months after he revealed he had metastatic prostate cancer.

“Rang the Bell this morning!” Sandberg wrote. “WE did it, WE won! What a Dream Team, family, doctors, friends, nurses, fans who supported myself and Margaret through the last 8 months! We

feel so blessed from all the love, prayers and thoughts and positive words that have come our way! Modern medicine has come along way so once again early detection is important. Annual doctor visits! Time to celebrate! #godisgood.”

Sandberg, 64, has kept well-wishers updated on his progress through an Instagram account and said last month that scans showed no signs of cancer.

Sandberg hit .285 with 282 home runs, 1,061 RBIs and 344 stolen bases in 16 seasons in the majors. He made his big-league debut with Philadelphia in 1981 and appeared in 13 games with the Phillies before he was traded to the Cubs in January 1982.

Sandberg turned into one of the majors’ best all-around performers with the Cubs. He made 10 All-Star teams and won nine Gold Gloves. He also was the NL MVP in 1984.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005. In June, the Cubs unveiled a statue of Sandberg outside Wrigley Field in a ceremony emceed by Bob Costas, 40 years to the day he hit a pair of late home runs in a nationally televised win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The statue, which depicts Sandberg crouched and waiting for a grounder, is next to bronze tributes to fellow Hall of Famers Ferguson Jenkins, Billy Williams, Ron Santo and Ernie Banks.

WHITE SOX

Lee, Julks recall ‘good memories’ with Astros in return to Houston

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — Korey Lee’s first taste of the big leagues came at Minute Maid Park.

Lee entered as a pinch hitter for the Houston Astros in the eighth inning of a July 1, 2022 game against the Los Angeles Angels, subbing in for Martín Maldonado.

“I had all the adrenaline going through my veins,” Lee said Friday afternoon.

He hit a deep fly to left field that was tracked down by Brandon Marsh.

Lee made his first major-league start three days later at the same ballpark when the Astros faced the Kansas City Royals.

“It’s all good memories coming back here,” Lee said.

The catcher made his return to Minute Maid Park on Friday with the Chicago White Sox for the opener of a three-game series. It was his first trip back since being acquired in a trade with the Astros last season.

“It was a little weird going on this side,” Lee said with a smile, referring to the visiting clubhouse. “But it’s the same game, the same place I got to debut and it’s going to be a fun time here this weekend.”

Lee played in 12 games for the Astros in 2022. He was dealt to the Sox for reliever Kendall Graveman on July 28, 2023, and appeared in 24 games.

He entered Friday hitting .217 with 10 home runs and 28 RBIs in 96 games this season. He had three consecutive multi-hit games Aug. 9-12 and is 8-for-28 (.286) with a home run and two RBIs in his last eight games.

“For a catcher that can hit like that and throw and move it around a little bit, he’s a tremen-

dous athlete for that position,” interim manager Grady Sizemore said. “I’m excited to let him come here and play against his old team, always brings more energy and emotion.”

Lee said he was in Las Vegas with Houston’s Triple-A affiliate the Sugar Land Space Cowboys when he found out he was traded.

“They gave me a call at breakfast and let me know I was coming over to Chicago and they thanked me for everything that I did, I thanked them and the next thing I know I was in (Triple-A) Charlotte about two days after that playing for the Knights,” Lee said.

“Trades are always going to be part of it. At the end of the day, I got the good opportunity to come over here and play my game.”

He made his Sox debut last August and this year has emerged as the team’s starting catcher. During his time with the Sox, Lee said that he has learned “that I belong here.”

“I belong as a catcher in the big leagues, and that’s something I hold myself to,” Lee said. “The hitting, that’s always going to come and go with some people. But it’s just being that solid backstop behind there goes a long way in this game. I’ve taken that to heart, will always be a catcher and then hitting comes as a little bonus.”

Like Lee, the Sox acquired outfielder Corey Julks in a trade with the Astros. They made the move on May 15, sending pitcher Luis Rodríguez to Houston.

The Astros welcomed both back Friday with a tribute on the video board before the game.

Julks made his major-league debut with the Astros at Minute Maid Park on March 31, 2023, against the Sox.

“Got the first hit — actually,

playing against the White Sox and that’s kind of crazy with that,” Julks said. “It was a special moment, family was all here. It was awesome.”

Julks played 93 games for the Astros last season and has appeared in 52 games — hitting .228 with three home runs and nine RBIs — for the Sox.

“Have a lot of memories here,” Julks said. “Taking it all in. It’s been nice. Seeing some of the guys from last year has been fun. Excited to be back, for sure.”

Julks was born in nearby Friendswood, Texas. He also played college baseball at Houston.

“I always was a fan growing up,” said Julks, who listed Hall of Famers Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio among his favorites. “Just the opportunity to play for them in the past was definitely special. Growing up, cheering for the Astros, it was definitely a thing.”

Julks anticipated having a lot of family in attendance.

“Going to bring them out and show some love to the city,” Julks said.

Reliever Leone placed on IL

The Sox placed reliever Dominic Leone on the 60-day injured list with a right UCL sprain. The right-hander exited Wednesday’s game against the New York Yankees during the seventh inning.

Leone is 0-2 with a 6.63 ERA and 17 strikeouts in 23 relief appearances.

In the corresponding roster move, the Sox reinstated reliever Matt Foster from the 60-day IL. The right-hander had been out since undergoing Tommy John surgery on April 19, 2023.



The Blue Jays’ George Springer slides safely into third base after his two-run triple in the ninth inning tied the game against the Cubs on Friday at Wrigley Field. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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Starter Kyle Hendricks, who allowed two runs (one earned) over five innings, said the Cubs “know exactly where we’re at” in the race.

“And it’s been that way for a while,” Hendricks said. “So it’s the opportunity that’s in front of us every single day. So today, it doesn’t matter how it looks, how we get it done. A win is a win, so that was big today.”

The Cubs finished with only seven hits, but four were home runs from Cody Bellinger, Pete Crow-Armstrong, Miguel Amaya and Ian Happ. Seiya Suzuki’s RBI single in the 10th, his first walk-off hit as a Cub, helped them avoid what would have been a heartbreaking loss.

Suzuki said through an interpreter that he was mad at himself for “past at-bats and other stuff” which included two called strikeouts. One of them was a call he disputed.

“No comment,” he said with a grin when asked if that was why he was mad.

The Cubs can console themselves with the notion they’re still in contention for a wild-card

spot with 39 games left. But that also helps to obscure the fact they began the day 10½ games behind the Milwaukee Brewers in the NL Central.

Counsell was aggravated at the line of questioning after the win regarding Neris’ blown save and a series of defensive misplays in the fourth by Hendricks and Dansby Swanson. The crowd showered the team with boos after Swanson’s errant throw.

Counsell should understand that his team was built to win the division and that the Cubs charge some of the highest ticket prices in the game for their product. When you’re buying a Porsche, you don’t expect to go home driving a Honda Civic.

The Cubs shouldn’t have to be playing catch-up in mid-August for a wild-card spot yet have put themselves in that position for the second straight year.

The highlight of the afternoon was when Stephen Colbert stopped by the bleachers to film a segment for “The Late Show” with Stephen Colbert, which is filming here next week during the Democratic National Convention. He also performed “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” during the seventh-inning stretch and

before leaving the press box was reminded of a joke he made in 2022 about former Cubs player Frank Schwindel.

The first baseman, pitching in relief in Yankee Stadium, served up a home run on a 35-mph eephus pitch. “I’m no baseball player,” Colbert said on the show, “and neither apparently is Frank Schwindel.”

A perturbed Schwindel later said he didn’t appreciate the joke, adding: “I’d like to see him do it.” He facetiously challenged Colbert to face him at Wrigley Field, but it never made it back to the talk-show host. Colbert had to be reminded Friday who Schwindel was, telling reporters “I’ve told a lot of jokes, it’s been a long time” since 2022.

“You could’ve hit off Frank Schwindel!” a reporter told Colbert.

“A lot of people could,” Colbert cracked.

Soon after Colbert exited, Neris came into the game and posted the 22nd blown save of the season by the Cubs bullpen. But Suzuki saved the day, and the crowd that booed Swanson and Neris ventured into Wrigleyville happy, knowing a win is a win.

It’s the Cubs Way.

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

‘It gives me confidence’

Hinsdale’s Wanless gets boost playing for his father

By Paul Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Hinsdale’s Grant Wanless has an advantage on most players in the Little League World Series.

Because no matter what happens on the field, Wanless knows that his father Chad, who is Hinsdale’s coach, is right there with him representing the Great Lakes Region team.

“I think when I can look over in the dugout when I’m pitching or hitting or on base and see him, it just makes me more comfortable to be there,” Grant Wanless said. “It gives me confidence.”

“He’s there to support me, give me a boost of confidence that can change an at-bat or an inning.”

Chad Wanless went to his son in relief on the mound Friday in a 5-0 loss to Hawaii in the Little League World Series opener for Hinsdale in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Grant Wanless pitched 1 ⅓ scoreless innings, finishing with a strikeout and a walk. He also had one of Hinsdale’s three hits. Kellan Goodwin contributed the other two hits.

“I was proud of him because he pitched extremely well,” Chad Wanless said of his son. “I was thrilled for him to get a hit. I want his next hit to be in a win, though.”

Chad Wanless said his team excels hitting pitchers that throw with high velocity. Hinsdale hasn’t run into the likes of Hawaii’s Evan Tavares, however.

After allowing the first two batters of the game to reach base, Tavares retired the next 12, with nine coming on strikeouts.

“He was exceptional,” Wanless said. “We would have loved to have gotten one (in the first). You have to hand it to him. He settled in, got out of a tough jam, got past a couple of good hitters.”

“We just didn’t play the way we’re capable. We would have had to have played flawless to beat him.”

Fred Sackley led off the game for Hinsdale with a walk. Goodwin followed with single to the opposite field, putting runners on first and second with nobody out.

A groundout and two strikeouts ended that threat, however.

Grant Wanless said facing the hard-throwing 5-foot-10 left-hander was a challenge.

“He’s a good pitcher,” Grant Wanless said of Tavares. “He throws hard, he’s big and he’s intimidating. He’s tall, so it comes down on you fast so that makes it



Hinsdale’s Ethan Chan reacts during an at-bat in the sixth inning against Hawaii during a first-round game at the Little League World Series on Friday. **GENE J. PUSKAR/AP PHOTOS**

hard to hit.

“If we play them again, we have to get the bats going earlier and be more selective. He’s a good pitcher, but we should have hit him better.”

Hinsdale countered Tavares on the mound with its ace, Dillon Phelps.

Phelps gave up a run in the bottom of the first inning but bounced back to strike out the side in the second. He ran into trouble in the third, though, eventually exiting the game down 2-0.

An error scored two more runs that inning, and suddenly, Hawaii led 4-0.

“He didn’t have his best stuff,” Chad Wanless said of Phelan. “Those are the days you have to grind it out. When you have someone on the other side that is as tough as their big lefty is, it’s tough to grind. We couldn’t give Dillon anything to fall back on.”

“We’re going to scratch and claw our way to get him another visit to that mound.”

The loss put Hinsdale in an unfamiliar spot. It’s the first time this group has lost a game in three years. The positive? The tournament has a double-elimination format, so Hinsdale is still alive.

Hinsdale will play at 8 a.m. Sunday against the winner of Saturday’s game between Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Staten Island, New York.

“It was a bit of a different feeling,” Grant Wanless said. “It was bound to happen at some point. We were ready for it. We know we’re at the biggest youth tournament in the world.”

“Just making it here is a big accomplishment.”

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Hinsdale’s Dillon Phelan delivers a pitch against Hawaii during a first-round game at the Little League World Series on Friday in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	72	50	.590	—	—	6-4	W-2	36-26	36-24
New York	72	50	.590	—	+5½	6-4	W-2	32-27	40-23
Boston	63	57	.525	8	2½	4-6	L-2	29-32	34-25
Tampa Bay	59	61	.492	12	6½	3-7	L-3	31-34	28-27
Toronto	57	65	.467	15	9½	6-4	L-1	29-31	28-34

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	72	49	.595	—	—	5-5	W-5	38-20	34-29
Minnesota	68	53	.562	4	+2	5-5	W-1	36-24	32-29
Kansas City	66	55	.545	6	—	4-6	W-1	38-25	28-30
Detroit	59	63	.484	13½	7½	6-4	W-4	29-31	30-32
Chicago	29	93	.238	43½	37½	2-8	L-2	18-44	11-49

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	65	55	.542	—	—	8-2	W-8	32-26	33-29
Seattle	63	59	.516	3	3½	4-6	L-3	37-26	26-33
Texas	56	66	.459	10	10½	3-7	L-1	31-28	25-38
Los Angeles	52	69	.430	13½	14	4-6	L-3	26-38	26-31
Oakland	52	70	.426	14	14½	6-4	W-1	29-30	23-40

BOX SCORES

CHICAGO CUBS 6, TORONTO 5 (10)

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	5	0	1	2	1	.219
Varsho cf	5	0	1	0	2	.208
Guerrero 1b	5	0	0	0	0	.319
Horwitz dh	5	1	1	0	2	.265
Kirk c	4	0	1	0	1	.239
Wagner 2b	4	1	2	0	1	.583
Clement 3b	4	1	2	1	1	.276
Loperfido lf	4	1	1	0	1	.140
Jimenez ss	4	1	1	1	2	.221
TOTALS	41	5	10	4	11	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Happ lf	4	3	2	1	0	.233
Busch 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.257
Suzuki dh	5	0	1	2	2	.265
Bellinger rf- cf	4	1	1	2	0	.276
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.164
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.256
D.Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	0	.228
Crow-Armstrong cf	2	1	1	1	0	.210
a-Wisdom ph	1	0	0	0	1	.202
Tauchman rf	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Amaya c	4	1	1	1	0	.220
TOTALS	35	6	7	6	6	

Toronto	000	110	003	0	5	10	1
Chicago	200	020	100	1	6	7	2

No outs when winning run scored.

a-struck out for Crow-Armstrong in the 9th. **E:** Wagner (1), Hendricks (1), D.Swanson (5). **LOB:** Toronto 7, Chicago 7. **2B:** Happ (26), Hoerner (24). **3B:** Springer (2).

HR: Jimenez (2), off Hendricks; Bellinger (13), off Rodriguez; Crow-Armstrong (5), off Rodriguez; Amaya (5), off Rodriguez; Happ (21), off Little. **RBIs:** Clement (36), Jimenez (7), Springer (246), Bellinger (248), Crow-Armstrong (25), Amaya (24), Happ (68), Suzuki (165).

SB: Happ (9), D.Swanson (10). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 5 (Varsho, Kirk, Loperfido 3); Chicago 4 (D.Swanson, Amaya 2, Bellinger). **RISP:** Toronto 3for 12; Chicago 2for 9.

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	5	4	4	4	2	5	3.93
Nance	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.07
Little	1	1	1	0	0	3.94	
E.Swanson	1	0	0	0	0	6.18	
Cabrera	1	0	0	0	1	3.40	
Green, L-3-3	0	1	0	1	0	1.86	

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks	5	2	1	0	2	6.35	
Smyly, H, 6	1	0	0	0	3	2.77	
Lopez, H, 2	1	0	0	0	2	0.44	
Hodge, H, 8	1	1	0	0	2	2.28	
Neris, BS, 17-22	1	4	3	0	2	3.98	
Miller, W, 4-1	1	0	3	0	0	1.38	

IBB: off Nance (Crow-Armstrong). **Umpires:** Home, Sean Barber; First, Ryan Blakney; Second, Jim Wolf; Third, Alan Porter.

T: 2:53. A: 39,614(41,363).

LATE THURSDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 6, ATLANTA 0

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Harris cf	4	0	1	0	1	.249
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.260
Ozuna dh	4	0	1	0	1	.298
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.230
d'Arnaud c	3	0	0	0	1	.252
Arcaia ss	3	0	0	0	0	.228
Kelenic lf	3	0	1	0	2	.236
Laureano rf	2	0	0	0	0	.275
Merrifield 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.250
TOTALS	30	0	4	0	8	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fitzgerald ss	4	0	1	1	1	.311
Canha 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.300
Ramos dh	4	1	1	0	1	.282
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	1	0	.246
Encarnacion lf	4	1	1	0	2	.233
Vastruzemski rf	3	2	1	0	1	.244
Schmitt 2b	3	1	2	0	2	.208
Casali c	4	0	0	0	1	.179
McCray cf	3	1	2	2	1	.286
TOTALS	33	6	10	6	9	

Atlanta	000	000	000	0	4	0
San Francisco	020	003	10x	6	10	1

E: Schmitt (3). **LOB:** Atlanta 4, San Francisco 7. **2B:** Ramos (14), Chapman (31). **HR:** Schmitt (5), off Chavez; McCray (1), off Chavez. **RBIs:** McCray (2), Fitzgerald (27), Schmitt (210), Chapman (61). **SB:** Fitzgerald (24). **SF:** Fitzgerald. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta (1-Harris); San Francisco 5 (Yastruzemski, Chapman, Ramos 2, Fitzgerald). **RISP:** Atlanta 0for 3; San Francisco 3 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Casali. **LIDP:** Olson. **GIDP:** Laureano. **DP:** San Francisco 2(Schmitt, Canha; Canha).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fried, L-7-7	5½	5	3	3	5	3.62	
Chavez	1½	4	3	3	0	1.285	
Bumner	1½	1	0	0	0	3.63	

SAN FRAN	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Webb, W-11-8	7½	4	0	0	1	7	3.17
Ty.Rogers	4	0	0	0	0	2.91	
Bivens	1	0	0	0	1	1.90	

Inherited runners-scored: Chavez-1, Bumner 1-0, Ty.Rogers 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Dan Iassogna; First, CB Bucknor; Second, Jeremy Riggs; Third, Adam Beck. T: 2:23. A: 29,319(41,915).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Thursday's games					
BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Witt KC	121	482	168	102	3.49
Judge NYY	120	426	142	95	3.33
Kwan Cle	95	379	123	70	3.25
Guerrero Tor	120	465	150	72	3.23
J.Soto NYY	118	436	134	103	3.07
Y.Alvarez Hou	115	427	130	70	3.04
Altuve Hou	117	483	144	66	2.98
Diaz Hou	109	423	126	50	2.98
Devers Bos	107	409	121	76	2.96
Rooker Oak	105	386	113	61	2.93

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 43; Santander, Baltimore, 36; J.Soto, New York, 34; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 31; Henderson, Baltimore, 31; Rooker, Oakland, 29; Raleigh, Seattle, 26; Seager, Texas, 26; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 26; 3 tied at 25. **RBI:** Judge, New York, 110; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 98; Witt, Kansas City, 89; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 88; J.Soto, New York, 87; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 85; Rooker, Oakland, 83; Santander, Baltimore, 80; Guerrero, Toronto, 80; Perez, Kansas City, 79. **Pitching:** Skubal, Detroit, 14-4; Rodriguez, Baltimore, 13-4; Lugo, Kansas City, 13-7; Rodon, New York, 13-7; Burnes, Baltimore, 12-4; Ober, Minnesota, 12-5; F.Valdez, Houston, 12-5; Gil, New York, 12-6; Gausman, Toronto, 11-8; López, Minnesota, 11-8.

LATE THURSDAY: OAKLAND 7, N.Y. METS 6

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cameron rf	2	1	1	0	0	.186
b-Butler ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	.240
Andujar lf	4	1	0	0	1	.286
Bleday cf	5	2	3	4	0	.249
Langeliers c	4	1	3	4	0	.230
Nevin dh	4	0	2	1	1	.210
Gelof 2b	3	1	0	0	1	.198
A.Alvarez 1b	2	1	0	0	2	.276
a-Brown ph-1b	3	0	2	1	0	.214
Hernaiz 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.194
c-Toro ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	.242
Schuemann ss	5	1	0	0	3	.238
TOTALS	38	7	12	6	6	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	4	1	1	0	1	.263
Vientos 3b	5	2	2	3	2	.275
Martinez dh	4	1	1	0	1	.257
Winker lf	3	0	0	0	1	.282
d-Taylor ph-1f	2	1	1	0	0	.241
Alonso 1b	3	2	0	0	1	.245
Iglesias 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.333
McNeil rf	2	0	1	0	1	.237
e-FAlvarez ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	.256
Torrens c	4	0	1	2	0	.276
Gamel rf	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Bader cf	4	0	0	0	1	.265
TOTALS	36	6	9	5	8	

Oakland	000	412	000	7	12	0
New York	014	100	000	6	9	0

a-singled for A.Alvarez in the 5th. b-walked for Cameron in the 5th. c-flied out for Hernaiz in the 6th. d-singled for Winker in the 7th. e-grounded out for McNeil in the 7th. **LOB:** Oakland 16, New York 10. **2B:** Nevin (8), Langeliers (15), McNeil (23). **HR:** Bleday (15), off Quintana; Vientos (18), off Spence; Vientos (19), off Otanez. **RBIs:** Bleday (44), Nevin (17), Brown (28), Vientos 3 (48), Torres (2), SB: Taylor (8), Bleday (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Oakland 9 (Butler, Gelof 6, Andujar, Schuemann); New York 5 (Torrens, FAlvarez, Bader 2, Martinez). **RISP:** Oakland 3 for 14; New York 2 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Nevin, Iglesias.

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Spence	2½	4	5	5	3	1	4.64
Otanez	1½	2	1	1	0	1	3.71
Ferguson, W, 1-1	2	1	0	0	1	2	3.86
Alexander, H, 8	1	2	0	0	1	2.57	
Miller, S, 18-20	2	0	0	0	1	3	1.97

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Quintana	4	7	4	4	1	4	2.26
Braxton	1	1	1	2	1	1	4.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS

ATP/WTA CINCINNATI OPEN

Friday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Mason, Ohio; outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#1Jannik Sinner d.
 Jordan Thompson, walkover
 #3Alexander Zverev d.
 Pablo Carreno Busta, 7-5, 7-6(6).
 #5Hubert Hurkacz d.
 Flavio Cobolli, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
 #6Andrey Rublov d.
 Brandon Nakashima, 7-6(5), 6-1.
 #12Ben Shelton d.
 Fabian Marozsan, 6-4, 6-3.
 #15Holger Rune d.
 Gael Monfils, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
 Jack Draper vs.
 Felix Auger-Aliassime, late
 Frances Tiafoe vs.
 Iiri Lohckea, late

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
 Felix Auger-Aliassime d.
 #7Casper Ruud, 6-3, 6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#1Iga Swiatek d.
 #15Marta Kostyuk, 6-1, 6-2.
 #3 Aryna Sabalenka d.
 Elina Svitolina, 7-5, 6-2.
 Mirra Andreeva d.
 #5Jasmine Paolini, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
 #6Jessica Pegula d.
 Taylor Townsend, 6-2, 6-3.
 #7Qinwen Zheng vs.
 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, late
 #10Liudmila Samsonova d.
 Elina Avanesyan, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
 Leylah Annie Fernandez d.
 Diana Shnaider, 61-, 6-4.
 Paula Badosa d.
 Yulin Putintseva, 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
 #6Jessica Pegula vs.
 Karolina Muchova, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

WTA BARRANQUILLA OPEN

Friday at Parque Distrital de Raquetas;
 Barranquilla; Brazil; outdoors, hardcourt

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
 #1Tatjana Maria d.
 Antonia Ruzic, walkover.
 #4Nadia Podoroska d.
 Anastasiya Soboleva, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.
LATE THURSDAY, QUARTERFINALS
 #1Tatjana Maria d.
 #6 Suzan Lamens, 7-5, 7-5.
 #4Nadia Podoroska d.
 Mariam Bolkvadz, 6-4, 6-3.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	16	4	5	53	56	39
Cincinnati	15	7	3	48	44	33
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	46
Philadelphia	6	10	9	27	45	42
CF Montreal	6	10	9	27	34	49
Nashville	6	11	8	26	26	39
D.C. United	6	11	8	26	35	50
Chicago	6	12	7	25	30	42
New England	7	14	2	23	23	47

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	14	5	7	49	50	36
Los Angeles FC	14	5	4	47	48	30
Real Salt Lake	12	5	8	44	51	34
Colorado	12	9	5	41	50	43
Vancouver	11	8	5	38	43	35
Houston	10	7	7	37	35	30
Seattle	10	8	7	37	34	29
Portland	10	9	6	36	50	42
Minnesota United	9	10	6	33	40	41
Austin FC	8	10	7	31	28	37
FC Dallas	8	11	6	30	38	39
Sporting KC	6	14	6	24	41	52
St Louis City	4	10	11	23	32	46
San Jose	4	19	2	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

SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
 New York City FC vs. Columbus, 5p.m.
 Mazatlan FC vs. Philadelphia, 6:30p.m.
 Los Angeles FC vs. Seattle, 7p.m.
 Colorado vs. Club America, 10 p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Orlando	11	0	5	38	32	12
Kansas City	10	1	5	35	40	22
Washington	11	4	1	34	32	18
Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	19	13
Portland	8	5	3	27	20	20
North Carolina	8	7	1	25	20	21
Chicago	7	7	2	23	23	22
Bay FC	6	10	0	18	19	28
Louisville	3	6	7	16	21	22
San Diego	3	7	6	15	12	17
Angel City	4	9	3	15	16	26
Houston	3	8	5	14	11	23
Seattle	2	9	5	11	16	28
Utah Royals FC	2	11	3	9	8	28

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23

Orlando at Houston, 7p.m.
 Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 8:30p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 24
 Portland at Gotham FC, noon
 Angel City at San Diego, 2p.m.
 Chicago at Louisville, 5:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

Kansas City at Washington, 10a.m.
 North Carolina, at Seattle, 8p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (16-1-1)

w-July 25: U.S. 3, Zambia 0
w-July 28: U.S. 4, Germany 1
w-July 31: U.S. 2, Australia 1
w-August 3: U.S. 1, Japan 0 (AET)
w-August 6: U.S. 1, Germany 0 (AET)
w-August 10: U.S. 1, Brazil 0 (Gold)
Oct. 24: vs. Iceland, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27: vs. Iceland, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 30: vs. England, 11:30 a.m.
 w-Olympic Tournament

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GAPTS
Man City	1	1	0	0	1	0
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arsenal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aston Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Palace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Everton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ipswich	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicester	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man United	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notting. Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southampton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tottenham	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Ham	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolverhampton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	1	0	0	1	0	0

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Man United 1, Fulham 0

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Ipswich vs. Liverpool, 6:30a.m.
 Arsenal vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
 Everton vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
 Newcastle vs. Southampton, 9a.m.
 Notting. Forest vs. Bournemouth, 9a.m.
 West Ham vs. Aston Villa, 11:30a.m.
SUNDAY'S MATCHES
 Brentford vs. Crystal Palace, 8a.m.
 Chelsea vs. Man City, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH

Leicester vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 24
 Brighton vs. Man United, 6:30a.m.
 Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
 Fulham vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
 Man City vs. Ipswich, 9a.m.
 Southampton vs. Notting. Forest, 9 a.m.
 Tottenham vs. Everton, 9a.m.
 Aston Villa vs. Arsenal, 11:30a.m.

NFL

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	1	0	.500	30	17
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
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	30	26	
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	14	3	
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 2 THURSDAY'S RESULT

Philadelphia 14, New England 13

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.

WNBA

EAST

GOLF

FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd of 4 rounds; TPC Southwind Memphis, Tenn. 7,243yards; Par: 70		
Hideki Matsuyama	65-64-129	-11
Denny McCarthy	66-63-129	-11
Sam Burns	67-63-130	-10
Scottie Scheffler	66-65-131	-9
Nick Dunlap	67-65-132	-8
Justin Rose	66-66-132	-8
Billy Horschel	68-65-133	-7
Viktor Hovland	70-63-133	-7
Robert Macintyre	67-66-133	-7
Chris Kirk	64-70-134	-6
Erik Van Rooyen	68-66-134	-6
Will Zalatoris	69-65-134	-6
Tony Finau	69-66-135	-5
Matt Fitzpatrick	70-65-135	-5
Brian Harman	69-66-135	-5
Tom Kim	71-64-135	-5
Aaron Rai	69-66-135	-5
Xander Schauffele	66-69-135	-5
Brendon Todd	66-69-135	-5
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	70-66-136	-4
Harris English	68-68-136	-4
Tommy Fleetwood	66-70-136	-4
Ben Griffin	66-70-136	-4
Russell Henley	68-68-136	-4
Taylor Pendrith	65-71-136	-4
Nick Taylor	68-68-136	-4
Akshay Bhatia	69-68-137	-3
Wyndham Clark	68-69-137	-3
Austin Eckroat	69-68-137	-3
Emiliano Grillo	70-67-137	-3
Seamus Power	67-70-137	-3
Justin Thomas	67-70-137	-3
Eric Cole	71-67-138	-2
Min Woo Lee	70-68-138	-2
Shane Lowry	70-68-138	-2
Maverick McNealy	70-68-138	-2
Alex Noren	73-65-138	-2
Matthieu Pavon	65-73-138	-2
Adam Scott	70-68-138	-2
Sepp Straka	71-67-138	-2

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Barbosu presented Olympic bronze



Romanian gymnast Ana Barbosu received her Olympic bronze medal during a ceremony in the capital Bucharest on Friday that marked the conclusion of a swirl of controversy after the medal was first awarded to U.S. gymnast Jordan Chiles but later revoked. "I did not expect the medal to be so heavy, but I would wear it day and night if this is what it takes to have it," Barbosu said after the ceremony. The medal was reallocated to Barbosu after a ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport last week that voided an appeal by Team USA coach Cecile Landi during the Aug. 5 floor exercise final in Paris, which had vaulted Chiles into third place and pushed Barbosu down to fourth. Chiles was initially awarded the bronze following the appeal and participated in the medal ceremony following the competition. That decision caused an uproar in Romania, historically a gymnastics powerhouse, and led its gymnastics federation to request a review of the U.S. team's appeal procedure. CAS ruled in favor of Barbosu, saying the U.S. had made its appeal four seconds beyond the one-minute deadline.

Harbaugh: No Kaepernick this year



If Colin Kaepernick wants to join the Chargers, it will not be until next year at the earliest. And it will only be as a member of Jim Harbaugh's coaching staff. "I love Colin, but he's not going to be on the coaching staff, which is set for this year. And he's not going to be playing on the roster either," Harbaugh said after Thursday's practice. Harbaugh — who coached Kaepernick in San Francisco from 2011 through '14 — told USA Today Sports earlier this week that he reached out to Kaepernick about joining his staff after being named coach on Jan. 24. Harbaugh said Thursday it wasn't the first time he has touched base with Kaepernick about coaching, and that he mentioned it a couple times when he was the coach at Michigan. "I have thought that for a long time. Just the respect that I have for the football mind he has and the football man that he is," said Harbaugh when asked what made him think Kaepernick would make a good coach. "(Late Raiders owner) Al Davis saw something in me that made him think I would be a good coach, and I see those same qualities in Colin. If it is something he chooses."

USWNT back on top of the rankings



The U.S. women's soccer team returned to the top of the FIFA world rankings Friday after winning gold last weekend at the Paris Olympics. Mallory Swanson, pictured, and her goal helped secure the team its fifth Olympic gold medal — and the first since the 2012 London Games — and 12th overall by beating Brazil 1-0 in the final Saturday. That lifted the Americans up from fifth and ended a 12-month absence from the top of the standings. England moved up to second. World champion Spain, which dropped following its semifinal exit during the Olympics, dropped to third followed by Germany, Sweden and Canada. Brazil climbed one spot to eighth. The worst slide belonged to France, which dropped from second to 10th. The host nation had a poor performance in the group stage and was then eliminated by Brazil in the quarterfinals. It is the team's lowest position in nearly five years. This comes after France topped Group A3 of the 2025 Euros qualifiers ahead of England, Sweden and Republic of Ireland, but failed to make it past the quarterfinal of the Olympic tournament. —AP



Michigan head coach Sherrone Moore speaks on July 25 during a news conference at the Big Ten Conference media days at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BIG TEN PREVIEW

Make an entrance

Ducks out to challenge Michigan and Ohio State

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

The Big Ten championship race has gone through Ohio State and Michigan most years. It's about to veer left, all the way to the West Coast.

The Oregon Ducks are primed to make the grandest entrance of the four former Pac-12 teams joining the league. Expect they of the neon green-and-yellow uniforms to disrupt the buttoned-up tradition of college sports' oldest conference with their flash and panache.

The Ducks already have changed the preseason conversation. No longer is Michigan-Ohio State necessarily the default game of the year. This season it very well could be preseason No. 2 Ohio State at No. 3 Oregon on Oct. 14.

Prolific quarterback Dillon Gabriel transferred to Oregon for his sixth, and final, season to chase conference and national championships that were out of his reach at UCF and Oklahoma.

"At a certain point you dream of the silver platter and you're always working to get there," Gabriel said. "Once you have it in front of you, the stage is set and you have all eyes on you and you get to showcase what you're all about."

There are storylines aplenty in the first year of the 18-team Big Ten.

Big picture, the conversation will be whether the conference will get as many as four teams into the 12-team College Football Playoff.

Ohio State will have a new quarterback in Kansas State transfer Will Howard, and

motivation to not lose a fourth straight game to Michigan for the first time since 1991.

At No. 9 Michigan, Sherrone Moore takes over for Jim Harbaugh, the competition to succeed quarterback J.J. McCarthy is ongoing and the cloud of NCAA scrutiny still hovers.

Unlike Oregon, the three other newcomers from the Pac-12 are in building mode. Washington, national runner-up to Michigan, has a new coach in Jedd Fisch and just one returning starter. No. 23 Southern California moves on from No. 1 overall NFL draft pick and 2022 Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams. At UCLA, the post-Chip Kelly era begins with DeShaun Foster in charge.

Top players

Offense: Oregon's Gabriel is fourth in FBS history with 152 career TD passes. Last year he threw for 3,660 yards and 30 touchdowns with just six interceptions for the Sooners. Ohio State WR Emeka Egbuka, coming off an injury-riddled season, has 124 catches for 1,857 yards and 14 touchdowns in 35 games. Rutgers RB Kyle Monangai ran for a Big Ten-leading 1,295 yards last year.

Defense: Iowa LB Jay Higgins led the Big Ten and was third nationally with a school record-tying 179 tackles. Michigan DL Mason Graham had 7.5 tackles for loss and three sacks among his 36 tackles. Penn State DE Abdul Carter had 48 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, 4.5 sacks, an interception and forced fumble.

Top transfers

In addition to Gabriel and Howard, other high-profile quarterback transfers

are Michigan State's Aidan Chiles (Oregon State), Wisconsin's Tyler Van Dyke (Miami) and Washington's Will Rogers (Mississippi State).

Safety Caleb Downs (Alabama) landed at OSU as the consensus No. 1-ranked player in the portal.

Downs was the first freshman to lead the Crimson Tide in tackles. WR Jahmal Banks (Wake Forest) is the headliner of a much-improved Nebraska receiver corps.

Michigan hopes Jaishawn Barham (Maryland) can fill a major void at linebacker. All-MAC DB Jalen Huskey (Bowling Green) helps shore up the Maryland secondary.

Team on the rise

Nebraska has been mostly irrelevant for more than two decades and enters 2024 off seven straight losing seasons. The Huskers should make a big jump in Matt Rhule's second season. The Huskers were 5-7, with five of the losses by a combined 19 points. He's won over players and fans with his emphasis on positivity and accountability, the NIL program is strong and the talent has been upgraded. The time is right for a breakthrough.

Mark your calendars

Penn State at West Virginia, Aug. 31; Texas at Michigan, Sept. 7; Colorado at Nebraska, Sept. 7; Alabama at Wisconsin, Sept. 14; USC at Michigan, Sept. 21; Iowa at Ohio State, Oct. 4; Michigan at Washington, Oct. 5; Ohio State at Oregon, Oct. 12; Oregon at Michigan, Nov. 1; Ohio State at Penn State, Nov. 1; Notre Dame at USC, Nov. 30; Michigan at Ohio State, Nov. 30; Washington at Oregon, Nov. 30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Illinois to play Arkansas and Calipari on Thanksgiving in Kansas City

Chicago Tribune

Illinois will get an early look at coach John Calipari's new team at Arkansas in a nationally televised Thanksgiving game.

CBS on Friday announced the teams will meet at 3 p.m. Nov. 28 at the T-Mobile Center in Kansas City, Mo. The game will air on both CBS-2 and the Paramount+ streaming service.

Calipari is in his first year at Arkansas after 15 seasons at Kentucky that included six SEC championships, four Final Four berths and the 2012 national title. He also coached Massachusetts (1996) and Memphis (2008) to the Final Four, though the NCAA vacated both of those over eligibility issues.

"We are thrilled for this opportunity," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said in a statement. "Playing in Kansas City — a tremendous basketball city that is near and dear to me — and taking on a great opponent in Arkansas, led by a Hall of Fame coach in Coach Calipari, is a big test for our team. ... We know the sports world will be watching."

The Illini return only one major contributor, junior wing Ty Rodgers, from the team that went 29-9, won the Big Ten Tournament and reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

Five-star forward Will Riley and Thornton big man Morez Johnson Jr. — the state's Mr. Basketball for 2024 — headline a five-player freshman class, and Underwood also brought in five players via the transfer portal: guards Kylan Boswell (Arizona) and Tre White (Louisville) and forwards Carey Booth (Notre Dame), Ben Humrichous (Evansville) and Jake Davis (Mercer).

Calipari, meanwhile, brought three former Kentucky players — D.J. Wagner, Adou Thiero and Zvonimir Ivišić — with him to Fayetteville along with Gary native Johnell Davis, who starred for Florida Atlantic's 2023 Final Four team. Arkansas also signed three five-star recruits in guard Boogie Fland and forwards Karter Knox and Billy Richmond III.

Tomislav Ivišić, Zvonimir's brother, is a freshman center for Illinois.

"Thanksgiving is a day that gets all of America — whether you are a sports fan or not — watching sports on TV," Calipari said in a statement. "Playing in this time slot will provide tremendous exposure for both programs. ... We have a great deal of respect for Coach Underwood and his Illinois program, and we know this game will be one the whole nation will be interested in seeing."

Illinois leads the all-time series 5-1, but the Razorbacks ousted the Illini in the first round of the 2023 NCAA Tournament.



John Calipari answers questions from reporters after being introduced as Arkansas' basketball coach on April 10 in Fayetteville, Ark. MICHAEL WOODS/AP