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A double murder trial like no other

Sentence commuted in decades-old case, but twists keep on coming

By Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

In the long and tangled history of Cook County courts, there has never been a case quite like Gerald Reed's.

Reed, 60, slim and stern-faced, is set to stand trial Monday on charges of committing a gruesome double murder. In itself, that is not unusual.

But due to a complicated string of circumstances — possibly unprecedented and definitely perplexing — if he is convicted of the killings, he cannot go to prison for them.

The evidence against him is more than three decades old. The case unfolded in the notorious Jon Burge era. Reed, who has for years accused police of beating him into a false confession, was long ago found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. Since then his conviction was reversed, then reinstated; then he was ultimately ordered to stand trial anew — without the use of the tainted confession.

And amid the muddle of court fights, Gov. J.B. Pritzker commuted Reed's sentence, meaning he cannot serve one more moment of prison time on the case. After Reed was freed, he was picked up on new charges out of state — so at the end of the trial, he will go back behind bars, but not for the murder.

"From a practical standpoint, I think it's kind of crazy to try someone when they can't go to jail anymore," said attorney Elliot Zinger, who has represented Reed for more than a decade. "... In some ways I'm happy about it, because I'm ready for a finding of not guilty."

Robert Milan, the special prosecutor spearheading the retrial, declined to comment, saying Circuit Judge Steven Watkins, who is presiding over the trial, warned attorneys against speaking publicly about the case.

But during a 2021 court hearing, Milan was adamant that taking Reed back to trial is the right thing to do.

"We can't send him back to prison, we know that," he said. "But we're not going to let him walk. We're not going to pretend he didn't kill these two people."

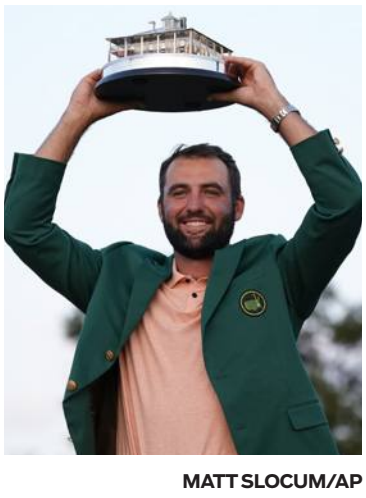
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US works to avert escalation over Iran

The United States highlighted its role in helping Israel thwart Iran's attack as President Joe Biden convened leaders of the Group of Seven nations in an effort to prevent a wider escalation. **Nation & World**

Scheffler wins his second Masters

Scottie Scheffler shot a final-round 68 at Augusta National to win his second green jacket in three years, a four-shot victory over Ludvig Aberg of Sweden. **Chicago Sports**



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People grieve at the scene Sunday after Ariana Molina, 9, was shot and killed Saturday evening during a family celebration in front of their home in the 2000 block of West 52nd Street in Chicago's New City neighborhood. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

9-year-old girl killed, 10 injured in shooting

Gunfire sprays crowd at Southwest Side family's outdoor confirmation party

By Brian Cassella and Avani Kalra
Chicago Tribune

A 9-year-old girl was killed and 10 others were injured in a shooting Saturday evening in Chicago's New City neighborhood, police and the girl's father said Sunday.

Chicago Police Department officers responded to West 52nd Street and South Damen Avenue after an alert on ShotSpotter, a network of sensors that reports gunshot noises, detected shots fired around 9:18 p.m. Three children were injured and three people remain in critical condition, police said.

Jose Molina said his daughter, Ariana Molina, 9, died from a gunshot wound to the head after being transported to a nearby hospital. Molina said his family had gathered in the front yard of the family home for his sister's confirmation and were about to cut the cake when shots were fired. He said he found his daughter lying in the grass. Police reports gave the girl's age as 8.

"Ariana loved to play around," Molina said. "She used to like to do braids, and she loved her brothers. She was just a wonderful girl."

Molina said he suffered a gunshot to the foot, and his wife was hospitalized after a gunshot to her shoulder. His two nephews and his son's two god-siblings were also shot Saturday night.

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Jose Molina, left, mourns with family and neighbors Sunday after his daughter Ariana was shot and killed Saturday evening.



Attendees acknowledge Henderson Yarbrough during the funeral of his wife, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago on Sunday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/ TRIBUNE**

Hundreds gather to remember Cook County Clerk Yarbrough

Top Democrats laud 'courageous' trailblazer in state, local politics

By Christy Gutowski
Chicago Tribune

A collection of politicians, community activists, family, friends and co-workers filled a majestic University of Chicago chapel Sunday to say goodbye to the late Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and remember her trailblazing spirit.

Hundreds gathered inside Rockefeller Memorial Chapel on the university's Hyde Park campus to bid farewell to Yarbrough, a fixture in state and local Democratic Party politics who died April 7 with more than two years left in her second term in office.

Yarbrough, 73, had been hospitalized at the time, battling an undisclosed medical condition.

Amid stories about her compassion and determination, Yarbrough was eulogized Sunday at a public funeral replete with the tributes bestowed upon an elected public official who

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US SUPREME COURT

Case could shape state corruption probes

Ruling on bribery law may have implications for Madigan proceedings

By Jason Meisner and Amy Lavalley
Chicago Tribune

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan was the state's most powerful politician in 2018 when he allegedly met at his downtown Chicago law office with then-Ald. Danny Solis to discuss Solis' appointment to a lucrative state board position.

Solis, who unbeknownst to Madigan was an FBI mole, made it clear he'd helped bring law business to Madigan and wanted something in return once he retired from City Hall, perhaps a position with the Commerce Commission or Labor Relations Board, which Solis said were both "very generous in their compensation," according to federal prosecutors.

"Don't worry about it," Madigan allegedly said during the conversation, which was secretly being

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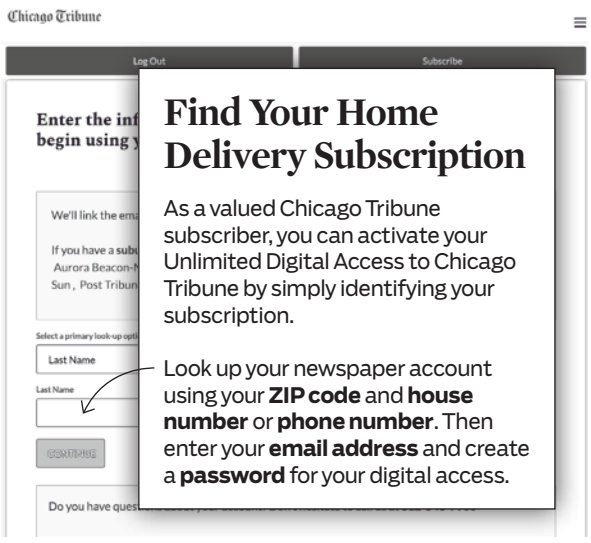
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A neighbor lights a candle Sunday at the memorial for Ariana Molina, 9, who was shot and killed Saturday evening during a family celebration in front of their home in the 2000 block of West 52nd Street. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Shooting

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According to Chicago police, a 1-year-old boy and an 8-year-old boy were each shot multiple times in the abdomen and were transported to Comer Children's Hospital, where they were in critical condition. Molina said their conditions have improved.

A 9-year-old boy also suffered a graze wound to a pinky finger.

A witness reported that a black sedan approached the group and fired shots into the crowd before fleeing southbound on Damen, according to authorities. Seven adults were injured in the shooting, ranging in age from 19 to 40. Police said Sunday that Area One detectives are investigating, and no one is in custody.

In a statement released Sunday, Mayor Brandon Johnson denounced the shooting.

"This heinous and cowardly act of wanton violence that leaves our city mourning children is beyond reprehensible," Johnson said.

The city's Community Safety Coordination Center will canvass the neighborhood Monday to connect the community with the city's victim services, the statement said, and police presence will be increased at affected schools.



Ariana was shot and killed and 10 others were injured at a family gathering outside when a vehicle approached the group and shots were fired into the crowd before the vehicle drove away. **JOSE MOLINA**

At a news briefing at the scene, Deputy Chief Don Jerome said the shooting was likely an act of gang-related violence.

"The offenders' actions, make no mistake, are horrific and unacceptable in our city," Jerome said.

Molina said his family has lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years and was in the process of buying a house elsewhere.

"We were just a little too late," Molina said. "At this point, we would've moved anywhere because of the gun violence here in the neighborhood. It's too much."

On Thursday, a 15-year-old boy died from gunshot wounds he'd sustained after being shot March 27 in the 800 block of West 52nd Street in the same neighborhood. In early March, an 18-year-old boy was shot and critically injured while sitting in his car less than a third of a mile from Saturday's shooting.

The office of 16th Ward Alderwoman Stephanie Coleman, who represents the area, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Craig Chico, CEO of the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, said his organization was devastated by the news.

"We've got to figure out what we can do to keep our folks safe," Chico said. "Right now and everywhere. Death is not acceptable by any means, but when it's a child or an infant, that just takes it up a level."



Officers and paramedics work the scene where multiple people were shot near the 5200 block of South Damen Avenue in Chicago on Saturday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



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Dolton official accused of non-consensual sex in lawsuit

Village employee claims to have been 'blacked out' on trip

By Hank Sanders
Daily Southtown

A Dolton village employee has named Mayor Tiffany Henyard, the village, Thornton Township and a village official in a lawsuit filed Monday that accuses the village official of performing non-consensual sex with the employee after she had "blacked out" during a May trip to Las Vegas led by the mayor.

The suit states the employee was with the village official after dinner and began to feel "disoriented" and "blacked out" and didn't remember the events of the night until waking up in the official's bed. A second plaintiff in the suit, identified as a police officer and member of Henyard's security detail, alleges in the suit that the official in a video call that evening showed the employee "partially undressed" in the official's hotel bed.

The official "then moved the camera to various private areas of (the employee's) body displaying them on screen," according to the lawsuit, "and at times moving or removing articles of clothing as he transmitted the images."

The security officer alleges the official later said the sex he had with the employee was "unprotected." The officer shared that information with the employee, who later included that information while recounting the events of the night to Henyard, according to the lawsuit.

But, according to the lawsuit, the employee was fired shortly after bringing the accusation against the official to Henyard. And the security guard alleged "within days" of telling Henyard about his interactions with the trustee, he was removed from his role in the mayor's security detail and was "demoted to patrol duty."

Other forms of alleged retaliation alleged in the lawsuit include being forced to avoid the official and Henyard at events and being "subjected to criticism unlike his peers for various behaviors."

Henyard, who is also the supervisor for Thornton Township, did not respond to requests for comment. The village official, who is named in the case but has not been charged by any law enforcement agency, also did not respond to requests for comment. Thornton Township official could not be reached. The assistant and the security guard are also named and could not be reached.

The lawsuit seeks to prove the defendants broke a variety of laws and seeks "civil remedies" if the village official violated the Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act. It also accuses the official of assault and battery.

The plaintiffs also are accusing Henyard, the village of Dolton and Thornton Township of violating the Human Rights Act. They argue that the village, township and Henyard violated the act by retaliating against them when they reported the official's actions while on Las Vegas trip.

News of this lawsuit came after community members and some trustees called for an investigation into the Las Vegas trip. The trustees Monday approved hiring former Mayor of Chicago Lori Lightfoot investigate Henyard's spending.

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First case of measles in DuPage since 2009

By Rebecca Johnson
Chicago Tribune

DuPage County health officials announced on Saturday that a county resident tested positive for measles, the first case identified in the county since 2009, amid a national and regional uptick in the highly contagious virus.

The source of the infection is unknown, although the case doesn't appear to be linked to the migrant shelters in Chicago, the county's health department said in a news release. The person diagnosed with measles received outpatient medical care, the release stated.

While the department hasn't identified any exposure locations in DuPage County, they said they are "working diligently with public health partners to identify and notify individuals who may have been exposed to the virus."

Measles is a serious respiratory infection that's capable of leading to pneumonia and other complications and can be particularly severe for young children. Common symptoms, which generally appear 10 to 14 days after exposure, include fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat and a rash that starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body, the DCHD said.

It's transmitted through direct contact with infectious droplets or by airborne spread when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

"With an increasing number of measles cases being identified, being up to date with measles-mumps-rubella vaccinations is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones," said Adam Forker, the executive director of the DuPage County health department.

"Measles is highly contagious but thankfully, the MMR vaccine is effective at preventing measles and remains by far the best protection against measles for people of all ages," Forker added.

Chicago health officials identified the city's first measles case in five years last month on the Northwest Side. It was unrelated to asylum-seekers, officials said. The outbreak quickly spread to the city's largest migrant shelter on the Lower West Side, where nearly 1,900 people lived in close quarters, prompting swift vaccination efforts for migrants. Cases associated with Chicago's outbreak were also reported in suburban Will and Lake counties.

Trial

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A double slaying

Early one October morning in 1990, Pamela Powers was found under an Englewood viaduct, shot in the head and naked from the waist down.

In her ransacked apartment was the body of Willie Williams, who had also been fatally shot.

Investigators homed in on Reed and David Turner, whom authorities said were the last people seen with Powers before the shooting.

According to the team of special prosecutors retrying Reed, two witnesses told authorities that the night before the bodies were found, they saw Reed and Turner with a terrified Powers "in their control," barefoot and without her coat. Reed's attorneys dispute that characterization.

The bullets from the murder weapon matched a Gangster Disciples "community gun" that Turner was known to have previously handled, according to prosecutors; meanwhile, Reed's attorneys recently have argued that is not enough to definitively link him to the killing.

"When you look into the record (of) what everyone says, there's a lot of contradictions and a lot of confusion," Zinger told the Tribune. "There's nothing directly to place the guilt to either of them."

In court and out of it, Reed's attorneys have noted that prosecutors don't have a definitive theory as to which man — Reed or Turner — fired the shots.

And in response, prosecutors have stressed that under the law, Reed and Turner can each be held accountable for the other's actions — so, functionally, prosecutors don't need to show any evidence about which man had the gun in his hand.

"I don't have to prove who pulled the trigger in either one of these murders," Milan said in court earlier this month.

Trying a case with 30-year-old evidence presents obvious challenges. Many witnesses are dead or otherwise unavailable; attorneys are expected to enter transcripts of their old testimony into the record instead.

One key witness who died years ago recanted that testimony privately, according to Reed's attorneys, who want to put her children on the stand.

Judge Watkins, not a jury, will be tasked with determining whether Reed is guilty. The trial is expected to last about three days. Reed himself might testify, as could Turner, Zinger told the Tribune.

A broken rod

Up until now, most of Reed's legal saga has not focused directly on his guilt or innocence.

Instead, proceedings have laser-focused on what happened before Reed was charged at all.

After his arrest, Reed was questioned by Detectives Michael Kill and Victor Breska, who were connected to a now-infamous former Chicago police commander, the late Jon Burge.

Burge, who died in 2018, is infamous for condoning the abuse and torture of suspects through the 1970s and '80s. Kill, also now deceased, has been accused in a litany of abuse cases.



Gerald Reed speaks after being released from Stateville Correctional Center on April 2, 2021, in Crest Hill. Up until now, most of Reed's legal saga has not focused directly on his guilt or innocence. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The Burge era stained the city's reputation and has cost taxpayers untold millions in settlements, legal fees and other compensation to victims.

Burge, who was fired from the Police Department in 1993, was convicted by a federal jury of perjury and obstruction of justice in 2010 over his denials in a lawsuit of ever witnessing torture or abusing suspects. He died after serving 4 ½ years in prison and home confinement.

In 1992, Reed testified about his interrogation during a pretrial hearing. He was seated and handcuffed to a wall when Kill and Breska entered and asked if he wanted to cooperate. Reed said no and asked for a lawyer, according to his testimony, at which point, he said, Kill left the room and Breska kicked the chair out from under him.

"I'm laying on the ground," Reed said on the stand. "Officer Breska started kicking me" — over and over, Reed described, in the small of his back and in his right leg, where doctors had years before implanted a rod and screws after an old gunshot wound. The rod, medical records would later show, was broken.

Reed later signed a handwritten statement confessing to the murders. Judge Shelvin Singer, after the hearing at which Reed testified, was not persuaded to throw out that confession.

Later, observers described that court hearing as "very bizarre" and "confusing and disjointed." It was at first not entirely clear what statement Reed's attorneys were attempting to throw out — a verbal statement in which Reed arguably did not confess, or the handwritten confession with Reed's signature on it.

When Reed was presented on the stand with that handwritten confession in 1992, he denied ever having signed it. Reed later said he lied about that because he was afraid of being labeled a snitch; in recent years he has testified he did sign it, but that it was a false confession he only signed out of fear of what might happen if he didn't cooperate.

In light of that denial, Singer allowed prosecutors to show jurors the handwritten confession at Reed's trial. He was convicted, but avoided the death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison.



Former Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge outside the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on May 24, 2010, in Chicago. **LANE CHRISTIANSEN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Turner also was found guilty. He made no confession to police and at least as of 2012 had not alleged he was tortured. His conviction is intact, and he is serving a life sentence, state records show.

Decades later, long after Burge's misdeeds had become common knowledge, Reed's case found new life before the state's Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission.

The commission, empaneled to determine whether claims of police torture are credible enough to warrant review by a judge, heard Reed's case in 2012.

In a closed discussion, one commissioner noted that Reed may not have been the most credible witness back in 1992 — but said it was indisputable that the rod in his leg had been broken, and that there was no other explanation for why that had happened, except for Reed's testimony about being beaten by police.

In audio of the discussion, commissioners note that the medical history and records they had access to were too scant to determine with any certainty whether the rod might have been broken in some other way.

So they might as well allow Reed's attorneys to argue the claims in court, one commissioner said.

"Let these lawyers get their experts and go back and look at his medical record. And if it was a preexisting condition, fine," said the commissioner, who is not identified in the audio recording. "The judge can sort it out from there. But if we deny the claim ... then this guy never really gets to make that case."

Back to the courthouse

The Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission referred Reed's case back to the Leighton Criminal Court Building, where it landed before Judge Thomas Gainer.

The extensive hearings before Gainer centered on how that rod in Reed's leg could have been broken.

"The X-ray doesn't lie. You look at the X-ray, you see what happened. It's very simple. He was kicked. There was trauma. It's on the X-ray," Zinger said in closing arguments.

One doctor concluded that the bone had been broken twice — once from the gunshot wound and then from a "direct blow," according to Reed's attorneys.

Prosecutors noted that much of Reed's 1990s-era jail medical records have been lost, and that medical experts said the rod could have broken on its own as the result of the bone's natural healing process.

Just before Christmas 2018, Gainer handed Reed a major victory, throwing out Reed's written confession and ordering a new trial altogether. Gainer retired shortly thereafter.

Special prosecutors, led by Milan, vowed to put Reed on trial again, saying they were confident of his guilt and in the strength of the evidence even without the confession. Reed's attorneys spent months on an ill-fated long-shot effort to get Milan thrown off the case altogether.

Then, in February 2020, the case's new judge threw the biggest curveball yet.

Judge Thomas Hennelly, in a surprise ruling, said that after reviewing the record of the 1992 hearing, it was clear that the judge's ruling only applied to Reed's verbal statement to police — not the written confession. Since that oral statement was never used against him at the original trial, his rights were never violated, and so he was not entitled to a new trial after all.

And Reed had no credibility, in part because he had admitted to perjuring himself in the 1992 hearing, Hennelly said. Echoing a fellow judge's opinion that a different Burge accuser was like a scammer who claims to have ridden on a crashed bus to claim a payday, Hennelly addressed Reed directly.

"It is the court's opinion, Mr. Reed, your ghost ride on the Jon Burge torture bus has come to a screeching halt," Hennelly said, sending Reed back to prison to serve out the rest of his life sentence.

A brief spell of freedom

Then, with the stroke of a pen, Reed walked free.

Pritzker in spring 2021 commuted Reed's sentence and released him after some three decades in custody.

But the order only affected Reed's sentence. The conviction for double murder remained intact.

Not long afterward, the Illinois Supreme Court ordered that Reed's conviction should in fact be thrown out — setting the stage, finally, for a retrial.

Meanwhile, upon release, Reed found himself in further legal trouble — a full-on "three-state crime spree," as prosecutors described it. Authorities have accused him of wrongdoing in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Reed is currently serving a 10-year sentence for robbing a woman in the parking lot of an Indiana Walmart in 2022. He has been brought in from the neighboring state's prison to stand trial again in Cook County.

It goes to show that Reed is a danger to society, prosecutors have argued. Zinger recently told the Tribune it shows more about the lack of resources for former prisoners reentering the outside world.

Reed is looking forward to "his day in court, so to speak," Zinger said.

"He wants to be vindicated, he wants to put some closure to the whole situation," Zinger said.

But at the end of the high-profile murder trial, Reed will, no matter what, go back to prison — to serve out a sentence that will, no matter what, not be for a murder.

"I've never seen anything like it," Zinger said.

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championed causes that helped veterans, homeowners, public health and social justice.

She was elected in 2018 as the county's first African American and female clerk. Voters reelected her in 2022. Though the tributes largely focused on Yarbrough as an innovator in Illinois politics who helped open the door for other women, her personal life as a wife, mother and grandmother also were honored.

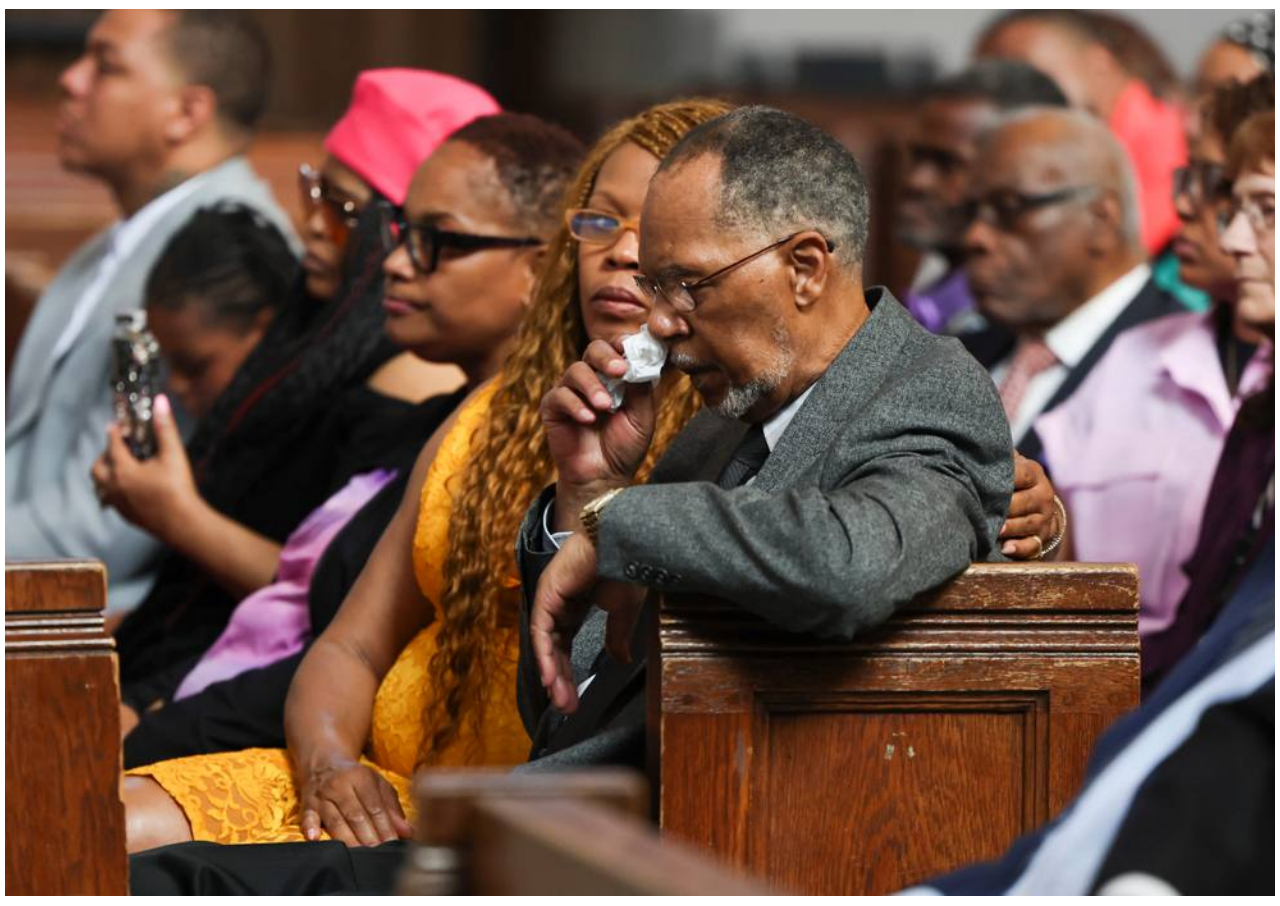
Yarbrough is survived by her husband, Henderson, and the couple's blended family of six children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In a stirring eulogy, former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun said Illinois has lost a visionary and a "beacon of light." Braun said she was in North Africa when she learned of her beloved friend's passing and moved "heaven and earth" to make it in time for Sunday's funeral. She said the two met more than two decades ago when Yarbrough became a state lawmaker.

"You'd have to be blind not to recognize the transcendent intelligence and curiosity about life that she had," Braun said. She remembered how the two would commiserate how Black women in politics were often "kicked around for the kinds of things that seem to escape notice" when done by their white male colleagues.

"No offense, white men in the audience," Braun said, drawing laughter from mourners in the nearly 100-year-old medieval-style cathedral. "But she survived all that and came out even stronger."

Among those who attended were Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, U.S. Sens. Richard Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other dignitaries.



Henderson Yarbrough wipes tears away as he listens to music during the funeral for his wife, Karen A. Yarbrough, at Rockefeller Chapel at University of Chicago on Sunday. She was previously a state lawmaker. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Pritzker called Yarbrough "a trailblazer" and "a great public servant."

"Hers was a storied career in which she tirelessly championed bold causes and toiled behind the scenes to get things done," Pritzker said. "Compassionate, determined, undaunted. She knew that the most important things ... had critics and enemies that would tear you down along the road to success."

Born Aug. 22, 1950, in Washington, D.C., Yarbrough came to Maywood with her family in the early 1960s. She received her bachelor's degree in business management at Chicago State University and a master's in inner-city studies from Northeastern Illinois University. She also studied advanced leadership studies at Harvard-Kennedy School of Government.

Yarbrough first ran for the Illinois House in 1998 against incumbent Rep. Eugene Moore but lost in a four-way primary. In 2000, after Moore left to become recorder of deeds, Yarbrough soon won the legislative seat. After serving as a state lawmaker for more than a decade, ascending to assistant House majority leader, Yarbrough left the legislature when she succeeded Moore as recorder in 2012 upon his retirement.

Her most high-profile accomplishments in Springfield included securing money for local projects and successfully working on legislation to ban indoor smoking in Illinois in 2008.

At Sunday's funeral, Durbin called Yarbrough a "whirlwind of energy" who was quick to step in to help others, including himself. Durbin recalled how his father had died of lung cancer from smoking at age 53, when Durbin was just a teen, later motivating a public health campaign.

"Illinois was a tough, tough state when it came to tobacco," Durbin said. "It took a courageous person to step up and say, 'I'll take this issue on.' Somebody who really cared. That courageous person was Karen Yarbrough."

Yarbrough garnered her biggest accolades for her House sponsorship of the hard-fought ban on executions in Illinois in January 2011.

After leaving Springfield, Yarbrough served as the county recorder for six years until her 2018 election as Cook County clerk, a position she held until her death last week. Her office is mainly responsible for administering suburban elections and maintaining property and legislative records. Her death has led to delays in issuing some vital records, including death certificates.

In the interim, Chief Deputy Clerk Cedric Giles has been running the office.

The Cook County Democratic Party will choose a successor to fill the vacancy through the end of the year and a nominee to run in the November election. The party may choose the same person, or two different people. Executive Director Jacob Kaplan said the party will announce an appointment process after Yarbrough's memorial.

Most interested candidates are abstaining from publicly campaigning until after the service, though state Rep. Marcus Evans, recent state's attorney candidate Clayton Harris, county Commissioner Stanley Moore and Water Reclamation District Commissioner Kari Steele are reportedly interested.

The party's next meeting is scheduled for April 22, when new Democratic committee people that were elected in the March primary will be sworn in. Under recently amended county code, each committeeperson "shall be entitled to one vote" when filling the vacancy through December. A candidate is required to receive a simple majority — in this case, 41 — of the total number of votes in order to be appointed.

The single vote changes the typical calculus for any hopefuls: Appointment votes have typically been weighted based on Democratic turnout in each ward or township, meaning candidates could focus on lobbying committeepersons with high shares of the weighted vote to succeed.

Kaplan said recently it is unclear whether that weighted vote will be used to determine who the party puts on the November ballot.

The Cook County GOP's own nomination for the November ballot will be discussed at the party's county convention on April 17.

Amid the hymns, prayer and tributes that punctuated Sunday's funeral service, officiated by Pastor Darius Brooks of Grace Central Church in suburban Westchester, several public proclamations and resolutions also were read.

One came from U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris' office. Harris wrote that Yarbrough broke gender and race barriers and embodied the words of her own mother who told Harris, "You may be the first to do many things but make sure you're not the last."

Others who spoke, including Duckworth and Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, also described her as a pioneer who mentored other women in politics.

"Throughout all the years that I knew her, one of the things I most admired is that I never once saw in her a woman of fear," Duckworth said. "If she thought she was right, even if she was the only person in the room to hold her opinion, she would plant her flag and refuse to budge."

Stratton agreed, describing "the weight of being the first" in life.

"It's not a glamorous weight, rather one that settles on your shoulders, constantly reminding you that one wrong step could land you on your face, crushed under the heaviness of watchful eyes," Stratton said. "But Karen was never one to be crushed. She used that weight to strengthen and prepare herself for the trials ahead."

Tribune reporter A.D. Quig contributed.

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videotaped by Solis. "... Just leave it in my hands."

That Aug. 2, 2018, exchange, which is a key moment in the sprawling case against Madigan, is charged under a statute that makes it a crime to reward a public official for an official act, regardless of any prior quid pro quo.

Or does it?

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear oral arguments in a case challenging the very statute that Madigan was charged under for the Solis episode, which is commonly referred to as "666" because of its number in the federal criminal code.

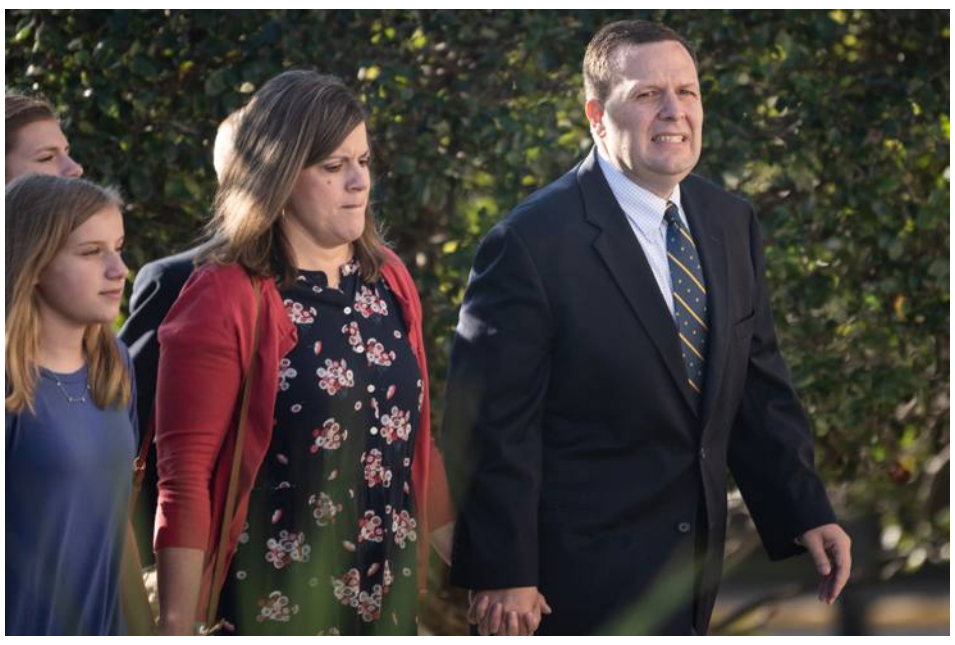
How the high court comes down could have a resounding impact on political corruption prosecutions in Illinois — including the case against Madigan set for trial in October.

The case involves James Snyder, the former mayor of Portage, Indiana, who was convicted under the same bribery statute of taking a $13,000 "consulting" fee from a garbage truck contractor that had recently won two lucrative contracts with the town.

Snyder's lawyers have argued it wasn't a bribe at all, but a legal thank-you gesture, not unlike sending a fruit basket to a politician at holiday time in appreciation for their work. In their brief to the Supreme Court earlier this year, Snyder's attorneys said the interpretation of the law by Chicago's appellate court differs starkly from other districts and potentially criminalizes all sorts of otherwise innocuous behavior.

"Giving playoff tickets to your kids' hockey-loving orthodontist as thanks for straightened teeth should not risk prison time," the petitioners wrote.

But federal prosecutors have said the plain language of the statute, which bars someone from "corruptly" soliciting or receiving something over $5,000 in value "intending to be influenced or rewarded," leaves no question that doling out rewards to a politician for an official act is a type of "pernicious graft" that Congress clearly wanted to outlaw.



Former Portage, Ind., Mayor James Snyder arrives for his sentencing with his family at the federal courthouse in Hammond on Oct. 13, 2021. **KYLE TELECHAN/POST-TRIBUNE**



Former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago on Jan. 3 after a hearing. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"As lawmakers have recognized for centuries, corrupt gratuities give rise to deceitful behavior by their recipients, who may carry out their duties in a way designed to maximize the rewards to themselves instead of to the local government or other federally funded entity they serve," attorneys for the government wrote in their response brief last month.

Oral arguments are set for 9 a.m. Chicago time in Washington D.C., with audio being livestreamed on the Supreme Court's website. The court is expected to render a decision by late June.

The high court's decision to hear Snyder's case has already had repercussions in Chicago. Since the Supreme Court's announcement in December, Madigan's trial was delayed from April 1 until October to allow time for the decision to come out and be digested before going forward.

In a parallel case, a different judge agreed, over the objection of prosecutors, to delay sentencings for the "ComEd Four," a group of lobbyists and executives convicted of conspiring to bribe Madigan by showering his associates with do-nothing consulting jobs and other perks.

In Madigan's case, prosecutors have noted that the 666 statute is charged in only five of the 23 counts of the racketeering indictment.

In addition to the Solis board appointment, the statute is used to charge an alleged scheme to steer a ComEd board seat to Democratic political operative Juan Ochoa, payments ComEd made to former 13th Ward Ald. Frank Olivo, former 23rd Ward Ald. Michael Zalewski and others, and an alleged push by Madigan to win law business from the developers of a parcel in Chinatown.

In their objection to delaying the trial, prosecutors said they were willing to forgo any argument to the jury that the benefits provided to Madigan "were gratuities, that is, merely rewards for past actions Madigan had already committed to take."

U.S. District Judge John Robert Blakey sided with Madigan's team, however, saying "it's better to do it right than to do it twice."

Madigan, 81, is charged in a racketeering indictment alleging he participated in an array of bribery and extortion schemes from 2011 to 2019 aimed at using the power of his public office for personal and political gain.

Also charged was Madigan's longtime confidant Michael McClain, 76, a former state legislator and lobbyist who was convicted in the ComEd Four trial last year of orchestrating an alleged scheme by the utility giant to secretly steer hundreds of thousands of dollars to Madigan-backed operatives.

Madigan and McClain have each pleaded not guilty in their case, which is set to begin on Oct. 8.

Meanwhile, Chicago's legal community will watch in earnest how the Snyder case unfolds before the Supreme Court.

In their latest filing on April 2, Snyder's attorneys continued to make the case that the line between "benign" gifts and illegal rewards is murky at best.

"But what about tickets to a high-school football game? A college basketball game? The (Taylor Swift) Eras Tour? Where a gratuity crosses the line from 'benign' to 'immoral' or 'gives rise to deceitful behavior' is anyone's guess," the filing stated.

Evidence at Snyder's trial showed that shortly after he helped steer contracts for city garbage trucks to a local firm, Great Lakes Peterbilt, a cash-strapped Snyder showed up at the business asking for a $15,000 loan.

The firm's president eventually agreed to pay Snyder $13,000, supposedly for contract work involving information technology and human resources consulting, work that Snyder was not qualified to do and never performed.

Snyder's attorneys argued in their briefs that prosecutors have used the 666 statute to "suspend a Sword of Damocles over millions of citizens' heads" by repackaging "everyday gift-giving" as a federal crime.

In response, lawyers for the prosecution accused Snyder of offering "a hypothetical parade of horribles" without citing a single case where prosecutors had charged such innocuous conduct in the 40-year history of the 666 statute.

"(Snyder's) focus on hypotheticals overlooks the very real harm that gratuities inflict, and that Congress chose to legislate against," their brief stated. "Contrary to petitioner's repeated suggestion, gratuities are not simply a 'lesser-included offense' of bribery, which includes conduct that would not be a gratuity. Instead, gratuities are a different type of pernicious graft."

However the Supreme Court lands, the decision is expected to finally resolve an entrenched, 5-2 split among U.S. circuits on the issue.

Jackie Bennett Jr., who represented Snyder against the bribery charges in Indiana federal court, told the Tribune in January that he was "not surprised" that the Supreme Court agreed to take the case.

"In 20 states and Puerto Rico, the law is one thing. In eight states, they adopted the position we argued in Mr. Snyder's case. It's an irreconcilable difference," Bennett said. "What Snyder did in Portage should not be regarded as a crime."

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FISA needs to be reauthorized — and broadened to take on the fentanyl scourge

Jaime Castenada Jr. was reportedly out celebrating a family baptism when he met an alleged drug dealer in Hammond, now accused of selling him $20 of cocaine. Within a few hours, Castenada was found outside, police say, propped between a car and a tree, bleeding from the nose. The drug had been laced with dangerous fentanyl, a coroner found, and death came swiftly for the 27-year-old father of two, as it has for the 100,000-plus Americans that opioids are killing every year.

The opioid epidemic that has rocked America for decades just keeps getting worse, and Congress has done little to stop the flow of these deadly narcotics into the U.S. A bipartisan border bill that would have made a big positive difference fell to election-year politics, after ex-President Donald Trump opposed it in a transparent effort to deny relief for one of President Joe Biden's biggest headaches.

Now Trump is at it again, opposing legislation that would reform Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which authorizes warrantless spying on foreigners abroad. This page has long supported FISA, while acknowledging that it's vulnerable to abuse. The program has been vital for protecting America. It has saved American lives, and Trump, aided by the far-right bomb-throwers in the House GOP, is scuttling an opportunity not only to fix its flaws, but also expand it to address the opioid crisis.

Under 702, U.S. authorities work with telecom companies to secretly gather phone and electronic communications of foreigners outside the U.S., a process that needs to be more restrictive so that private information from American citizens isn't swept up in the net. Surveillance is focused on terrorism, nuclear proliferation and cyberattacks.

Along with catching terrorists, spies and hackers, 702 also has shown promise in exposing the network of drug smugglers supplying deadly fentanyl. We support not only renewing 702 but expanding its use against opioid trafficking — which in Illinois is killing more than twice as many people as motor-vehicle accidents, and more than twice as many people as homicides. The number of deaths in Illinois is up more than 30-fold over the past decade, and, right now, there's nothing to stop it from continuing to skyrocket.

What's needed is a gloves-off response targeting Chinese companies that produce the chemicals used to manufacture fentanyl and Mexican dealers who mix the dangerous concoction and spirit it across the border. In just the month of February, the California National Guard alone seized more than 1 million fentanyl pills and over a thousand pounds of powdered fentanyl. A dose the size of a rice grain can be fatal. Obviously, a mind-boggling amount is getting through.

It's worthwhile to consider how America became such a fentanyl hotbed. In the 1970s and '80s, heroin and other addictive opium derivatives were a serious problem but came nowhere near killing as many people as opioids do today. Europe, too, has long dealt with the effects of heroin addiction.

During the 1990s, however, America and Europe diverged. In the U.S., Purdue Pharma, run by the notorious Sackler family, took advantage of lax oversight to make a fortune pushing synthetic opioids. Lying about the addictive properties of its cash-cow opioid OxyContin, Purdue flooded the streets with pills, raking in billions of dollars while destroying lives and communities. In Europe, restrictions on pharmaceutical companies prevented their executives from following the Sacklers' lethal playbook.

As a result, apart from hot spots such as Scotland, fentanyl is rarely abused in Europe. In the U.S., however, when Purdue was finally driven out of the pill-pushing business, the enormous market it created for opioids was filled with fentanyl. As of 2021, more than a million Americans had died, from babies and first responders to the elderly. The most vulnerable are young men, in their teens and 20s, who often have no idea they're ingesting such dangerous stuff.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule in a month or two on a bankruptcy court deal that would let the Sacklers walk off with much of their fortune and no further liability. The same avoidance of consequences has been mostly true of the Chinese and Mexican smugglers who have filled the gap left by Purdue and its ilk.

Not everyone is getting off the hook, however. In the death of Castenada, the 29-year-old Chicago resident accused of selling him $20 worth of drugs is facing severe criminal penalties. He's been charged with felonies that, if he's convicted, could lead to decades in prison.

Anyone who sells someone a fatal overdose of an illegal substance must be punished, of course. But locking up small-scale dealers is not going to solve this devastating problem. Updating Section 702 of FISA, on the other hand, could help a great deal.

As it stands, 702 is set to expire Friday, but the program can continue operating until April 2025 under a court order. The dysfunction in the House GOP makes it possible that the program will be renewed with none of the proposed reforms, and no expansion of its scope.

That would be a triumph of stupidity over the work of serious lawmakers on both sides of the aisle dedicated to America's national security. Congress, don't let it happen.

ABOUT SOARING BUDGET DEFICITS

President Joe Biden remains at sea over why Americans aren't enamored of his economic policies. Perhaps it's because they're worried about eventually drowning in all that red ink.

Biden has presided over the largest non-war or pandemic spending binge in this nation's history. Inflation — which he and his economic advisers never saw coming — hit a 40-year high as a result, leading to soaring consumer prices virtually across the board. Inflation numbers have fallen and stabilized of late, but the sticker shock remains for most families trying to get by while dealing with persistently higher costs. ...

Biden recently proposed a $7 trillion annual budget. To put this in perspective, Washington spent $3.8 trillion in fiscal 2013.

On Monday, the Congressional Budget Office reported that the deficit over the first six months of fiscal 2024 — just half a year — had reached $1.064 trillion. The Wall Street Journal noted that federal tax revenues over the same period were up a healthy 7%. ...

Who ever thought that budget watchdogs would be longing for a return to the days of $500 billion deficits?

To combat rising prices triggered by Bidenomics, the Fed has steadily raised interest rates, meaning Americans now pay much more to borrow money. Mortgage rates have doubled, making it more expensive to buy a home. Credit card debt has risen for nine straight quarters, Business Insider reports, and Americans now owe a record $1.2 trillion on credit cards. ...

They also threaten to overwhelm legitimate spending priorities. The CBO reported that interest payments on the national debt — now rushing toward $35 trillion — hit $440 billion over the first six months of fiscal 2024, exceeding what the nation spent on defense. ...

Biden can take credit for healthy job growth. Yet there's a reason that a recent RealClearPolitics polling average reveals that nearly 58% of Americans disapprove of the president's handling of the economy.

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OPINION

We know one thing from the Dexter Reed shooting. Driving while Black is a systemic problem.



Laura Washington



Evidence markers are placed near a police SUV as police investigate the scene of a shooting where an officer and one person were shot near the 3800 block of West Ferdinand Street on March 21 in Chicago. Dexter Reed was shot and killed by police.
JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

If Dexter Reed had not been stopped by Chicago police, he would still be with us.

His horrible death played out on body camera video released last week by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. On March 21, Reed, 26, was sitting in his SUV in the 3800 block of West Ferdinand Street in Humboldt Park. A crew of five tactical police officers drove up and jumped out of their vehicle. One demanded that Reed roll down his car window. At first, Reed complied, then rolled the window back up. Officers screamed and shouted more demands. Reed started shooting. One officer was wounded in the wrist, according to COPA.

The officers fired 96 shots in 41 seconds. Reed staggered out of the car on the driver's side and stumbled to the ground. The officers kept shooting. Three of those shots came while Reed was lying "motionless on the ground," according to Andrea Kersten of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability.

Reed should have never, ever have shot at the officers. Traffic stops that go awry are dangerous for both motorists and the police.

This tragedy leaves us with so many questions. For example, the police say he was being stopped for not wearing a seat belt. How did the officers know he wasn't wearing the belt, since his car had tinted windows? On the video, the officers, wearing street clothes, drive hard and fast, jump out, and surround Reed's car. Were they looking for undisclosed criminal activity?

"Why would a police officer, not in uniform, bother with something like that?" asked Geoffrey Alpert, University of South Carolina researcher, who specializes in studying high-risk police activities, in an interview with The Associated Press.

When the officers rolled up, mortal chaos ensued. Did Reed shoot out of terror? These questions will be investigated by COPA and will take months to answer.

Meanwhile, we know one thing. Driving while Black is nothing new. It is a systemic, decades-old problem. Every Black man in urban America knows the existential dangers of being stopped by the police.

These "pretextual stops" are often for minor offenses, such as an unlatched seat belt, a missing city sticker or license plate, texting while driving. They can be used as pretexts for efforts to harass young Black men and look for criminal activity. Every Black man on the street is a suspect, in the eyes of some.

The stop that led to Reed's death occurred in Chicago's 11th Police District, a predominantly Black area. In 2023, more than 10% of all the total traffic stops happened there, according to a new report from Impact for Equity, a nonprofit advocacy and research organization. More than 51% of all drivers stopped by police in 2023 were Black, and nearly 31% of drivers pulled over by Chicago police officers were Latino, while 13.6% of drivers stopped by police were white, the analysis showed. Also, 73% of all the stops made by Chicago police last year resulted from a car registration problem or equipment violation. The vast majority of stops by police do not end in a ticket or arrest, the group found.

"Black drivers in the city of Chicago, for example, are six times more likely to be stopped than white drivers," Cara Hendrickson, the group's executive director, told NBC Chicago. For Latinos, twice as likely.

A 21-year-old law on the books in Illinois has done little to stop it. The Illinois Traffic Stop Statistical Study Act of 2003 required law enforcement agencies in Illinois to compile and report data on traffic stops, including the race of the driver, the circumstances of the stop and its outcome.

Last year, a joint investigation by the Investigative Project on Race and Equity and WBEZ looked at 42.5 million records of traffic stop data across Illinois that were collected under the law. It found that the percentage of police traffic stops involving Black drivers continues to rise, unabated. More law enforcement agencies aren't complying with the law. And racial disparities are widening. In the last two years, stops involving Black drivers have topped 30.5% of traffic stops statewide, up from 17.5% in 2004, the first year the data was released. Illinois' adult population is 13.6% Black. In Chicago, stops of Black drivers in 2022 were four times higher than for white drivers, though the city has a larger white adult population.

Last week, the Chicago Police Department issued a statement to NBC:

"Fair and constitutional policing is the foundation of the Chicago Police Department's efforts to strengthen public safety and trust across the city. Officers only conduct traffic stops when they have probable cause or reasonable articulable suspicion that a crime, including but not limited to traffic violations, has been committed, is being committed or is about to be committed. These stops are not conducted based on race or any other protected class. Additionally, as part of our ongoing reform and consent decree compliance efforts, CPD mandates implicit bias training for all Chicago Police officers."

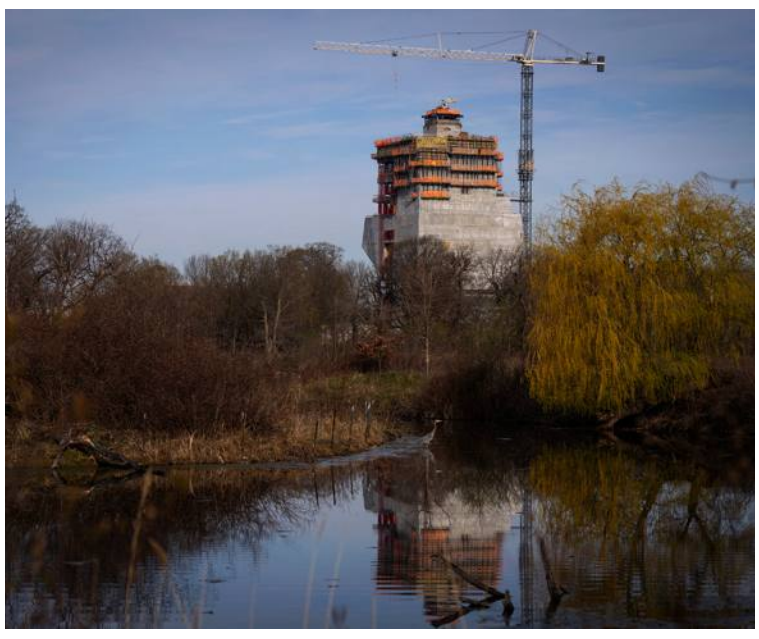
That federal consent decree, enacted in 2019, is designed to improve the way the Police Department trains, supervises and disciplines officers.

We know the problem. How many more Black men will die before we fix it?

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Why further litigation is sadly necessary on Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park

By Richard A. Epstein and Michael Rachlis
Chicago Tribune



Construction continues last week on the Obama Presidential Center.
E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

On April 8, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals handed down its latest opinion that consciously shielded from any judicial oversight the construction of the Obama Presidential Center in historic Jackson Park.

The opinion guts the guarantee of an 1869 grant from the Illinois legislature providing that the land encompassing Jackson Park would "be held, managed and controlled by the (Park Commission) as a public park, for the recreation, health, and benefit of the public, and free to all persons forever," by making three fatal mistakes to insulate the project from all substantive review.

First, the initial creation of a 99-year "use" agreement for the center flatly violates the public trust doctrine, which prohibits the outright transfer of public lands to private institutions if fair value is not received in return. Transferring possession of the site required that the center has in hand the money both to build and maintain the property. The foundation had neither when it promptly cut down hundreds of mature trees in August 2021 in a project that is late and over budget.

Instead of building the center near underserved communities west of Washington Park the foundation and the city entered a sweetheart deal that delegated to the foundation the ability to pick the Jackson Park site under a 99-year lease of 19.3 acres of prime parkland for $10, an obvious giveaway of public trust lands. How? By relabeling the original lease as a "use" agreement to avoid judicial scrutiny. The opinion ignores that blatant subterfuge by noting that the "title" to the center remains with the city, even though virtually 100% of the economic benefits went to the foundation in violation of the terms of the 1869 grant.

How? By engaging in intellectual jiujitsu to conclude that the public was the real beneficiary of a deal whose every detail was dictated by the foundation. The Illinois Supreme Court has long insisted that the public trust doctrine only has "meaning and vitality" if members of the public have standing to enforce it. But the court sidestepped meaningful review by stating that the city's 2015 ordinance for the center and the 2016 Illinois Museum Act blessed the deal such that it could evade all constitutional constraints that bind the political branches.

Second, matters only get worse when looking at the 2019 Master Agreement between the city and the foundation, which conditioned transfer of that site to the foundation only if it had received enough money for construction and had an endowment for operation and maintenance by the foundation. As of August 2021, the cost of the project ballooned to over $700 million.

At that time, the foundation had received far less than $700 million dedicated to construction. It also indulged in a unique accounting practice that treated a 2021 $1 million contribution as fully endowing that fund, with further fundraising down the road. When the plaintiffs sought to amend their complaint to challenge these maneuvers, the district court took less than a day to throw their case out, claiming that the city and foundation's master agreement did not allow any third party to sue.

The problem was that the plaintiffs did not sue on the contract but explicitly as taxpayers for the waste of public assets. The opinion's discussion of the district court's hurried decision mangled the key precedent which flatly holds "that a taxpayer can enjoin the misuse of public funds, based upon taxpayers' ownership of such funds and their liability to replenish the public treasury for the deficiency caused by misappropriation thereof." Thus the Seventh Circuit put the kibosh on any citizen's effort to open the books to supply public transparency.

Third, on environmental issues, the federal government initially said that the designated project was building the center in Jackson Park with the attendant road and other adjustments. The early reviews pinpointed negative historic, aesthetic and environmental impacts on Frederick Law Olmsted's priceless jewel. But the opinion ignored both Olmsted and the massive destruction of roads, trees and habitat by refusing to treat them as a "major federal action" causing "significant" harm that requires a full-scale environmental impact review. Instead, the opinion claimed that building the center was a "local" initiative because the federal government could not dictate where the center could be built or how it should be managed. Thus, the statutes became dead letters by ignoring the simple fact that the federal government is always allowed to effectively block unsuitable projects, even if it cannot instruct the city whether to abandon or relocate the project.

Worse, the opinion abjectly deferred to the city and agency decisions by ignoring the Supreme Court's canonical decision in "Overton Park v. Volpe" (1971) that requires the center to face "a thorough, probing, in-depth review" for which a project can be approved only if there is no "prudent and feasible alternative" to using the land.

Sadly, 17 months after the initial critical reviews, the federal agencies and the city, without notice or further hearings, redefined the project so that it no longer covered building the center, but only covered fixing the roadwork in and around Jackson Park. That sleight of hand was adopted by the opinion to block any review of alternatives to the location of the center.

The opinion opens by saying its current decision "represents, we hope, the final installment" in litigation that began in 2018. Sorry. Not so long as such decisions fail to protect the community, the environment, and block transparency of such transactions.

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OPINION

When will sports betting companies recognize the value of Chicago women's pro sports teams?

By Kimberly Du Buclet



Chicago Sky center Elizabeth Williams (1) and Washington Mystics center Shakira Austin (0) battle for the opening tip of the Sky's home opener at Wintrust Arena in Chicago on May 26, 2023. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago is a world-class sports town, home to some of the most storied and successful franchises.

But for too long, the attention and funding of the sports cultural economy — advertisers, investors, sponsors and other partners — have overlooked the abundant opportunities in women's professional sports. Luckily this is beginning to change in a powerful way.

Sadly, however, when it comes to the investment of sports betting companies in Chicago, this is not true, and the failure is glaring. When the state of Illinois legalized sports betting over four years ago, large national companies like FanDuel, BetMGM and Caesars could barely wait to invest hundreds of millions of dollars with the major professional sports teams in Chicago.

Look, for example, at the North Side, where DraftKings inked an eye-popping 10-year, $100 million deal with the Cubs. This is just a drop in the bucket for these companies. FanDuel has a substantial partnership with the Bulls and Blackhawks, BetRivers with the Chicago Bears and Caesars with the White Sox. Meanwhile, they invest nothing in women's professional sports teams in Chicago.

The assumption is these companies don't value women's professional sports. While that may not be true, they don't have the record to prove they do care about women's teams, including the Chicago Sky, in my district.

If we're going to continue to be a world-class sports town, we need these companies to support the Sky and other women's teams to match the undeniable momentum these teams are generating right now.

The NCAA women's championship capped a season of record-breaking moments, with an average 18.7 million viewers, according to ESPN. The game was the most-watched basketball game — whether college or professional, men's or women's — in five years, the network said.

While the fans are clearly paying attention, the sports betting companies aren't playing along. The highlights, the headlines are there. Where is the economic heft that should follow suit? When will companies like FanDuel, DraftKings and Bally's recognize the value of Chicago's women's sports teams by creating marketing partnerships comparable to the men's teams?

Data from the Sports Handle publication shows that of the roughly 19 sports betting companies operating in the U.S., only three of those companies partner with only four WNBA teams, while the rest of the companies' attention and money is spent on men's professional teams.

When my fellow lawmakers, including members of the House Democratic Women's Caucus, voted four years ago to legalize sports betting for professional sports teams in Illinois, we could never imagine that the largest companies in the business would choose to ignore investments in women's sports. I recognize it's not my role to tell private companies how to invest their money, but it is our collective responsibility to call those companies out when their decisions are so plainly inequitable.

For women's professional sports to rise to the level commensurate with the stature of its stars, we have to do better.

We must address why the inequities keep growing even as women's sports become more popular and mainstream. How many more records must be broken by women athletes to earn investment from sports betting companies, advertisers and sponsors to elevate the world of professional women's sports to the level women deserve, and the level they so rightly have earned?

We can and should do better. It's not just a bad look, it's bad business.

Illinois House Rep. Kimberly du Buclet represents the 5th District.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Fighting climate change

I am so dismayed to learn how climate change is causing a decline in the loon population ("Goodnight, loon?" April 11.) Hearing the eerie call of loons on a summer night in northern Wisconsin is one of the delights of spending time there. Unfortunately, other bird species are also threatened by the impacts of climate change. According to the National Audubon Society, two-thirds of North American birds could face extinction due to the warming climate. It is tragic to think that future generations could miss out on the experience of hearing loons and watching for other birds coming through during the spring migration. Weather events such as heavy rains, floods, droughts, and heat waves diminish bird habitat and interfere with their ability to reproduce and find food. These events are also dangerous to people and their property.

We can take action to protect people, birds and other wildlife from the devastating impacts of climate change. As individuals, we can take steps to reduce our energy and water consumption. We can recycle, reduce food waste and plant native plants that benefit birds and wildlife. As a country, we need national effective policies to reduce the carbon emissions that contribute to climate change and speed up a responsible transition to clean energy. The good news is that legislation has been introduced to accelerate the transition to clean energy technologies. One piece of legislation is the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, which has been re-introduced in the House of Representatives. The bill will collect a fee on carbon from fossil fuel companies and then distribute a carbon cash back payment to every American to spend without restrictions. A carbon fee and dividend policy is the single most powerful tool to reduce carbon emissions.

This plan will spur energy innovation, help low- and middle-income Americans afford the transition and save lives by restoring clean air across the country. Resources for the Future, an independent, nonprofit research institution in Washington, DC, calculates that a plan like the bill could cut carbon emissions by 52% below 2005 levels in eight years. If we care about leaving future generations with a livable world that includes loons and other birds, we need to keep the pressure on our elected officials to pass legislation that prioritizes the safe transition to clean energy technologies and a healthy environment for people and wildlife. We cannot give up. Please contact your representative to ask that they support the bill and other legislation to fight climate change.

— Sheila Brown, Evanston



A loon floats in Bluff Lake on Thursday in Antioch. Loons are most often seen in the Chain O' Lakes in late March and early April as they migrate north. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

No attention on officers

In 2014, Laquan McDonald, who didn't have a gun, was shot (16 shots) and killed by Officer Jason Van Dyke.

In 2021, two Chicago police officers who didn't have their guns drawn were shot by Emonte Morgan when they stopped him during a traffic stop. Officer Ella French was fatally shot and her partner, Officer Carlos Yanez, whose right eye had to be removed and who still has a bullet lodged in his head below his right ear, still suffers from maladies from being shot by Morgan.

In 2024, Dexter Reed was shot by police officers when he was stopped for a traffic violation and everyone is trying to make this into another tragedy like the Laquan McDonald murder. However, Reed fired at the officers first, shooting a police officer and prompting them to fire back. In an active shooting situation, when officers witness one of their own being shot down and the perpetrator continuing to shoot, those officers, who are fighting for their lives, don't have time to have a meeting about how it should be handled. Reed turned this traffic stop into a whole different, violent incident.

After Officers French and Yanez were gunned down, can we understand why the police who stopped Reed reacted as they did? COPA Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten, responding to the 96 shots by the officers, has "grave concerns about the officers' ability to assess what is a necessary, reasonable, and proportional use of deadly force". What about the unnecessary, unreasonable force used by Reed when he fired eleven times and shot one of those police officers, instead of complying with the police officers' order to roll down the car window? Why has there been so little attention in the media on the officer who was shot? (We don't even know that officer's name.) Was Reed's shooting of this officer an inconvenient truth? Because of this sin of omission, often making police "the enemy," many police have left the CPD, the remaining police are over-worked, and some have committed suicide.

Ever since the injustices of McDonald's murder in Chicago, George Floyd being murdered by police in Minneapolis, and others, police everywhere have been put on notice. There has been reform in the CPD. With all the carjackings, murders, muggings, robberies, youths rioting downtown and felons being released too soon, Chicago police have their hands full. With no slowdown of all the crime occurring in Chicago, Chicagoans need police protection; however we don't need police to go off the deep end, instead of serving and protecting. But we also need to see the whole picture and strive for balance in our response on both ends.

— Jean Scott, Chicago

Adrenaline and fear

I've read the accounts and editorials that have been written as of late and as a retired police lieutenant I am amazed that two factors have not been raised. They are human factors that every person has, which are adrenaline and fear. When a person is caught in a high-stress situation, adrenaline kicks in. Studies have shown that shooting accuracy has dropped off considerably when adrenaline kicks in. Again, when a person is in a situation where there is is a distinct possibly of being killed or injured, fear kicks in. This is called preservation. People on both sides of this issue question the amount of shots fired. Although it seems to be excessive, your judgment should be reserved until you place yourself in the same situation as the officers in the Dexter Reed shooting, which God willing you never will. I question why Reed, facing overwhelming force, would shoot at the police, wounding one. Another question I have is a shoot-don't shoot situation. When should the police shoot? Only when an offender kills an officer? I hope to God not.

— Jerry Casserly, Northbrook

Republicans' legacies

The Republicans in Congress and in state legislatures are opposing legislation that would greatly benefit us, the citizens of our country. They are passing laws which stifle, impede and are unjust to people of color and low-income earners. Apparently they are not concerned about their legacies because they are also in the process of rewriting history-eliminating facts or replacing them with fabrications. As I write, Republicans are obstructing military aid to a besieged democratic country, Ukraine. Without provocation, Russia waged war against Ukraine two years ago for the sole purpose of occupying it. Republicans claim to be deeply religious. How will a higher authority judge them when untold numbers of Ukrainians are slaughtered? This will be their legacy!

— Sam Solomon, Deerfield

Israel has precision weapons

Being that the Israelis have precision weapons that can target a single building in Damascus, as they did at the Iranian consulate, or a weapon that can target an individual car carrying the sons and grandchildren of a Hamas leader, why is it necessary for them to drop 2,000 pound bombs in civilian neighborhoods?

Cease fire now!

— Frank W. Tedesso, Harwood Heights

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BEN STERN 1921-2024

Holocaust survivor fought planned neo-Nazi march

By Bob Goldsborough



Holocaust survivor Ben Stern speaks during a rally against hate in Berkeley, California, on Aug. 27, 2017. **JOSH EDELSON/AP**

Ben Stern was separated from his family in his native Poland and narrowly escaped the horrors of the Holocaust before settling in the Chicago area, where in the late 1970s he led the fight against a proposed march by neo-Nazis in Skokie.

The Nazis' proposal formed the basis of a major U.S. free speech case, but the group ultimately decided not to march in the heavily Jewish suburb.

For the rest of his life, Stern continued speaking out against hate and intolerance.

"His presence not only carried forward all the history that he and his family had gone through during (World War II), but also the commitment to make sure that such a fate never met any human being, including Jews, including any of the issues of racial injustice and the intolerance that (has become) dominant in American politics," said Rabbi Menachem Creditor, the former rabbi of a synagogue that Stern attended in Northern California.

Stern, 102, died of heart failure on Feb. 28 at his home in Berkeley, California, said his daughter Charlene. He had been a Berkeley resident since 2008, and prior to that had lived in Skokie and Northbrook.

Born Bendet Sztern in Warsaw, Stern moved with his family to Mogielnica, Poland, where he attended school. When the 1939 German invasion of Poland plunged the European continent into what would become World War II, Stern went to a ghetto in Mogielnica and then, the following year, to the Warsaw Ghetto, where his father perished.

Stern was deported to the Madjanek concentration camp. His mother and a brother were moved to the Treblinka concentration camp, where they died. The Nazis eventually moved Stern to Auschwitz and then to Buchenwald. He encountered unspeakable horrors that he recounted in his 2022 memoir, "Near Normal Man," which later was turned into a 30-minute documentary.

Emaciated and weakened, Stern survived a death march toward Austria long enough to be liberated by U.S. forces at the end of the war.

In all, Stern survived two ghettos, nine concentration camps and two death marches.

After the war, Stern could find no family members in any displaced persons camp. However, he did meet his future wife, Helen. They were married in 1945 and moved to the U.S. the following year.

The couple settled on Chicago's South Side, where Stern learned carpentry and worked full time as a carpenter for five years. He later went into the business of coin-operated laundromats, ultimately owning about a dozen around Chicago.

In 1977, when the Sterns were living in Skokie, a Chicago-based group of neo-Nazis known as the National Socialist Party of America applied to hold a rally in the suburb, which was home to a large number of Holocaust survivors. The group's racist demonstrations in protest of racially changing neighborhoods in Chicago had met resistance, with the city fighting back by demanding a steep insurance fee.

The neo-Nazis then focused on Chicago-area suburbs. While other suburbs ignored the group, Skokie attempted to ban a proposed march, a move that the the American Civil Liberties Union opposed on free-speech grounds.

Stern began gathering signatures to oppose the march and worked to organize a counterdemonstration of Jews and Christians. The legal case ultimately made its way to the Illinois Supreme Court and then to the U.S. Supreme Court, whose ruling in effect allowed the neo-Nazis to march.

However, Skokie officials made clear that they would not be able to guarantee the safety of the Neo-Nazis, who chose to march in Chicago instead.

Ira Glasser, the national director of the ACLU from 1978 until 2001, was the head of the New York Civil Liberties Union in 1977 and was not involved in the national ACLU's support of the neo-Nazis in the Skokie matter. However, Glasser wholeheartedly agreed with the national ACLU's decision to support the neo-Nazis' right to march.

Years later, Glasser and Stern struck up a friendship through Stern's daughter. The two men met at Glasser's home in California, where, Glasser recalls, Stern told him that "we're not going to agree, but we're going to be friends."

"After a long discussion, I think it's fair to say that neither of us budged on our position for an inch, but I think he understood why we had to take that case and how terrible for free speech it would be everywhere — including in the South, and with civil rights marches — if we hadn't taken the case," Glasser said.

"But he was just passionate and articulate about the anguish (the proposed march) brought him, in the town where he lived all these years later, to see people with swastikas in the streets," Glasser said. "All that was valid and true and unassailable. He never conceded anything, but his only interest was in communicating his anguish, which he did, very movingly and passionately."

Stern and Glasser eventually appeared together on several panels, including one at the University of Chicago Law School, to discuss the documentary about Stern's life. Glasser also attended Stern's 100th birthday party in California.

"We had kind of a late-in-life, unlikely and unpredictable bonding across the anguish of all that disagreement, and I think it's fair to say that we became good friends," Glasser said. "The more I was involved in it, the better I understood why we had to take the case.

"But trying to contemplate what a guy like him went through, being arrested when he was 17 and spending time in seven concentration camps and being 75 pounds when he was liberated and having dysentery and losing his entire family and then resurrecting himself into a new life in a new place and then all those years later, there's somebody on the sidewalks where you live with a swastika? It's literally unimaginable."

Stern retired in 2007, and the following year he and his wife moved to Berkeley. In California, Stern spoke at a rally against white supremacy in 2017 and again at a 2019 rally in San Francisco protesting family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Stern's wife of 73 years, Helen, died in 2018. Survivors include another daughter, Susan; a son, Norman; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a half-brother, Shalom Provisor.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 15 ...

In 1452 Renaissance artist, architect and engineer Leonardo da Vinci was born in Anchiano, Italy.

In 1817 the first American school for the deaf was opened, in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850 the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1865 President Abraham Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1912 the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

In 1922 Harold Washington, later Chicago's first black mayor with his election in 1983, was born in Cook County Hospital.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. Also in 1945 President Franklin Roosevelt, who had died April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1947 Jackie Robinson became baseball's first black player in the modern major league era when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day.

In 1955 Ray Kroc opened the first McDonald's fast-food franchise, in Des Plaines.

In 1967 a jury in Peoria convicted Richard Speck in the July 1966 murders of eight student nurses in their South Side dormitory.

In 1970 , President Nixon signed legislation banning television and radio advertisements for the sale of cigarettes.

In 1985 the government of South Africa said it would repeal laws prohibiting sex and marriage between whites and non-whites.

In 1986 the U.S. launched an air raid against Libya in response to the April 5 bombing of a Berlin discotheque that killed an American serviceman and a Turkish woman. Libya claimed 37 people died in the raid.

In 1989, 95 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

In 1997, in Saudi Arabia, fire destroyed a tent city outside Mecca, killing at least 343 Muslim pilgrims. Also in 1997 Jackie Robinson's number 42 was retired throughout Major League Baseball 50 years after he became the first black player in the modern major leagues.

In 2013 twin explosions near the finish line of the Boston Marathon killed three people and injured 264, the first terrorist bombing in the U.S. since Sept. 11, 2001. President Barack Obama vowed, "We will find out who did this." Also in 2013 gold prices suffered their worst daily loss in history, falling more than $125 an ounce.



Death Notices

Anton, Judith L.



Judith L. Anton nee McElroy, age 85. Beloved wife of Kenneth O. Anton. Devoted mother of Catherine (Doug) Anton Sandberg, and Kenneth Anton. Beloved grandmother of Claire, Thea, and Finn Sandberg. Dear sister of Donald B. (Julie) McElroy. Beloved aunt of Tim (Chelsea) McElroy and Sara McElroy. Visitation Sunday, April 21st, 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at Congdon Funeral Home, 3012 Sheridan Road, Zion, IL. Private interment Acacia Cemetery. Guestbook and full obituary at **www.congdonfuneralhome.com**.

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Hunter, Joanne M.
Joanne M. Hunter

Age 83, a resident of New Lenox, passed away on Friday, April 12, 2024. Joanne was born in Chicago, IL, on September 27, 1940, to the late John and Joanne Hunter (Jallits). Beloved wife of the late Irwin Eaton; loving aunt to Sean (Lisa) Didion, Wilhelm Walke, Erika (Gerald) Delaney, Cari Didion, Heidi Leerkamp (Justin), Jami (Scott) Demuth; also survived by her dear cousin Lori Kotheimer. Cherished great aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her siblings Nancy (late James) Didion and Roseann (late Wolfgang) Walke. Joanne was an eternal optimist and loved meeting new people. She leaves behind many friends, some of whom she met while she traveled the world. Joanne was employed for over forty years at First National Bank, Chicago. She was a member of the Joliet Garden Club, the CCW, an usher at St. Mary Catholic Church, and enjoyed spending time with her great-nieces and nephews. Joanne loved to spend time outdoors gardening. Services for Joanne will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 with a visitation at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 19515 115th Ave. in Mokena, from 10am until the time of mass at 11am. Joanne will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery in Mokena.





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Paolita has a very wonderful personality, super intelligent very easy to train like an amazing majestic pet. Both parents are registered under the International Cane Corso Federation (ICCF). Sire is very enormous, Sire is powerful, headstrong and active. Dam weighs over 125 lbs, gorgeous and lean. So Poblita is a True Cane Corso Italiano. The Sire beautiful traditional large size dog (Formentino). Dame large (brindle) weighs 130 pounds very much skilled in obedience. The puppies are registered with International Cane Corso Federation (ICCF) and registration papers will be available. The 15week Poblita has a very contrast color raised very healthy and playful puppies. Her tails been cropped, dewormed and have their first vaccinations, and they've been declawed.

ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook **County** File **No. G24000005** on the Date: **April 11,2024**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Fluffy Faces Dog Spa**
with the business located at:
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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Jean Molinelli**
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CONTACT: LaKesha Rudd,
Senior Procurement Specialist
EMAIL: LaKesha.Rudd@cityofchicago.org,
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REVISED BID OPENING DATE: **March 22, 2024, Per Addendum # 2**
REVISED BID OPENING DATE: **April 5, 2024, Per Addendum # 3**
REVISED BID OPENING DATE: **April 30, 2024, Per Addendum # 4**
REVISED BID OPENING DATE: **May 17, 2024, Per Addendum #5**
TIME: **11:00 a.m.** Central Time

CONTACT: Veronica Castro,
Procurement Specialist
Email: Veronica.Castro1@cityofchicago.org

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CONTACT: Maria Christman,
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PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
For additional information, please contact Jenna Scott, Procurement Administrator, jscott@transitchicago.com.
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Req No: B24OP03413,
Request for Proposals (RFP) for Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Long Term Disability Insurance and Voluntary Benefits for Three Years with Two One-Year Options.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
Questions regarding this Bid must be submitted via Bonfire no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Questions will not be accepted after this date and time.
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April 15, 2024
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Req No: B24OP04568,
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Drug Testing Laboratory Services for Drug & Alcohol Testing for a Period of Up to Three (3) Years with Two (2) One-Year Options.
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PLEASE NOTE: The right is reserved to accept any proposal or to reject any and all proposals.
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President,
Purchasing & Supply Chain
April 15, 2024
4/15/20247618165

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRA
Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority through Electronic Submission to the Bid Office's E-Procurement Platform no later than 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 6, 2024 to the link below:
https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities
Req No.: B24OP04740,
Invitation For Bids (IFB) for Small Business Enterprise (SBE)to Provide Promotional Catalog Products for a period of 36 Months.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NON
The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Chicago time. Any individual that wants to attend this meeting must RSVP by registering at the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oduGtpzgiE9e3RJpYYLZovSsQ7veg27wo
Questions regarding this Bid must be submitted via Bonfire no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) Thursday, April 25, 2024. Questions will not be accepted after this date and time.
For additional information, please contact Sarah Villasenor, Procurement Administrator, svillasenor@transitchicago.com.
Any contract resulting from this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
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April 15, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE: INVITATION FOR BID AND CONTRACT (IFB) TO PROVIDE PRE-PACKAGED VENDED MEALS
Notice is hereby given that Special Education Services ("the School Food Authority-SFA"); is requesting bids to provide Pre-Packaged Vended Meals for the operation in the Federally funded School Nutrition Programs.
Bids will be accepted at:
Attn: Nicole O'Connell
Special Education Services
195 Poplar Pl North Aurora, IL 60542
Bids will be accepted 10:00 AM CST on May 30, 2024 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in full as outlined in the solicitation.
A meeting will be held at 2:00 PM CST on April 25, 2024 at 195 Poplar Pl North Aurora, IL. Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged.
Questions related to the solicitation may be submitted, in writing, via email to nicole.oconnell@menta.com by 2:00 PM CST on April 27, 2024. Questions will be answered via email in the form of an addendum to all potential bidders.
Bidders must be fully aware and comply with USDA and state regulations regarding School Nutrition Programs.
The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, waive any irregularities or informalities.
All vendors must comply with applicable Illinois law requiring payment of prevailing wage by contractors working on public funded projects, and with Illinois statutory requirements regarding labor, including Equal Employment Opportunity Laws.
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.
April 15, 2024 - 7617777

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND POLICY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF A BIOSAFETY L4 AUTOPSY MOBILE FACILITY RFI NO. 2316-10195
RFI Document: The RFI document is available for download at: https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the solicitation document or if you have other questions, please contact Robert Stuart at robert.stuart@cookcountyil.gov.

Questions: Questions can be submitted via the Bonfire website until
3:00 P.M. Chicago Time on May 10, 2024.

Submittal Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 by 10:00 A.M. Chicago Time
All responses must be submitted electronically and uploaded to https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities following the instructions set forth in the solicitation document.

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

Late Submittals Will Not Be Accepted
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED VACANT LOTS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the City of Chicago (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development (the "Department"), for the sale of City-owned vacant lots for neighborhood side yards, community open spaces, urban agriculture, affordable housing, residential housing, mixed-use, commercial, and industrial development. The sale of property is intended to encourage the purchase and redevelopment of City-owned vacant land in line with community development priorities.

The properties available for sale are identified on the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site, and are searchable through the on-line interactive map. Each property available for sale includes a purchase price, link to the on-line application, and application submission deadline.

Interested buyers must submit applications to purchase City lots on-line at the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site. The applications period opens on April 1, 2024. There are two application submission deadlines, on May 17, 2024 and July 1, 2024, which are specific to individual lots marketed for sale on ChiBlockBuilder. Application eligibility requirements are identified on the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site.

For more information, go to Chicago.gov/blockbuilder. Questions can be directed to info@chiblockbuilder.com or call 312-935-1030.

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Commissioner

Brandon Johnson
Mayor

City of Chicago
Department of Family and Support Services
Legal Advertisement Request Form

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The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Homeless Services Division seeks applications for the operation of six emergency shelters for New Arrivals who are experiencing homelessness in Chicago. DFSS seeks proposals from agencies who can operate shelters at City-owned or City-leased locations that are currently being operated as shelters. Shelter programs will provide a safe, accessible place to stay for New Arrivals experiencing homelessness to support them in moving toward stable housing. This RFP has been updated since the initial RFP #9335, "DFSS: Homelessness Services: New Arrivals Shelter Operations," (the "Prior RFP") was issued in August 2023. The current RFP covers sites for which DFSS either made no award under the Prior RFP, or which have been newly added to the New Arrivals shelter system since the Prior RFP was issued.

The term of contract(s) executed under this RFP will be from July 15, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Based on need, availability of funds and contractor performance, DFSS may extend this term up to six times with each extension not to exceed six months. Continued support will be dependent upon the Respondent's performance and the continued availability of funding. Anticipated funding per award will be based on a bed rate of $35 per night for City-owned and City-leased facilities. DFSS intends to make up to six awards through this RFP.

For more information, please refer to the application posted on the City of Chicago's eProcurement page under current bids:

www.cityofchicago.org/eProcurement
Solicitation #10152

A NOTE ABOUT THE CITY'S EPROCUREMENT SYSTEM:

For those who have not done business with the City of Chicago before, registration in iSupplier is the first step to ensuring your agency's ability to conduct business with the City of Chicago and DFSS. ***Please allow five to seven days for your registration to be processed.***

Current contractors need only to start an application via their existing iSupplier/eProcurement account.

All vendors must have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) and an IRS W9 for registration and confirmation of vendor business information.

RFP DUE DATE/SUBMISSION LOCATION:

May 14, 2024
12:00, NOON CST

Proposals must be submitted via on-line application.
E-mailed or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

PRE-PROPOSAL WEBINAR

A Pre-Proposal Webinar will be held on **April 19, 2024 at 1pm.** Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly suggested.

Please register prior to the webinar's start using this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0-j8VPsyS3i-PYQbKOapjA

A link to the completed Webinar will be available on-line at the DFSS website after the time and date listed above for those who cannot attend at the live scheduled time. Please register prior to the Webinar's start. The purpose of this pre-submittal event is to clarify the RFP process and the scope of the required services.

Brandie V. Knazze
Commissioner
Department of Family and Support Services

Brandon Johnson
Mayor
City of Chicago

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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



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

ABC7 Outlook: Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s inland and in the low and mid-60s along the lake. Onshore breeze with wind at 5-15 mph.

	Day	Night
MONDAY	High: 73	Low: 48
	Mostly sunny and warm	
	POP: 0%	
	Winds: ENE 6-12 mph	
TUESDAY	High: 65	Low: 60
	Becoming windier with rain and a t-storm	
	POP: 95%	
	Winds: E 12-25 mph	
WEDNESDAY	High: 72	Low: 48
	Mostly cloudy and windy with a few showers	
	POP: 85%	
	Winds: SSW 12-25 mph	
THURSDAY	High: 60	Low: 43
	Cloudy	
	POP: 25%	
	Winds: WNW 8-16 mph	
FRIDAY	High: 61	Low: 39
	Partly sunny and breezy	
	POP: 15%	
	Winds: E 10-20 mph	
SATURDAY	High: 54	Low: 38
	Cloudy	
	POP: 25%	
	Winds: NNW 6-12 mph	

CHICAGO FORECAST

Monday Conditions

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™						
1	4	6	6	4	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®						
55	66	74	78	71	63	63

Monday Activities

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index						
7	9	9	9	9	9	7
Fishing Index						
7	10	10	10	10	9	8

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

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Sunday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	81
Low	62
Normal high	58
Normal low	40
Record high	85 (2003)
Record low	23 (1943)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Sunday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	81	55	60	37
Gary	77	61	59	40
Kankakee	82	57	60	38
Lansing	80	57	59	39
Midway	79	61	59	41
Romeoville	81	60	60	39
Valparaiso	79	56	62	39
Waukegan	78	62	55	36

Sunday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Sunday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.12"
Month to date	1.65"	1.20"	1.56"
Year to date	9.39"	11.43"	8.05"
Snowfall			
Sunday*	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"
Month to date	Trace	0.0"	0.9"
Season to date	22.2"	19.7"	38.3"

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

Air Quality Index

Sunday's reading: **Moderate**

Monday's forecast: **Moderate**

Primary pollutant: **Ozone**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

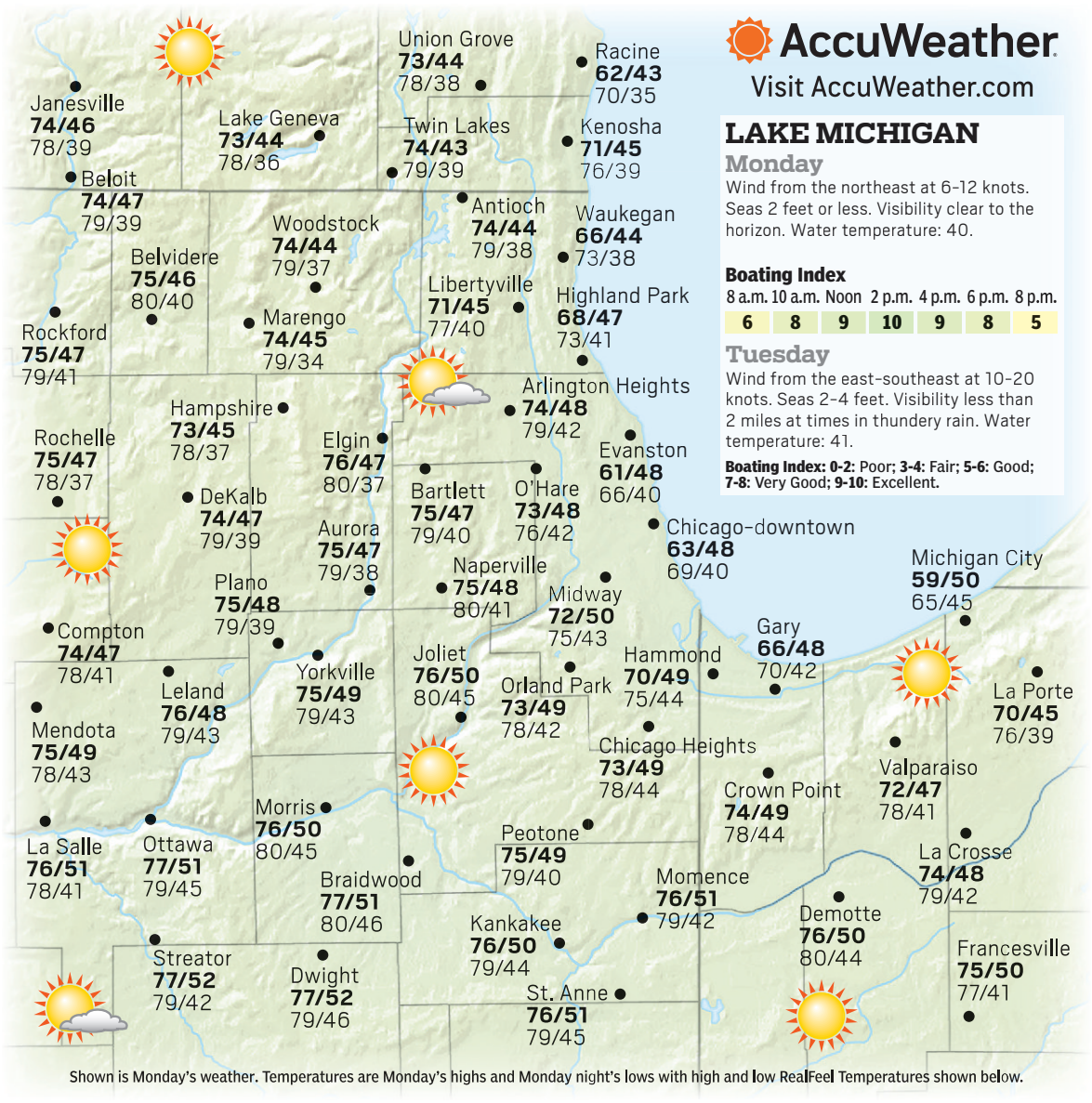
	Mon.	Tue.
Sunrise	6:10 a.m.	6:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:32 p.m.	7:33 p.m.
Moonrise	11:21 a.m.	12:26 p.m.
Moonset	2:35 a.m.	3:13 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 15	Apr 23	May 1	May 7

Monday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:49 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Venus	5:47 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
Mars	4:50 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Jupiter	7:19 a.m.	9:34 p.m.
Saturn	4:45 a.m.	3:58 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: not visible Mars: 5:40 a.m. Jupiter: 8 p.m. Saturn: 5:40 a.m. Mercury: not visible



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

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Monday

Wind from the northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 40.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
6	8	9	10	9	8	5

Tuesday

Wind from the east-southeast at 10-20 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility less than 2 miles at times in thundery rain. Water temperature: 41.

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

ASK abc7



Jaisol Martinez

QUESTION: What is the highest temperature recorded in April in Chicago?

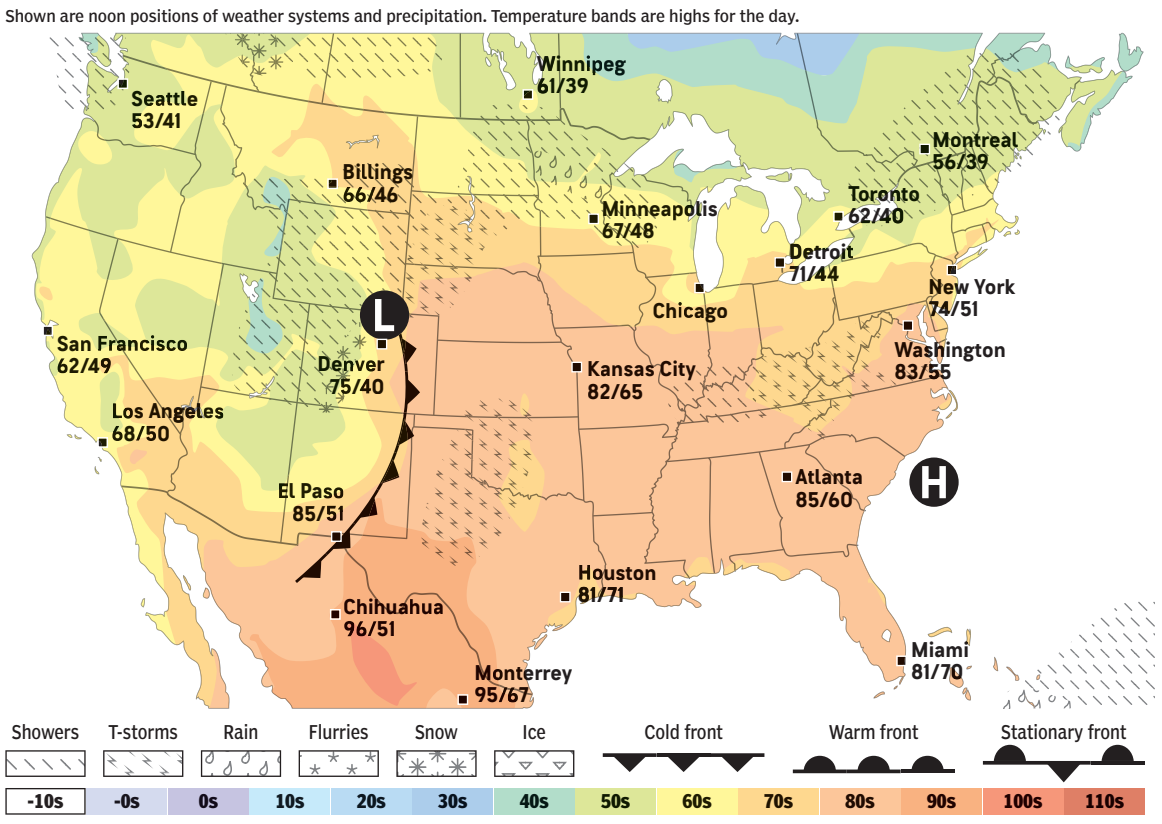
ANSWER: The highest temperature recorded in Chicago in April is 91 degrees. It was hit twice, once in April of 1980 and once in April of 1942. The closest Chicago has gotten to the 90-degree mark in April in recent years was back in April of 2021 when Chicago hit 87 degrees. That high was hit toward the end of the month on April 27, 2021. The lowest temperatures in Chicago in April was recorded on April 7, 1982 with a low temperature of 7 degrees. April can be a wild card. Temperatures can fall into the single digits, but can also rise into the low 90s.

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.



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	85/64/t	79/66/t
Champaign	82/60/s	80/63/t
Decatur	82/61/s	79/64/t
Moline	78/53/s	73/61/t
Peoria	79/58/s	80/63/t
Quincy	82/63/pc	79/58/t
Rockford	75/47/s	65/57/r
Springfield	82/61/s	79/64/t
Sterling	76/51/s	70/58/r
Indiana		
Bloomington	84/61/pc	78/63/t
Evansville	84/63/t	80/64/t
Fort Wayne	74/47/s	69/61/r
Indianapolis	80/58/pc	80/62/t
Lafayette	77/55/s	79/61/t
South Bend	72/46/s	67/58/r
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	66/40/s	58/47/r
Kenosha	71/45/s	58/54/r
La Crosse	73/48/pc	56/54/r
Madison	72/45/s	56/54/r
Milwaukee	67/44/s	56/50/r
Wausau	66/40/pc	56/44/r
Michigan		
Detroit	71/44/s	65/50/pc
Grand Rapids	68/39/s	63/52/r
Marquette	50/32/c	48/38/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	50/30/c	59/40/pc
Traverse City	59/32/pc	67/46/pc
Iowa		
Ames	78/56/pc	68/51/t
Cedar Rapids	76/51/pc	67/53/t
Des Moines	79/60/c	70/52/t
Dubuque	72/47/s	63/55/r

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	87/57/t	88/57/s
Albany, NY	63/41/pc	64/38/s
Albuquerque	66/42/pc	73/47/s
Amarillo	86/50/t	80/49/s
Anchorage	41/28/s	43/26/s
Asheville	81/54/t	78/56/c
Aspen	48/32/sh	48/31/sn
Atlanta	85/60/s	81/64/pc
Atlantic City	73/51/s	61/49/s
Austin	83/69/pc	85/68/c
Baltimore	84/52/pc	74/57/s
Billings	66/46/pc	64/31/c
Birmingham	83/60/c	81/64/c
Bismarck	63/45/sh	49/38/sh
Boise	66/37/pc	60/36/pc
Boston	66/45/pc	63/45/s
Brownsville	85/75/pc	87/74/c
Buffalo	59/40/pc	61/42/pc
Burlington, VT	57/40/pc	56/35/s
Charleston, SC	89/60/s	87/61/s
Charleston, WV	75/56/t	80/61/t
Charlotte	86/61/s	83/63/c
Chattanooga	86/58/pc	84/60/c
Cheyenne	69/39/sh	54/37/sh
Cincinnati	80/58/pc	77/61/t
Cleveland	64/45/s	66/58/sh
Colorado Spgs	72/46/c	70/40/pc
Columbia, MO	86/66/t	76/59/t
Columbia, SC	89/59/s	86/60/pc
Columbus, OH	77/50/s	74/60/t
Concord	64/35/pc	63/33/s
Corpus Christi	82/73/pc	86/75/c
Dallas	79/69/c	88/69/t
Daytona Beach	82/61/s	83/64/s
Denver	75/40/pc	65/40/sh
Duluth	60/39/c	48/37/r
El Paso	85/51/s	79/55/s
Fairbanks	42/17/s	48/20/s
Fargo	61/47/sh	56/39/r
Flagstaff	54/30/c	66/30/s
Fort Myers	86/62/s	88/66/s
Fort Smith	82/66/c	82/64/t
Fresno	67/49/pc	75/53/s
Grand Junction	61/42/sh	70/47/s
Great Falls	70/38/c	54/25/c
Harrisburg	80/48/pc	74/55/s
Hartford	73/44/pc	70/43/s
Helena, MT	69/42/c	60/32/pc
Honolulu	82/68/pc	82/67/sh
Houston	81/71/pc	86/72/c
Int'l Falls	59/38/c	58/38/c
Jackson, MS	81/64/pc	84/69/c
Jacksonville	86/58/s	85/61/s
Juneau	52/28/s	54/27/s
Kansas City	82/65/pc	78/55/t
Las Vegas	75/56/s	82/60/s
Lexington	78/62/t	79/63/c
Lincoln	82/62/pc	82/50/sh
Little Rock	81/65/pc	78/69/t
Los Angeles	68/50/s	75/54/pc
Louisville	83/64/t	81/64/t
Macon	86/52/s	85/58/pc
Memphis	81/67/pc	82/67/t
Miami	81/70/s	83/71/s
Minneapolis	67/48/pc	52/48/r
Mobile	80/65/pc	82/66/pc
Montgomery	86/57/s	82/58/pc
Nashville	84/63/c	81/63/c
New Orleans	81/69/pc	81/70/c
New York City	74/51/s	71/50/s
Norfolk	85/58/t	66/56/t
Oklahoma City	77/59/c	82/55/pc
Omaha	86/62/pc	79/48/t
Orlando	87/60/s	86/62/s
Palm Beach	81/68/s	82/71/s
Palm Springs	83/60/s	94/66/s
Philadelphia	79/51/s	73/53/s
Phoenix	78/57/pc	87/62/s
Pittsburgh	73/44/pc	72/56/sh
Portland, ME	61/39/pc	63/38/pc
Portland, OR	60/45/c	58/39/c
Providence	70/43/pc	66/43/s
Raleigh	88/60/s	85/63/t
Rapid City	74/47/t	56/38/sh
Reno	66/41/pc	73/43/s
Richmond	86/56/t	77/57/t
Rochester	60/39/pc	61/38/pc
Sacramento	68/46/pc	75/50/s
St. Louis	88/67/t	79/68/t
Salem, OR	59/39/c	57/35/c
Salt Lake City	48/44/sh	64/50/s
San Antonio	85/68/pc	86/70/pc
San Diego	65/51/s	67/55/pc
San Francisco	62/49/pc	67/49/s
San Juan	86/76/c	86/75/c
Santa Fe	63/36/c	72/39/s
Savannah	89/58/s	85/61/pc
Seattle	53/41/c	55/38/c
Shreveport	85/68/c	80/71/t
Sioux Falls	79/56/pc	61/45/r
Spokane	62/35/pc	50/32/sh
Syracuse	59/39/c	64/37/pc
Tallahassee	85/49/s	82/57/pc
Tampa	86/65/s	89/68/s
Topeka	85/65/pc	83/55/t
Tucson	73/48/s	81/52/s
Tulsa	81/66/c	82/58/t
Washington, DC	83/55/pc	75/55/s
Wichita	78/60/c	80/54/c
Wilkes-Barre	74/40/pc	71/44/s
Yuma	79/56/pc	87/62/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	89/69/s	87/69/pc
Algiers	70/53/sh	75/53/s
Amsterdam	51/43/r	51/40/r
Ankara	73/42/s	80/47/pc
Athens	80/62/s	75/65/c
Auckland	69/57/pc	70/58/pc
Baghdad	87/63/pc	92/68/pc
Bangkok	101/85/s	100/84/s
Barbados	88/79/sh	89/79/pc
Barcelona	70/57/pc	64/54/s
Beijing	75/49/s	78/49/c
Beirut	73/63/s	77/66/c
Berlin	57/41/r	51/38/r
Bermuda	71/63/s	70/64/s
Bogota	72/49/r	73/49/r
Brussels	52/41/r	49/40/r
Bucharest	89/60/pc	86/59/pc
Budapest	79/54/pc	59/43/r
Bueno Aires	75/59/sh	67/59/c
Cairo	85/64/pc	87/70/pc
Cancun	87/71/s	87/75/pc
Caracas	91/77/pc	91/77/pc
Casablanca	85/54/c	85/57/s
Copenhagen	49/40/pc	48/36/sh
Dublin	50/41/s	52/36/sh
Edmonton	53/31/c	38/22/c
Frankfurt	60/41/r	50/42/sh
Geneva	68/45/sh	54/40/r
Guadalajara	94/57/pc	96/58/c
Havana	86/64/s	88/70/s
Helsinki	51/33/c	46/35/sh
Hong Kong	89/79/t	90/79/pc
Istanbul	73/57/s	79/63/c
Jerusalem	72/53/pc	80/61/c
Johannesburg	63/50/c	68/48/t
Kabul	58/42/t	67/45/s
Kingston	88/78/sh	90/78/s
Kyiv	63/47/sh	68/47/sh
Lima	77/67/s	76/66/pc
Lisbon	77/54/s	76/55/s
London	55/45/sh	57/39/pc
Madrid	83/48/s	80/47/s
Manila	96/80/s	95/81/s
Mexico City	89/60/c	90/60/s
Monterrey	95/67/c	97/71/pc
Montreal	56/39/pc	53/34/s
Moscow	46/38/r	54/43/c
Munich	63/39/r	50/39/sh
Nairobi	79/62/t	78/62/r
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NATION & WORLD

US tries to halt escalation over Iran

Biden pushes Israel to show restraint, not answer attack

By Zeke Miller and Michelle L. Price
Associated Press



President Joe Biden and his national security team get an update Saturday on Iran's attack. **ADAM SCHULTZ/THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON — The United States on Sunday highlighted its role in helping Israel thwart Iran's aerial attack as President Joe Biden convened leaders of the Group of Seven countries in an effort to prevent a wider regional escalation and coordinate a global rebuke of Tehran.

The U.S. assisted Israel in shooting down dozens of drones and missiles fired Saturday by Iran in what was the first time it had launched a direct military assault on Israel.

Israeli authorities said 99% of the inbound weapons were shot down without causing any significant damage.

On Sunday, Israeli leaders credited an international military coalition with helping thwart a direct Iranian attack involving hundreds of drones and missiles, calling the coordinated response a starting point for a "strategic alliance" of regional opposition to Tehran.

But Israel's War Cabinet met without making a decision on next steps, an official said, as a nervous world waited for any sign of further escalation of the former shadow war. The military coalition, led by the United States, Britain and France and appearing to include a number of Middle Eastern countries, gave Israel support at a time when it finds itself isolated over its war against Hamas in Gaza.

U.S. officials said that despite the high interception rate, Iran's intent was to "destroy and cause casualties" and that, if successful, the strikes would have caused an "uncontrollable" escalation across the Mideast. U.S. officials said Biden told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in an effort to contain tensions, that Washington would not participate in any offensive action against Iran, and the president made "very clear" to Netanyahu "that we do have to think carefully and strategically" about risks of escalation.

The push to encourage Israel to show restraint mirrored ongoing American efforts to curtail Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza, now in its seventh month, and to do more to protect civilian lives in the territory.

While the U.S. and its allies were preparing for days for such an attack, the launches were at the "high end" of what was anticipated, according to the officials, who were not authorized to publicly discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity.

At one point, at least 100 ballistic missiles from Iran were in the air simultaneously with just minutes of flight time to Israel, the officials said. Biden and senior officials monitored the firings and interception attempts in real time in the White House Situation Room. The officials said there was "relief" in the room when they saw that the missile defense efforts had succeeded.

A senior U.S. military official said American aircraft shot down more than 70 drones and cruise missiles, while U.S. destroyers in the eastern Mediterranean Sea downed four to six ballistic missiles, and an American Patriot missile battery in Iraq shot down one more.

"At my direction, to support the defense of Israel, the U.S. military moved aircraft and ballistic missile defense destroyers to the region over the course of the past week," Biden said in a statement late Saturday. "Thanks to these deployments and the extraordinary skill of our service members, we helped Israel take down nearly all of the incoming drones and missiles."

Administration officials said the call demonstrated that despite differences over the war in Gaza, the U.S. commitment to Israel's defense was "ironclad" and that the U.S. would mount a similar effort again.

The officials rejected the notion that Iran intentionally gave Israel and the U.S. time to prepare for an attack but said they took advantage of the time Iran needed before it was ready to launch the assault to prepare their response. The officials said Iran passed word to the U.S. while the attack was unfolding late Saturday that what was seen was the totality of their response. The message was sent through the Swiss government because the two countries don't have direct diplomatic ties.

Biden, in a Saturday evening call with Netanyahu, urged that Israel claim victory for its defense prowess as the president aimed to persuade America's closest Middle East ally not to undertake a larger retaliatory strike against Iran, the officials said.

Biden had a call Sunday with Jordan's King Abdullah II in which the king said any "escalatory measures" by Israel would lead to a broader conflict in the region, according to the Royal Court. The White House said the situation in Gaza was discussed, and the leaders reaffirmed their cooperation "to find a path to end the crisis as soon as possible."

The president also spoke with some of the U.S. forces involved in shooting down the Iranian drones.

After the G7 videoconference Sunday, the leaders issued a joint statement "unequivocally condemning in the strongest terms" the direct attack by Iran while expressing "our full solidarity and support to Israel" and reaffirming "our commitment towards its security."

ANALYSIS

Iran-Israel 'shadow war' at dangerous crossroads

Attack by Tehran puts old rivals in a wait-and-see mode

By Steven Erlanger and Farnaz Fassihi
The New York Times



An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man walks Sunday in the Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem. Israel says its air defenses thwarted 99% of the drones and missiles Iran launched. **LEO CORREA/AP**

BERLIN — Iran has retaliated directly against Israel for the killings of its senior generals in Syria with more than 300 drones and missiles aimed at restoring its credibility and deterrence, officials and analysts say.

That represents a moment of great risk, with key questions still to answer, they say. Has Iran's attack been enough to satisfy its calls for revenge? Or, given the relatively paltry results — almost all of the drones and missiles were intercepted by Israel and the United States — will it feel obligated to strike again? And will Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister of Israel, see the strong performance by his country's air defenses as a sufficient response? Or will he choose to escalate further with an attack on Iran?

Now that Iran has attacked Israel as it promised to do, it will want to avoid a broader war, the officials and analysts say, noting that the Iranians targeted only military sites in an apparent effort to avoid civilian casualties and advertised their attack well in advance.

"Iran's government appears to have concluded that the (Syria) strike was a strategic inflection point, where failure to retaliate would carry more downsides than benefits," said Ali Vaez, Iran director of the International Crisis Group. "But in doing so, the 'shadow war' it has been waging with Israel for years now threatens to turn into a very real and very damaging conflict," one that could drag in the United States.

"The Iranians have for now played their card," said Sanam Vakil, director of the Middle East and North Africa program at Chatham House. "They made a choice to call Israel's bluff ... because they see the last six months as a persistent effort to set them back."

On Sunday, Iranian leaders said the military operation against Israel was over but warned that they could launch a bigger one depending on Israel's response.

For years, Iran took blow after blow from Israel: assassinations of its nuclear scientists and military commanders, explosions at its nuclear and military bases, cyberattacks, intelligence infiltrations, an embarrassing theft of nuclear documents, recent attacks on its critical infrastructure.

But since the Hamas-led assault of Oct. 7 prompted Israel to go to war in the Gaza Strip, Israel has intensified its attacks on Iranian interests and commanders in Syria. In a series of strikes from December onward, Israel has assassinated at least 18 Iranian commanders and military personnel from the Quds Force, the elite unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guard that operates outside Iran's borders, Iranian media said.

Iran's government has been criticized by hard-line supporters for its cautious posture in the war in Gaza.

With the attacks this weekend, Vakil said: "I think Tehran saw a need to draw this red line and make it clear to Israel that Iran does have red lines and would not continue to tolerate the slow degradation of its position."

Tehran felt it had to respond, even if its attack prompted firm American backing and widespread Western diplomatic support for Israel, taking some of the heat off Israel over its war in Gaza, at least temporarily, and again isolated Iran.

Now, Vakil said, the two sides were in a standoff in which both were prepared for escalation despite knowing it would cause huge damage to themselves.

At the same time, the old equation has changed, with Israel and Iran hitting each other directly and not through Iranian proxies.

Iran has said it wants Israel to be wiped off the map, but the conflict has been carried out mainly between Israel and Iran's allies and proxies — in Gaza, southern Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen and Syria.

Both sides claim they are acting in national self-defense — Israel against groups committed to its destruction, and Iran against any Israeli war against it, often in the name of the Palestinians.

Iran increasingly refers to its rapidly expanding nuclear program, which has enriched uranium to near weapons-grade, as a deterrent against Israel, while at the same time denying that it has any intention of building a nuclear weapon. But Iran is considered by experts as a nuclear-threshold state, able to create a crude nuclear weapon within a year or so.

Iran is also going through a slow, complicated transition as Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader and commander in chief, is said to be ailing and faced a 2022 domestic uprising, led by women, that demanded an end to clerical rule.

Khamenei ordered the strikes on Israel from inside Iran to send a clear message that Iran was shifting from "strategic patience" to a more active deterrence, according to four Iranian officials, two of them members of the Revolutionary Guard.

Speaker says he'll push for aid to Israel, Ukraine, Asia allies this week

By Stephen Groves
Associated Press



Johnson

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Mike Johnson said Sunday that he will try to advance wartime aid for Israel this week as he attempts the difficult task of winning House approval for a national security package that also includes funding for Ukraine and allies in Asia.

Johnson, R-La., is under immense political pressure from his fellow GOP lawmakers as he tries to stretch between the Republican Party's divided support for helping Kyiv defend itself from Moscow's invasion.

The speaker has sat for two months on a $95 billion supplemental package that would send support to the U.S. allies, as well as provide humanitarian aid for civilians in Ukraine and Gaza, and funding to replenish U.S. weapons provided to Taiwan.

The unprecedented attack by Iran on Israel early Sunday further ratcheted up the pressure on Johnson, but it also gave him an opportunity to underscore the urgency of approving the funding.

Johnson told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures" that he and Republicans "understand the necessity of standing with Israel" and he would try to advance the aid.

"The details of that package are being put together right now," he said.

At a news conference, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said President Joe Biden held a phone call Sunday with the top Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate, including Johnson.

The New York Democrat said there was consensus "among all the leaders that we had to help Israel and help Ukraine, and now hopefully we can work that out and get this done next week."

In Ukraine on Sunday, more civilians died as analysts warned that delays in U.S. military assistance would see Kyiv struggle to fight off Russian offensives.

One man was killed after a Russian drone hit the truck he was driving in the Sumy region, the local prosecutor's office said.

Elsewhere, a 67-year-old woman was killed after shelling hit an apartment block in the Donetsk region, Gov. Vadym Filashkin said.

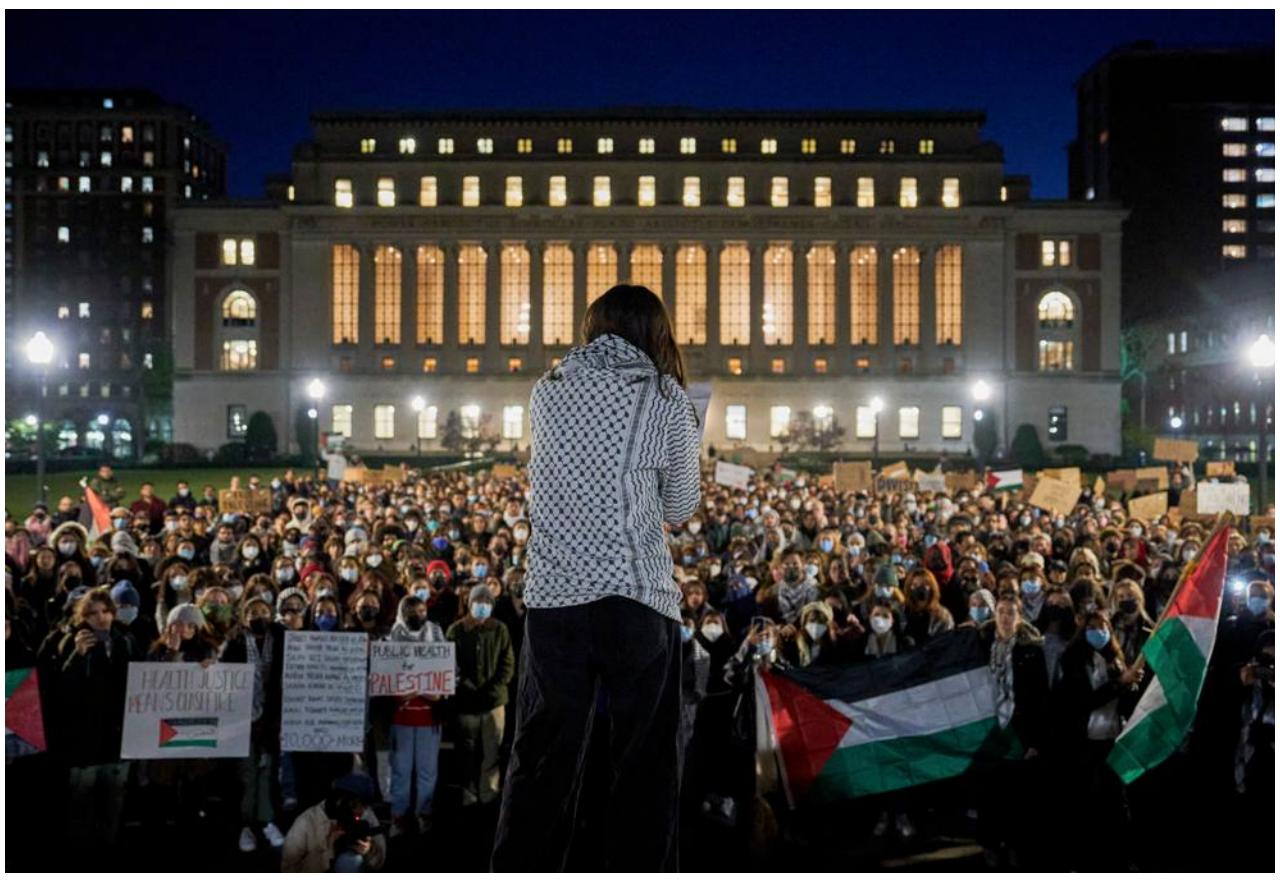
The news came as the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, warned that delays in military assistance would increasingly hamper Ukraine's ability to push back Russian advances.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby called on the House speaker to put that package "on the floor as soon as possible."

How Gaza war mobilized left in US

Palestinians' plight taken up by broad swath of advocates

By Katie Glueck, Katie Benner and Sheera Frenkel
The New York Times



A Palestinian American student addresses a gathering of fellow students protesting Columbia University's suspension of the groups Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voices for Peace on Nov. 14 in New York. **BING GUAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Support for Palestinians, a cause once largely championed on college campuses and in communities with ties to the region, has transformed into a defining issue of the Democratic left, galvanizing a broad swath of groups into the most significant protest movement of the Biden era.

Through daily organizing sessions and grassroots campaigning, a sprawling new iteration of the pro-Palestinian movement is now propelled by longtime — and sometimes hard-line — activists and by mainstream pillars of the Democratic coalition.

Organizations that are usually focused on climate, housing or immigration are regularly protesting Israel's military campaign in the Gaza Strip, which followed the Hamas-led Oct. 7 attack and has killed more than 33,000 people, according to local officials.

Labor activists are calling for a cease-fire. Black clergy leaders have appealed directly to the White House. Young Americans are using online tools to mobilize voters and send millions of missives to Congress. And an emerging coalition of advocacy groups is discussing how to press its case at the Democratic National Convention this summer.

"Maybe there was an idea that over time, the movement would lose steam, or it was just like a campus thing or it was like a far-left sort of protest movement," said Maurice Mitchell, the national director of the Working Families Party, a progressive group that has often been more focused on domestic issues. "The opposite is happening as the humanitarian toll becomes so clear."

Interviews with more than three dozen activists and others involved in the cease-fire cause, as well as their critics, reveal an effort that is at once increasingly powerful, and disjointed and difficult to clearly define. There is no single leader or organization at the helm, nor even a single name for the effort.

It comprises hundreds of groups, from the national to the hyperlocal level, all loosely united behind a call for Israel to end its military campaign. But they are far from consensus on other core issues, such as how to achieve a cease-fire and what should come afterward.

They do not all work together, and their tactics vary widely: While labor and faith leaders have issued calibrated statements, more strident groups and activists often stage demonstrations that snarl traffic or drown out politicians at events, and some have encouraged supporters to take their own "autonomous actions."

On campuses especially, some protests have turned ugly or violent. Jewish students and leaders have described being harassed and threatened by people angered by the war in Gaza, in the face of a broader surge in antisemitic incidents, according to law enforcement officials and advocacy groups. They have also tracked a rise in anti-Muslim and anti-Arab acts, including the killing of a Palestinian American 6-year-old boy and the shooting of three students of Palestinian descent in Vermont.

In the aftermath of the Oct. 7 attack, which Israeli officials say killed about 1,200 people in Israel, demonstrations against Israel were initially often led by campus groups like Students for Justice in Palestine, which would later be banned or suspended from several universities; left-wing Jewish organizations including Jewish Voice for Peace chapters; and groups heavily involved in street protests that cheered or justified the attack as legitimate resistance, such as Palestinian Youth Movement and Within Our Lifetime.

But as Israel's military response intensified and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza spiraled, a much broader constellation of more traditional Democratic-leaning organizations, leaders and voters began to engage. Activists are now wrestling with how best to push President Joe Biden and his Democratic allies — or whether to break from them — in an election year.

On Nov. 8, a coalition of Black clergy members ran an advertisement in The New York Times calling for a bilateral cease-fire.

The ad, signed by more than 900 Christian faith leaders, was perhaps the clearest sign yet of the movement's growth. It reflected long-standing relationships between Black and Palestinian activists dating to the demonstrations against police violence in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014.

The Rev. Michael McBride, a founder of Black Church PAC who helped organize the letter, recalled the online encouragement he received from Palestinian young people while in Ferguson. Nine years later, he was shaken by the scenes from Gaza on social media.

"I don't think many of us had seen anything like that before," he said.

Other core Democratic constituencies were mobilizing, too. In the labor movement, progressive and younger members as well as workers from heavily Arab-American Dearborn, Michigan, agitated for their unions to take a stand.

Brandon Mancilla, a regional director with the United Auto Workers, said that by early November, as the death toll rose in Gaza, union members were regularly joining demonstrations in their UAW gear. In December, the UAW International Union became the largest labor union at the time to back an "immediate" cease-fire.

As unions intensified their efforts, Biden received a warning in a bastion of the American labor movement.

In February, more than 100,000 Michigan voters cast an "uncommitted" ballot in the state's Democratic primary, after activists urged voters to send a message to Biden. There have been notable protest votes in subsequent primary states, and activists are now planning their presence at the Democratic National Convention.

Lauren Hitt, a spokesperson for the Biden campaign, said in a statement that Biden "shares the goal for an end to the violence and a just, lasting peace in the Middle East."

While many activists have urged an "immediate, permanent" cease-fire, others have pressed for a negotiated, bilateral cease-fire with pressure on Israel and Hamas, illustrating growing disillusionment with Israel's war effort and stark differences about how to end it.

On the progressive front, a coalition of organizations said they were joining forces to support their congressional allies. The groups include Justice Democrats, the Working Families Party and the Democratic Socialists of America.

"It's a powerful moment," said Ahmad Abuznaid, the executive director of the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights.



Former President Donald Trump, left, speaks at a campaign event as Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., listens on Jan. 28, 2023, in Columbia, South Carolina. **MEG KINNARD/AP**

ELECTION 2024

Trump, Graham fight again, now over US abortion policy

By Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The long and occasionally quixotic relationship between former President Donald Trump and Sen. Lindsey Graham, both Republicans, has again turned negative after the South Carolina senator criticized Trump for refusing to support a federal abortion ban.

Trump repeatedly disparaged Graham on his social media site and said he regretted endorsing the senator during his last reelection campaign. Graham, a staunch abortion opponent who has pushed for a national ban, did not back down from his criticism, saying Trump's view was an "error."

But some observers of the Trump-Graham dynamic think both Republicans benefit from their public strife.

For Trump, they say, creating public distance from anti-abortion advocates might help him blunt President Joe Biden's attacks on an issue that Democrats have long credited for electoral victories since the U.S. Supreme Court, with three justices Trump nominated, overturned Roe v. Wade. Graham, meanwhile, gets to burnish his conservative bona fides against years of home-state criticism that he is too liberal.

State Rep. John McCravy, a Republican who sponsored South Carolina's new law that bans most abortions at six weeks, said he could not see how the back-and-forth really harmed either Trump or Graham with voters.

Trump "wants to get elected, and I think that appearing to be moderate helps him to get elected," McCravy said. "Regardless of what they say, I think he's taking the practical side of this. He's pointing out something that's true and using that to show that he's not an extremist."

Spokespeople for Trump's campaign and Graham's Senate office did not immediately comment when asked about the squabble.

The two have been at odds before.

They started off that way in the 2016 campaign when both sought the presidential nomination. Shortly after Trump launched his bid, Graham questioned Trump's mental fitness for office, calling him a "jackass" who "shouldn't be commander in chief" for making disparaging remarks about then-Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of Graham's closest allies.

Campaigning in Graham's home state a day later, Trump opened a rally by calling Graham a "lightweight" and "idiot" before reading out the senator's private cellphone number to the crowd's delight and disbelief. That move led Graham to poke fun at destroying the phone after being deluged with angry messages.

Graham ultimately abandoned his own presidential effort and did not attend the 2016 convention, saying he would back neither Trump nor Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and that the Republican Party had been "conned."

But after Trump's election, Graham was all in. He became one of the president's top Senate confidants and a frequent golf partner. Saying there was "an obligation" to help a president, Graham told The Associated Press in a 2018 interview that he had warmed to Trump.

After a year of war in Sudan, mass hunger deaths feared

By Samy Magdy
Associated Press



People board a truck June 19, 2023, as they leave Khartoum, Sudan. The country has been torn by war between Sudan's military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. **AP**

CAIRO — On a clear night a year ago in Sudan, a dozen heavily armed fighters broke into Omaima Farouq's house in an upscale neighborhood in the capital, Khartoum. At gunpoint, they whipped and slapped the woman, and terrorized her children. Then they expelled them from the fenced two-story house.

"Since then, our life has been ruined," the 45-year-old schoolteacher said. "Everything has changed in this year."

Farouq, who is a widow, and her four children now live in a small village outside the central city of Wad Madani, 85 miles southeast of Khartoum. They depend on aid from villagers and philanthropists since international aid groups can't reach the village in this northeast African nation that borders Egypt.

Sudan has been torn by war for a year now, ever since tensions between its military and the paramilitary group Rapid Support Forces exploded into street clashes in the capital in mid-April 2023. The fighting spread across the country.

The conflict has been overshadowed by the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, which since October has caused a massive humanitarian crisis for Palestinians and a threat of famine in the territory.

But relief workers warn that Sudan is hurtling toward an even larger-scale calamity of starvation, with potential mass death in coming months. Food production and distribution networks have broken down, and aid agencies are unable to reach the worst-stricken regions.

The conflict also has had widespread reports of atrocities, including killings, displacement and rape.

Justin Brady, head of the U.N. humanitarian coordination office for Sudan, warned that potentially tens or even hundreds of thousands could die from malnutrition-related causes.

"This is going to get very ugly very quickly unless we can overcome the resource challenges and the access challenges," Brady said.

The world, he said, needs to take fast action to pressure the two sides for a stop in fighting and raise money for the U.N. humanitarian effort.

But the international community has paid little attention. The U.N. humanitarian campaign needs $2.7 billion this year to get food, health care and other supplies to 24 million people in Sudan — nearly half its population of 51 million. So far, funders have given $145 million, about 5%, according to the humanitarian office, known as OCHA.

The "level of international neglect is shocking," Christos Christou, president of the medical charity Doctors Without Borders, or MSF, said in a recent statement.

The situation in fighting on the ground has been deteriorating.

The military, headed by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the RSF, commanded by Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, have carved up Khartoum and trade indiscriminate fire at each other. RSF forces have overrun much of Darfur, while Burhan has moved the government and his headquarters to the Red Sea city of Port Sudan.

The Sudanese Unit for Combating Violence Against Women, a government organization, documented at least 159 cases of rape and gang rape the past year, almost all in Khartoum and the western region of Darfur. The organization's head, Sulima Ishaq Sharif, said this figure represents the tip of the iceberg since many victims don't speak out for fear of reprisal or the stigma of rape.

In 2021, Burhan and Dagalo were uneasy allies who led a military coup. They toppled an internationally recognized civilian government that was supposed to steer Sudan's democratic transition after the 2019 military overthrow of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir amid a popular uprising. Burhan and Dagalo subsequently fell out in a struggle for power.

Both sides, the military and RSF, have committed serious violations of international law, killing civilians and destroying vital infrastructure, said Mohamed Osman, Sudan researcher at Human Rights Watch.

1st Trump criminal trial set to start

Process opens with questioning people for jury to hear case

Associated Press



Former President Donald Trump, center, appears in court for his arraignment April 4, 2023, in New York. **SETH WENIG/POOL**

NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump's history-making criminal trial is set to start Monday with a simple but extraordinary procedural step that is vital to American democracy. A group of regular citizens — Trump's peers, in the eyes of the law — will be chosen to decide whether the former president of the United States is guilty of a crime.

The first trial of a former U.S. president will feature allegations that Trump falsified business records while compensating one of his lawyers, Michael Cohen, when the payments were for orchestrating payoffs to porn actor Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal to prevent them from going public with claims of extramarital sexual encounters with Trump.

Trump denies the accusations and says no crime was committed.

This is set to be the first of Trump's four criminal prosecutions.

The process of picking a jury could take days. Lawyers on both sides of the case will have limited opportunities to try to shape the panel in their favor, but the court's goal won't be to ensure that it has a partisan balance between Democrats and Republicans, or is made up of people oblivious to previous news coverage about the trial.

The idea is to get people who are willing to put their personal opinions aside and make a decision based on the evidence and the law.

Here are some of the factors that will go into jury selection.

Who can sit on the jury?

This jury will be made up only of people who live in Manhattan, one of New York City's five boroughs. All English-speaking, U.S. citizens over age 18 who have not been convicted of a felony are eligible for jury duty in New York.

Court officials identify potential jurors from lists of registered voters, taxpayers, driver's license holders, public benefit recipients and other sources.

The pool of potential jurors for Trump's trial will have been chosen at random. People can volunteer for jury duty, but they can't pick what trial they serve on.

What if a juror doesn't want to serve?

Jury duty is compulsory, but you can get excused for several reasons, such as a financial hardship.

How will the jury get picked?

Judge Juan M. Merchan will begin by bringing a large group of potential jurors into his courtroom. He will then give a brief outline of the case and introduce the defendant, Trump, to the jury.

The judge will then ask the potential jurors a critical question: Can they serve and be fair and impartial? Those who cannot will be asked to raise their hand. For this trial, jurors who indicate they cannot serve or be fair will be dismissed.

Those who remain will be called in groups into the jury box, where they will be asked 42 questions, some with multiple parts.

The lawyers on each side will have a limited number of strikes they can use to exclude potential jurors who they don't like, without giving a reason.

They can also argue that a particular juror should be excluded, but they have to get the judge to agree to dismiss that person.

The process continues until 12 jurors and six alternates have been picked. More large groups of potential jurors can be brought into the courtroom, if needed.

What questions will jurors be asked?

The judge won't allow the lawyers to ask whether potential jurors are Democrats or Republicans, whom they voted for or whether they have given money to any political causes.

But there are multiple questions aimed at rooting out whether people are likely to be biased against, or in favor of, Trump.

Among them:

"Do you have any political, moral, intellectual, or religious beliefs or opinions which might prevent you from following the court's instructions on the law or which might slant your approach to this case?"

"Have you, a relative, or a close friend ever worked or volunteered for a Trump presidential campaign, the Trump presidential administration, or any other political entity affiliated with Mr. Trump?"

"Have you ever attended a rally or campaign event for Donald Trump?"

"Do you currently follow Donald Trump on any social media site or have you done so in the past?"

"Have you, a relative, or a close friend ever worked or volunteered for any anti-Trump group or organization?"

"Have you ever attended a rally or campaign event for any anti-Trump group or organization?"

Jurors will be asked what podcasts and talk radio programs they listen to and where they get their news.

Will the public learn the identities of the jurors?

The judge has ordered that the jurors' names be kept secret, an unusual but not unprecedented step in trials where there is a potential that jurors might wind up being harassed or threatened during or after the trial.

There is nothing to stop jurors from talking about their experiences after the trial is over. While it is pending, they aren't supposed to talk about it with anyone.

What will this jury decide?

Jurors in this trial will listen to testimony and decide whether Trump is guilty of any of 34 counts of falsifying business records. Their decision to convict or acquit must be unanimous.

If they cannot agree on a verdict, the judge can declare a mistrial.

If jurors have a reasonable doubt that Trump is guilty, they must acquit him. If they convict him, the judge will be the one who decides the sentence, not the jurors.



NEWS BRIEFING

Media: Biden, Trump should do '24 debates, honor 'rich tradition'

From news services

NEW YORK — Twelve news organizations urged presumptive presidential nominees President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump on Sunday to agree to debates, saying in a letter they were a "rich tradition" that have been part of every general election campaign since 1976.

While Trump, who didn't participate in debates for the GOP nomination, has indicated a willingness to take on his 2020 rival, the Democratic president has not committed to debating him again. Invitations have not been formally issued, but the news organizations said it was not too early for each campaign to say publicly that it will participate in the three presidential and one vice presidential forums set by the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates.

"If there is one thing Americans can agree on during this polarized time, it is that the stakes of this election are exceptionally high," they said in a joint statement. "Amidst that backdrop, there is simply no substitute for the candidates debating with each other, and before the American people, their visions for the future of our nation."

ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox, PBS, NBC, NPR and The Associated Press signed the letter.

Biden and Trump debated twice in 2020. A third debate was canceled after Trump, then president, tested positive for COVID-19 and would not debate remotely.

Asked March 8 whether he would commit to a debate with Trump, Biden said "it depends on his behavior." Biden was visibly miffed by his opponent in the free-wheeling first 2020 debate, at one point saying: "Will you shut up?"

Trump campaign managers Susie Wiles and Chris LaCivita said in a letter this past week that "we have already indicated President Trump is willing to debate anytime, any place and anywhere — and the time to start these debates is now."

The Biden campaign declined comment on the letter. There was no immediate response from the Trump campaign.

Anti-abortion march: Thousands of Polish opponents of abortion marched Sunday in Warsaw to protest recent steps by the new government to liberalize the predominantly Catholic nation's strict laws and allow termination of pregnancy until the 12th week.

Many participants were pushing strollers with children, while others were carrying white-and-red national flags or posters representing a fetus in the womb.

Poland's Catholic Church called for Sunday to be a day of prayer "in defense of conceived life" and supported the march, organized by an anti-abortion movement.

Poland's parliament, which is dominated by the liberal and pro-European Union ruling coalition, voted last week to approve further detailed work on four proposals to lift the near-ban on abortions.

The procedure, which could take weeks or even months, is expected to be eventually rejected by conservative President Andrzej Duda, whose term runs for another year.

The nation of 38 million is seeking ways to boost the birth rate, which is at 1.2 per woman — among the lowest in the European Union. Poland's society is aging and shrinking, facts that the previous right-wing government used among its arguments for toughening the abortion law.

Abortions are allowed in cases of rape or incest or if the woman's life or health is at risk. Women attempting an abortion themselves are not penalized, but anyone assisting them can face up to three years in prison.



Springtime rite in Japan: Performers walk toward the Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine during a parade Sunday for the annual Kamakura Festival in Kamakura, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan. In its 66th year, the festival is based around the massive shrine. It features a parade with portable shrines carried to the main shrine. PHILIP FONG/GETTY-AFP

Chancellor in China: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz arrived in China on Sunday for a three-day visit focused on the increasingly tense economic relationship between the sides and differences over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV showed Scholz descending from his plane and leaving in a motorcade but did not carry any comments made to the welcoming delegation.

Scholz's first destination was the industrial hub of Chongqing, where he and his delegation of ministers and business leaders were to visit a partially German-funded company and other sites in the vast city, which is a production base for China's auto and other industries.

Scholz is also scheduled to visit the financial hub of Shanghai , then travel to the capital, Beijing, to meet with Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang.

BMW, Volkswagen and other German companies are highly reliant on the Chinese market, but Beijing's support for Russia creates frictions with the West.

Plea on stolen remains: The wife of a former Harvard Medical School morgue manager has pleaded guilty to a federal charge after investigators said she shipped stolen human body parts — including hands, feet and heads — to buyers.

Denise Lodge, 64, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty Friday in U.S. District Court in the Middle District of Pennsylvania to a charge of interstate transportation of stolen goods, according to court records.

Federal prosecutors announced charges last year against Lodge, her husband Cedric and five other people in an alleged scheme in which a nationwide network of people bought and sold human remains stolen from Harvard and a mortuary in Arkansas.

Prosecutors said Denise Lodge negotiated online sales of a number of items between 2018 and March 2020, including two dozen hands, two feet, nine spines, portions of skulls, five dissected human faces and two dissected heads, PennLive.com reported.

Authorities said dissected portions of cadavers donated to the school were taken between 2018 and early 2023 without the school's knowledge or permission.

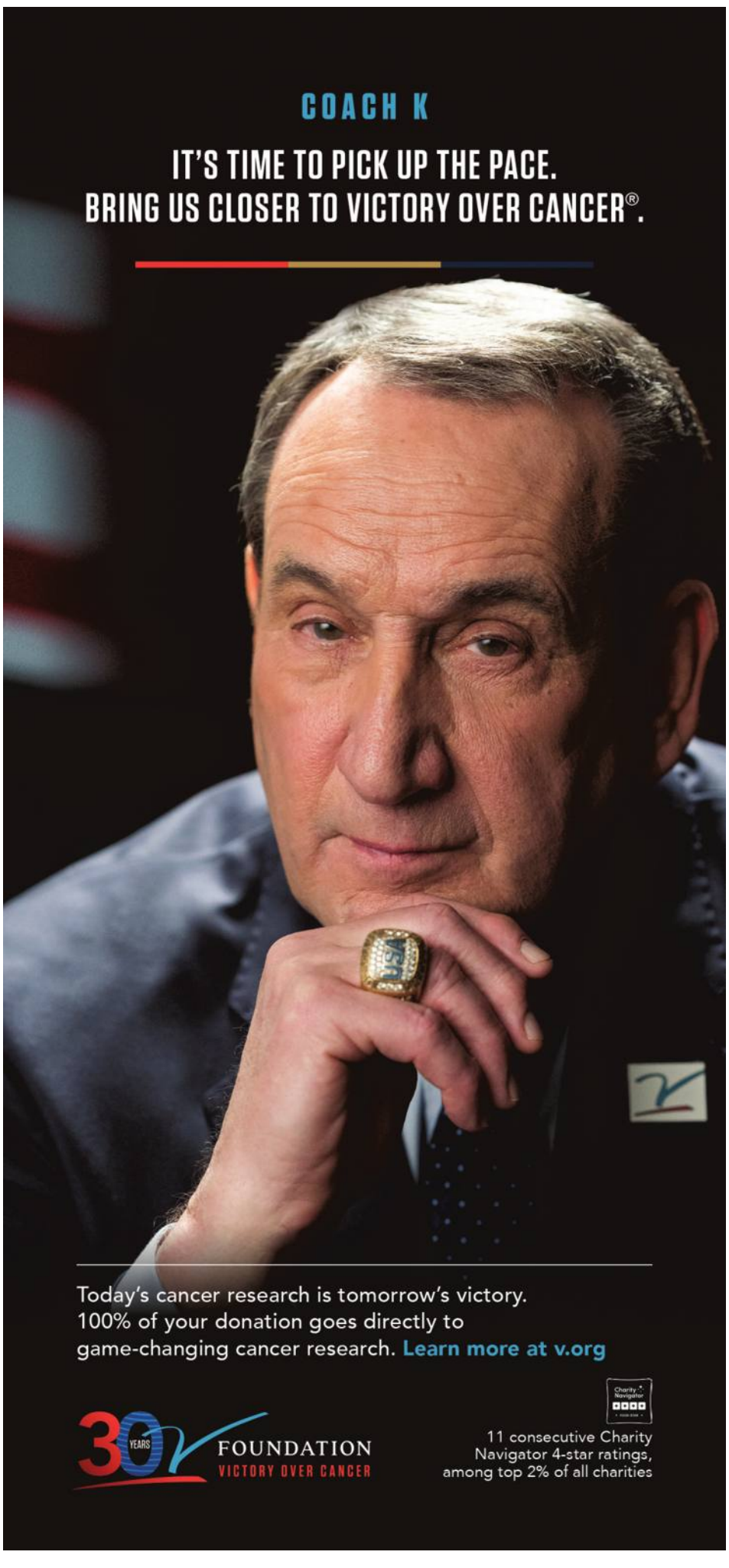
Lodge's attorney, Hope Lefeber, told WBUR in an interview in February that her client's husband "was doing this and she just kind of went along with it. What happened here is wrong," but no one lost money and the matter was "more of a moral and ethical dilemma ... than a criminal case."

Bodies donated to Harvard Medical School are used for education, teaching or research. Once they are no longer needed, the cadavers are usually cremated and the ashes are returned to the donor's family or buried in a cemetery.

14 killed in landslides: Torrential rains triggered landslides on Indonesia's Sulawesi island, killing at least 14 people and leaving three missing, officials said Sunday.

Mud fell from surrounding hills onto four houses just before midnight Saturday in the Tana Toraja district of South Sulawesi province. Downed communications lines, bad weather and unstable soil were hampering the rescue efforts, local police Chief Gunardi Muhari said.

Seasonal downpours cause frequent landslides and floods in Indonesia, a chain of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or in fertile flood plains.





ARTS & LIVING



Spanning three different eras, "The Beast" stars Lea Seydoux, right, and George MacKay as lovers searching for fulfillment. **SIDESHOW/JANUS FILMS**

REVIEW 'THE BEAST' ★★★

AI takes care of business, while Seydoux takes care of the movie

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

Truly this is the week for future shock — darkly compelling visions of a near-future that humankind can only interpret as a rejection letter, or a comeuppance for its determined lack of disaster prevention and preparedness.

The narratively straightforward "Civil War" has some far-out company, in other words. Now at the Music Box Theatre, cowriter-director Bertrand Bonello's "The Beast" imagines a world 20 years hence. Climate change, and presumed corporate and political resistance to changing with it, have led to ruinous air quality, unlivable for humans without enormous masks and sealed buglike visors. Human unemployment hovers around 67 percent, thanks to the workforce dominance of artificial intelligence. The world has been saved by AI, we're told in passing, and is run with reliable calm by humanoid dolls calling the shots, unburdened by the pesky brain chemistry and volatility of human "affects."

In the 2044 Paris sequences of "The Beast," the protagonist, Gabrielle — one of three Gabrielles we come to know, two of them past incarnations from 1910 and 2014 — seeks something more fulfilling than simple (and by the movie, undefined) drudgery work, the kind of thing humans used to believe AI would handle. Gabrielle's emotions prevent her viability for better-paying jobs. She faces a decision point: Should she undergo "purification," a zeroing-out of the psychic residue of her past lives? Or is a life of real feeling, even if surrounded by a sea of neutral faces and frictionless blank spirits, the better option?

In her previous selves Gabrielle was a celebrated pianist in the time of the momentous Paris flood (1910), then a struggling actress adrift in Los Angeles (2014). In each of the film's three intertwined eras, her passionate artist's heart belongs to the same man, Louis (George MacKay). Like Gabrielle, he undergoes wholesale personality and destiny makeovers in each time frame. Yet a pervasive fear of imminent catastrophe prevents Gabrielle from seizing the day, and the life she truly wants. She's the gender-switched equivalent to the male character of the screenplay's origin, the 1903 Henry James novella "The Beast in the Jungle," though Bonello and cowriters Guillaume Bréaud and Benjamin Charbit pile their own fabulations atop fabulations, with imaginative impunity.

It all might've sunk under the weight of itself — if not for Léa Seydoux. No one in contemporary film expresses so much with eyes, voice, silence, small talk, whatever the moment requires, while repressing or hinting at so much more. Seydoux makes this trio of Gabrielles specific, droll and very moving, even when "The Beast" wanders a bit, or pulls from its various literary and cinematic influences — a little David Lynch, a little David Fincher, a lot of slightly curdled romanticism — to occasionally uncertain effect. MacKay's good; Seydoux is excellent.

Bonello treats his layer cake of a movie as an occasion for a layering of genres. I found the 2014 LA narrative the least interesting, though certainly tension-building, since MacKay's 2014 Louis is modeled after serial killer Elliot Rodger. For roughly 40 minutes of "The Beast," we're watching a virtual standalone thriller, with Gabrielle housesitting in a swank, cold glass domicile just begging for voyeurs, or worse. The dread that has dogged past versions of Gabrielle becomes manifest here, as MacKay's incel stalker directs his lonely rage on women everywhere, anywhere.

This unbalances the movie, I think. And yet "The Beast" is an elegant cinematic achievement. Its devotion to the untamed territory of the human heart, its artfully discombobulating time and locale shifts, the shifting personae handled with marvelous fluidity by Seydoux; it takes you somewhere, and more than one somewhere.

"AI has become responsible and fair," the 2044 Gabrielle is told by her unseen job interviewer, not human. Then, he adds: "And so *human*." "The Beast" doesn't need much in the way of digital imagery to create a strange new world; it's enough to make Gabrielle audition for a phone commercial in a green-screen sound stage at the beginning (and later), where she pretends to see things she can only imagine. Later, Seydoux's wearily reincarnated Gabrielle wanders the near-empty streets of the formerly beguiling City of Light, with only a stray deer for company. The sight is grimly amusing: tragicomedy. So is the telltale throwaway line early on, referencing Gabrielle's childhood in America and her family's abrupt return to France.

Why flee? Two words, which happen to be the title of the Alex Garland movie opening this week: civil war.

Is our civic, political and democratic collapse as dead certain as the movies are making it right now?

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.

No MPA rating (violence, some nudity, language)
Running time: 2:26
How to watch: Now playing at Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave.; musicboxtheatre.com. In French and English with English subtitles.

Money Man kicks off his Purple Heart Tour in Chicago

By Mark P. Braboy
For the Chicago Tribune

On Valentine's Day, Money Man released his staggering 22nd project, "Purple Heart," an album geared to his female audience. Now he's hitting the road on the Purple Heart Tour, which comes to the Vic Theater on April 17. He said he chose to kick his tour off in the Windy City because this is where he's earned the most support in his career since 2016.

"Chicago is one of my biggest fan bases and the streets of Chicago just rock with me so it wasn't a bad place to start off at, and I haven't been in Chicago in a long time," Money Man said.

Money Man, whose real name is Tysen Jay Bolding, has long held an appreciation for Chicago given its longstanding influence in business and entertainment, as he's watched so much of the world copy Chicago's distinct culture.

"People in Chicago are warriors," he said. "It's one of those cities — I'm from Atlanta, Atlanta's got culture, all of that. Chicago's the same way."

Money Man, who is an avid investor in cryptocurrency and a gun collector, often centers an album on a theme for fans who come across his music through various subcultures like crypto (2021's "Blockchain"), growing cannabis (2018's "Grow God") and shooting for sport at gun ranges (2023's "Red Eye"). With "Purple Heart," he wanted to celebrate his love for women, partially because of the growing dominance of women in mainstream rap like Sexxy Redd, Megan Thee Stallion and Latto, and because more male rappers are leaning toward making their own variants of drill music, neglecting an entire demographic of female fans.

"I wanted to do something solely concentrated on the women because everybody's so gangsta with it now so I'd rather be the opposite. I don't never follow the crowd," Money Man said. "What woman don't enjoy being gifted something or something dedicated to them?"



Money Man performs during Pandora presents City Vibes ATLANTA at Terminal West in 2022 in Atlanta. **TERENCE RUSHIN/GETTY**

The Atlanta native says "Purple Heart" was made to celebrate women from all different walks of life and give women fun and exciting music to jam to with deep bass-driven, slick and aquatic-sounding tunes like "Love in the Booth" and "Understand This Lingo."

Money Man said his appreciation for women stems from having grown up with positive women in his life such as his mother, grandmother and later on, former lovers.

"(Women friends) handle business, they'll look out for you, they'll die for you — certain ones. Of course, there's the other side, but to each his own," said Money Man.

Proving his point, he tapped two of Chicago's best female rappers, Mello Buckzz and Dreezy, as his openers in addition to fellow Atlanta rapper CEO Trayle. He says his female audience is able to spread the word faster, in addition to supporting the women rappers on the tour.

"It's kinda women's time. They're rising up. They got passion because they feel like

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Eminem has reached another milestone with "The Monster." **ROB CARR/GETTY 2022**

CELEBRITIES

Eminem has 10th billion-stream song

From news services

Eminem has notched his 10th song in Spotify's Billions Club with "The Monster," his 2013 collaboration with Rihanna.

The song, from his "The Marshall Mathers LP 2," passed the 1 billion streams marker on the platform last week. It's his second song from the album to reach that milestone, following "Rap God," and his second collaboration with Rihanna to reach 1 billion, after their 2010 smash "Love the Way You Lie."

"The Monster" topped Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart for four weeks at the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014. On YouTube, the song's video has been viewed 929 million times, and in March 2022, it was certified eight times platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America.

The track, which was co-written by Bebe Rexha, finds Eminem confronting his relationship with fame, while Rihanna sings the song's chorus. The pair won the Grammy for best rap/sung collaboration for the song in 2015.

Eminem previously hit 1 billion streams with his songs "Stan," "Mockingbird," "Godzilla," "The Real Slim Shady," "Lose Yourself," "'Till I Collapse" and "Without Me."

"The Monster" is Rihanna's 14th song to pass 1 billion streams on Spotify, following "Work," "This is What You Came For," "Needed Me," "Umbrella," "Love on the Brain," "We Found Love," "Diamonds," "Stay," "FourFiveSeconds," "Wild Thoughts," "Too Good," "Only Girl (In the World)" and "Love the Way You Lie."

Pessl to release new novel: Marisha Pessl's first novel in six years is a psychological thriller with the kinds of intricate clues and connections she has been known for since her acclaimed debut, "Special Topics in Calamity Physics." On Wednesday, Delacorte Press announced that Pessl's young adult novel, "Darkly," will be published Nov. 12.

The story is centered on a mysterious game designer, Louisiana Veda, and the terrifying creations that gave her foundation special appeal to young people. The foundation is offering an internship with the tagline: "What would you kill for?"

"'Darkly' was inspired by rainy boardgame nights and the old-fashioned, windswept mystery novels of my childhood," Pessl said in a statement.

Alba steps down from company: Jessica Alba, who shot to fame in the James Cameron television series "Dark Angel" as well as films such as "Sin City" and the "Fantastic Four," will step down as chief creative officer at Honest Company, a personal care company that she founded.

Alba will keep a seat on the company board, but Honest said that she will now focus on "new endeavors." She founded Honest in 2012 after she suffered allergic reactions to baby laundry detergents.

"Honest has been a true labor of love for me — one that showed me what's possible when you infuse purpose into business," Alba said in a statement.

April 15 birthdays: Actor Michael Tucci is 78. Actor Amy Wright is 74. Actor Emma Thompson is 65. Singer Samantha Fox is 58. Guitarist Ed O'Brien is 56. Actor Danny Pino is 50. Singer Chris Stapleton is 46. Actor Seth Rogen is 42. Actor Samira Wiley is 37. Actor Emma Watson is 34. Actor Maisie Williams is 27.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Runner faces hurdle in frequent male texter

Dear Amy: My wife is an avid runner and usually runs on the weekends with a group of regulars.

Recently a man entered the group, and he seems to be reaching out to her a lot. This started with questions about running, but seems to have morphed into other areas. He always initiates texts, and she responds politely by answering his questions.

She is completely open, shows me everything and often brings up to him that she has plans with her husband and kids. He then glosses right over this information and basically seems to be pretending that we don't exist.

I am not at all concerned about my wife's behavior, but I'm a guy, she's amazing, and I have a weird sense about this. I'm not sure how to approach this weirdness. Do you have a suggestion?

— *Hapless Husband*

Dear Hapless: Talk to your wife about this, and ask her how she feels about this texting contact. Is it annoying or intrusive?

And then tell her, honestly, that it bothers you. Don't make a big deal about it, and don't insist that she needs to block him, but tell her: "I'm a guy, you're amazing, and I think he's into you. This concerns me because I'm a guy, you're amazing, and I'm definitely into you."

Dear Amy: I am a 62-year-old man, needing advice regarding my daughter and 11-year-old granddaughter, who live across the country.

Eighteen months ago, I flew out to visit. My granddaughter wanted a "yes" day where I would take her for a fun-filled day. We had a fantastic time.

Feeling a reconnection, with my daughter's blessing, I purchased her a cellphone so we could stay in touch. After the trip, I tried to reach out, only to be ghosted by my granddaughter.

I brought this up with my daughter, who cynically informed me that my granddaughter is quite busy and perhaps we could arrange for a monthly Zoom meeting. But I really had visions of talking one-on-one with this child, as I felt a growing bond, which I wanted to nurture.

My daughter obviously wanted to supervise her phone calls, which I thought was controlling. She mailed me the phone back with a nasty letter. It has been 18 months with no contact.

A Christmas or birthday present is always acknowledged with a short, curt text from my daughter — never my granddaughter.

My relationship has always been strained due to my divorce 25 years ago, but it was a fantastic visit, so I am at a loss. Any advice on how to proceed?

— *Distant Grandpa*

Dear Distant: This visit went very well. But you live across the country. To your granddaughter, you are a nice old man whom she doesn't know well.

I don't know of many adolescents who would be able to forge a one-on-one relationship with a distant grandfather over the phone. Kids generally prefer texting. Texting photos and funny memes back and forth from your phone to hers would have been a good way to establish a connection.

Your daughter's suggestion for a regular Zoom meeting was a great one. Your assumption that she wants to "monitor" your contact is off-base. Most parents know that kids this age don't easily dive into relationship-building; the parent's presence on the video chat helps to move things along because they can prompt both the child and the elder into topics of mutual interest.

You have put a ton of pressure on this single visit to build one relationship and heal another, but even close and functioning families go through rough patches. I hope you'll keep trying to connect, and not take things so personally.

Dear Amy: I admire you so much when responding to people who disagree with your answers and criticize you for stating something you didn't say. I often wonder if you really want to say, "Listen &#@**, did you even read my answer?"

You are always so polite that I wonder if you are actually an AI, and not human. LOL!

— *A Fan*

Dear Fan: Lately, I've received many queries — some praising and others criticizing — all wondering if I am an AI bot.

I understand that the specter of artificial intelligence covers all bases and that these comments are sardonic, but it is starting to creep me out. (LOL!)

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online



Kirsten Dunst, right, plays a veteran combat photographer and Cailee Spaeny is her protege in Alex Garland's "Civil War." **A24**

'CIVIL WAR': With the title "Civil War," a poster featuring Lady Liberty's torch transformed into a sniper perch, and a release date in a U.S. election year, it would appear that English writer-director Alex Garland is courting controversy with his fourth feature film. But "Civil War" could only be truly controversial or divisive if it had anything at all to say. In this splashy, provocative yarn about photojournalists on the front lines of an imaginary war, Garland declines to share any trenchant insights he might have on the nuances of American politics. This is a road movie about steely war correspondents — including Lee (Kirsten Dunst), a veteran combat photographer, and her protege, Jessie (Cailee Spaeny) — hardened by the ugly things they've seen through their lenses. The plot of "Civil War" mimics "The Wizard of Oz," as Lee, Jessie, Joel (Wagner Moura) and Sammy (Stephen McKinley Henderson) hit the road from New York to Washington in search of an impossible interview. They're off to see the president, the embattled president of the USA (Nick Offerman). On their journey, they encounter obstacles, foes and surreal scenes of American wreckage in settings of banal suburban consumerism and leisure. 1:49. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'DON'T TELL MOM THE BABYSITTER'S DEAD': The hazards of remaking a beloved film are well known. While the 1991 comedy "Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead," starring Christina Applegate, didn't exactly thrill critics 30 years ago, it has become a cult classic, especially for elder millennials who grew up on the movie. It's the ideal text for a remake — the source material isn't regarded as untouchable, the name recognition is high, and it can be easily adaptable to a modern milieu while still stoking those childhood memories for those who love the original. Nostalgia can be a trap, one that writer Chuck Hayward and director Wade Allain-Marcus fortunately sidestep in their remake. There are enough nods to the first film to please fans looking for those Easter eggs, but they don't get in the way of the story itself, a teen comedy that keeps it real, despite the heightened circumstances. They also update the family from white to Black, which brings a new layer of stakes to the situation. "Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead" is surprisingly authentic and fun for this kind of nostalgia-baiting remake material, which is naturally formulaic. It's the focus on character and allowing the actors to shine that makes this one sing. 1:38. 2 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE': It doesn't feel good to beat up on a movie like "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," which is a film with the right intentions: to entertain families looking for spectacle that will please kids and their parents. It's at least slightly better than its ghoulish predecessor, "Ghostbusters: Afterlife." Still, there's little opportunity for critical examination of this sequel to the "lega-sequel" of the "Ghostbusters" franchise, which already has one failed reboot on its record. What else could one possibly say about "Ghostbusters" in general, and this perfectly fine but incredibly dull installment specifically? It does exactly what it needs to do for die-hard fans and families seeking a night out at the movies. The good news is that most everyone seems to be having fun. Carrie Coon is relaxed, Paul Rudd recites the theme song to great comedic effect, and Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Ernie Hudson and Annie Potts are in warm spirits. Everyone else, including Kumail Nanjiani and Patton Oswalt, who shows up to deliver some folkloric back story, just seem happy to be there. But even this cast can't save the rote machinations of "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire" as it dutifully delivers morsels of memory. 1:55. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'GODZILLA X KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE': Before the title of "Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire" even flashes across the screen, director Adam Wingard has already delivered two impressively goopy moments courtesy of our lead characters: Kong rips a hyena-thing in half, green entrails spilling everywhere, while Godzilla squishes a bug in Rome, releasing great vats of yellow goo over the ancient city. It's an indication of the colorfully excessive ethos that Wingard brings to this loaded monster jam, which is overflowing with titans, creatures and kaiju. Wingard, who directed the neon-synth fever dream that was "Godzilla vs. Kong" in 2021, comes from the world of horror films, and he brings that same approach to his blockbusters, with a penchant for gleeful experimentation and over-the-top style. There's a bit of a harried energy to "Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire," which is fun until it becomes instantly tiresome and deafening. Perhaps multiplication was too much — here's hoping subtraction is next in the kaiju mathematical equation. 1:55. 2 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'IMMACULATE': Blood-soaked and candlelit, Michael Mohan's "Immaculate" disabuses the notion that any conception is ever without sin. Starring Sydney Sweeney (who also produced the film), this cheeky, freaky, lushly designed horror movie presents as a giallo nunsploitation riff, but the script, by Andrew Lobel, is much more "Rosemary's Baby" than it is "The Devils." Sweeney stars as Sister Cecilia, a doe-eyed and docile devotee from Detroit who has traveled to Italy at the behest of a Father Tedeschi (Álvaro Morte) to take her vows at a secluded convent where she will care for elderly nuns. Soon, shockingly, she's exhibiting pregnancy symptoms. Her spontaneous conception is seen as a miracle, the resurrection of God. She has no choice but to carry this pregnancy to term, surrounded by jealous novitiates, senile nuns, controlling male leadership and a secret sect of the sisterhood who wear crimson shrouds over their faces. It's something of a wonder to watch Sweeney as she undertakes Sister Cecilia's journey, transforming from a meek naif into something unexpected and wild, her pious discipline falling away with every indignity. As the film builds to an absolutely feral climax, we do believe her, perhaps most of all in the film's final, jaw-dropping moments, as she embodies a pure animal honesty. 1:29. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'MONKEY MAN': Dev Patel's got something to say, but he's going to let his fists do the talking. With his directorial debut, the wild action-revenge flick "Monkey Man," the Oscar-nominated actor makes a bold statement with this one-two punch of a film that asserts himself as an action star and promising genre director. "Monkey Man" is a love letter to East Asian martial arts movies, and to Indian folklore and culture. The monkey in question is Hanuman, the Hindu god of wisdom, strength, courage, devotion and self-discipline, and it is the face of the dingy rubber mask that the Kid (Patel) dons for his underground boxing matches, which are announced by a delightfully slimy Sharlto Copley. This is a revenge picture, so the Kid, who sometimes goes by the alias "Bobby," must get revenge, driven by his fiery blood-soaked memories and the sound of his mother whispering Hanuman's legend in his ear. 2:02. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

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

Money Man

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they're the underdogs and they're going to go harder," said Money Man.

But as women rappers continue to garner backlash for their unapologetically blunt lyrics about challenging gender roles, sex and violence, Money Man recognizes that many men hold a resentment for their hard-earned success.

"And a lot of men are getting jealous, but it is what it is," he said.

Fans should expect Money Man to deliver an all-out experience as he says he's prioritizing giving his fans amazing shows over making a profit, saying that his profit will come further "down the line." He also says he will be giving out a number of authentic Louis Vuitton bags.

"I'm not even making no money from this tour. All my money is going to the look of this tour rather than make a profit off this tour," Money Man said, adding that artists ultimately have to spend money to make money.

"That's how this world works. You got to keep spending, you got to keep promoting, perfecting your craft and this needs to be your lifelong mission," Money Man said.

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8 p.m. April 17 at the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.; tickets $45-$66 (ages 18+) at www.jamusa.com

What to watch

MONDAY

April 15, 2024

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

WNBA Draft

ESPN, 6:30 p.m. Live

The Indiana Fever have the first pick in the WNBA Draft tonight in Brooklyn, New York. They're almost certain to select Iowa's Caitlin Clark, the NCAA's all-time leading scorer.

Music Mayhem

AXS TV, 7 p.m. ■ New Series

This series explores the unsettling scandals, shocking secrets and infamous moments that have captured generations of rock enthusiasts. Each half-hour episode sheds light on the sordid landscape of rock 'n' roll, with a rotating panel of artists and experts sharing the gritty details behind some of rock's most bitter feuds, craziest couples, inspirational redemption stories and unconventional collaborations. Tonight's series premiere, "Brits Behind Bars," puts some of the U.K.'s greatest icons on trial with an exposé of highly publicized run-ins with the law, featuring the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Ozzy Osbourne, David Bowie and Keith Moon.

MasterChef Junior

FOX, 7 p.m.

The top seven young chefs are faced with a mystery box challenge in which they must make restaurant-quality dishes using ingredients they hate in the new episode "Mystery Box."

The Voice

NBC, 7 p.m.

Country star Keith Urban is enlisted as a Mega Mentor to help prepare the contestants for the Knockout rounds. The coaches pair two artists to perform solo against each other, then select a winner to move on to the playoffs. Each coach has one steal.

NCIS

CBS, 8 p.m.

In "A Thousand Yards," the *NCIS* franchise's 1,000th episode, NCIS comes under attack from a mysterious enemy from the past.

Contraband: Seized at the Border

Discovery Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The docuseries returns for Season 4, again following the work of America's Customs and Border Protection agency, whose job is to defend the border and stop terrorists, drugs and illegal weapons from entering the country.

So You Think You Can Dance

FOX, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Challenge #1: Music Videos," dancers are split into two groups



HGTV

and take on music-video challenges choreographed by Emmy nominee Luther Brown and choreographers Phillip and Makenzie Chbeeb.

Rock the Block

HGTV, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

In "Final Redemption," the teams sprint to add the most value in their spaces before a winner is named and redemption is earned. The teams tour each other's houses for the first time while *Property Brothers*' Jonathan Scott judges their work.

NCIS: Hawai'i

CBS, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "The Next Thousand," NCIS discovers a disturbing secret while tracking a murder suspect deep into the woods.

Deal or No Deal Island

NBC, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "Are You Meticulous?" the remaining seven players must navigate a tangled web in their hunt for the largest prize in *Deal or No Deal* history as one member struggles after the loss of a key alliance.

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: MGM 100th

TCM, beginning at 5 a.m.

Turner Classic Movies continues its month-long Monday salute to the centennial of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the iconic Hollywood studio that was founded on April 17, 1924, with a 24-hour lineup focusing mostly on MGM classics from the 1940s and '50s, including a few of the beloved musicals for which the studio became famous. The day begins with the 1943 war movie **Bataan (pictured)** and concludes early Tuesday morning with **Ben-Hur** (1959), the religious epic that won 11 of the 12 Oscars for which it was nominated, including Best Picture, Best Actor for Charlton Heston and Best Director for William Wyler (only Titanic and The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King have matched Ben-Hur in the number of Oscar wins). In between these are several other popular and/or acclaimed MGM titles from this era, including **The Postman Always Rings Twice** (1946), the legendary film noir led by Lana Turner and John Garfield; **Meet Me in St. Louis** (1944), the famed musical starring MGM staple Judy Garland; **Father of the Bride** (1950), the original comedy featuring Best Actor nominee Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor; another iconic musical, **Singin' in the Rain** (1952), led by Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds; and more. Airing between the movies later this evening is the third and final part of the Emmy-winning 1992 documentary **MGM: When the Lion Roars,** a history of the studio narrated by Patrick Stewart.



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An Amish Sin (2022, Drama) Dylan Ratzlaff, Kellie Martin **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Sixteen Candles (1984, Comedy) Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall **AMC, 5 p.m.**

The Predator (2018, Science fiction) Boyd Holbrook, Trevante Rhodes **FX, 5 p.m.**

Despicable Me 2 (2013, Children) Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig **Freeform, 6 p.m.**

My Secret Valentine (2018, Romance-comedy) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Erin Brockovich (2000, Drama) Julia Roberts, Albert Finney **POP, 7 p.m.**

Pretty in Pink (1986, Romance-comedy) Molly Ringwald, Jon Cryer **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Sins of the Preacher's Wife (2023, Suspense) Anna Marie Dobbins, Vanessa Angel **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston **TNT, 7 p.m.**

Blade (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff **SYFY, 7:30 p.m.**

The More Love Grows (2023, Romance) Rachel Boston, Warren Christie **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Amish Stud: The Eli Weaver Story (2023, Crime drama) Luke MacFarlane, Kirsten Vangsness **LMN, 9 p.m.**

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'Shōgun' deserves even more praise than lauded predecessor

By Neal Justin
Minneapolis Star Tribune



Tadanobu Asano stars as Kashigi Yabushige in "Shōgun." **FX**

Those who believe American viewers are allergic to reading haven't been paying attention to one of pop culture's most rewarding trends. Subtitles, once as rare on the small screen, are popping up in stateside favorites such as "Squid Game," "Narcos" and "Lupin."

Language is no longer a barrier. For the latest evidence that we've opened up our minds, compare the 1980 miniseries "Shōgun" to the new version on FX and streaming on Hulu that is nearing its finale.

Both are faithful to James Clavell's novel in which English navigator John Blackthorne gets shipwrecked in 1600 Japan on the precipice of a civil war. The closest thing he has to allies are his translator, Lady Mariko, and Lord Toranaga, a feudal lord who's an underdog in the inevitable battle to come.

In the first adaptation, NBC didn't use any subtitles. We needed the translator to figure out what the Japanese were saying. It was a neat narrative trick — we felt just as stranded as Blackthorne did — but it wasn't very insightful.

This time around, more than 75% of the dialogue comes with subtitles, offering the viewer more perspectives.

Cosmo Jarvis, who fills the Blackthorne role previously played by miniseries king Richard Chamberlain, is a fine actor with a clipped delivery and stiff neck that reminded me of a young Richard Burton. But he practically fades into the background over much of the 10 episodes.

The heart of the story, supervised by married couple Rachel Kondo and Justin Marks, belongs to the Japanese characters, almost all of which follow the same code: Brutality is fine, as long as you bow first.

There are not as many fight scenes as you might imagine. Much of the action focuses on Japanese customs and manners. One of the more memorable scenes involves a husband making tea for his wife with the grace of a ballerina. A brothel scene is so classy, you might think you've stumbled onto an old Meg Ryan rom-com. Scenes depicting seppuku, the Japanese term for suicide, are so elegant that you might not flinch when the victims' spotters slice their heads off.

Blackthorne's bafflement slowly shifts to respect, especially after it sinks in that some English traditions are just as ridiculous (he initially balks at the idea of taking more than one bath a week). It also helps that he falls hard for Mariko, a perpetual victim with steely resolve. She could give Uma Thurman's sword-buckler in "Kill Bill" a run for her money.

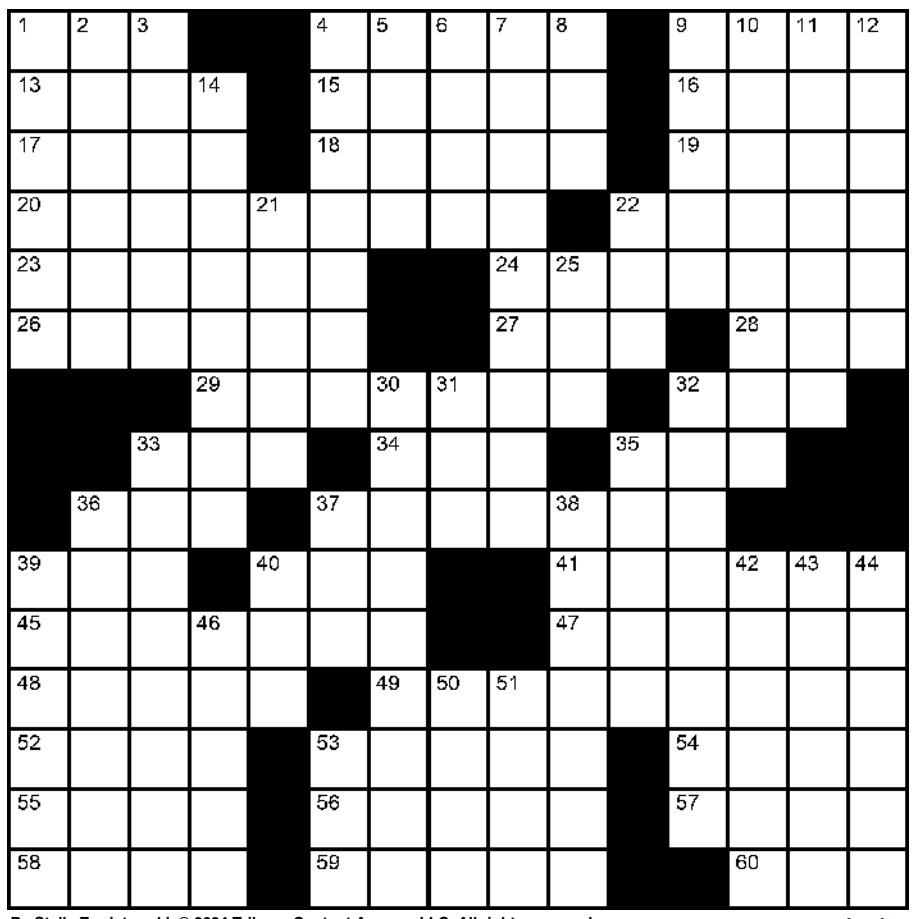
Anna Sawai, who plays Mariko, is terrific. So is Hiroyuki Sanada, who gives Toranaga multiple layers. You're never sure if he's really ready to cash it in or just plotting six moves ahead of his opponent. Both actors deserve to be remembered come awards season.

The limited series tackles serious matters, most notably just how much one is willing to sacrifice for principle. But there's plenty of lighter moments. A sake drinking contest between Blackthorne and Mariko's husband could have been lifted from an old episode of "Maverick." Tadanobu Asano provides comic relief as Kashigi, a warrior who switches teams as often as you change underwear.

Of course, there will still be some holdouts that skip this saga simply because they don't want to bother with those subtitles. I suspect these are the same folks that won't watch "Casablanca" because it's in black and white.

Their loss. The 1980 "Shōgun" won lots of awards, including the Emmy for outstanding limited series. It may be hard for the new version to get the same accolades in this much richer era for dramas. But it deserves even more praise.

Crossword



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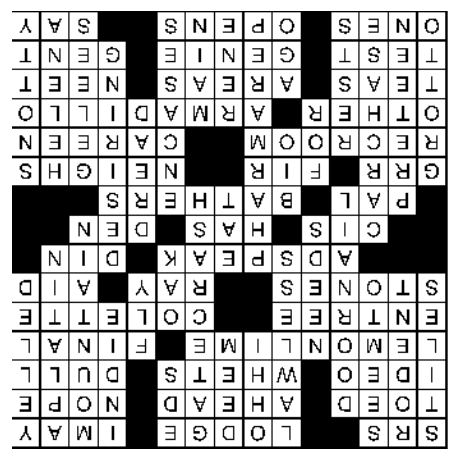
ACROSS

1 Graduating class: Abbr.
4 Skier's hotel
9 "If ___ be so bold ...": 2 wds.
13 __ the line
15 Coming up
16 "Nah"
17 Prefix with "logical"
18 Stimulates
19 Not sharp
20 Sprite flavor
22 End-of-term exam
23 Main course
24 "Gigi" author
26 Pebbles and rocks
27 Beam of light
28 Assistance
29 Marketing jargon
32 Loud noise
33 Not trans
34 Possesses
35 Lion's lair
36 Good buddy
37 People in pools
39 Sound from an angry dog
40 Christmas tree type
41 Sounds from horses
45 Place to play games: 2 wds.
47 Swerve wildly
48 "In __ words..."
49 Mammal covered in plates
52 Brewed drinks
53 Neighborhoods
54 Old hair-removal brand
55 Exam
56 Spirit in Aladdin's lamp
57 Mannerly fellow
58 Singles
59 Has a premiere
60 Utter

DOWN

1 "Jason Bourne" actress Julia
2 Mouse or rat
3 "It would __ me...": 2 wds.
4 Anarchical
5 "Hey there": 2 wds.
6 Consider to be
7 Show up uninvited
8 Magazine bigwigs: Abbr.
9 Not studio-sponsored
10 Denali, for example
11 HS class with Ovid in the curriculum: 2 wds.
12 Shouted
14 Dead as a __
21 Has to have
22 Aviate
25 Acorn producer
30 Drug seller, for short: 2 wds.
31 Consume
32 Wishing for
33 Movie scene with autos: 2 wds.
35 Deeply fear
36 10- to 12-year-old
37 Sci. class with dissections
38 Fully contains
39 Small cave
40 "__ the umpteenth time..."
42 Fancy jiggly desserts
43 Montana's capital
44 Full of attitude
46 Takes a break
50 Actress Russo
51 Chief
53 Long, long __

Solutions



Horoscopes

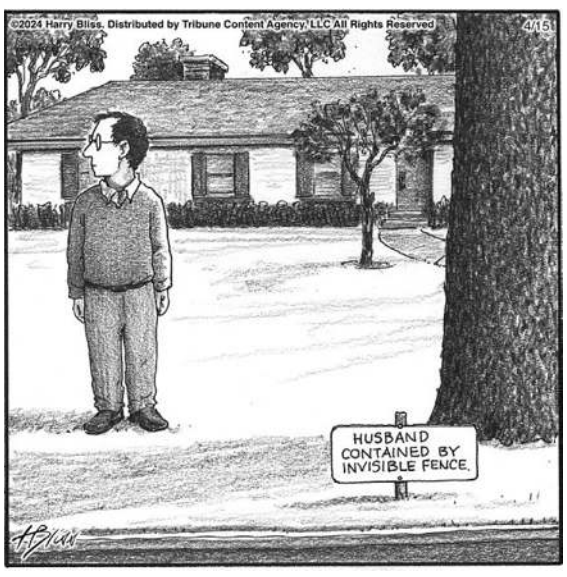
Today's birthday (April 15): Harvest and grow this year. Realize intentions with organization and faithful efforts. Summertime inspires personal changes, before creativity blossoms in peaceful privacy this autumn. Beginning a new collaborative phase this winter energizes your work and physical performance next spring.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Get into a practical domestic phase. Conserve resources. Speculate on color and style. Old assumptions get challenged. Clean and organize.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Stick to the facts. Avoid elaborations to the story. Take a big picture view. Coordinate efforts with your team. Network for a good cause.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Focus on making money. Harmony requires effort. Secrets can get revealed. Review accounts to repair leaks like unused subscriptions.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Confidence plus self-discipline equals victory. Measure what you've gained. A formidable barrier blocks the path. Work with someone who sees your blind spot.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Take it easy. Avoid confrontation, controversy or expense. Consider a spiritual view on current circumstances. Wait for better conditions to advance.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Collaborate with friends. Teamwork scores a win. Avoid conflict or controversy. Clean messes. Recognize work done in the past. Advance a shared dream.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Professional challenges have your focus. The truth gets revealed. Discover a mess and clean it. Provide leadership and care. Work quickly and efficiently.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. An investigation reveals hidden messes and garbage swept under the rug. Aim for practical objectives. Avoid risk or upset. Disciplined work advances a dream.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Coordinate to get the bills paid. Prioritize practicalities with family finances. Extra expenses require adaptation. Share the load and the fruit of your labor.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Collaborate for mutual support and ease. Provide a stabilizing influence. Focus on basic practicalities. Stay respectful. It's time, not money, your sweetheart wants.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Exercise clears your head. Get into a groove you can maintain. Listen to your coach and make adjustments. A steady pace wins the race.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Relax and let controversy pass you by. Focus on what's important: family, friends and love. Let go of a misconception. Keep an open mind.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q J 10 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ J 7 ♣ A K 7 6 3

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?
A.1—Strong 3-card support and a weak doubleton. A classic 3-card raise. Bid 2S.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A K 7 6 3 ♥ A J 8 6 ♦ 9 ♣ A K J

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?
A.2—Of course you are on your way to 4S, but what's the rush? Bid 3H. You might learn something that will help you bid a slam or reach a superior heart game.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A 7 6 4 ♥ Q ♦ A 8 6 ♣ A Q J 10 5

South	West	North	East
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2♥
?			

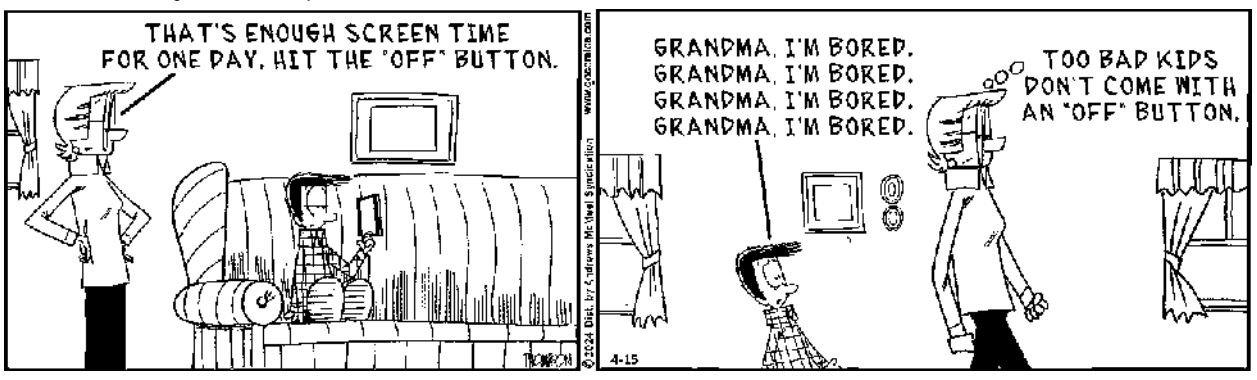
What call would you make?
A.3—Looks like you're outgunned, but this hand is worth one more competitive effort. Double.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10 9 6 ♥ K Q J 10 7 5 3 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 4
Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent bids 1NT. What call would you make?
A.4—Only double shows a good hand after a 1NT overcall. Bid 2H, showing a long suit with fewer than 9 points.

— Bob Jones
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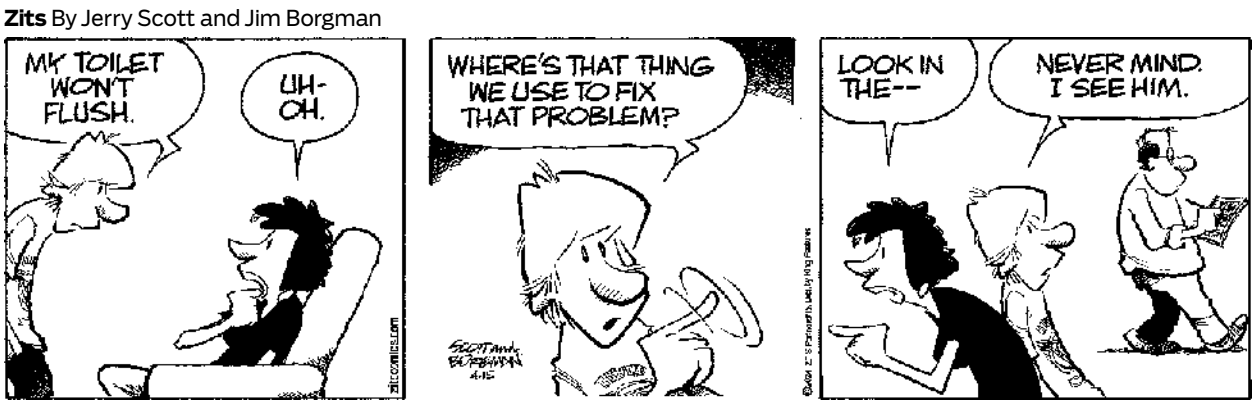
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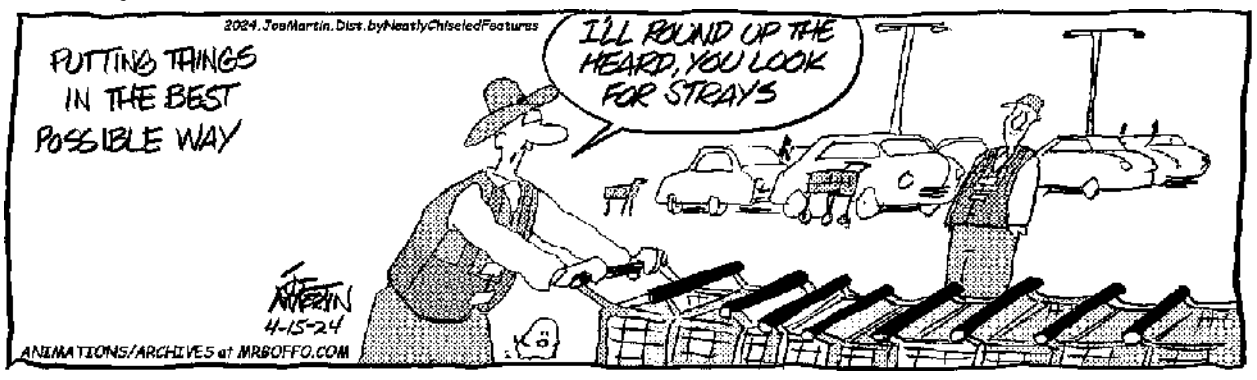
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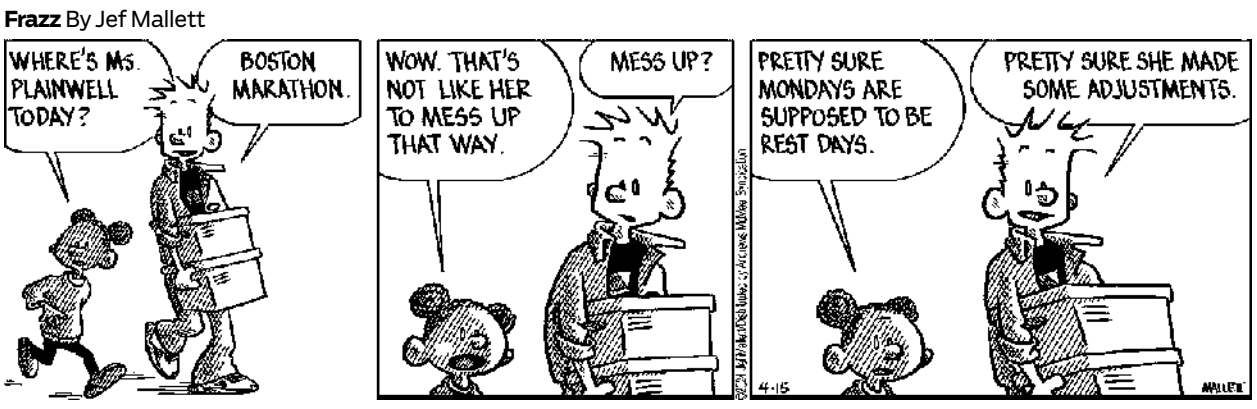
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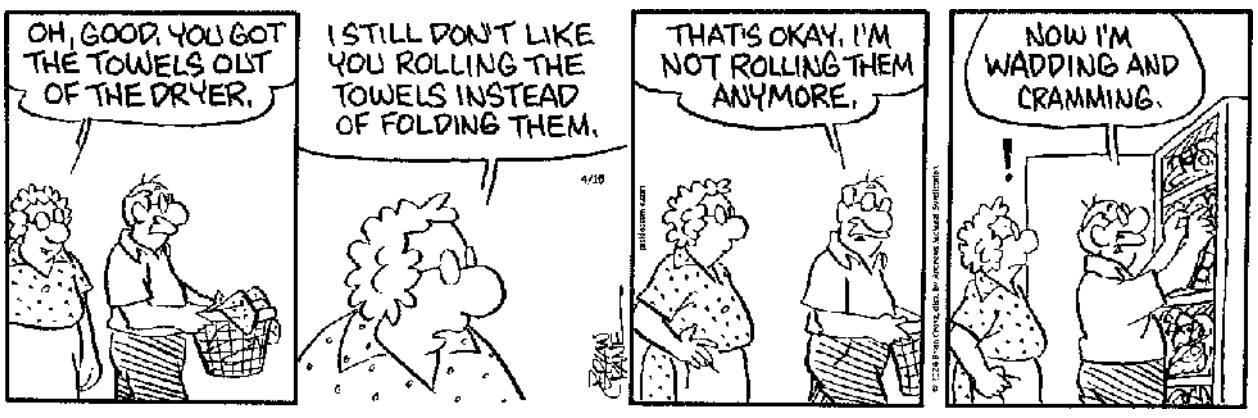
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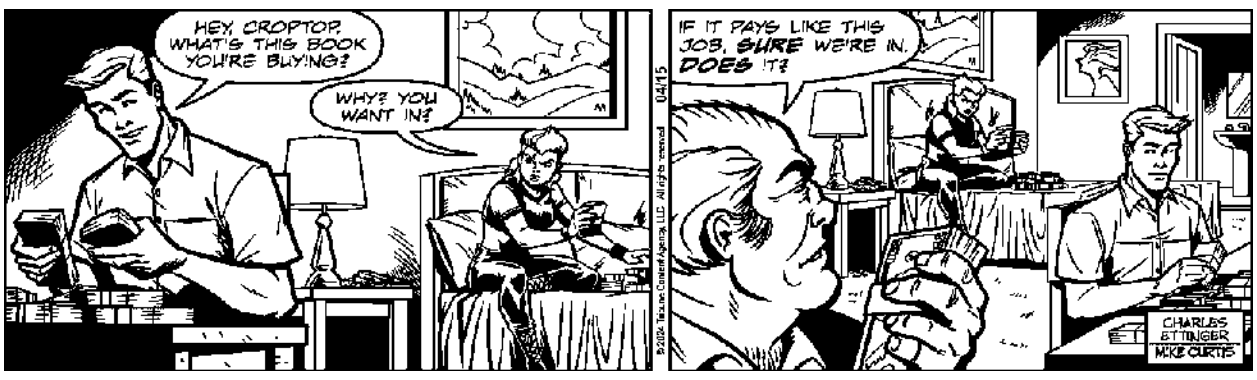
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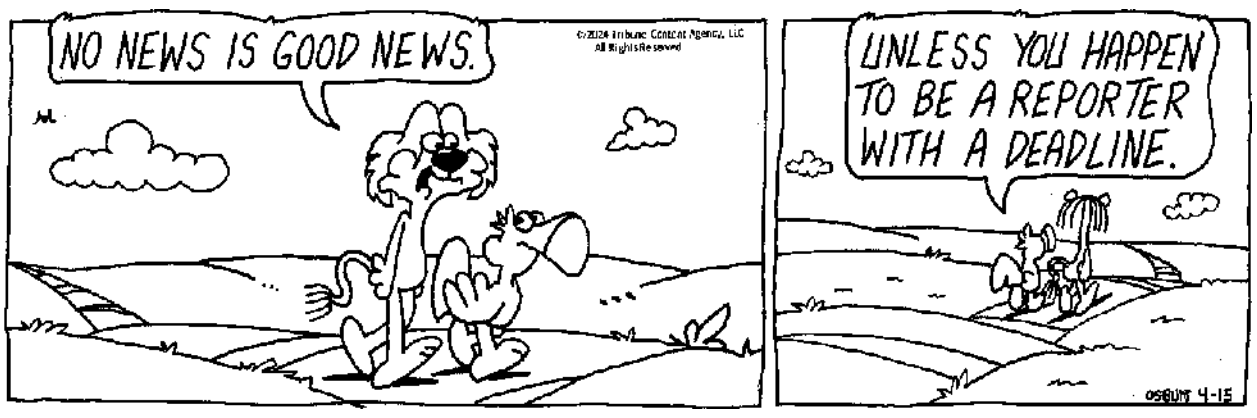
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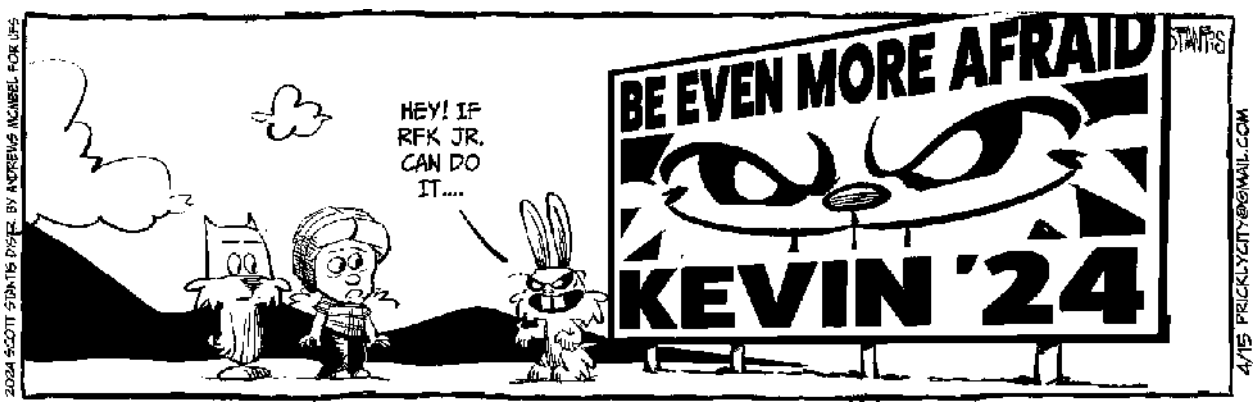
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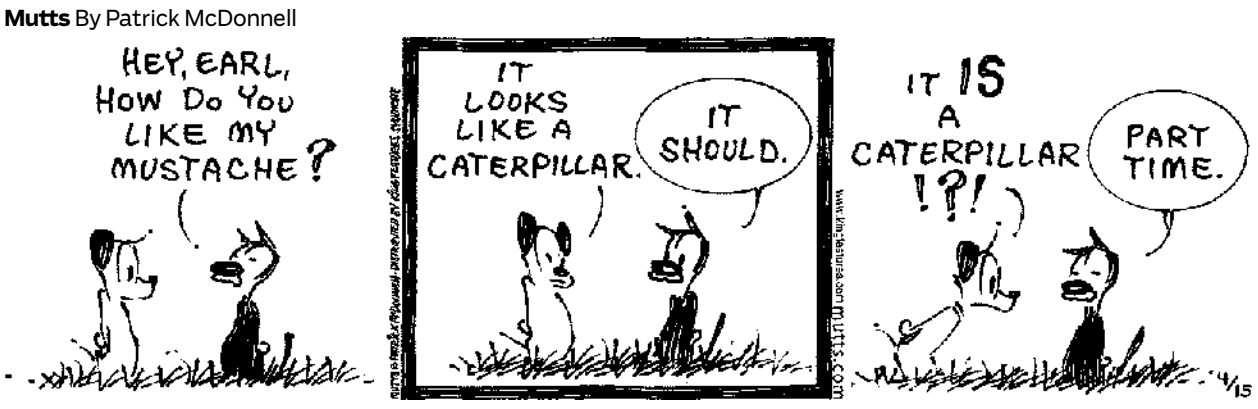
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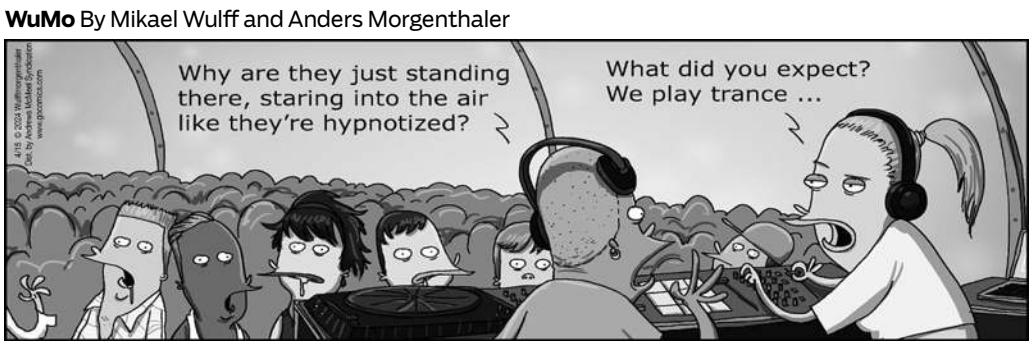
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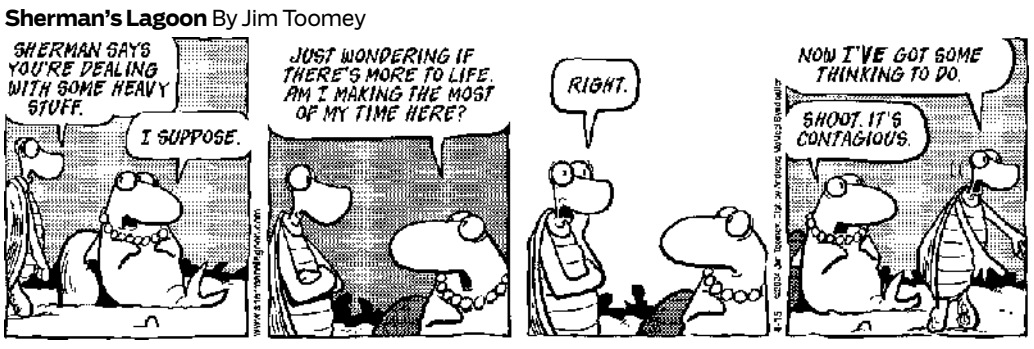
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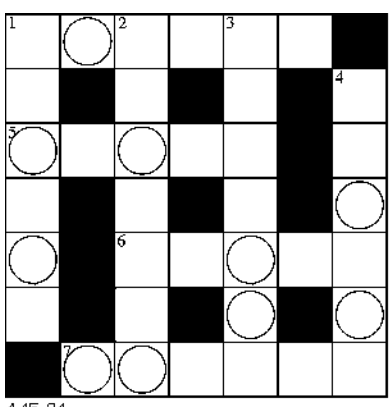
Which American author wrote the 1962 book "Travels With Charley" about an extended road trip with his pet poodle?

A) Ernest Hemingway
B) Jack Kerouac
C) John Steinbeck
D) Tom Wolfe

Saturday's answer: Chicory coffee became a popular substitute for coffee during Napoleon's continental blockade of the early 1800s.

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Jumble Crossword



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Fiber, strand	EAHDRT
5. Stringed instrument	NJOAB
6. Blue ___	LEWHA
7. Nook	EACLVO

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Trinidad and ___	BOGTAO
2. Restoration	LWAENRE
3. Tropical fruit	DOAACVO
4. ___ sticks	EEEHSC

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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CLUE: Three of the largest rivers in Asia flow through ____.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Thread 5A-Banjo 6A-Whale 7A-Alcove 1D-Tobago 2D-Renewal 3D-Avocado 4D-Cocoa Beanalysis

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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

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Jumble

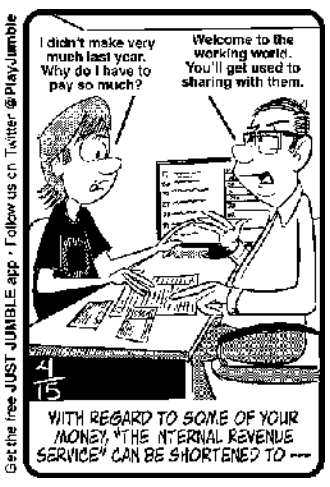
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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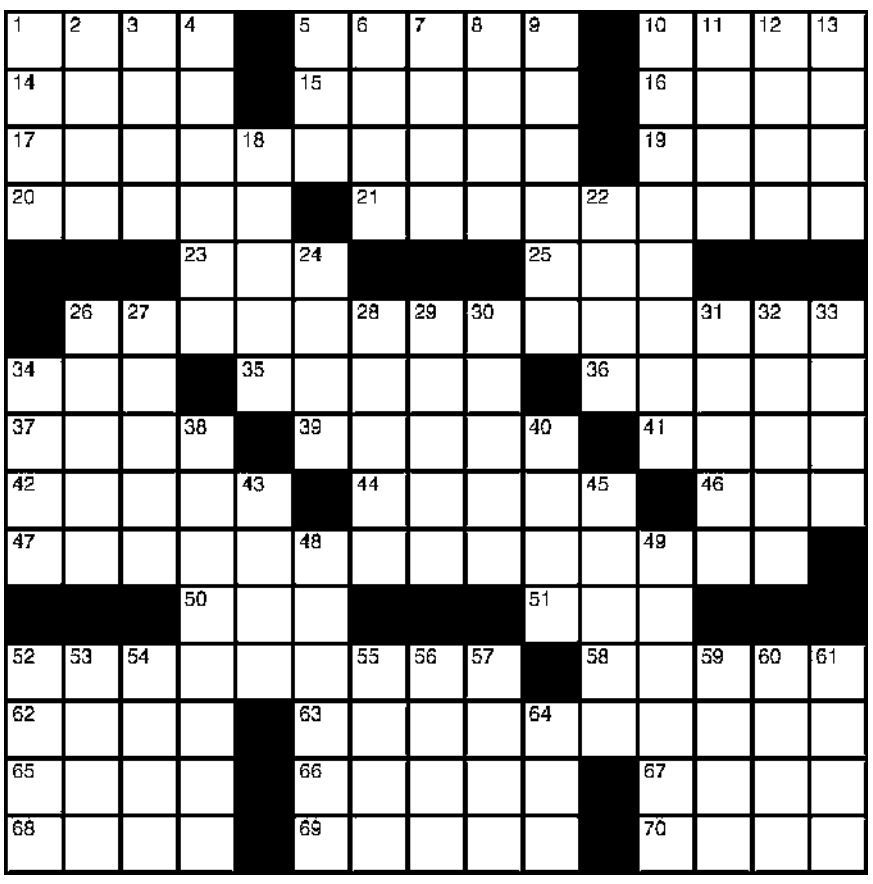
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: STYLE SWISH RUFFLE LAGOON
Answer: The doctor who specialized in treating joint inflammation was a — SWELL GUY

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Crossword

4/15



Across

1 Activist Brockovich played by Julia Roberts
5 Without a cent
10 Youngsters
14 High-fat, low-carb diet, casually
15 Merits
16 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
17 Backyard vegetable patch, e.g.
19 "__ Enchanted": Anne Hathaway film
20 Surveil secretly
21 Socialized at leisure
23 Stretch the truth
25 Prefix with pod
26 Configuration before customization
34 Tiny criticism
35 24-Down soother
36 Hearing-related
37 Tennis great Arthur posthumously awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom
39 Titled
41 Mani-__
42 Hops along happily
44 Shadowboxes
46 Pen tip
47 Element of early internet art
50 Lifesaving skill, for short
51 Gaming console with a gesture-based controller
52 Leafy bowlful with hard-boiled eggs
58 Bub
62 Civil rights icon Parks
63 Brainstorming breakthroughs, and the ends of 17-, 26-, and 47-Across?
65 Opposed to
66 Bring to mind
67 Pull sharply
68 Breakfast for dinner, say
69 Used needle and thread
70 Concludes

Down

1 Cardiac readouts, briefly
2 Gather crops
3 Coy response to a compliment
4 Drift into dreamland
5 Actor/director Stiller
6 Many Megan Thee Stallion songs
7 "Derry Girls" girl played by Louisa Harland
8 Celtic artwork feature
9 North Carolina's Biltmore __
10 "Don't stop now!"
11 Unoccupied
12 Pickle herb
13 Official emblem
18 Giant computer of the 1940s
22 Miss, in Mex.
24 Unwanted beach souvenir
26 Once-common storage media
27 Moral principle
28 Dog walker's line
29 __ Bay Buccaneers
30 Lipstick mishap
31 "Fame" star Cara
32 Lowest point
33 Silver-tongued
34 Astronauts' gp.
38 Dumpster fire-level blunder
40 __ a blank
43 Tentative tastes
45 Space series genre
48 Building site sights
49 Camp project with rubber bands
52 Make up for procrastination, perhaps
53 Sharpen, as a blade
54 "¿Cómo __ usted?"
55 Adoration
56 Declare publicly
57 Hockey feint
59 Incline
60 Terra firma
61 Requests
64 Went first

Saturday's solution



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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit from 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit ***sudoku.org.uk.***

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

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Being positive

559

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

U P L I F T I N G D Z B M E N G G I
T S E N O H E V I T R E S S A E K E
C L E V E R G N I D N A T S T U O N
N V K V H Y T I L I B A F F A X L T
O W F E V I S S E R P M I V R O C H
B Y R H S I F L E S N U E D Y T A U
L Q E L B A E K I L U G N A A H P S
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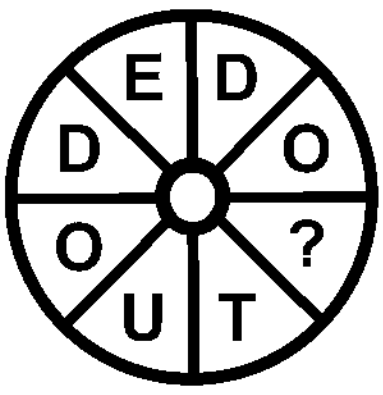
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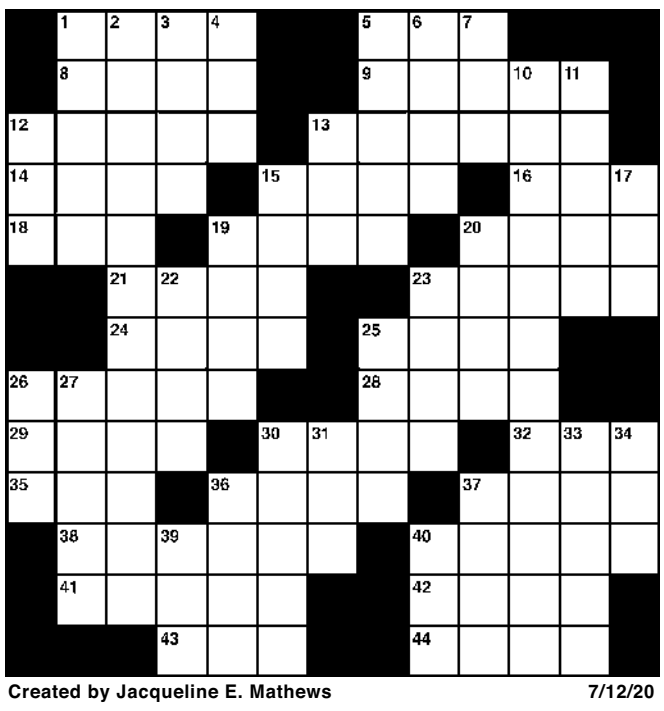
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15 "One __ Hill"
16 Steiger or Serling
18 "90 __ Fiancé"
19 Boone & Sajak
20 Grandpa Munster's bat
21 Iowa export
23 Thin pancake
24 Run __; go wild
25 Words from Emeril
26 Gilbert & Ramirez
28 Actor Morales
29 Contented cat's sound
30 Passenger's fee
32 Actor Fox's monogram
35 "Much __ About Nothing"
36 "__ Misbehavin'"; Broadway musical
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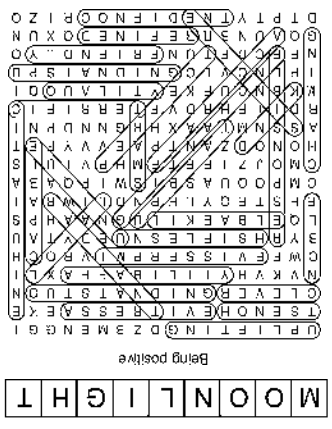
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12 Koppel or Knight
13 Mr. Linkletter
15 "Shark __"
17 Role on "Black-ish"
19 Experts
20 "__ la Douce"; Shirley MacLaine film
22 Sharif or Epps
23 "Cold __" (2003-10)
25 Parks or Lahr
26 Jacuzzi
27 WWII hero __ Murphy
30 "The Rockford __"
31 "__ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino movie
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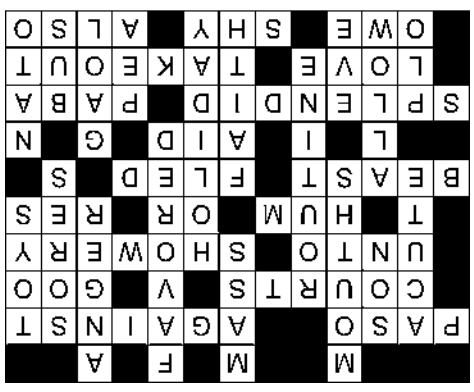


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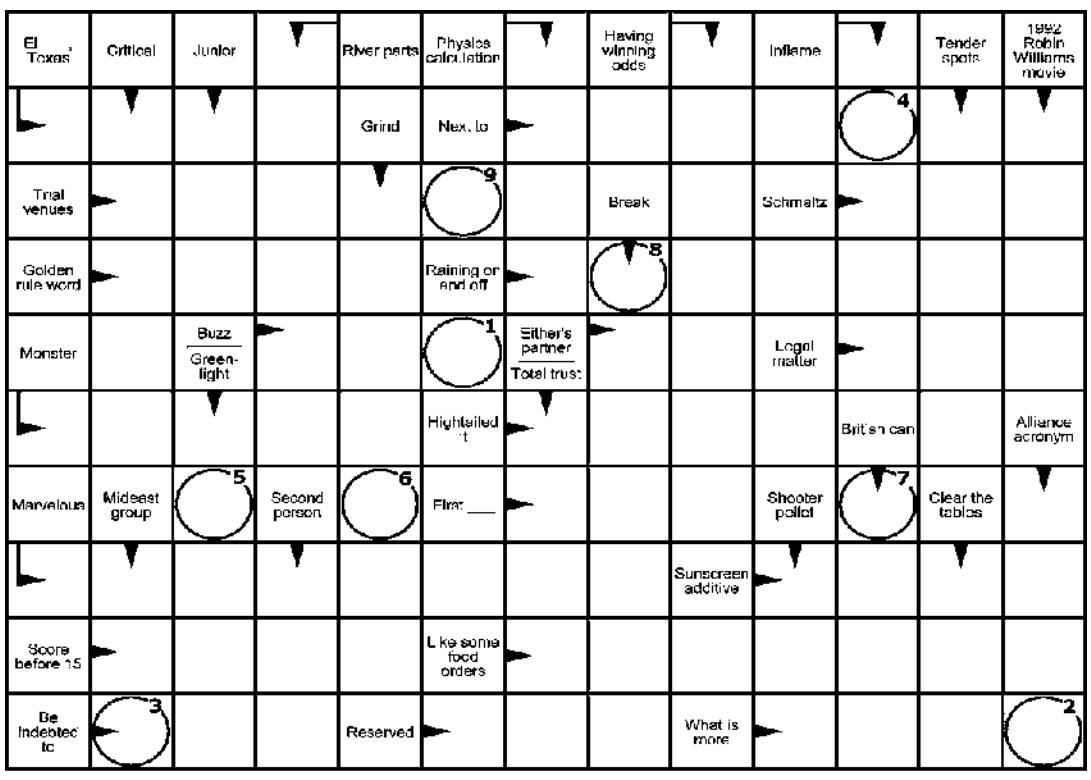
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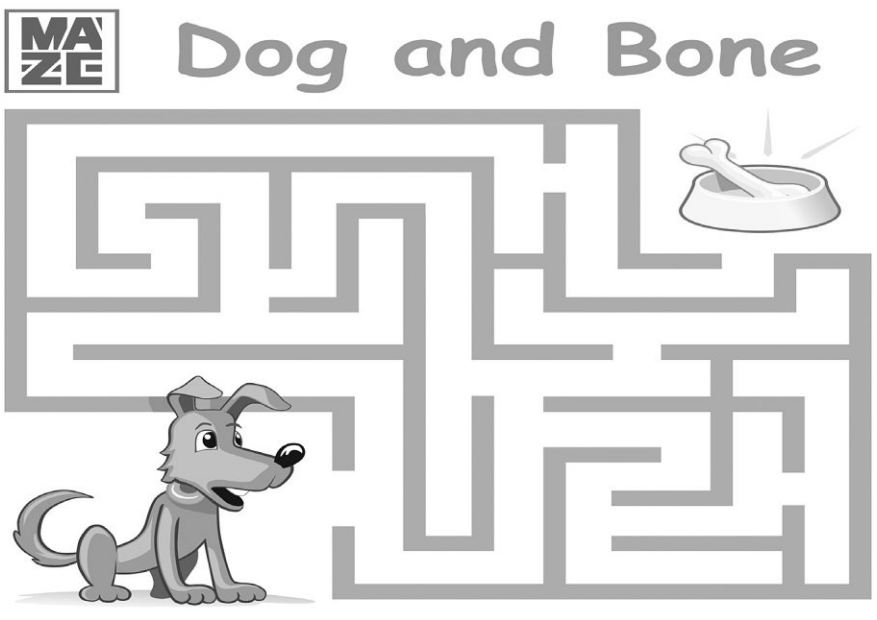


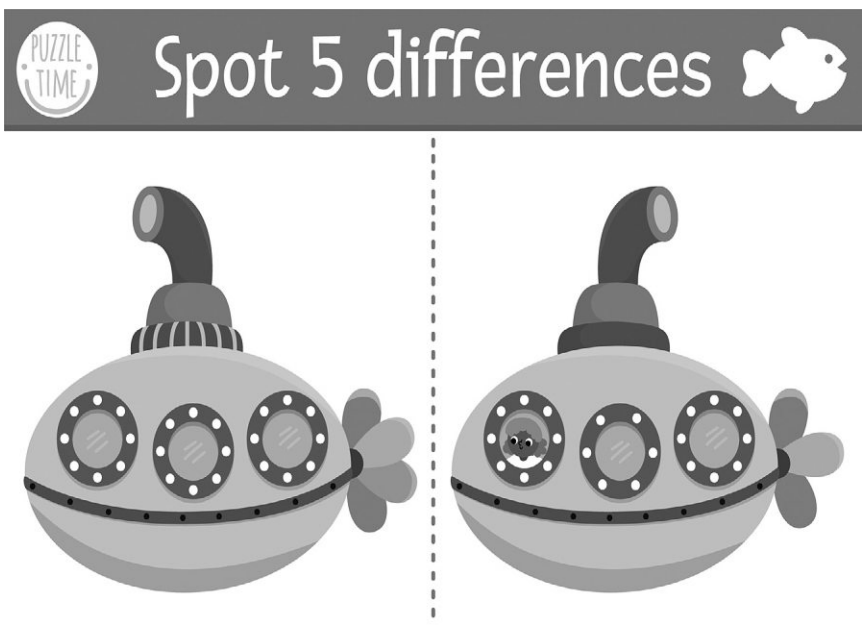
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GOLF MASTERS

Scheffler unstoppable and wins another green jacket

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Scottie Scheffler spent more time looking at his feet than any of the white leaderboards at Augusta National, all of them showing what everyone was watching — a Masters champion again, the undisputed best player in golf.

He prefers to stay in his own little world, population one.

Nobody is close to him in the game at the moment.

Scheffler is No. 1 in the world by a margin not seen since Tiger Woods in his prime. In nine tournaments this year, he doesn't have a round over par and has earned over $15 million. And on Sunday, he delivered the greatest piece of evidence when he slipped into that green jacket.

FINAL LEADERBOARD

Scheffler	-11	66-72-71-68
Åberg	-7	73-69-70-69
Fleetwood	-4	72-71-72-69
Homa	-4	67-71-73-73
Morikawa	-4	71-70-69-74
Smith	-2	71-72-72-71
DeChambeau	-2	65-73-75-73

Scheffler pulled ahead with magnificent shots around the turn, poured it on along the back nine as his challengers melted away with mistakes and closed with a 4-under 68 to claim his second Masters in three years with a four-shot victory.

"I had a lot of really talented players trying to chase me down, and I knew pars weren't going to get it done," Scheffler said.

Unlike two years ago when he won his first major, there were no doubts Sunday morning, no tears,

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Scottie Scheffler raises his arms in celebration after his win at the Masters on Sunday at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

BULLS COMMENTARY

'It could have been worse'

Bulls escaped their 5-14 start to the season, but is a second consecutive losing campaign good enough?

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

Five months ago, coach Billy Donovan didn't know if the Bulls would play any basketball after April 14.

It was mid-November, deep in the doldrums of one of the worst season starts in franchise history. The Bulls had just been clobbered by the Boston Celtics, 124-97, a loss made even more humiliating as the top team in the East racked up points to gain an advantage in the in-season tournament. And with a 5-14 record looming, Donovan wasn't certain he could see a way out.

What came next for the Bulls was a surprise even for their coach. In the five months that followed, the Bulls dug themselves out of that hole to finish ninth in the Eastern Conference. The Bulls ended the season Sunday in the same fashion they spent most of the past five months — scrapping in overtime, scrambling for yet another clutch win.

Despite playing every starter but Ayo Dosunmu in New York, the Bulls couldn't hold off the Knicks in a 120-119 loss. Though the season started with little to no hope, Sunday's loss only set the Bulls back to a 39-43 record with the No. 9 seed and home-court advantage in a play-in tournament matchup against the Atlanta Hawks secured.

"It's a tribute to what those guys did," Donovan told reporters ahead of Sunday's game in New York. "But we also paid the price of those 14, 15 games where we didn't play good enough basketball which has put us in a position where we have to earn our way

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EASTERN CONFERENCE PLAY-IN

(10) Hawks at (9) Bulls
8:30 p.m. Wed., ESPN



Bulls guard DeMar DeRozan misses a potential go-ahead basket over Knicks guards Precious Achiuwa and Donte DiVincenzo with seconds left in the overtime period Sunday in New York. **JOHN MUNSON/AP**

CUBS 3, MARINERS 2

Alzolay's pickoff caps Cubs series win

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune



The Mariners' Julio Rodríguez is picked off at first base by the Cubs' Michael Busch in the bottom of the ninth inning to end the game Sunday in Seattle. **ALIKA JENNER/GETTY**

SEATTLE — Cubs closer Adbert Alzolay was confident the replay review would vindicate him.

Alzolay's perfectly-timed pickoff move with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday caught Seattle Mariners pinch runner Julio Rodríguez, aided by first baseman Michael Busch's well-timed tag. The on-field call by first base umpire Doug Eddings determined Rodríguez was safe, though manager Craig Counsell challenged the ruling.

Although Alzolay felt he had nailed Rodríguez, he stayed mentally locked in during the replay review in case the call stood and he had to resume a 1-1 count with Luke Raley, the winning run. Alzolay, though, was right. Replay overturned the call to end the game in a 3-2 victory, setting off Alzolay's celebratory fist pump and a celebration erupting from the Cubs' dugout.

"I felt super confident as soon as I throw that one I saw Buschy going and touching him, looking at (Busch's) face he goes, 'Yes, I

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Fewer Black American players on Robinson Day



Shakeia Taylor

Every April 15, Major League Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day. Players wear No. 42 for Robinson, the first Black player in the league in the 20th century. The celebrations serve not only as a way to honor Robinson, but also to remind us that at one point, "persons of color" were banned.

For at least the last two decades, April 15 has also become a day to discuss the dwindling number of Black American players in the majors. A 2023 study by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at Central Florida found Black players represented just 6.2% of players on opening-day rosters, down from the previous record low of 7.2% in 2022. Both figures are the lowest recorded since the study began in 1991, when 18% of MLB players were Black.

In Chicago, there are currently no Black Americans on either roster for the Cubs or White Sox. It's an incredibly disappointing fact for such a diverse city with so many people from so many different backgrounds.

The Cubs released World Series champion Jason Heyward in 2022, who then went to the Los Angeles Dodgers and had a bounce-back season. Former AL batting champion Tim Anderson, the former face of the White Sox franchise, is now with the Miami

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Team	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BULLS			ATL (play-in) 8:30 p.m. | ESPN		
BLACKHAWKS		@LV 9 p.m. | Hulu		@LA 9:30 p.m. | NBCSCH	
CUBS	@ARI 8:40 p.m. | Marquee	@ARI 8:40 p.m. | Marquee	@ARI 2:40 p.m. | Marquee	MIA 6:40 p.m. | Marquee	MIA 1:20 p.m. | Marquee
WHITE SOX	KC 6:40 p.m. | NBCSCH	KC 6:40 p.m. | NBCSCH	KC 1:10 p.m. | NBCSCH		@PHI 5:40 p.m. | NBCSCH
FIRE					Next game Saturday vs. SLC
RED STARS					Next game Sunday @SEA



The Blackhawks' Frank Nazar celebrates after scoring his first career goal in his NHL debut during the first period against the Hurricanes at the United Center on Sunday. **MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY**

HURRICANES 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

Rookie looks ahead

Nazar gets Blackhawks debut — and first NHL goal — in home finale

By Phil Thompson | Chicago Tribune

You couldn't pitch a scene like Frank Nazar's first goal to a Hollywood director because it would be brushed off as unbelievable. Too Cinderella.

Really, what rookie makes their NHL debut and scores their first goal on their very first shot?

Nazar, who looks young enough to be hockey's answer to Henry Rowengartner, did just that during the Blackhawks' home finale against the Carolina Hurricanes.

It started in the Hawks' defensive zone, with Nazar flipping a puck back and bouncing to Seth Jones.

Jones broke out on a three-on-two with Nazar and Joey Anderson. Jones backhanded from the left flank to Nazar charging down the middle – past the Canes defense.

Dmitry Orlov gave chase, but it was too late: Nazar leaned on one leg and launched a rocket past Calder Trophy candidate Pyotr Kochetkov.

"It was a nice play at the blue line and I was able to go in and I was kind of shooting for whatever was open," Nazar said.

That wasn't just Nazar's first shot Sunday. It was the Hawks' first shot. They ended up with a 4-2 loss despite Nazar's goal and one by Andreas Athanasiou in the third period.

It has been a big year so far for Frank Nazar.

He won a gold medal with the United States national team at the IIHF World Junior Championship in January and helped the Michigan Wolverines reach the Frozen Four last week.

Also in January, he had a milestone birthday — at least a milestone in his mind.

"It's a weird one, turning 20. Getting out of the teens," Nazar told the Tribune back then. He added that he felt "not too great. Getting old. It means another step toward my future."

Well, his future has arrived.

After signing a three-year, entry-level contract with the Hawks on Saturday (with a $950,000 annual salary cap hit), Nazar made his NHL debut Sunday during the Hawks' home finale against the Hurricanes.

After Nazar took his rookie lap to cheers, he was in the starting lineup for puck drop and won the faceoff against Jordan Staal.

Coach Luke Richardson announced before the game that Nazar would dress and Colin Blackwell would be scratched.

"We have no problem putting him at this level," Richardson said of Nazar. "It's going to be a lot of information for him today.

"Really for him (it's) keeping it simple. We don't need for him to do anything extra special, let it happen and when he gets into a position where it's wide open, he'll see it because he's a good player."

The Hawks drafted the 5-foot-10, 181-pound forward with the No. 13 pick in 2022, six spots behind soon-to-be teammate Kevin Korchinski.

Richardson saw some of Nazar's play in the college playoffs and World Juniors and was impressed.

"He looked great," he said."Complete kind of player, looks very intelligent out there and positional, (and) has the ability to make big plays.

"You saw that one goal in the playoffs in Michigan making a between-the-legs sauce pass for a goal. It wasn't really risky. It was just the right move and he can make those big plays at the right time. We're hoping to see what kind of transition he can bring here to the NHL."

Nazar will center a line with Jason Dickinson (left) and Joey Anderson (right), with a plan to possibly mix lines later in the game.

Nazar also could see time on the power play and penalty kill.

"If he doesn't, it means the first until might score early," Richardson said. "He killed penalties in college as well. ... He's an intelligent guy with a strong stick, so we'll try to use him a little bit on the PK too."

Nazar expressed how important those other aspects of the game are to him. He felt critics had knocked him for his defense while with Michigan.

But he got the chance to prove himself in Sweden.

"Just being able to play on the PK and playing those positions where if we need to keep the puck out of our net, just the coach's trust in my linemates and myself to go out there and be able to get the job done," he said.

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into the playoffs."

This Bulls season has forced fans to become comfortable holding two things to be true at the same time.

The first: this roster showed a remarkable amount of poise to dig out of a disastrous beginning to the year and finish with a foothold in the play-in tournament.

The second: this still isn't good enough.

There's no denying the importance of overcoming that 5-14 start. For all the attention the Bulls earned after gathering for an informal players-only conversation after the first game — and loss — of the season, this roster has never really fallen into the sort of disrepair or dissatisfaction that underperforming teams often experience.

This is in part a credit to the locker room leadership helmed by DeMar DeRozan and Coby White, who kept the group's identity intact even when the team was at its lowest. And that's likely why the Bulls have stayed consistent in personality from start to finish.

Starters Zach LaVine and Patrick Williams went down with season-ending injuries. Stars like White and Alex Caruso and crucial rotation players like Torrey Craig struggled to stay in the lineup with smaller knocks. Consecutive wins were few and far between, impressive wins often followed by confounding losses. But the Bulls maintained a fairly level-headed team environment throughout the chaos.

"I really appreciate what those guys have done because of what we've had to endure and what we've had to overcome," Donovan said. "It's not where we certainly want to be, but I will say this — it could've been a lot worse. And it speaks to the character of those guys in the locker room."

And this, of course, is the problem. Do the Bulls really want to settle for "it could've been a lot worse"?

Sure, the Bulls went 27-17 in clutch games this season, pulling off upsets over top-notch teams like the Minnesota Timberwolves. And yes, the breakout season of Coby White — who is in contention for the league's Most Improved Player award — provided a bright silver lining in a losing season.

But it's hard to rally behind a team for whom "it could've been worse" is a fair mantra for a 39-win season. And nothing about the current state of the Bulls — finishing under .500 for two consecutive seasons, struggling to find a rhythm with stars like LaVine and remaining stagnant in the Eastern Conference — lives up to a winning standard.

The results of this week could slightly shift the overall feeling of this season for the Bulls. Advancing out of the play-in tournament to return to the playoffs would be an improvement — however minute — from last season, when the Bulls were bounced by the Miami Heat in their second play-in game. But should the front office define success by a team's performance in two single-elimination games?

For a team stymied by a lack of roster adaptation over the past three years, success must be viewed through a more holistic lens. And whether the Bulls advance to the playoffs or not, the obvious truth is this team is still not a winning product.

Win or lose this week, the Bulls will have plenty of work ahead of them this summer. It's up to the Bulls front office to accept that reality — regardless of a playoff berth.

Eastern Conference play-in schedule

Wednesday

No. 7 versus No. 8: Philadelphia 76ers vs. Miami Heat, 6:30 p.m., Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia

No. 9 versus No. 10: Chicago Bulls vs. Atlanta Hawks, 8:30 p.m., United Center

Friday

Winner of 9-10 game vs. loser of 7-8 game (loser of 7-8 game will host)

Masters

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and no wife to reassure him he was built for a moment like this. His wife, Meredith, was home in Dallas expecting their first child at the end of the month.

Scheffler made sure there was no drama, either.

Much like Woods he made the outcome look inevitable with sublime control, the difference being a peach shirt instead of Sunday red, and no fist pumps until it was over.

After sharing hugs with caddie Ted Scott and Collin Morikawa, Scheffler turned to face the crowd with both arms raised. "WOOOOOO!" he yelled, slamming his fist.

Masters newcomer Ludvig Aberg, among four players who had a share of the lead at one point, lost ground with his approach went into the pond left of the 11th hole and he made double bogey. Against a player like Scheffler, those mistakes are not easy to overcome.

Aberg closed with a 69 and was the runner-up, not a bad debut for someone playing in his first major championship.

Morikawa, who had two double bogeys to fall out of the hunt, shot 74 and tied for third with Tommy Fleetwood (69) and Max Homa (73), whose hopes ended on the par-3 12th with a double bogey from the bushes, not Rae's Creek.

"He is pretty amazing at letting things roll off his back and stepping up to very difficult golf shots and treating them like their own," Homa said about Scheffler. "He's obviously a tremendous talent, but I think that is his superpower."

Woods, meanwhile, closed with a 77 and finished in last place at 16-over 304, the highest 72-hole score of his career. This came two days after he set the Masters record for making his 24th consecutive cut.

The 27-year-old Scheffler is the fourth-youngest player to have two green jackets. He now has three victories against the strongest fields — Bay Hill, The Players Championship and the Masters — in his last four starts. The other was a runner-up finish in Houston.

Scheffler finished at 11-under 277 and earned $3.6 million from the $20 million purse.

Perhaps even more daunting for the rest of golf is that Scheffler now has 10 victories worldwide dating to his first PGA Tour title at the Phoenix Open just two years and two months ago.

During that stretch, Scheffler has finished in the top 10 a staggering 65% of the time.

It was the fourth straight Masters when the winner came to the 18th green with one arm in the green jacket. That doesn't mean Sunday was a walk in golf's most gorgeous garden.

"I felt like I was battling the whole week," Scheffler said. "It was a long week. I had to battle some ups and downs. And, you know, I'm very fortunate to be sitting here with you."

Four players had a share of the lead at various points along the front nine, and then Scheffler began to assert himself with three straight birdies around the turn.

He got up-and-down with a 10-foot birdie putt at the par-5 eighth. He hit the perfect wedge that caught the ridge and came inches within going in on No. 9, leaving him a tap-in birdie. And then he holed another 10-foot birdie putt on the 10th to build a two-shot lead.



The Reds' Will Benson, right, steals second base as White Sox second baseman Nicky Lopez applies a late tag during the sixth inning Sunday at Guaranteed Rate Field. **NAM Y. HUH/AP PHOTOS**

REDS 11, WHITE SOX 4

'No one likes losing'

Sox drop to 2-13, the worst 15-game start in franchise history

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune



White Sox starting pitcher Michael Soroka, left, walks to the dugout after turning the ball over to manager Pedro Grifol during the fifth inning Sunday.

White Sox starter Michael Soroka threw a sinker down and in while facing Christian Encarnacion-Strand in the third inning Sunday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

It was the right pitch in a good location against the Cincinnati Reds first baseman.

But the way everything's going for the Sox, even that wasn't enough for a positive result.

Encarnacion-Strand launched the pitch over the left-center wall for a two-run home run. It was the start of another big offensive day for the Reds and a record-setting defeat for the Sox.

Soroka allowed five runs on five hits and walked six in 4 ⅔ innings in the 11-4 loss to the Reds in front of 17,589.

"I can get over the homer, it was a decent pitch," Soroka said. "But obviously the walks are unacceptable and I got burned on that and there was a reason I wasn't able to go deeper after I did eventually figure things out."

The Sox took another step in the wrong direction as their record fell to 2-13 — the worst 15-game start in franchise history. The previous low mark through 15 games was 3-12, which had occurred three times — most recently in 1968.

"Look, we're getting punched in the gut right now," manager Pedro Grifol said. "This is how you find out what we're made of as a group."

The Sox stumbled in many areas Sunday. They surrendered two home runs, walked eight batters, made three errors and saw the Reds steal six bases. The Reds reached double figures in runs for the second time in the series.

"It sucks — I mean, no one likes losing," second baseman Nicky Lopez said. "No one wants to struggle. You can use the term 'It's early,' you can do any of that stuff, but it's our livelihoods, it's our careers, and no one likes to struggle.

"But the good thing is, we play 140-some more (games). Just keep attacking it and try to stay as positive as you can, and hopefully it turns."

Overall, the Sox were outscored 27-5 while getting swept in the three-game series.

"There's a lot of talent on this team," Soroka said. "There's a lot of guys who know how to play this game hard. Most of us that are in a rut are trying too hard to get to the other side of it. It's a tough game that way. It's not a game that you can outhustle someone in the game, on the mound, or in the box. You have to find that happy zone of being relaxed and letting your stuff play.

"It's easier said than done, but that needs to be an adjustment I make going into the next game and carry those last two innings (Sunday, which included four strikeouts) and be who I know I can be. I think back to the times I did have the most success, the game felt easiest. It felt like everything wasn't a struggle or I wasn't treating every hitter like '04 Barry Bonds. Attacking them, letting it eat, letting my stuff play."

Encarnacion-Strand's two-run homer came during a four-run third inning. Nick Martini hit a two-run home run in the fifth against reliever Tanner Banks, making it 6-2.

Sox right fielder Robbie Grossman dropped a fly ball for an error and center fielder Dominic Fletcher couldn't haul in another that was ruled a double during a four-run seventh.

Martini advanced to second when left fielder Andrew Benintendi didn't cleanly field his ninth-inning single, the team's third error of the afternoon.

"We have to make those plays," Grifol said of the miscues. "This is the major leagues. You've got to execute. I'm not going to sit here and make excuses for that. There's no way. Those were mistakes that shouldn't happen at this level."

The Sox have lost nine of 10 and find themselves 11 games under .500 just 15 games into the season. Grifol sees a group that is pressing.

"I believe in this group," he said. "I like the fact that they really care. We've just got to go out there and execute and have some fun.

"It's tough to play this game with heavy shoulders, man. You've got to go out there and let it go."

Prospect Nick Nastrini to join the Sox on Monday: Pitching prospect Nick Nastrini is slated to join the Sox from Triple-A Charlotte on Monday and start the series opener against the Kansas City Royals at Guaranteed Rate Field, Grifol said.

Nastrini, acquired last season as part of a trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers, is the No. 8 prospect in the Sox organization according to MLB.com.

The right-hander has a 7.71 ERA and 13 strikeouts in two starts this season for Charlotte.

"He's got good stuff, he's got presence, he's not scared," Grifol said. "He's going to compete his ass off, that's for sure."

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got it,'" Alzolay said. "So I was like, oh yeah, we've got it."

No matter what is happening in the game, Alzolay wants to be mentally prepared for those big moments.

The game-defining scenario might look a little different each time, but Alzolay was ready when he saw Rodríguez taking his lead off first base. He anticipated that Rodríguez, as Seattle's tying run, would try to move into scoring position. Alzolay threw over after his first pitch to Raley and felt he had a good move even though Rodríguez got back safely.

So, he went to the pickoff move again following his second pitch of the at-bat.

"It was there," Alzolay said. "As soon as I see him kind of jumping, that was when I made the move to first base."

The exciting finish capped a series win after the Cubs' disappointing three-game set in San Diego. It required a total team effort, backed by Busch's two-run homer — his fourth straight game with a home run — second baseman Nico Hoerner and shortstop Dansby Swanson producing three double plays at key moments in the seventh and eighth innings, and the bullpen combining to throw 3 ⅓ scoreless innings while navigating a couple of precarious moments.



Cubs starting pitcher Javier Assad throws against the Mariners during the fourth inning Sunday in Seattle. **LINDSEY WASSON/AP**

"That's just a testament to our team and the response from the series in San Diego that didn't go our way to come here and win games by all means necessary," Swanson said. "So it was definitely a good couple of days for us."

Javier Assad making case to stay in rotation: Right-hander Jameson Taillon's next start in the upcoming week will come with the Cubs, forcing someone from the rotation to get bumped.

Counsell hasn't publicly declared whose spot Taillon will take, but it's expected to come down to right-handers Javier Assad and Ben Brown, both of whom have also pitched well out of the bullpen. Assad did his part Sunday, making a case to stick in the rotation by limiting Seattle to two runs in 5 ⅔ innings. Those runs came against the last batter he faced, Jorge Polanco, on a two-run homer that left Assad frustrated his start ended similarly to his outing Monday in San Diego when he surrendered a two-run home run to end his night.

Despite that hiccup, Assad, who owns a 2.16 ERA through three starts, scattered four hits at T-Mobile Park, walked one and struck out six batters to set up the Cubs' win.

"I thought Javy pitched really, really well," Counsell said. "Filled up the zone and just kind of the same pitches to end the game ... but definitely put us in position to win and a quality start."

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Marlins. Pitcher Marcus Stroman opted out of the final year of his three-year contract with the Cubs in 2023 and is now a member of the New York Yankees.

Former three-time MLB All-Star Curtis Granderson said he learned about the lack of a Black player on both Chicago teams from a social media post and was surprised.

"I know it hasn't been positive over the last couple of years. But Chicago, my hometown, where we have two teams and a very diverse city who has had such a great melting pot of great players of all ethnicities, to not have a Black (American) player on either team is astonishing," the UIC alum told the Tribune.

As board chair of The Players Alliance — a nonprofit founded in 2020 by current and retired Black professional baseball players to increase representation in the sport — the issue is one Granderson knows all too well.

Typically when we talk about it, we speak as if there aren't any young Black players at all — as if the sport itself is dying entirely in Black communities. But that's not the case.

"There are a lot of young players coming up through the ranks. We just set a record in 2022 with nine Black players drafted in the first round, which was amazing to see," Granderson said. "So there is a stream of talent that's playing at the young levels that is up and coming."

Granderson shared the organization is focused on a pipeline to the majors: the goal is to introduce kids to baseball, teach them the game and help them stay in it.

"The challenge becomes statistically, we've seen that between the ages of 12 and 13, we lose millions of kids to of baseball for a number of reasons. Maybe they're priced out, they don't have the right coaching, they don't have the right access or just not as many opportunities," he said.

"When you have someone like our founding board member, Edwin Jackson, who was drafted at the age of 17. Well, in four years, here's a chance where a player could be going to college, could potentially get drafted. Case in point (Jackson) or CC (Sabathia) at 18 or myself going to college. What if we would have stopped playing just a few years prior? Then we would have been out of that system."

As he and The Players Alliance work toward their mission, Granderson acknowledges there's been some pushback.

"So many people would say 'Shouldn't it be about having the best players on the field not just players of color?'," he said. "Yes absolutely, the best of the best should be playing at the highest level. But you lose some of those best when they stop playing at ages 12-14."

In the last few years, MLB, players and fans have made strong efforts to address the issue of interest from Black Americans in youth baseball with programs and camps. Grassroots organizations are popping up help with grades and assist kids in gaining more visibility as they chase dreams of playing on the diamond.

Earnest Horton, CEO and co-founder of Black Baseball Media — an organization dedicated to fostering diversity and inclusion by promoting emerging talent and increasing participation in the game — along with Granderson will host the inaugural Jackie Robinson Baseball weekend Thursday through Sunday. The event, on pace to sell 4,500 tickets according to Horton, will feature over 80 Chicago Public League teams competing at Ozinga Field and Granderson Stadium at UIC.

"We're creating an experience that's going to keep them playing the game of baseball and inspire another kid to play baseball," Horton said. "When you look at the top local high school players, they've got good grades. So when they have to put the bat and the ball down, they're gonna be engineers and leading the global economy."

While he applauds the work MLB is doing, Horton said it starts on a local level by donating, fundraising and volunteering. He said MLB has taken notice of programs started by smaller organizations and adopted them.

"I don't think identifying an African American to actually play on the big league team is a top priority," Horton explained, pointing to scouting as having a significant impact on the major league pipeline.

Lonnie Murray agreed.

"The problem has not been that African-American kids aren't playing. Great success has been had by kids from inner cities," said Murray, an MLBPA-certified player agent. "The problem is the measure that teams have used for scouting and the type of players that they want to draft."

"When you look at the number of Black kids in Division-I institutions, that has increased. We have seen a change in the visibility that HBCUs are given. MLB has done a much better job in trying to highlight some of the kids that would not just three years ago have had any visibility at all."

While there is no immediate fix, Granderson, Horton and Murray all believe there's a great future for Black players and the numbers in MLB will eventually increase.

Even though the Cubs and White Sox find themselves without a Black American player on one of baseball's "holy days", there's hope in neighborhoods across the city and suburbs.

In February 2023, Heyward opened the Jason Heyward Baseball Academy in North Austin. The 10-acre campus has a major-league-sized infield and provides sports training and leadership development programs for players of all ages and skill levels. Heyward recognized the impact both the facility and his presence could have on future generations.

"I spent my time here as an athlete in this city being able to be rooted on by a lot of people, that's always going to come to an end. That's the playing side of the game," he said after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "This will always be here. There will always be new kids, There will always be new families. And to me that's something that's always gonna be passed along."

There are kids like Paris Head, who pitched and played middle infield for the winning Team USA at the World Baseball Softball Confederation World Cup in Taiwan. Former Homewood-Flossmoor outfielder Dillon Head was selected in the first round of the 2023 draft by the San Diego Padres and is now playing in their minor-league system. St. Rita senior catcher Sir Jamison Jones made an appearance on MLB Network in January and is headed to Oklahoma State to play and study for a future in sports media. There's also Kevari Thunderbird, a star left-handed pitcher at Kenwood Academy, and countless others playing baseball at an elite level.

When we talk about who's missing from Major League Baseball this Jackie Robinson Day, let's also remember the ones who are on their way.

The number of Black Americans playing in the big leagues may not reflect it, but Robinson's legacy is still visible if you look for it.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	12	4	.750	—	—	7-3	L-1	4-2	8-2
Baltimore	9	6	.600	2½	—	6-4	W-1	5-4	4-2
Boston	9	7	.563	3	½	5-5	W-2	2-4	7-3
Tampa Bay	9	7	.563	3	½	6-4	W-1	5-5	4-2
Toronto	8	8	.500	4	1½	5-5	W-2	4-2	4-6

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	10	5	.667	—	—	7-3	W-1	3-3	7-2
Kansas City	10	6	.625	½	+½	8-2	L-1	8-2	2-4
Detroit	9	6	.600	1	—	4-6	W-1	3-4	6-2
Minnesota	6	8	.429	3½	2½	4-6	L-1	1-4	5-4
Chicago	2	13	.133	8	7	1-9	L-4	1-7	1-6

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	8	8	.500	—	—	4-6	L-2	5-5	3-3
Los Angeles	7	8	.467	½	2	4-6	L-2	2-4	5-4
Oakland	7	9	.438	1	2½	6-4	W-1	3-7	4-2
Seattle	6	10	.375	2	3½	3-7	L-2	4-6	2-4
Houston	6	11	.353	2½	4	4-6	W-2	4-6	2-5

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	9	5	.643	—	—	6-4	W-1	4-2	5-3
Philadelphia	8	8	.500	2	1½	6-4	L-1	4-6	4-2
New York	7	8	.467	2½	2	7-3	W-1	3-6	4-2
Washington	6	9	.400	3½	3	4-6	L-1	2-4	4-5
Miami	3	13	.188	7	6½	3-7	L-1	1-9	2-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	10	4	.714	—	—	6-4	L-1	3-2	7-2
Pittsburgh	11	5	.688	—	+1½	6-4	W-1	3-2	8-3
Chicago	9	6	.600	1½	—	6-4	W-2	5-1	4-5
Cincinnati	9	6	.600	1½	—	6-4	W-3	4-5	5-1
St. Louis	7	9	.438	4	2½	4-6	L-2	3-3	4-6

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	11	7	.611	—	—	5-5	L-1	7-4	4-3
San Diego	9	9	.500	2	1½	6-4	W-1	5-6	4-3
Arizona	8	8	.500	2	1½	4-6	W-2	6-4	2-4
San Francisco	6	10	.375	4	3½	4-6	L-1	3-3	3-7
Colorado	4	12	.250	6	5½	3-7	L-2	2-4	2-8

BOX SCORES

PITTSBURGH 9, PHILADELPHIA 2

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cruz ss	5	0	0	0	4	.246
Reynolds rf	5	0	0	0	2	.254
Hayes 3b	4	2	2	0	1	.290
Tellez 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.256
McCutchen dh	5	3	2	2	1	.194
Suwinski lf	4	1	2	4	0	.196
Triolo 2b	5	1	1	0	2	.268
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	4	.318
Bart c	2	1	1	1	1	.400
TOTALS	**38**	**9**	**10**	**7**	**15**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	2	.242
Turner ss	4	1	3	2	0	.302
Harper 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.190
Realmuto c	4	0	1	0	1	.265
Bohm 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.236
Marsh lf	4	0	1	0	2	.313
Castellanos rf	3	0	1	0	0	.190
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.224
Rojas cf	3	1	1	0	0	.189
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**6**	

Pittsburgh	**000 105 012**	**9 10**	**1**
Philadelphia	**001 010 000**	**2 8**	**2**

E: Cruz (4), Bohm (3), Marsh (1). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 4. **2B:** Hayes (5). 3B: Marsh (1). HR: Suwinski (2), off Wheeler; Bart (2), off Dominguez; McCutchen (1), off Pinto; Turner (1), off Keller. **RBIs:** Suwinski 4(7), McCutchen 2(4), Turner 2(5). SB: Triolo (2), McCutchen (1), Rojas (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 5 (McCutchen 2, Taylor, Reynolds 2); Philadelphia 2(Castellanos, Realmuto). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 3for 9; Philadelphia 1 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Cruz, Tellez, Schwarber. **GIDP:** Rojas, Bohm, Harper. **DP:** Pittsburgh 3(Cruz, Triolo, Tellez; Hayes, Triolo, Tellez; Tellez, Cruz).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller, W, 2-1	7	8	2	2	0	4	4.50
Fleming	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.16
Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.68

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler, L, 0-3	5	5	5	4	3	10	3.00
Dominguez	1	1	1	1	0	3	7.50
Kerkering	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Pinto	2	4	3	3	2	1	7.00

WP: Wheeler(2). PB: Realmuto (1). **Umpires:** Home, Marvin Hudson; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, John Tumpane; Third, Nick Mahrley. **Time:** 2:33. **A:** 44,568(42,901).

TAMPA BAY 9, SAN FRANCISCO 4

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lee cf	5	1	1	0	0	.242
Flores 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.235
Wade rf	2	0	1	1	0	.375
a-Slater ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.083
Soler dh	4	0	2	1	1	.228
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.200
Conforto lf	4	1	1	1	1	.298
Estrada 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.226
Murphy c	4	1	1	0	2	.118
Fitzgerald ss	4	1	2	1	2	.417
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**9**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.206
Ramirez dh	4	1	1	0	0	.276
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	1	0	.196
Paredes 3b	4	1	2	2	0	.255
Rosario rf	4	1	3	2	0	.318
Mead 2b	3	1	0	0	2	.235
Goodrum ss	3	1	0	0	1	.000
Siri cf	4	0	0	0	1	.240
Pinto c	4	2	2	4	2	.269
TOTALS	**34**	**9**	**10**	**9**	**6**	

San Francisco	**100 001 101**	**4 10**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**301 301 10x**	**9 10**	**0**

a-walked for Wade in the 6th. **LOB:** San Francisco 6, Tampa Bay 3. **2B:** Fitzgerald (2), Soler (4), Diaz (3). 3B: Fitzgerald (1). HR: Conforto (4), off Alexander; Rosario (1), off Snell; Pinto (1), off Snell; Pinto (2), off Teng; Paredes (5), off Teng. **RBIs:** Wade (4), Soler (5), Conforto (13), Fitzgerald (2), Arozarena (5), Rosario 2(6), Paredes 2(12), Pinto 4 (5). SB: Lee (2), Arozarena (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 3 (Chapman 2, Lee); Tampa Bay 0. **RISP:** San Francisco 2for 7; Tampa Bay 4for 6. **Runners moved up:** Flores, Ramirez, Arozarena. **GIDP:** Slater. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1(Goodrum, Mead, Diaz).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snell, L, 0-2	4	6	7	7	2	4	12.86
Teng	3⅔	4	2	2	0	1	6.30
Ta.Rogers	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.60

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Armstrong	2	2	1	1	0	5	5.40
Alexander, W, 1-0	6	6	2	2	1	4	6.46
Kelly	1	2	1	1	0	0	6.75

Umpires: HP, Bruce Dreckman; 1B, Jeremie Rehak; 2B, Clint Vondrak; 3B, Mark Wegner. T: 2:20. **A:** 19,470(25,025).

N.Y. METS 2, KANSAS CITY 1

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.182
Witt ss	4	0	1	0	1	.333
Pasquantino 1b	3	1	1	1	1	.231
Perez c	2	0	1	0	0	.339
Fermin c	2	0	0	0	0	.192
Melendez lf	3	0	0	0	1	.277
Velazquez dh	3	0	0	0	2	.314
Frazier 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.207
b-Hampson cf	1	0	0	0	1	.200
Renfroe rf	3	0	0	0	3	.178
Isbel cf	2	0	0	0	2	.233
c-Loftin ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.238
TOTALS	**29**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**14**	

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo lf	4	0	2	1	1	.236
Marte dh	4	0	1	0	2	.279
Lindor ss	4	0	2	0	0	.129
Alonso 1b	2	1	0	0	1	.271
Taylor rf	3	0	0	0	1	.286
Alvarez c	4	0	0	0	1	.267
McNeil 2b	2	1	0	0	0	.222
Short 3b	2	0	0	0	2	.200
a-Baty ph-3b	1	0	1	0	0	.315
Bader cf	4	0	2	1	0	.302
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**8**	

Kansas City	**000 000 001**	**1 3**	**1**
N.Y. Mets	**000 000 02x**	**2 8**	**0**

a-singled for Short in the 7th. b-struck out for Frazier in the 8th. c-grounded out for Isbel in the 8th. **E:** Renfroe (1). **LOB:** Kansas City 3, New York 12. **2B:** Perez (2), Witt (6). HR: Pasquantino (2), off Diaz. **RBIs:** Pasquantino (9), Bader (1), Nimmo (12). S: Taylor. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 2 (Pasquantino, Renfroe); New York 6 (Marte 2, Alvarez, Lindor 2, Nimmo). **RISP:** Kansas City 0for 4; New York 1for 9. **LIDP:** Taylor. **GIDP:** Perez. **DP:** Kansas City 1(Melendez, Perez, Melendez); New York 1(Short, McNeil, Alonso).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ragans	6	5	0	0	1	8	1.93
Schreiber	1	2	0	0	1	0	0.00
Stratton, L, 1-1	1	1	2	2	4	0	6.00

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Butto	6	2	0	0	1	9	0.75
Ottavino	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Raley, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Diaz, S, 3-3	1	1	1	1	0	1	1.50

HBP: Butto (Frazier), Ragans (McNeil). **Time:** 2:22. **A:** 32,749(42,136).

BOSTON 5, L.A. ANGELS 4

LA Angels	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rendon 3b	3	0	2	1	1	.231
Rengifo 2b	5	0	0	1	2	.278
Trout cf	4	1	1	0	2	.281
Ward lf	4	0	1	1	1	.306
Hicks dh	4	0	1	0	3	.184
Drury 1b	4	1	2	1	0	.196
O'Hoppe c	3	1	1	0	0	.364
Adell rf	3	0	0	0	1	.211
b-Moniak ph	1	0	1	0	0	.207
Neto ss	2	1	0	0	1	.188
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**11**	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran lf-cf	3	1	0	0	2	.303
Reyes 2b-3b	4	0	1	1	1	.194
O'Neill rf-lf	3	1	2	1	0	.304
Casas 1b	2	1	1	1	1	.259
Dalbec 3b	1	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Abreu ph-rf	1	1	0	0	1	.231
Yoshida dh	3	1	1	2	0	.255
Wong c	4	0	2	0	0	.333
Rafaela cf-2b	4	0	0	0	0	.170
Hamilton ss	4	0	0	0	3	.190
TOTALS	**29**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**9**	

L.A. Angels	**011 000 011**	**4 9**	**0**
Boston	**200 012 00x**	**5 7**	**0**

a- for Dalbec in the 5th. b-singled for Adell in the 9th. **LOB:** LAA 8, Bos 8. **2B:** Reyes (1). 3B: Trout (2). HR: Drury (1), off Bello; O'Neill (7), off T.Anderson; Casas (4), off T.Anderson; Yoshida (1), off Suarez. **RBIs:** Drury (3), Rengifo (3), Ward (17), Rendon (1), O'Neill (8), Casas (8), Reyes (4), Yoshida 2 (8). SB: Rengifo (3). CS: Reyes (2), Wong (1). SF: Rendon. **Runners left in scoring position:** LoAA4 (Hicks, Rengifo, Trout 2); Bos 3 (Abreu, Dalbec, Duran). **RISP:** LAA 1 for 10; Bos 0 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Adell, Ward. **GIDP:** Drury, O'Hoppe. **DP:** Bos 2.

LA ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
T.Anderson, L, 2-1	4⅓	4	3	3	3	4	1.47
Cimber	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	1.23
Suarez	2	2	2	2	3	3	8.74
Cisnero	1	1	0	0	1	2	9.95

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bello, W, 2-1	5⅓	6	2	2	2	8	3.92
Slaten, H, 3	2⅔	2	1	1	0	1	0.87
Jansen, S, 4-4	1	1	1	1	1	2	1.59

Inherited runners-scored: Cimber 1-0, Slaten 2-0. IBB: off Cimber (Casas). **HBP:** Slaten (Rendon), Jansen (O'Hoppe). **WP:** Bello. T: 2:55. **A:** 30,792 (37,755).

BALTIMORE 6, MILWAUKEE 4

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Contreras dh	4	1	2	1	2	.375
Hoskins 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.250
Frelick rf	5	0	1	0	2	.308
Adames ss	4	1	2	0	1	.310
Sanchez c	3	0	1	0	0	.150
Turang 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.362
Ortiz 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.323
Wiemer lf	3	0	0	0	1	.000
b-Dunn ph	1	0	0	0	1	.250
Perkins cf	4	2	3	1	1	.385
TOTALS	**37**	**4**	**12**	**2**	**10**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	3	1	2	1	1	.233
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	1	.281
Santander rf	4	0	0	0	0	.180
Hays lf	0	0	0	0	0	.086
O'Hearn dh	3	1	2	2	0	.314
a-Urias ph	1	0	1	0	0	.167
1-Mateo pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.316
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.291
Cowser lf-rf	3	1	1	1	1	.441
Mullins cf	4	1	2	1	1	.261
Westburg 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.265
Holliday 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.067
TOTALS	**33**	**6**	**11**	**5**	**7**	

Milwaukee	**101 100 100**	**4 12**	**0**
Baltimore	**111 000 21x**	**6 11**	**1**

a-singled for O'Hearn in the 8th. b-struck out for Wiemer in the 9th. 1-ran for Urias in the 8th. **E:** Burnes (1). **LOB:** Mil 8, Bal 6. **2B:** Hoskins (3), Mullins (2). HR: Contreras (4), off Burnes; Perkins (2), off Cano; Mullins (3), off Rea; O'Hearn (2), off Rea; Cowser (4), off Milner. **RBIs:** Contreras (15), Perkins (5), O'Hearn 2(3), Mullins (10), Henderson (10), Cowser (13). SB: Contreras (1), Frelick (3), Henderson (4). CS: Frelick (1), Ortiz (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Mil 7(Wiemer, Adames, Ortiz, Frelick, Sanchez, Perkins 2); Bal 3(Holliday, Santander, Cowser). **RISP:** Mil 2for 17; Bal 2for 8. **Runners moved up:** Hoskins, Rutschman. **GIDP:** Mountcastle, Rutschman. **DP:** Mil 2.

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rea	5⅔	5	3	3	1	6	2.70
Hudson	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.29
Uribe, L, 1-1, BS, 3-5	1	3	2	2	0	0	7.50
Milner	1	3	1	1	1	0	5.68

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	5	6	3	2	2	5	2.28
Webb	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.08
Cano, W, 2-1	1⅓	2	1	1	0	1	2.70
Coulombe, H, 2	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	1.42
Kimbrel, S, 3-4	1	2	0	0	0	3	1.50

Inherited runners-scored: Hudson 1-0, Coulombe 1-0. **HBP:** Rea (Henderson). **WP:** Coulombe. T: 2:43. **A:** 35,085 (45,971).

OAKLAND 7, WASHINGTON 6

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Young cf	4	1	2	1	0	.250
Abrams ss	4	1	1	0	0	.286
Meneses dh	3	1	1	2	0	.204
Winker lf	4	0	1	0	1	.341
Thomas rf	5	1	3	3	1	.213
Gallo 1b	4	0	0	0	4	.140
Vargas 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.286
a-Garcia ph	1	0	0	0	1	.325
R.Adams c	4	1	2	0	1	.346
Lipscomb 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.224
TOTALS	**36**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**8**	

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Toro dh	4	1	1	2	0	.275
Gelof 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.194
Bleday cf	4	1	3	0	1	.262
Brown lf	4	0	1	0	3	.208
Davis 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.196
Nevin 3b	2	1	2	1	0	.273
1-Schuemann 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Butler rf	3	2	3	1	0	.217
Langeliers c	3	1	1	1	0	.200
Noda 1b	3	1	0	0	2	.163
Hernaiz ss	3	0	0	1	1	.095
TOTALS	**32**	**7**	**11**	**6**	**9**	

Washington	**002 112 000**	**6 12**	**0**
Oakland	**000 016 00x**	**7 11**	**0**

a-struck out for Vargas in the 9th. 1-ran for Nevin in the 7th. **LOB:** Was 10, Oak 6. **2B:** Abrams (2), R.Adams 2(3), Young (2), Butler (3), Bleday (3). HR: Thomas (2), off Wood. **RBIs:** Meneses 2(4), Thomas 3(10), Young (2), Langeliers (8), Nevin (2), Butler (3), Hernaiz (1), Toro 2(6). SB: Young (5), Thomas (7). CS: Lipscomb (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Was 6(Vargas 2, Thomas, Young, Gallo, Winker); Oak 1(Gelof). **RISP:** Was 4for 14; Oak 4for 7. **Runners moved up:** Meneses, Lipscomb, Abrams. **GIDP:** R.Adams, Meneses, Langeliers, Hernaiz. **DP:** Was 2; Oak 2.

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams	5⅓	6	3	3	1	7	3.45
Law, L, 0-1	⅓	2	4	4	2	1	4.50
Weems, BS, 0-2	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	1.42
Floro	1	2	0	0	1	1	1.29
Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.18

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wood	4⅓	7	4	4	4	4	8.10
Spence, W, 1-1	1⅔	4	2	2	0	1	4.15
Jimenez, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.35
Erceg, H, 4	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.70
Miller, S, 3-3	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.25

Inherited runners-scored: Law 2-2, Weems 3-3, Spence 1-0. IBB: off Wood (Meneses). **HBP:** Wood 2(Meneses,Young). **WP:** Law. **Umpires:** Home, Rob Drake; First, Jonathan Parra; Second, John Libka; Third, James Hoye. T: 2:45. **A:** 8,637(46,847).

CLEVELAND 8, N.Y. YANKEES 7

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	4	1	3	1	0	.382
Soto rf	4	2	2	0	0	.344
Judge cf	4	2	1	3	2	.207
Stanton dh	5	0	2	0	1	.250
2-K.Smith pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	---
Rizzo 1b	5	0	1	2	1	.274
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.203
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	1	.218
Trevino c	4	1	2	1	0	.200
1-Jones pr	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wells c	0	0	0	0	0	.115
Cabrera 3b	4	1	0	0	1	.289
TOTALS	**38**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**7**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	1	1	0	0	.368
Freeman cf	3	0	0	0	1	.167
c-B.Naylor ph-c	1	1	0	0	1	.176
Ramirez 3b	5	1	2	2	1	.246
J.Naylor dh	5	1	2	2	2	.347
Fry 1b-c-1b	4	1	1	0	3	.304
Laureano rf	3	0	0	0	2	.188
b-Florial ph	1	1	1	1	0	.190
Brennan rf-cf	1	0	0	1	0	.211
Gimenez 2b	4	0	0	1	1	.310
Hedges c	2	0	0	0	2	.111
a-Rocchio ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	.217
Arias ss-1b-rf	3	2	2	1	0	.227
TOTALS	**39**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**13**	

N.Y. Yankees	**003 100 001**	**2 7 12**	**2**
Cleveland	**002 020 010**	**3 8 9**	**0**

Two outs when winning run scored. a-flied out for Hedges in the 6th. b-homered for Laureano in the 8th. c-struck out for Freeman in the 9th. 1-ran for Trevino in the 9th. 2-ran for Stanton in the 10th. **E:** Rizzo 2(4). **LOB:** New York 7, Cleveland 7. **2B:** Volpe (4), J.Naylor (4), Fry (2). HR: Judge (3), off Allen; Trevino (1), off Allen; Ramirez (3), off Cortes; Arias (1), off Cortes; Florial (2), off Weaver. **RBIs:** Judge 3 (9), Trevino (2), Volpe (8), Rizzo 2(7), Ramirez 2(12), Arias (4), J.Naylor 2(12), Florial (2), Brennan (5), Gimenez (8). CS: J.Naylor (2), Soto (1). SF: Gimenez. S: Torres. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2(Soto, Judge); Cleveland 1(Laureano). **RISP:** New York 3for 6; Cleveland 2for 7.

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes	4	5	4	4	1	6	4.50
Burdi	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Gonzalez	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.50
Weaver	1⅔	1	1	1	0	3	4.82
Holmes	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Frgson, L, 0-2, BS, 1-2	⅔	2	3	2	0	84	

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Allen	5⅔	6	4	4	2	4	5.06
C.Smith	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Barlow	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.91
Gaddis	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
Clase, BS, 4-5	1	2	1	1	0	0	1.29
Beede, W, 1-0	1	2	2	1	1	0	3.38

Inherited runners-scored: Burdi 2-1, Gaddis 1-0. IBB: off Beede (Judge). **HBP:** Cortes (Freeman). **Umpires:** Home, Mark Carlson; First, Dan Merzel; Second, Jordan Baker; Third, Stu Scheuwater. T: 3:08. **A:** 28,119(34,788).

CHI. CUBS 3, SEATTLE 2

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	2	.241
Suzuki dh	4	1	2	0	1	.305
Bellinger cf	4	0	1	0	1	.172
Morel 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.237
Madrigal 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Swanson ss	4	1	1	0	1	.245
Busch 1b	4	1	2	2	2	.327
Hoerner 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.182
Tauchman rf	3	0	0	0	1	.192
Gomes c	3	0	1	0	1	.192
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**12**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	3	1	1	0	0	.164
Haniger rf	4	0	1	0	3	.264
Polanco 2b	3	1	1	2	2	.196
France 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.280
Canzone lf	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Moore lf	3	0	1	0	2	.172
Garver dh	3	0	0	0	2	.156
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	0	.196
1-Rodriguez pr	0	0	0	0	0	.186
Raley cf	3	0	0	0	0	.130
Rojas 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.346
TOTALS	**28**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**10**	

Chi. Cubs	**100 200 000**	**3 8**	**0**
Seattle	**000 002 000**	**2 5**	**1**

1-ran for Raleigh in the 9th. **E:** Castillo (1). **LOB:** Chicago 3, Seattle 5. **2B:** Suzuki (4), Swanson (2). **HR:** Busch (5), off Castillo; Polanco (2), off Assad. **RBIs:** Busch 2(11), Polanco 2(5). **SB:** Moore (3). **CS:** Suzuki (1), Hoerner (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 1(Happ); Seattle 1(Raley). **RISP:** Chicago 2for 3; Seattle 0for 6. **Runners moved up:** Raleigh. **GIDP:** France, Raley. **DP:** Chicago 3(Swanson, Hoerner, Busch; Hoerner, Swanson, Busch; Swanson, Busch).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Assad, W, 2-0	5⅔	4	2	2	1	6	2.16
Almonte, H, 3	⅓	0	0	0	1	1	5.68
Leiter, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Neris, H, 3	1	0	0	0	3	1	5.40
Alzolay, S, 3-5	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.35

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo, L, 0-4	6	7	3	2	0	9	5.82
de Geus	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.86
Speier	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Thornton	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.17

Inherited runners-scored: Leiter 2-0. **HBP:** Almonte (Moore). **Umpires:** Home, Bill Miller; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Malachi Moore. **Time:** 2:35. **A:** 32,423(47,929).

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BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Kwan Cle	14	63	24	14	.381
O'Hoppe LAA	13	41	15	4	.366
Altuve Hou	16	63	23	12	.365
Volpe NYY	14	51	18	13	.353
Turner Tor	13	40	14	7	.350
J.Naylor Cle	13	44	15	9	.341
Witt KC	15	62	21	17	.339
Velázquez KC	13	48	16	8	.333
Perez KC	15	60	20	8	.333
Giménez Cle	14	54	18	11	.333

Home Runs: O'Neill, Boston, 6; Trout, Los Angeles, 6; Ward, Los Angeles, 5; 10 tied at 4.

Runs Batted In: Ward, Los Angeles, 16; A.García, Texas, 15; Soto, New York, 15; Perez, Kansas City, 15; Santander, Baltimore, 13; Tucker, Houston, 13; Cowser, Baltimore, 12; Alvarez, Houston, 12; Garcia, Kansas City, 12; 2 tied at 11.

Pitching: Bradford, Texas, 3-0; Detmers, Los Angeles, 3-0; S.Miller, Detroit, 3-0; Weaver, New York, 3-0; 16 tied at 2-0.

Saves: Holmes, New York, 6; Clase, Cleveland, 4; Estévez, Los Angeles, 3; Fairbanks, Tampa Bay, 3; Foley, Detroit, 3; Jansen, Boston, 3; 8 tied with 2.

ATLANTA 9, MIAMI 7

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna rf	4	2	2	1	0	.273
Albies 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.317
Riley 3b	5	1	1	0	1	.267
Olson 1b	4	2	3	1	0	.293
Ozuna dh	5	1	3	4	0	.373
Duvall lf	3	1	1	2	1	.250
Arcia ss	3	0	0	0	1	.340
Harris cf	4	1	1	0	3	.316
Tromp c	3	0	0	0	2	.154
a-d'Arnaud ph-c	1	0	0	0	1	.222
TOTALS	**37**	**9**	**12**	**8**	**10**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	5	0	1	0	0	.254
Bell 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.203
Burger 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.228
Rivera 3b	2	1	0	0	1	.176
Chisholm cf	4	1	1	1	3	.208
De La Cruz dh	4	1	2	2	1	.284
J.Sanchez rf	4	1	1	1	2	.167
Gordon lf	4	1	1	2	2	.222
Brujan ss	2	1	1	0	1	.100
Anderson ss	1	0	0	0	1	.275
Fortes c	4	0	1	0	1	.115
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**9**	**6**	**14**	

Atlanta	**012 200 103**	**9 12**	**0**
Miami	**010 213 000**	**7 9**	**1**

a-struck out for Tromp in the 8th. **E:** Burger (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 6, Miami 3. **2B:** Harris (3), Ozuna (3), Bell (2), Chisholm (3), Brujan (1). HR: Duvall (1), off Luzardo; Ozuna (7), off Scott; De La Cruz (2), off Morton; Gordon (3), off Lee. **RBIs:** Duvall 2(6), Olson (11), Acuna (5), Ozuna 4(21), De La Cruz 2 (6), Chisholm (9), J.Sanchez (5), Gordon 2(9). SB: Acuna (7), Albies (2). SF: Duvall. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 4(Albies, Duvall 2, Harris); Miami 0. **RISP:** Atlanta 5for 12; Miami 5 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Arraez, De La Cruz. **GIDP:** Tromp, Arraez. **DP:** Atlanta 1(Olson, Arcia, Olson); Miami 1(Rivera, Arraez, Bell).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton	5⅔	7	6	6	1	8	5.29
Lee	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	1.08
Jimenez	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.59
Minter, W, 2-1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.57
Iglesias, S, 3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.60

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo	5	7	5	5	1	4	7.65
S.Sanchez	1	0	0	0	1	1	8.44
Bender, H, 4	1	3	1	1	0	1	5.14
Nardi, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	3	12.27
Scott, L, 0-3, BS, 1-2	1	2	3	3	1	1	4.70

Inherited runners-scored: Lee 1-1. **HBP:** S.Sanchez (Duvall). **Umpires:** Home, Paul Clemons; First, D.J. Reyburn; Second, Brennan Miller; Third, Brian O'Nora. T: 2:32. **A:** 20,757(37,446).

CINCINNATI 11, CHI. WHITE SOX 4

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	1	0	1	1	.196
Benson cf	2	1	1	0	1	.220
Enc.-Strand 1b	5	1	2	4	1	.185
Steer lf	3	1	0	0	1	.346
Fraley rf	3	3	2	0	0	.424
De La Cruz ss	5	0	0	0	2	.286
Candelario 3b	5	1	2	2	1	.182
Martini dh	5	2	3	3	0	.290
Stephenson c	5	1	1	1	0	.250
TOTALS	**38**	**11**	**11**	**11**	**7**	

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grossman rf	2	0	1	0	1	.222
Benintendi lf	5	0	1	1	1	.145
Vaughn dh	4	1	1	0	3	.185
Sheets 1b	4	0	1	1	3	.286
Lee c	4	0	0	0	2	.269
Fletcher cf	4	1	2	1	1	.250
Sosa 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.200
DeJong ss	4	1	1	0	0	.176
Lopez 2b	3	1	0	0	1	.143
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**12**	

Cincinnati	**004 020 401**	**11 11**	**1**
Chi. White Sox	**000 200 200**	**4 8**	**3**

E: Fraley (1), Lopez (1), Grossman (1), Benintendi (1). **LOB:** Cincinnati 9, Chicago 9. **2B:** Stephenson (3), DeJong (3). HR: Encarnacion-Strand (2), off Soroka; Martini (3), off Banks. **RBIs:** Encarnacion-Strand 4(12), Candelario 2 (6), Martini 3(12), Stephenson (5), India (4), Fletcher (4), Benintendi (2), Sheets (8). SB: Steer (3), Benson 2(4), Fraley 3(4). CS: Candelario (1). SF: India, Sheets. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 6(Steer 3, De La Cruz 2, Stephenson); Chicago 4(Lee 2, DeJong, Sosa). **RISP:** Cincinnati 6for 18; Chicago 2for 8. **Runners moved up:** De La Cruz, Stephenson, Lee. **GIDP:** Benintendi. **DP:** Cincinnati 1(India, De La Cruz, Encarnacion-Strand).

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashcraft, W, 2-1	5⅔	5	2	1	2	8	4.15
Sims, H, 3	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	6.23
J.Wilson	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.91
Pagan	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.05
Diaz	1	0	0	0	1	2	6.00

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Soroka, L, 0-2	4⅔	5	5	5	6	4	6.98
Banks	2	4	5	2	2	2	3.68
Anderson	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	7.71
Hill	1	1	1	0	0	1	8.31

Inherited runners-scored: Sims 2-0, J.Wilson 2-2, Banks 1-1, Anderson 3-2. **WP:** J.Wilson. **Umpires:** Home, Derek Thomas; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Mike Muchlinski; Third, Jansen Visconti. T: 2:57. **A:** 17,589(40,241).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

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BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
McMahon Col	15	56	22	7	.393
W.Smith LAD	15	59	21	6	.356
Turang Mil	12	43	16	8	.372
Steer Cin	14	49	18	11	.367
Willi.Contreras Mil	13	52	19	15	.365
Arcia Atl	13	50	18	7	.360
Ohtani LAD	17	70	24	13	.343
Ozuna Atl	13	54	19	10	.352
M.Taylor Pit	12	40	14	8	.350
Winker Was	13	40	14	8	.350

Home Runs: Ozuna, Atlanta, 6; Alonso, New York, 6; Betts, Los Angeles, 6; Yelich, Milwaukee, 5; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 5; Tatis, San Diego, 5; 5 tied at 4.

Runs Batted In: Steer, Cincinnati, 18; Gurriel, Arizona, 18; Ozuna, Atlanta, 17; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 17; Burger, Miami, 15; Willi.Contreras, Milwaukee, 14; Cronenworth, San Diego, 14; Betts, Los Angeles, 14; Albies, Atlanta, 13; Suzuki, Chicago, 13.

Pitching: Glasnow, Los Angeles, 3-0; Peguero, Milwaukee, 3-0; 15 tied at 2-0.

Saves: Finnegan, Washington, 5; Helsley, St. Louis, 5; Phillips, Los Angeles, 5; Suarez, San Diego, 4; Ginkel, Arizona, 3; Uribe, Milwaukee, 3.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Atl	Lopez (R)		1-0	0.75	1-1	0-0	2.0	0.00	1-0	12.0	0.75
Hou	Arrighetti (R)	7:10p	0-1	21.00	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	3.0	21.00
StL	Gray (R)		1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	4.0	2.25	1-1	15.0	1.20
Oak	Stripling (R)	8:40p	0-3	5.50	0-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	18.0	5.50
Cin	Montas (R)		2-1	2.16	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	16.2	2.16
Sea	Kirby (R)	8:42p	1-2	8.16	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	14.1	8.16

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cle	Curry (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	4.2	1.93	0-2	9.1	9.64
Bos	Crawford (R)	10:10a	0-0	0.57	1-2	0-1	7.0	3.86	0-0	15.2	0.57
Min	Varland (R)		0-2	9.00	0-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	13.1	10.13
Bal	Irvin (L)	5:35p	0-1	8.10	1-1	0-0	11.1	1.59	0-2	15.2	7.47
Tex	Lorenzen (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	17.0	6.88
Det	Olson (R)	5:40p	0-1	5.40	1-1	0-0	1.2	5.40	0-1	15.2	4.02
LAA	Sandoval (L)		1-2	6.57	1-2	0-1	5.0	7.20	1-2	12.1	6.57
TBR	Eflin (R)	5:50p	1-2	6.35	1-2	0-1	5.0	9.00	1-2	17.0	6.35
NYY	Rodon (L)		1-0	1.72	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	15.2	1.72
Tor	Bassitt (R)	6:07p	1-2	5.06	1-2	1-0	14.2	0.00	1-2	16.0	5.06
KC	Lugo (R)		2-0	1.45	2-1	1-0	6.2	1.35	2-0	18.2	1.45
ChW	Fedde (R)	6:40p	0-0	4.30	0-3	0-0	5.0	1.80	0-0	14.2	4.30

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Col	Quantrill (R)		0-2	7.20	0-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	15.0	7.20
Phi	Nola (R)	5:40p	2-1	4.50	2-1	0-1	14.0	4.50	2-1	16.0	4.50
SF	Harrison (L)		1-1	4.76	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	4.76
Mia	Puk (L)	5:40p	0-3	5.91	0-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	10.2	5.91
Pit	Perez (L)		1-0	1.90	2-1	1-0	5.0	0.00	1-0	19.0	1.89
NYM	Houser (R)	6:10p	0-1	5.40	0-2	1-0	6.0	1.50	1-1	15.0	3.60
SD	Musgrove (R)		1-2	6.87	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.2	5.17
Mil	Miley (L)	6:40p	0-0	2.25	1-0	1-0	7.0	0.00	1-0	15.0	1.20
ChC	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Ari	Kelly (R)	8:40p	2-0	2.29	2-1	0-0	5.2	1.59	2-0	19.2	2.29
Was	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
LAD	Glasnow (R)	9:10p	3-0	2.25	4-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	19.0	1.89

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 9, San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Detroit 4, Minnesota 3
Toronto 5, Colorado 0
Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 4
Boston 5, L.A. Angels 4
Houston 8, Texas 5
Cleveland 8, N.Y. Yankees 7 (10)
Cincinnati 11, Chi. White Sox 4
Chi. Cubs 3, Seattle 2
Oakland 7, Washington 6

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Texas at Detroit, 12:10p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 5:35p.m.
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 5:50p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:07p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 6:10p.m.
Kansas City at Chi. White Sox, 6:40p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Cincinnati at Seattle, 8:40p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 8:40p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
G1: N.Y. Yankees 3, Cleveland 2
G2: N.Y. Yankees 8, Cleveland 2
G1: Minnesota 11, Detroit 5 (12)
G2: Minnesota 4, Detroit 1
Kansas City 11, N.Y. Mets 7
Cincinnati 5, Chi. White Sox 0
San Francisco 11, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 7, L.A. Angels 2
Houston 9, Texas 2
Milwaukee 11, Baltimore 5
Chi. Cubs 4, Seattle 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 9, San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Kansas City 1
Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 2
Toronto 5, Colorado 0
Atlanta 9, Miami 7
Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 4
Cincinnati 11, Chi. White Sox 4
Arizona 5, St. Louis 0
Chi. Cubs 3, Seattle 2
Oakland 7, Washington 6
San Diego 6, L.A. Dodgers 3

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Colorado at Philadelphia, 5:40p.m.
San Francisco at Miami, 5:40p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 6:10p.m.
San Diego at Milwaukee, 6:40p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Chi. Cubs at Arizona, 8:40p.m.
Cincinnati at Seattle, 8:40p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 8:40p.m.
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 11, N.Y. Mets 7
Cincinnati 5, Chi. White Sox 0
Toronto 5, Colorado 3
Miami 5, Atlanta 1
San Francisco 11, Tampa Bay 2
Washington 3, Oakland 1
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3
Milwaukee 11, Baltimore 5
Arizona 4, St. Louis 2
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Diego 2
Chi. Cubs 4, Seattle 1

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Pirates:** Andrew McCutchen hit his 300th home run, Jack Suwinski had a grand slam and the Pirates defeated the Phillies 9-2 on Sunday to gain a split of the four-game series. Phillies star Bryce Harper was 0 for 4 and is in a 2-for-30 slide that has dropped his average to .190. The 37-year-old McCutchen, who played for the Phillies from 2019-21, drove a Ricardo Pinto slider into the left-field seats in the ninth inning for his first home run this season. He became the 13th player with 2,000 hits, 400 doubles, 45 triples, 300 homers and 200 stolen bases. "I'm happy that's over with. I've been sitting on that one for a while," McCutchen said.

■ **Guardians:** Andrés Giménez's sacrifice fly capped the Guardians' wild, three-run rally in the 10th inning as they salvaged the finale of a three-game series with a stunning 8-7 win over the Yankees on Sunday. Down 7-5, the Guardians scored three in the 10th off Caleb Ferguson (0-2) on a forceout, fielder's choice and sacrifice fly.

■ **Astros:** Jose Altuve homered off Nathan Eovaldi in his first two at-bats and Cristian Javier pitched seven strong innings to lead the Astros to an 8-5 win over the Rangers on Sunday. After dropping the series opener 12-8, the Astros have won back-to-back games following a 4-11 start that left them seven games under .500 for the first time since 2016.

■ **Red Sox:** Masataka Yoshida hit his first homer of the season, one of three home runs by Boston on Sunday, and the Red Sox beat the Angeles 5-4.

■ **Tigers:** Mark Canha's two-run double highlighted a four-run eighth inning for the Tigers as they rallied to beat the Twins 4-3 on Sunday. The Tigers trailed 3-0 after seven innings, but took the lead against Caleb Thielbar and Griffin Jax.

■ **Braves:** Marcell Ozuna hit a three-run homer off Tanner Scott with two outs in the ninth inning, and the Braves beat the Marlins 9-7 on Sunday to take two of three. The Braves wasted a 5-1 lead and fell behind 7-5 in the sixth when Jesús Sánchez hit a tying RBI single with two outs against Charlie Morton and scored on Nick Gordon's two-run homer off Dylan Lee.

■ **Rays:** Amed Rosario and René Pinto homered off Blake Snell in his return to Tropicana Field, and the Rays beat the San Francisco Giants 9-4 on Sunday. Snell (0-2) gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out four over four innings in his second start with the Giants after signing a $62 million, two-year contract that allows him to opt out after this season.

■ **Mets:** Harrison Bader broke a scoreless tie with an infield single in the eighth inning and Edwin Díaz earned his first save at Citi Field since October 2022 as the Mets edged the Royals 2-1 on Sunday.

■ **Orioles:** Jackson Holliday delivered his first big league hit in the seventh inning, then scored the tiebreaking run to help the Orioles avoid a sweep with a 6-4 victory over the Brewers on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
z-Boston	64	18	.780	—
x-New York	50	32	.610	14
Philadelphia	47	35	.573	17
Brooklyn	32	50	.390	32
Toronto	25	57	.305	39

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Orlando	47	35	.573	—
Miami	46	36	.561	1
Atlanta	36	46	.439	11
Charlotte	21	61	.256	26
Washington	15	67	.183	32

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Milwaukee	49	33	.598	—
x-Cleveland	48	34	.585	1
x-Indiana	47	35	.573	2
Chicago	39	43	.476	10
Detroit	14	68	.171	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Dallas	50	32	.610	—
New Orleans	49	33	.598	1
Houston	41	41	.500	9
Memphis	27	55	.329	23
San Antonio	22	60	.268	28

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
z-Oklahoma City	57	25	.695	—
x-Denver	57	25	.695	—
x-Minnesota	56	26	.683	1
Utah	31	51	.378	26
Portland	21	61	.256	36

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	51	31	.622	—
x-Phoenix	49	33	.598	2
L.A. Lakers	47	35	.573	4
Sacramento	46	36	.561	5
Golden State	46	36	.561	5

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Charlotte 120, Cleveland 110
Boston 132, Washington 122
Philadelphia 107, Brooklyn 86
Indiana 157, Atlanta 115
Miami 118, Toronto 103
Orlando 113, Milwaukee 88
New York 120, Chicago 119 (OT)
San Antonio 123, Detroit 95
Houston 116, L.A. Clippers 105
Oklahoma City 135, Dallas 86
Denver 126, Memphis 111
Golden State 123, Utah 116
L.A. Lakers 124, New Orleans 108
Phoenix 125, Minnesota 106
Sacramento 121, Portland 82

MONDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S PLAY-IN FIRST ROUND
#8L.A. Lakers vs. #8 New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.
#10 Golden St. vs. #9 Sacramento 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S PLAY-IN FIRST ROUND
#8Miami at #7Philadelphia, 6p.m.
#10Atlanta at #9Chicago, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.
Eastern Conference

PLAYOFFS FIRST ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE
#1 Boston vs. Play-In low seed winner
G1: April 21 in Boston, TBD
#2 New York vs. Play-In high seed winner
G1: Saturday in New York, TBD
#3 Milwaukee vs. #6 Indiana
G1: April 21 in Milwaukee, TBD
(4) Cleveland vs. (5) Orlando
G1: Saturday in Cleveland, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
#1 Okla. City vs. Play-In low seed winner
G1: April 21 in Oklahom City, TBD
#2 Denver vs. Play-In high seed Winner
G1: Saturday in Denver, TBD
#3 Minnesota vs. #6 Phoenix
G1: Saturday in Minneapolis, TBD
#4 L.A. Clippers vs. #5 Dallas
G1: April 21 in Los Angeles, TBD

NBA TEAM STATISTICS

Through Saturday

Team Offense	G	Pts	Avg
Indiana	81	9953	122.9
Boston	81	9755	120.4
Oklahoma City	81	9712	119.9
Milwaukee	81	9668	119.4
Atlanta	81	9588	118.4
Dallas	81	9578	118.2
L.A. Lakers	81	9555	118.0
Golden State	81	9534	117.7
Sacramento	81	9437	116.5
Phoenix	81	9407	116.1
L.A. Clippers	81	9376	115.8
Utah	81	9368	115.7
New Orleans	81	9328	115.2
Philadelphia	81	9290	114.7
Denver	81	9292	114.7
Houston	81	9259	114.3
Washington	81	9205	113.6
Minnesota	81	9158	113.1
New York	81	9129	112.7
Cleveland	81	9126	112.7
Toronto	81	9110	112.5
Chicago	81	9087	112.2
San Antonio	81	9069	112.0
Brooklyn	81	8964	110.7
Orlando	81	8945	110.4
Detroit	81	8915	110.1
Miami	81	8914	110.0
Portland	81	8640	106.7
Charlotte	81	8620	106.4
Memphis	81	8566	105.8

Team Defense	G	Pts	Avg
Minnesota	81	8610	106.3
New York	81	8754	108.1
Miami	81	8785	108.5
Orlando	81	8804	108.7
Boston	81	8835	109.1
Denver	81	8876	109.6
Cleveland	81	8918	110.1
New Orleans	81	8950	110.5
Philadelphia	81	9061	111.9
L.A. Clippers	81	9096	112.3
Memphis	81	9125	112.7
Oklahoma City	81	9153	113.0
Brooklyn	81	9180	113.3
Houston	81	9178	113.3
Phoenix	81	9175	113.3
Chicago	81	9204	113.6
Golden State	81	9327	115.1
Sacramento	81	9333	115.2
Portland	81	9341	115.3
Dallas	81	9348	115.4
Milwaukee	81	9428	116.4
Charlotte	81	9470	116.9
L.A. Lakers	81	9522	117.6
Toronto	81	9623	118.8
Detroit	81	9634	118.9
San Antonio	81	9629	118.9
Atlanta	81	9725	120.1
Indiana	81	9745	120.3
Utah	81	9762	120.5
Washington	81	9957	122.9

WNBA DRAFT

SELECTION ORDER

Draft: Monday, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.
FIRST ROUND
1. Indiana Fever
2. Los Angeles Sparks
3. Chicago Sky (from Phoenix)
4. Los Angeles Sparks (from Seattle)
5. Dallas Wings (from Chicago)
6. Washington Mystics
7. Chicago Sky (from Min, Atl, via L.A.)
8. Minnesota Lynx (from Chicago)
9. Dallas Wings
10. Connecticut Sun
11. New York Libert
12. Atlanta Dream (from LVA, via L.A.)

SECOND ROUND
13. Chicago Sky (from Phoenix)
14. Seattle Storm
15. Indiana Fever
16. Las Vegas Aces (from L.A.)
17. New York Liberty (from Chicago)
18. Las Vegas Aces (from Washington)
19. Connecticut Sun (from Minnesota)
20. Atlanta Dream
21. Washington Mystics (from Dallas)
22. Connecticut Sun
23. New York Liberty
24. Las Vegas Aces

THIRD ROUND
25. Phoenix Mercury
26. Seattle Storm
27. Indiana Fever
28. Los Angeles Sparks
29. Phoenix Mercury (from Chicago)
30. Washington Mystics
31. Minnesota Lynx
32. Atlanta Dream
33. Dallas Wings
34. Connecticut Sun
35. New York Liberty
36. Las Vegas Aces

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Boston	80	47	18	15	109	266	219
x-Florida	81	51	24	6	108	263	198
x-Toronto	80	46	24	10	102	297	252
x-Tampa Bay	80	44	28	8	96	283	260
Detroit	80	39	32	9	87	268	266
Buffalo	81	38	37	6	82	242	242
Ottawa	80	36	40	4	76	252	276
Montreal	80	30	36	14	74	228	279

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	81	54	23	4	112	278	229
x-Carolina	81	52	22	7	111	276	210
N.Y. Islanders	80	37	27	16	90	237	258
Washington	80	38	31	11	87	216	256
Philadelphia	81	38	32	11	87	234	259
Pittsburgh	80	37	31	12	86	247	244
New Jersey	81	38	38	5	81	263	279
Columbus	81	26	43	12	64	231	297

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
y-Dallas	81	51	21	9	111	296	233
x-Winnipeg	80	50	24	6	106	251	194
x-Colorado	81	49	25	7	105	299	253
x-Nashville	81	47	29	5	99	267	244
St. Louis	81	43	33	5	91	238	248
Minnesota	80	38	33	9	85	245	258
Arizona	81	35	41	5	75	251	272
Chicago	80	23	52	5	51	174	282

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Vancouver	80	49	22	9	107	273	218
x-Edmonton	79	48	25	6	102	282	225
x-Los Angeles	80	43	26	11	97	250	208
x-Vegas	80	44	28	8	96	263	240
Calgary	80	37	38	5	79	247	266
Seattle	80	33	34	13	79	210	229
Anaheim	81	26	50	5	57	200	294
San Jose	80	19	52	9	47	178	317

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 4, Seattle 1
Vegas 4, Colorado 3 (OT)
Carolina 4, Chicago 2
Calgary 6, Arizona 5

MONDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Washington, 6p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6p.m.
Montreal at Detroit, 6p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6p.m.
Nashville at Pittsburgh, 6p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 8:30p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at Columbus, 6p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6p.m.
Ottawa at Boston, 6p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30p.m.
Seattle at Winnipeg, 7p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 9p.m.
Chicago at Vegas, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 6p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 2 (SO)
Dallas 3, Seattle 1
Winnipeg 7, Colorado 0
Philadelphia 1, New Jersey 0
Florida 3, Buffalo 2 (OT)
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 5, Toronto 4, OT
Ottawa 5, Montreal 4 (SO)
Nashville 6, Columbus 4
Boston 6, Pittsburgh 4
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 1
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1
Minnesota 6, San Jose 2

COLLEGE HOCKEY

NCAA FROZEN FOUR

At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.
SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
#3Denver 2, #1Boston College 0

RECENT RESULTS

2023: Quinnipiac 3, Minnesota 2 (OT)
2022: Denver 5, Minnesota State 1
2021: UMass 5, St. Cloud State 1
2020: Canceled; COVID-19 pandemic
2019: Minnesota-Duluth 3, UMass 0
2018: Minn.-Duluth 2, Notre Dame 1
2017: Denver 3, Minnesota-Duluth 2
2016: North Dakota 5, Quinnipiac 1
2015: Providence 4, Boston U. 3
2014: Union 7, Minnesota 4

ODDS

MLB — MONDAY

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Boston	-134	Cleveland	+114
at Baltimore	-148	Minnesota	+126
Texas	-116	at Detroit	-102
at Tampa Bay	-162	LA Angels	+136
NY Yankees	off	at Toronto	off
Kansas City	-184	at Chi. Wh. Sox	+154

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
San Francisco	-124	at Miami	+106
at Philadelphia	-275	Colorado	+225
Pittsburgh	-124	at NY Mets	+106
San Diego	-120	at Milwaukee	+102
at Arizona	-158	Chi. Cubs	+134
at LA Dodgers	off	Washington	off

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Atlanta	-122	at Houston	+104
St. Louis	-168	at Oakland	+142
at Seattle	-158	Cincinnati	+134

NHL — MONDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Detroit	-200	Montreal	+162
Boston	-156	at Washington	+130
at New Jersey	-114	NY Islanders	-105
at Tampa Bay	-178	Buffalo	+146
at Pittsburgh	-140	Nashville	+116
at NY Rangers	-230	Ottawa	+188
at Los Angeles	-170	Minnesota	+140
at Edmonton	-410	San Jose	+315

NBA PLAY-IN — WEDNESDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	(O/U)	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	4½	(208)	Miami
at Chicago	3½	(218)	Atlanta

WNBA DRAFT

Angel Reese will come off the board?

#2	+3400	#3	+2000
#4	+1600	#5	+500
#6	+340	#7	+125
#8	+380	source: FanDuel	

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NFL

2024 NFL DRAFT ORDER

#	FIRST ROUND	W-L	W%	SOS
1	Chicago (via Car)	2-15	.118	.522
2	Washington	4-13	.235	.512
3	New England	4-13	.235	.522
4	Arizona	4-13	.235	.561
5	LA Chargers	5-12	.294	.529
6	NY Giants	6-11	.353	.512
7	Tennessee	6-11	.353	.522
8	Atlanta	7-10	.412	.429
9	Chicago	7-10	.412	.464
10	NY Jets	7-10	.412	.502
11	Minnesota	7-10	.412	.509
12	Denver	8-9	.471	.488
13	Las Vegas	8-9	.471	.488
14	New Orleans	9-8	.529	.433
15	Indianapolis	9-8	.529	.491
16	Seattle	9-8	.529	.512
17	Jacksonville	9-8	.529	.533
18	Cincinnati	9-8	.529	.574
19.	L.A. Rams	10-7	.588	.529
20.	Pittsburgh	10-7	.588	.540
21.	Miami	11-6	.647	.450
22.	Phildelphia	11-6	.647	.481
23.	Houston (via Cle)	11-6	.647	.536
24.	Dallas	12-5	.706	.446
25	Green Bay	9-8	.529	.474
26	Tampa Bay	9-8	.529	.481
27	Arizona (via Hou)	10-7	.588	.474
28	Buffalo	11-6	.647	.471
29	Detroit	12-5	.706	.481
30	Baltimore	13-4	.765	.543
31	San Francisco	12-5	.706	.509
32	Kansas City	11-6	.647	.481

Draft dates: April 25-27 at Campus Martius Park, Hart Plaza, Detroit

GOLF

88TH MASTERS TOURNAMENT

4thf 4 rounds at Augusta National GC; Augusta, Ga.; 7,555 yards Par: 72; a-amateur

Scottie Scheffler	66-72-71-68—277 -11
Ludvig Aberg,	73-69-70-69—281 -7
Tommy Fleetwood	72-71-72-69—284 -4
Max Homa	67-71-73-73—284 -4
Collin Morikawa	71-70-69-74—284 -4
Bryson DeChambeau	65-73-75-73—286 -2
Cameron Smith	71-72-72-71—286 -2
Xander Schauffele	72-72-70-73—287 -1
Tyrrell Hatton	72-74-73-69—288 E
Cameron Young	70-73-72-73—288 E
Will Zalatoris	70-77-72-69—288 E
Cameron Davis	69-72-73-75—289 +1
Matthieu Pavon	70-73-74-72—289 +1
Patrick Reed	74-70-73-72—289 +1
Adam Schenk	73-71-72-73—289 +1
Byeong Hun An	70-73-72-75—290 +2
Nicolai Hojgaard	67-73-74-76—290 +2
Chris Kirk	74-75-68-73—290 +2
Sepp Straka	73-71-74-72—290 +2
Lucas Glover	71-73-72-75—291 +3
Taylor Moore	71-75-75-70—291 +3
Keegan Bradley	78-71-74-69—292 +4
Patrick Cantlay	71-75-70-76—292 +4
Harris English	72-74-75-71—292 +4
Matt Fitzpatrick	71-73-73-75—292 +4
Min Woo Lee	74-74-75-69—292 +4
Rory McIlroy	71-77-71-73—292 +4
Joaquin Niemann	70-78-71-73—292 +4
Adam Scott	76-74-70-72—292 +4
Jason Day	75-73-76-69—293 +5
Rickie Fowler	76-74-71-72—293 +5
Si Woo Kim	74-76-73-70—293 +5
Tom Kim	72-78-77-66—293 +5
J.T. Poston	75-74-74-70—293 +5
Akshay Bhatia	72-75-74-73—294 +6
Kurt Kitayama	71-73-82-68—294 +6
Camilo Villegas	74-75-76-69—294 +6
Corey Conners	70-76-76-73—295 +7
Ryan Fox	69-74-77-75—295 +7
Russell Henley	73-77-74-71—295 +7
Luke List	75-75-71-74—295 +7
Hideki Matsuyama	76-74-71-74—295 +7
Shane Lowry	73-74-75-74—296 +8
Phil Mickelson	73-75-74-74—296 +8
Brooks Koepka	73-73-76-75—297 +9
Denny McCarthy	74-74-79-70—297 +9
Jose Maria Olazabal	77-73-75-72—297 +9
Jon Rahm	73-76-72-76—297 +9
Sahith Theegala	74-74-74-75—297 +9
Danny Willett	68-75-76-78—297 +9
Grayson Murray	76-74-78-70—298 +10
Eric Cole	73-72-81-73—299 +11
Adam Hadwin	75-73-82-70—300 +12
Neal Shipley	71-76-80-73—300 +12
Tony Finau	71-78-72-80—301 +13
Jake Knapp	74-76-78-73—301 +13
Erik Van Rooyen	71-76-78-76—301 +13
Thorbjorn Olesen	71-79-77-75—302 +14
Vijay Singh	75-73-82-72—302 +14
Tiger Woods	73-72-82-77—304 +16

RECENT MASTERS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

YR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SC	PAR	MARGIN
2024	Scottie Scheffler	Ludvig Åberg	277	-11	4
2023	Jon Rahm	Brooks Koepka, Phil Mickelson	276	-12	4
2022	Scottie Scheffler	Rory McIlroy	278	-10	3
2021	Hideki Matsuyama	Will Zatoris	278	-10	1
2020	Dustin Johnson	Cameron Smith, Sung-jae Im	268	-20	5
2019	Tiger Woods	D. Johnson, B. Koepka, X. Schauffele	275	-13	1
2018	Patrick Reed	Rikie Fowler	273	-15	1
2017	Sergio García	Justin Rose	279	-9	Playoff
2016	Danny Willett	Jordan Spieth, Lee Westwood	283	-5	3
2015	Jordan Spieth	Justin Rose, Phil Mickelson	270	-18	4
2014	Bubba Watson	Jonas Blixt, Jordan Spieth	280	-8	3
2013	Adam Scott	Ángel Cabrera	279	-9	Playoff
2012	Bubba Watson	Louis Oosthuizen	278	-10	Playoff
2011	Charl Schwartzel	Jason Day, Adam Scott	274	-14	2
2010	Phil Mickelson	Lee Westwood	272	-16	3

HOW AUGUSTA NATIONAL PLAYED IN 2024

April 6-9 at Augusta National GC; Augusta, Ga.; 7,545 yards (6,900 m), par 72

HOLE	YDS	PAR	AVG	RK	+/-	E	BD	PARS	BGY	DBL+
1Teal Olive	445	4	4.2081	7	0.208	0	28	188	74	8
2Pink Dogwood	585	5	4.6577	17	-0.342	7	115	154	18	4
3Flowering Peach	350	4	3.9329	15	-0.067	3	65	186	40	4
4Flowering Crab Apple	177	3	3.2651	5	0.265	0	16	194	82	6
5Magnolia	495	4	4.3020	3	0.302	0	15	188	86	9
6 Juniper	192	3	3.0973	12	0.097	0	31	208	58	1
7Pampas	450	4	4.1946	9	0.195	0	38	175	74	11
8Yellow Jasmine	570	5	4.6409	18	-0.359	4	121	153	18	2
9 Carolina Cherry	460	4	4.0302	13	0.03	0	53	186	56	3
OUT	**3,724**	**36**	**36.3288**	**--**	**--**	**14**	**482**	**1632**	**506**	**48**
10Camellia	495	4	4.2483	6	0.248	0	31	175	81	11
11White Dogwood	520	4	4.3859	1	0.386	0	17	174	85	22
12Golden Bell	150	3	3.1980	8	0.198	0	40	185	52	21
13 Azalea	545	5	4.7584	16	-0.242	4	108	147	34	5
14 Chinese Fir	440	4	4.1711	10	0.171	1	37	177	76	7
15Firethorn	550	5	5.0067	14	0.007	1	68	176	37	16
16 Redbud	165	3	3.1577	11	0.158	0	42	185	54	17
17 Nandina	440	4	4.2852	4	0.285	1	18	187	82	10
18 Holly	465	4	4.3658	2	0.366	0	23	164	92	19
IN	**3,770**	**36**	**37.5771**	**--**	**--**	**7**	**384**	**1570**	**593**	**128**
TOTAL	**7,494**	**72**	**73.9059**	**--**	**--**	**21**	**866**	**3202**	**1099**	**176**

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	4	2	3	15	19	14
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	1	3	15	11	7
Philadelphia	3	0	4	13	14	9
Columbus	3	1	4	13	10	7
Cincinnati	3	2	3	12	8	7
Atlanta	3	2	2	11	12	7
Charlotte FC	3	3	2	11	9	8
CF Montréal	3	3	1	10	10	14
Toronto FC	3	4	1	10	8	12
D.C. United	2	2	4	10	12	12
Chicago	2	3	3	9	11	14
New York City FC	2	4	2	8	7	9
Orlando City	2	3	2	8	8	13
Nashville	1	2	4	7	8	13
New England	1	5	1	4	5	13

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	4	1	3	15	17	12
Vancouver	4	2	1	13	15	9
Houston	4	2	1	13	9	7
Real Salt Lake	3	2	3	12	11	8
Colorado	3	2	3	12	13	12
Los Angeles FC	3	3	2	11	13	12
Minnesota United	3	2	2	11	10	9
St Louis City	2	1	5	11	12	11
Sporting KC	2	2	4	10	14	13
Portland	2	3	3	9	16	16
Austin FC	2	3	3	9	11	13
Seattle	1	3	3	6	9	7
FC Dallas	1	4	2	5	6	10
San Jose	1	7	0	3	10	20

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 2
St Louis City 1, Austin FC 0

SATURDAY'S GMATCHES
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Portland at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at Miami, 6:30p.m.
Orlando City at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
D.C. United at New York City FC, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 6:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at Houston, 7:30p.m.
St Louis City at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Colorado, 8:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Minnesota at Charlotte FC, 5p.m.
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 6p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Los Angeles FC 2, Portland 2
Charlotte FC 3, Toronto FC 2
Orlando City 3, D.C. United 2
CF Montréal 2, Cincinnati 1
New York City FC 2, New England 0
Chicago 0, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Seattle 0, FC Dallas 0
Miami 3, Sporting Kansas City 2
Houston 2, Minnesota 1
Columbus 0, Real Salt Lake 0
LA Galaxy 3, Vancouver 1
Colorado 3, San Jose 0

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Kansas City	3	0	1	10	12	8
North Carolina	3	1	0	9	9	3
Washington	3	1	0	9	7	4
Chicago	2	1	1	7	5	3
Orlando	1	0	3	6	5	4
Bay FC	2	2	0	6	7	7
Gotham FC	1	1	1	4	2	2
San Diego	1	1	1	4	2	2
Louisville	0	0	4	4	4	4
Angel City	1	2	1	4	4	6
Houston	1	2	1	4	5	10
Seattle	1	3	0	3	4	6
Utah Royals FC	1	3	0	3	3	6
Portland	0	3	1	1	6	10

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 1, Gotham FC 1
Bay FC 3, Seattle 2

FRIDAY'S MATCH
San Diego at Orlando, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	32	22	7	3	76	32	73
Arsenal	32	22	5	5	75	26	71
Liverpool	32	21	8	3	72	31	71
Aston Villa	33	19	6	8	68	49	63
Tottenham	32	18	6	8	65	49	60
Newcastle	32	15	5	12	69	52	50
Man United	32	15	5	12	47	48	50
West Ham	33	13	9	11	52	58	48
Chelsea	30	12	8	10	55	52	44
Brighton	32	11	11	10	52	50	44
Wolverhampton	32	12	7	13	46	51	43
Fulham	33	12	6	15	49	51	42
Bournemouth	32	11	9	12	47	57	42
Crystal Palace	32	8	9	15	37	54	33
Brentford	33	8	8	17	47	58	32
Everton	31	9	8	14	32	42	27
Notting. Forest	33	7	9	17	42	58	26
Luton Town	33	6	7	20	46	70	25
Burnley	33	4	8	21	33	68	20
Sheffield United	32	3	7	22	30	84	16

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Crystal Palace 1, Liverpool 0
Fulham 2, West Ham United 0
Aston Villa 2, Arsenal 0

MONDAY'S MATCH
Chelsea vs. Everton, 2p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP AUTOTRADER ECHOPARK AUTOMOTIVE 400

Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas. Lap length: 1.50 miles

FN	ST	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	24	Chase Elliott	C	276	45
2	22	Brad Keselowski	F	276	40
3	6	William Byron	C	276	36
4	4	Tyler Reddick	T	276	40
5	17	Daniel Suárez	C	276	32
6	5	Chase Briscoe	F	276	43
7	10	Bubba Wallace	T	276	40
8	15	Austin Dillon	C	276	29
9	35	Kyle Busch	C	276	28
10	16	Carson Hocevar	C	276	27
11	20	Joey Logano	F	276	26
12	26	Ryan Preece	F	276	25
13	2	Ty Gibbs	T	276	26
14	9	Martin Truex Jr	T	276	23
15	19	Chris Buescher	F	276	22
16	36	Ty Dillon	C	276	0
17	3	Christopher Bell	T	276	29
18	21	Noah Gragson	F	276	19
19	27	Erik Jones	T	276	25
20	38	Daniel Hemric	C	276	17
21	1	Kyle Larson	C	276	26
22	23	Corey LaJoie	C	276	15
23	31	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	276	17
24	32	Justin Haley	F	276	13
25	8	Austin Cindric	F	276	12
26	18	Zane Smith	C	276	11
27	33	Kaz Grala	F	276	10
28	29	Harrison Burton	F	276	13
29	37	Jimmie Johnson	T	276	8
30	11	Denny Hamlin	T	276	15
31	28	Todd Gilliland	F	276	6
32	12	Ross Chastain	C	275-a	15
33	7	Ryan Blaney	F	268	17
34	30	John H. Nemechek	T	226-a	3
35	13	Michael McDowell	F	143-a	5
36	25	Josh Berry	F	136-a	1
37	14	Alex Bowman	C	100-a	1
38	34	Austin Hill	C	98-g	0

a-accident; g-garage; C-Chevolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota

RACE STATISTICS
Winner's average speed: 116.488 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 33 minutes, 14 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Under Caution.
Caution Flags: 16 for 72 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 13 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Larson 0-35; T.Gibbs 36-40; C.Elliott 41-52; K.Larson 53-54; C.Bell 55; K.Larson 56-84; R.Blaney 85-87; A.Hill 88; R.Blaney 89-99; K.Larson 100; R.Blaney 101-103; T.Gilliland 104-106; K.Larson 107-116; D.Hamlin 117-138; R.Chastain 139-167; B.Wallace 168-172; H.Burton 173-179; T.Reddick 180-213; R.Chastain 214-217; J.Logano 218-231; T.Reddick 232-234; C.Elliott 235-244; D.Hamlin 245-259; C.Elliott 260-276
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Larson, 5 times for 77 laps; C.Elliott, 3 times for 39 laps; T.Reddick, 2 times for 37 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 37 laps; R.Chastain, 2 times for 33 laps; R.Blaney, 3 times for 17 laps; J.Logano, 1 time for 14 laps; H.Burton, 1 time for 7 laps; B.Wallace, 1 time for 5 laps; T.Gibbs, 1 time for 5 laps; T.Gilliland, 1 time for 3 laps; C.Bell, 1 time for 1 lap; A.Hill, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: W.Byron, 3; D.Hamlin, 2; K.Larson, 1; C.Bell, 1; D.Suárez, 1, Ch. Elliott
Top 16 in Points (pre-race): 1. K.Larson, 309; 2. M.Truex, 295; 3. D.Hamlin, 292; 4. W.Byron, 261; 5. R.Blaney, 261; 6. C.Elliott, 258; 7. T.Gibbs, 254; 8. R.Chastain, 232; 9. T.Reddick, 229; 10. A.Bowman, 227; 11. C.Bell, 221; 12. B.Wallace, 216; 13. C.Buescher, 207; 14. J.Logano, 191; 15. K.Busch, 189; 16. C.Briscoe, 188.

TENNIS

ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS

Sunday at Monte Carlo CC; Monte Carlo, Monaco; outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#12 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #8 Casper Ruud, 6-1, 6-4.

UFL FOOTBALL

USFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	3	0	0	1.000	80	41
Michigan	2	1	0	.667	65	56
Memphis	1	2	0	.333	51	65
Houston	0	3	0	.000	50	75

XFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	74	66
San Antonio	2	1	0	.667	71	62
DC	2	1	0	.667	64	73
Arlington	0	3	0	.000	66	83

WEEK 3
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Michigan 34, Houston 20
St. Louis 31, San Antonio 24

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
DC 29, Arlington 28
Birmingham 33, Memphis 14

WEEK 4
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
Memphis at St. Louis, 11:30a.m.
DC at Birmingham, 6p.m.
Michigan at San Antonio, 6p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Arlington at Houston, 1p.m.



Chase Elliott celebrates his victory on Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. The win snapped a 42-race winless streak. **RANDY HOLT/AP**

NASCAR

Elliott snaps winless streak

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Chase Elliott had to get through a few extra laps after 18 months since last winning a race.

Elliott pulled ahead and cleared Ross Chastain on the first lap after the second restart in overtime Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, ending a 42-race winless streak for NASCAR's most popular driver.

"A lot of things went on our way today. I'm not naive to that," Elliott said. "You have to be in the mix and you've got to be up front to even have things go your way. And we were close enough to do that."

The race ended on the 16th caution after Elliott had taken the white flag for the 276th lap in a race scheduled for 267 laps. Chastain got bumped from behind by defending race winner William Byron, who finished third and was just behind Brad Keselowski when the final yellow flag came out.

It was the fifth win this season for Hendrick Motorsports, the 306th for NASCAR's winningest team, but the first for Elliott in the No. 9 Chevrolet since Talladega in October 2022.

"The longer it goes and the more ways you find to either not run good or lose races, you know it can make it tougher," Elliott said. "It's been an extremely important thing to me ... to try to climb this mountain again together."

Elliott and Denny Hamlin were at the front of the field after a restart with two laps left in regulation, and they were racing all-out when Hamlin got loose on the outside going into Turn 4 and went hard into the wall, bringing out the 14th caution and sending the race to overtime.

"Trying go for the win ... got loose and spun out," said Hamlin, the only driver to lead laps in all nine races this season.

That was the second restart in the last 10 laps of regulation, with Hamlin leading on the previous one before Elliott edged ahead about the same time that another caution came out when polesitter Kyle Larson wrecked after a crowded four-wide jumble back in the field.

On the first restart in overtime, Elliott was on the inside and took a hard shove from Keselowski, but Harrison Burton was wrecked within a half lap.

In NASCAR's only stop this season at the 1 ½-mile Texas Motor Speedway, which for the first time in 20 years won't host a fall playoff race, there were 13 different leaders.

Keselowski has now gone 107 races since his last win at Talladega in April 2021, and still looking for his first win with RFK Racing, a team he co-owns.

"The driver in me is frustrated because I feel like these are races I am good enough to win but don't have the speed enough to do it," Keselowski said. "The owner in me is mad as hell because it is my fault for not making the cars faster."

Hamlin was the third driver to wreck when running second in the race, and all of those came in the same area of the track. Chastain became the fourth to crash from the No. 2 spot. Michael McDowell was racing for the lead when he went through bumps in Turn 4 while on the outside of Chastain while racing for the lead on lap 142. The No. 34 Ford spun and slammed hard into the wall, and Chastain went on to win the second stage.

IN BRIEF

Thunder crush Mavs to lock up No. 1 seed

News services

With about 90 seconds remaining, Thunder fans stood in unison and began chanting.

O-K-C! O-K-C!

As the final moments wound down in a 135-86 win over the Mavericks, the still-standing Thunder fans celebrated a team that went from winning 24 games two seasons ago to having the best record in the Western Conference this season. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 15 points in one half of action, and the Thunder dominated a depleted Mavs squad on Sunday for the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

The Thunder finished with the same 57-25 record as the Nuggets but owns the tiebreaker.

■ Jamal Murray scored 21 points, Nikola Jokic had 15 points and 15 rebounds, and the defending champion Nuggets secured the No. 2 seed in the West with a 126-111 victory over the Grizzlies on Sunday. ... Myles Turner had 31 points and Pascal Siakam scored 28 as the Pacers beat the Hawks 157-115 on Sunday and avoided falling into the play-in tournament. ... Klay Thompson scored 25 points with six 3-pointers and the Warriors beat the Jazz 123-116 in the regular-season finale Sunday and wound up with the 10th spot in the West.

College basketball: Caitlin Clark made a surprise appearance on "Saturday Night Live" during the show's "Weekend Update" segment. The Iowa star is in New York for the WNBA draft.

Hockey: Danielle Serdachny fire in a rebound 5:16 into overtime for a power-play goal and Canada beat the U.S. 6-5 on Sunday in the women's world hockey championship gold medal game. Canada won its tournament-leading 13th gold medal.

Soccer: Bayer Leverkusen won the Bundesliga title for the first time Sunday to end Bayern Munich's 11-year reign as champion.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Advantage Man City in PL title race



With a certain inevitability, Manchester City is suddenly in charge of the Premier League title race. Arsenal and Liverpool both produced lethargic performances under pressure and lost home matches on Sunday, leaving City — seeking an unprecedented fourth straight English top-flight title — with a two-point lead with six games remaining. After Liverpool lost 1-0 to Crystal Palace for its first league defeat at Anfield in 18 months, Arsenal was beaten 2-0 by Aston Villa for its first league defeat in 2024. With the three contenders entering this weekend separated by one point, this season's title race was being billed as the best in years. There might still be twists and turns but many will be ready to already crown City, which beat Luton 5-1 on Saturday and rarely drops points in the final months of title campaigns, as the likely top team in England. Again. It was around this time of the year that Arsenal started to implode last season, as a typically fast-finishing City reeled in Mikel Arteta's team. "With the games we had, it was going to happen. Now how we react to it is going to be the key," Arteta, pictured, said.

Tsitsipas wins Monte Carlo Masters



Stefanos Tsitsipas swept aside Casper Ruud 6-1, 6-4 on Sunday to win the clay-court Monte Carlo Masters for the third time in four years, and then wept in his chair. Tsitsipas sat holding his head in his hands, briefly crying as he took in his first title of the year and biggest tournament victory for two years. "I'm very proud of myself today. I had been waiting for a moment like this for a long time," said the 12th-ranked Tsitsipas, who reached a career-high No. 3 ranking in 2021. "I did not know what was going to happen this week." The big-serving Greek also won the title in 2021 and 2022 and this latest trophy at the Monte Carlo Country Club took him to 11 career titles overall. "It has been very difficult, so to be back on the podium, winning tournaments, just feels amazing," Tsitsipas said. "The third time is even more special than the first or second time. This is an unbelievable win for me. Capturing that win today was nerve-wracking, I really wanted this trinity." It was his first trophy since August last year, when he won a modest ATP 250-level tournament on outdoor hard courts at Los Cabos in Mexico.

A big day for NHL playoff picture



Seven of the eight games around the NHL on Monday have impact on the postseason picture, whether it's who gets in or seeding. The heat is really on in the East, where the Islanders can clinch a spot by winning against the Devils. If the Capitals, Penguins and Red Wings all lose in regulation, the Pens and Wings would be eliminated, setting up a win-and-in matchup Tuesday between the Caps and Flyers. Things could also come down to Penguins-Islanders on Wednesday. "We've just been handling it and I've just handled it as we have over the last two-plus months of staying in the moment and focusing on the day's opponent that's in front of us," Caps coach Spencer Carbery, pictured, said. The Bruins would wrap up the Atlantic and set up a first-round matchup with the Lightning with a win againstthe Caps, ensuring the Panthers versus Leafs, too. The Rangers can clinch the Presidents' Trophy and home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs with a win of any kind. All eight spots in the West are locked, but the only first-round matchup set is the Jets-Avs. *—Associated Press*



Tiger Woods wipes his face on the 16th hole during the final round at the Masters on Sunday at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

MASTERS

No moment in the sun

Woods finishes at Augusta with highest score as a pro

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods finished the Masters on Sunday with a record he could do without, walking off the course with a 16-over 304, his highest 72-hole score in a career that spans three decades.

Woods' previous high was 302 at the Memorial in 2015. He has only failed to break 300 one other time at the Masters two years ago when he shot 78-78 on the weekend and finished at 301.

Despite the score, Woods called it a "good week" and said he's going to begin preparing for the other three majors including the PGA Championship in May, the U.S. Open in June and the British Open in July.

"This is a golf course I knew going into it, so I'm going to do my homework going forward at Pinehurst, Valhalla and Troon," Woods said. "But that's kind of the game plan."

Overall, he wasn't unhappy with how he played.

"Coming in here, not having played a full tournament in a very long time, it was a good fight on Thursday and Friday," Woods said. "Unfortunately (Saturday) didn't quite turn out the way I wanted it to."

It hardly mattered to the crowd.

The 48-year-old Woods, who is still dealing with the effects of numerous surgeries that have impacted his body and limited his playing time on the PGA Tour, received a huge roar from the crowd as he pitched close to the hole on No. 18 and made par.

Wearing his traditional Sunday red, Woods tipped his hat the crowd.

Woods has played only 24 holes in one tournament going into the Masters

"I'm just going to keep lifting, keep the motor going, keep the body moving, keep getting stronger, keep progressing," Woods said. "Hopefully the practice sessions will keep getting longer."

Woods was in last place among the 60 players who made the cut when he finished. The previous time he finished in last place was in the 2020 Genesis Invitational at Riviera.

Still, the patrons flocked to see the man who took golf's popularity to new heights, even if he isn't been the dominant player he once was at Augusta National.

Woods hasn't really been competitive here since 2020 when he finished tied for 38th one year after his stunning fifth victory at age 43.

He finished 13 over two years ago, then was forced to withdraw in 2023 in the third round due to injuries that weren't helped by the cold, rainy weather that had taken an obvious physical toll on his body.

For a short time this week Woods showed glimpses of past greatness, relying mostly on his knowledge of the course.

He played the first two rounds in 1 over to make the cut for a record 24th time.

But the final two rounds were a struggle for Woods, who posted his worst round of his career at a major with an 82 on Saturday.

"It's always nice coming back here because I know the golf course, I know how to play it," Woods said. "I can kind of simulate shots. Granted, it's never quite the same as getting out here and doing it."

He played the final 36 holes in 15 over, shooting 77 on Sunday in his 100th career round at the Masters.

Before the round Woods appeared to receive some swing tips from his 15-year-old son Charlie on the practice range.

Things started off well enough, but that didn't last long.

After playing the first two holes in 1 under, Woods made a bogey on No. 3 before things started to unravel on the par-4 fifth hole when he took an unplayable lie and had to be driven back to the tee box in a golf cart to hit again. He wound up with a triple-bogey 7.

He added another bogey on the 6th.

He nearly chipped in from the sand on No. 16, giving fans a thrill and bringing back fond memories of his iconic chip in in 2005 en route to the fourth of his five championships at Augusta.

Woods said the toughest part of the week for him was battling the wind, which reached 45 mph at times with gusts.

"What it was doing out here to the golf shots and the balls and putting, how difficult the course was playing," Woods said. "It doesn't take much to get out of position here.

"Unfortunately, I got out of position a lot (Saturday) and a couple times today."

The once-dominant Woods played with Neal Shipley, the only amateur to make the cut at the Masters.

It was a stark reminder of just how long Woods has been around.

Woods' streak of cuts made at the Masters began in 1997, before the 23-year-old Shipley was born.

Even with Woods being out of contention he still attracting the usual huge throng of fans eager just to get a glimpse of the player that became the face of the sport. Fans applaud after every Woods' shot — good or bad — and continue to shout encouragement his way.

WNBA DRAFT

Reese and Clark headline big night

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Caitlin Clark, Angel Reese, Cameron Brink and others make this one of the most anticipated WNBA drafts in recent years. There are several impact players up for grabs, but their talent is nearly eclipsed by their popularity among basketball fans.

"Caitlin is kind of in a world of her own, but I don't know that we have seen this kind of excitement across the board," ESPN analyst Rebecca Lobo said. "You know, Angel Reese has a massive following. Cameron Brink has a large following of people, whether it's following them on social media or following them throughout the course of their college career.

"We have women coming into the draft this year, who people are very much aware of and eager to see how their game is going to translate at this level."

Clark has helped bring millions of new fans to the game with her signature logo shots and dazzling passing ability. The Iowa star was a big reason why a record 18.9 million viewers tuned in to the NCAA championship game where South Carolina beat the Hawkeyes.

The NCAA Division I all-time scoring leader will go first to the Indiana Fever on Monday night when the draft takes place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in front of 1,000 fans.

"This is the first time we're going to have fans at the draft, so I think that's going to be special," ESPN analyst Andraya Carter said. "For people watching at home to see and hear a crowd and fans and people there, I think it'll be really exciting."

While Clark is a lock to go first, Brink, Tennessee's Rickea Jackson and South Carolina's Kamilla Cardoso have all been in the discussion to be taken at No. 2 by Los Angeles. The Sparks also own the No. 4 pick with Chicago choosing third.

"They are foundational. They're an incredible opportunity for our organization," Sparks GM Raegan Pebley said. "We definitely want to see two players that not only have the skill set to make an impact early, but also a long runway ahead of them, opportunities to develop, opportunities to, not only be excellent in what they do, but how they impact the other pieces around them as we continue to build this team."

Dallas is fifth and Washington sixth. Minnesota, Chicago, Dallas, Connecticut, New York and Atlanta close out the first round. In all, there are three rounds and 36 picks in total.

Here are a few other tidbits for the draft:

Injury setbacks

All-Americans Mackenzie Holmes of Indiana and Elizabeth Kitley of Virginia Tech won't be able to play in the WNBA this season because of knee injuries. Holmes said on social media that she is having surgery next month.

"At this time to ensure my body is healthy and my playing career is as long and successful as possible, I have decided to get the necessary surgery in May to prevent further issues and alleviate the pain it has caused," she said. "I have declared for the 2024 WNBA draft and pray that a team honors me with a selection knowing I will be ready for the start of 2025 training camp."

Kitley tore the ACL in her left knee in Virginia Tech's final regular season game and missed the entire postseason.

"Whenever you see any player go through an injury at any point in their career, but especially at that point, this special season that Virginia Tech was having. But I think she's a player that has, I'll use this word 'track' again," Pebley said. "Just a lot of runway ahead of her. She's going to, I think, have a great career with her versatility, her footwork abilities. And I think her impact around the rim."

Invitees

The WNBA invited 15 players to the draft Monday, including Clark, Reese, Brink, Jackson, Cardoso and Kitley. The others are Aliyah Edwards and Nika Muhl of UConn; Charisma Osborne of UCLA; Celeste Taylor and Jacy Sheldon of Ohio State; Alissa Pili of Utah; Marquesha Davis of Mississippi; Dyaisha Fair of Syracuse; and Nyadiew Puoch of Australia.



Caitlin Clark, shown here during the second half of the national championship game against South Carolina on April 7 in Cleveland, is set to be drafted No. 1 in Monday's WNBA draft. **STEPH CHAMBERS/GETTY**