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Directive on admissions data rattles universities

Could increase legal, political risk for local schools, experts say

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

A new memo from the Trump administration may undercut universities' efforts to pursue a diverse student body, the latest move in the president's sweeping crackdown on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives roiling Chicago-area schools.

The directive, issued earlier this month, requires institutions to hand over race-based admissions data.

Though the Supreme Court struck down affirmative action in 2023, universities can still legally use race-neutral strategies to seek out diversity — such as adopting test-optional policies or including essay prompts about applicants' backgrounds. But President Donald Trump's mandate may undermine that holistic review process, potentially increasing the legal and political risks for local universities, experts say.

"This builds on the positions that the administration has been taking in the past few months, essentially a full-blown assault on DEI," said Sonja Starr, a professor of law at the University of Chicago.

The policy could particularly rattle Northwestern University, already under intense federal pressure amid a $790 million funding freeze. As administrators implement a range of cost-cutting measures, speculation has swirled about a possible deal with the White House to restore funds — and how that could reshape the school's future policies.

Unlike other elite institutions, Northwestern saw an increase in Black and Hispanic students after the end of affirmative action. Experts noted such a trend could draw increased scrutiny under Trump, even though proving race-conscious admissions with data alone isn't so simple.

"A lot of this newly collected data could lead to fairly quick allegations of racial discrimination when, in fact, identifying racial discrimination in admissions outcomes is a much more labor-intensive process," said Anthony Chen, a Northwestern associate professor of sociology.

Universities are already required to report data on their institutional characteristics through IPEDS, or the Integrated

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Chicago latest stop on Sanders tour

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders said in Chicago that his deeply rooted push for income equality, guaranteed health care and other policies meant to lift up the working class are not "radical" and they're "what the American people want." **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Revisiting Brown's Chicken massacre

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Gov. JB Pritzker speaks Monday in Chicago as city, state and federal leaders denounce President Donald Trump's possible military deployment into the city. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'Do not come,' Pritzker tells Trump on troops

President appears to waffle Monday on whether to send Guard to Chicago

By Dan Petrella, Rick Pearson and Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

President Donald Trump appeared to waver Monday on whether he would attempt to deploy National Guard troops to Chicago, saying Gov. JB Pritzker should be asking for the help — a request the second-term Democrat has made clear isn't forthcoming.

"We may wait. We may or may not. We may just go in and do it, which is probably what we should do," Trump said. "You know, I hate to barge in on a city and then be treated horribly by corrupt politicians and bad politicians like a guy like Pritzker," Trump added, mocking the Illinois governor's weight and labeling him "a disaster."

Following the president's comments, Pritzker indeed made it clear he wasn't inviting Trump to send the National Guard.

"Earlier today, in the Oval Office, Donald Trump looked at the assembled cameras and asked for me personally to say, 'Mr. President, can you do us the honor of protecting our city?'" Pritzker said during a news conference overlooking the Chicago River downtown. "Instead, I say: 'Mr. President, do not come to Chicago.'"

Emphasizing that there is no ongoing emergency that would justify deploying the Guard, the governor said such an action would infringe on Illinois' sovereignty.

"This is exactly the type of overreach that our country's founders warned against, and it's the reason that they established a federal system with a separation of powers built on checks and balances," Pritzker said.

Still, Pritzker and other officials acknowledged there are few, if any, steps the city or state could take to head off a deployment if the president were to choose that route.

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Israel calls hospital attack 'mishap'

Journalists, rescuers among 20 killed in Gaza facility strikes

By Wafaa Shurafa, Samy Magdy and Sam Metz
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Israel struck one of the main hospitals in the Gaza Strip on Monday and then hit the facility again as journalists and rescue workers rushed to the scene, killing at least 20 people and wounding scores more, local health workers said.

It was among the deadliest of several Israeli strikes that have hit both hospitals and journalists over the course of the 22-month war sparked by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack, and the assault came as Israel plans to widen its offensive to heavily populated areas.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the strike on Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis was a "tragic mishap" and that the military was investigating.

The first strike hit an upper floor housing operating rooms and doctors' residences, killing at least two people, said Zaher al-Waheidi, head of the records department at the Gaza Health

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Skydivers descend during a failed attempt to break the 250-way state record on Friday at Skydive Chicago in Ottawa. **DOMINIC DI PALERMO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

They jump out of planes for fun — and broke a skydiving record in the process

By Kalen Lumpkins
Chicago Tribune

OTTAWA, Ill. — Jumping from a plane, not ideal right? Well, the divers at Skydive Chicago would tell you it's an experience everyone needs to have.

The skydivers met last week for the first time in three years to attempt record-breaking dives. More than 450 people flew out of their planes into different formations in sizes the world hadn't previously seen.

Divers flew from 19,000 feet up headfirst, mimicking a Superman flight as they shot toward the ground at 180 mph in a group of 200. They had just 60 seconds to form a predetermined snowflake, unlink hands and deploy their parachutes. Another 250 skydivers coordinated to break the 250-way Illinois state record, one where divers flew parallel to the surface.

Skydive Chicago owner Rook Nelson led the efforts. His skydiving lineage started with his grandfather, who was in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. The stories Nelson's father heard motivated him to skydive at 16 and start his own school. Then it was Nelson's turn.

"I don't know exactly how the story goes, but they tossed me out of an airplane when I was 4 years old," Nelson said. "I did a couple jumps as a little child, and then I started jumping in 1994 at the age of 14. You couldn't keep me out of the airplane."

He's 27,000 jumps into his skydiving career and loves it

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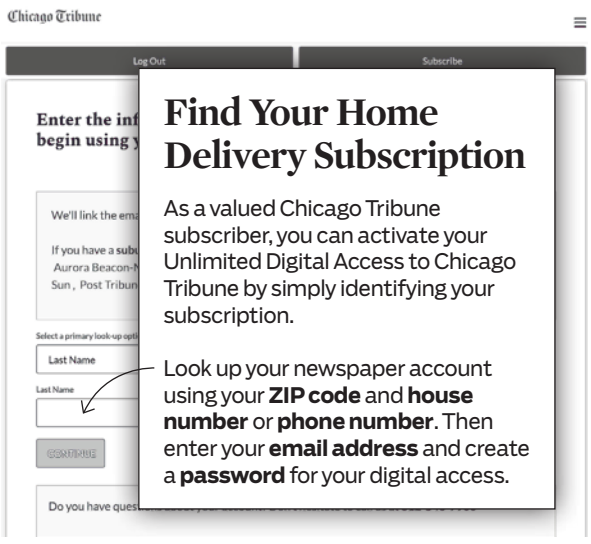
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Boy, 5, killed after finding gun in sister's purse, authorities say

By Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

A 5-year-old boy was killed Sunday afternoon after he allegedly found his sister's gun in a purse while inside their Kenwood apartment, according to a police report.

Area 2 detectives Monday morning were questioning the boy's adult sister, listed in the report as a concealed carry holder, in connection with the child's death in the 4400 block of South Greenwood Avenue, police sources said.

The woman told police she had been taking a shower when she heard a loud noise from one of the bedrooms, found her little brother with a gunshot wound to the forehead and called 911, according to the report. The gun, which police found on the bed, had been in the woman's purse, per the report.

The boy was taken to Comer Children's Hospital, where he died soon afterward, authorities said.

The child's identity wasn't yet public as of Monday evening. A spokesperson for the Department of Children and Family Services said the agency had previously investigated the child's family but declined to comment further, citing an active investigation.



Gov. JB Pritzker talks near Trump Tower in Chicago on Monday about President Donald Trump's possible plan to deploy National Guard troops. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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Trump's comments signaling he might be hedging his position about sending Guard personnel to Chicago came as he signed an executive order targeting Illinois and other jurisdictions that have adopted policies eliminating money as a consideration in determining whether someone charged with a crime should be released from jail while awaiting trial.

On Friday, Trump raised the idea of using the Guard in Chicago, as he previously did in Los Angeles and currently is doing in Washington, D.C. In addition, The Washington Post reported late Saturday that the Pentagon has been working on such plans for weeks. The Friday comments and the media reports drew swift rebukes from Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Trump said Monday he was rethinking the deployment because "I have a slob like Pritzker criticizing us before we even go there."

"I made the statement that next should be Chicago, because, as you all know, Chicago is a killing field right now, and they don't acknowledge it, and they say we don't need them. 'Freedom. Freedom. He's a dictator. He's a dictator.' A lot of people are saying, 'Maybe we'd like a dictator.' I don't like a dictator. I'm not a dictator," Trump said.

"I'm a man with great common sense and a smart person, and when I see what's happening to our cities, and then you send in troops, instead of being praised, they're saying, 'You're trying to take over the republic.' These people are sick. But I'm really saying, and I say this to all of you in a certain way, we should wait to be asked, because they have cities that are so under control, out of control. So we go in and fix it. They take the full credit for it," said Trump, who noted Pritzker's possible White House aspirations.

Should Trump move forward with deploying Guard personnel to Chicago, it remains unclear how exactly that would work. Unlike Washington, where Trump has faced fewer legal challenges in deploying the National Guard, Chicago is not subject to federal oversight. Whether Trump acted with proper legal authority when federalizing the California Guard earlier this summer in response to protests over his immigration policies is the subject of an ongoing lawsuit.

Pritzker on Monday delivered his own personal attack on Trump, saying the president's "remarks about this effort over the last several weeks have betrayed a continuing slip in your mental faculties and are not fit for the auspicious office that you occupy."

Johnson and Pritzker, who is running for a third term as governor, have highlighted that crime is dropping in Chicago from its post-pandemic peak, seeking to undercut Trump's pretext for sending troops to the city. Neither the governor's office nor City Hall have had any formal communication with the Trump administration about federalizing the Illinois National Guard, officials said.

So far this year, shootings in Chicago are down 36% and homicides 31% after peaking in 2021 to levels not seen in over two decades, according to Chicago police data. Johnson has attributed that progress to the leadership of his handpicked Chicago police Superintendent Larry Snelling, as well as his administration's spending on youth employment and anti-violence programs.

Attempting to counter that message, the White House on Monday issued its version of a police blotter using local news headlines to back up its contention Chicago has a serious crime problem, including that Chicago has repeatedly had more annual homicides than New York City and Los Angeles. Many other cities, however, have higher homicide rates per capita.

At the riverfront news conference, Pritzker, Johnson and the state's two U.S. senators sought to portray a unified presence against a Trump troop deployment, backed by a large swath of the city and state's business, civil rights and community leaders. During the event, the mayor said Trump is fixated on Chicago because the city has fought his agenda.

"We are being targeted because of what and who we represent," Johnson said, referring to the city's history of being pro-working class, pro-immigration and pro-labor.

However, the mayor did not directly answer questions about what instructions Chicago police would receive should federal troops touch ground, other than saying, "We're going to use every tool at our disposal."

"So the Police Department is under direction of my leadership, my superintendent, Superintendent Larry Snelling," Johnson said. "We have our own autonomy in terms of how we protect our city."

Pritzker also didn't provide many details when asked what the state would do to stop Trump's efforts. The governor did vow that the state would "use every lever at our disposal to protect the people of Illinois and their rights" as he also acknowledged that Illinois National Guard members could face legal consequences if they refused the call to duty.

"The state of Illinois is ready to stand against this military deployment with every peaceful tool we have," Pritzker said. "We will see the Trump administration in court."

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, whose office has been involved in dozens of lawsuits against the Trump administration, said there isn't any preemptive legal action the state could take to stop the president from federalizing the Guard or sending troops to Chicago.

"We don't know exactly the exact circumstances in which the deployment would take place, so a preemptive lawsuit ... couldn't be targeted to a specific targeting of the military, so we don't anticipate that," Raoul said.

Johnson, meanwhile, repeated a line he used earlier this summer, accusing Trump of "terrorism."

"Any attempt to intimidate our people from being able to live their lives, that is the quintessential example of terrorism, and we will not bend, break or bow to that type of tyranny," the mayor said, while also asking Chicago protesters to "do it in a very peaceful way" because "the Trump administration, they are trying to incite and provoke violence."

Along with several other speakers, Johnson said that if the federal government wants to combat crime in Chicago, it could begin with restoring $158 million in violence prevention funding for the city and increasing spending on affordable housing and schools.

"As the mayor of this city, I can tell you that Chicagoans are not calling for a military occupation," Johnson said. "They are calling for the same thing that we've been calling for for some time, and that's investment."

Pritzker also issued a warning "to Trump administration officials who are complicit in this scheme, to the public servants who have forsaken their oath to the Constitution to serve the petty whims of an arrogant little man, to any federal official who would come to Chicago and try to incite my people into violence as a pretext for something darker and more dangerous: We are watching and we are taking names."

In response to a reporter seeking to clarify those comments, Pritzker said, "It simply means that people who are breaking the law, who are acting in unconstitutional fashion," including White House staff members, "will be held accountable — must be held accountable."

Illinois' moribund Republican Party, still without a prominent candidate to challenge Pritzker or most other Democratic statewide officeholders for reelection, firmly sided with Trump in a fundraising email.

The state GOP compared Chicago to "a war zone" and said, "If Illinois Republicans don't step up, the national media and Democratic machine will spin this as an 'attack' instead of the lifesaving mission it is."

Chicago has been a favorite target of Trump throughout his political career, particularly on issues related to crime and illegal immigration.

In the early months of his first term, for example, Trump proclaimed in a social media post that he would "send in the Feds!" in response to gun violence in the city. Then-police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told the Tribune at the time that Trump's statement was "so broad" that Johnson had "no idea what he's talking about."

The executive order Trump signed Monday, in addition to a separate order aiming to end cashless bail in Washington, D.C., orders the attorney general to identify other jurisdictions that have "substantially eliminated cash bail as a potential condition of pretrial release from custody for crimes that pose a clear threat to public safety and order" and directs other agencies to identify grants and other federal funds those jurisdictions currently received that "may be suspended or terminated, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law."

At the White House, Trump deputy chief of staff Steven Miller called cashless bail policies "a key driver of the disorder we see on city streets all over America" and said "Illinois would be a great example."

In fact, Chicago's crime rate has declined since the state's cashless bail system went into effect nearly two years ago. The decline is in line with the trend in other major cities such as New York, Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

State Sen. Robert Peters, a Chicago Democrat who championed the policy in the state legislature, said it isn't a coincidence Trump signed an executive order targeting cashless bail as he's raising the specter of sending troops to the city.

"These two things aren't separate. He's attacking the Pretrial Fairness Act and threatening to send troops. They're literally tied together," Peters said.

CHICAGOLAND

Sanders: Progressive agenda 'what the American people want'

Senator from Vermont made Chicago latest stop on 'Fighting Oligarchy' tour

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

A longtime leader of Washington's leftist wing, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders said in Chicago that his deeply-rooted push for income equality, guaranteed health care and other policies meant to lift up the working class are not "radical" and they're "what the American people want."

The independent from Vermont made Chicago the latest stop on his "Fighting Oligarchy" tour Sunday, where the 83-year-old addressed a couple thousand supporters, many of them much younger than he is, about why he thinks billionaires and corporate interests have too much influence over American policies.

The tour's messaging is nothing new for Sanders, who has served on Capitol Hill since the early 1990s, including the last 17 years as a U.S. senator. But he keeps seeking to inspire a new generation of voters and political activists.

"Do a poll. You ask the people of Illinois whether or not they believe health care is a human right, and whether we should continue to be the only major country not to guarantee health care to all. And you know what? I will predict to you, what that poll will show is the overwhelming majority of Americans support what I am talking about," Sanders said in an interview with the Tribune after the rally at the University of Illinois Chicago.

The event was somewhat of a homecoming for Sanders, who is originally from the East Coast but is an alumnus of the University of Chicago. As a student there in 1963, a Tribune photographer captured the young Sanders being arrested at a South Side protest — a sign of his early involvement in civil rights activism. More than 60 years later, Sanders is viewed as one of Washington's formidable champions of progressive politics and outspoken critics of neoliberal policies.

The octogenarian trying to reach a new generation of voters amid a demoralized Democratic Party is a stark juxtaposition. But Sanders continues to push a progressive message even though some fear the movement has gone too far left. On the national stage, Sanders has attracted a more leftist voting bloc as he's run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016 and 2020, finishing second each time. His defeat in Illinois in 2016 was by a narrow margin as he lost to Hillary Clinton by about 2% of the vote.

Last year during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, the speech from its de facto host, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, who is also a billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune, was awkwardly preceded by Sanders, who railed against "billionaires in both parties" and "the need to get big money out of our political process."

Sanders repeated a similar message during Sunday's rally at UIC's Isadore and Sadie Dorin Forum, where he railed against another billionaire, Republican President Donald Trump, and how the new measure he signed into law July Fourth called for massive tax breaks and spending cuts that will hurt low-income families. Echoing his sentiments at the rally during separate speeches were staunch progressives U.S. Rep. Delia Ramirez of Chicago and Chicago state Sen. Robert Peters, who is running for a U.S. House seat.

After the event, Sanders affirmed that regular people don't want America's wealthiest to have so much power in this country.

"Go out and ask people whether they think it's OK for billionaires to buy elections. They will tell you 'no,'" he told the Tribune. "Ask them whether or not we should ... give tax breaks to billionaires or build affordable housing. You know what people will say? Build affordable housing."

"Now maybe the media pundits and the billionaire class will tell you that what I'm saying is radical. It is not radical. It's what the American people want and, in fact, already exists in almost every major country on Earth in one respect or another," Sanders said.


U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks during a rally Sunday at the University of Illinois Chicago.



Supporters cheer as U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders arrives to speak at a rally Sunday at the University of Illinois Chicago.
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During the interview, he dodged any criticism of Pritzker's billionaire status, even though the governor, a progressive Democrat in his own right who is running for a third term and has not ruled out a run for president in 2028, has used his wealth to secure his office and Illinois' Democratic one-party control.

"I'm not here to talk about Illinois," Sanders said. "What I will tell you is that billionaires through their Super PACs (political action committees) have enormous power over both political parties. And I don't care whether you're a conservative Republican or a progressive or a moderate. Most people understand that it is absurd that billionaires can spend unlimited amounts of money to elect the candidates of their choice."

"Does that mean that every billionaire is doing a bad job? No, it does not," Sanders continued. "But it means that democracy is about one person, one vote, not billionaires buying elections."

To that end, he called for the controversial 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission to be overturned. The landmark 5-4 ruling held that corporations and other outside groups such as Super PACs can spend as much as they like on elections because limiting "independent political spending" violates the First Amendment right to free speech.

"We have to get rid of Super PACs. We cannot allow extremely wealthy people and billionaires to pour unlimited amounts of money into the political process," Sanders said. "What we have got to do is have public funding of elections. You know what? If you want to run for office, you don't have to go and get a billionaire to fund your campaign so you work for that billionaire. What you have to do is show a certain amount of support, get public funding and let's have fair elections."

Sanders has traversed the country with his "Fighting Oligarchy" message, hosting events from Los Angeles to Wheeling, West Virginia. His next scheduled stop on the tour is on Labor Day in Portland, Maine.

During his roughly 40-minute speech in Chicago on Sunday, Sanders talked about Republican U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina and how he served as a cautionary tale for other politicians. Tillis broke ranks from his GOP colleagues by voting against Trump-backed tax breaks and spending cuts this summer, including slashes to various benefits for the poor, such as Medicaid.

Sanders said Tillis' defiance of Trump prompted him to announce he wasn't running for reelection rather than face a GOP primary opponent who Trump had vowed to back against Tillis for his vote against the legislation.

"Tillis is a conservative Republican guy. But he actually did something unusual: He read the bill," Sanders said, drawing some laughter in the crowd. "He gets up and he says, 'I cannot vote for this bill. It would be destructive for my constituents.'"

Sanders also took aim at other issues, including criticizing Israel's military campaign against Gaza and Trump's alienating of the trans community and immigrants in the U.S. without legal permission.

"What a demagogue like Trump does is they forget about the health care crisis, forget about climate, forget about education, forget about housing," Sanders said. "'We're not going to talk about that. We're going to talk about how we hate this group of people and that group of people.' And the antidote to that which we must bring forth, we must create, is an understanding that if we do not all stand together, we're all going to go down together."

Waukegan eyeing purchase of abandoned railway right of way

By Steve Sadin
Lake County News-Sun

Representing the city's First Ward 10 years ago, Mayor Sam Cunningham said the Waukegan City Council missed an opportunity to acquire the abandoned right of way of the Canadian National Railway tracks, long a stumbling block to developing the south lakefront and more.

Running from the decommissioned NRG power plant to around 10th Street, Cunningham said the abandoned railroad tracks have stymied attempts to remediate the south lakefront and scared away potential developers.

Now sitting in the mayor's office, Cunningham said the time has come to talk to the railway's decision-makers and find a price acceptable to both the city and Canadian National, thus opening 3.6 miles of lakefront for potential residential and light commercial development.

"That's the largest stretch of (undeveloped) lakefront land along Lake Michigan in Illinois, outside of (possibly) Chicago," Cunningham said. "There could be very affordable housing there."

Cunningham and his staff plans to resume good-faith conversations with Canadian National in the near future to remove a major obstacle to both lakefront and downtown development in Waukegan.

"This is a major catalyst in the rebuilding of Waukegan," Cunningham said. "If Canadian National and Waukegan can work together on this, it will be a win for everyone. There are environmental issues which have never been solved, and we need the land to do it."

Though some discussions took place after the rejection by the City Council in 2015, Joshua May, the mayor's chief of staff, said talks have been at a standstill since 2021with no decision-makers involved.

Running along the lakefront from near Greenwood Avenue to 10th Street, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, the city's director of planning and economic development, said the abandoned railroad tracks are a huge impediment to development of both downtown Waukegan and the lakefront.

Kischer-Lepper said the tracks discourage lenders from financing projects at the lakefront. They pose the biggest problem at the south lakefront, which has failed to attract potential developers because of the uncertainty created by the strip of tracks.

At one time, the tracks were used to transport coal to the now decommissioned NRG electric power plant. Now, Kischer-Lepper said the right of way is not only unused, but it is overgrown with weeds and the steel is showing rust.

"They're a major impediment from the Waukegan River south," Kischer-Lepper said. "Removal of the tracks and remediation of the land will unlock the whole area for developers and financial investment. Lenders will not touch it now with the railroad tracks there."

Factories once filled the south lakefront, but most are gone. Kischer-Lepper said when a number of them moved, they left behind land laden with industrial waste. Some was remediated by the city and awaits proposals, but the train tracks remain an issue.

A remaining factory is aerospace coatings manufacturer AkzoNobel which is north of the Waukegan River and apart from the marina. The company makes the paint and other coatings which cover airplanes.

Along with the land beneath the tracks, Canadian National also owns some lakefront property where a variety of residences — homes, townhomes or multi-family buildings — could be built. Kischer-Lepper said it can be part of the transaction.

"Canadian National has not made any to effort clear it or make any environmental improvements," she said. "They haven't removed any of it. Trash and invasive species need to be removed."

Acquiring the railroad right of way and land is essential for Waukegan's growth. Kischer-Lepper said the city cannot grow north, south or west unless it annexes land there.Growth can come from currently unused land along the lakefront. Additional land could come from dredging the lake.

This will help create the economic future Waukegan deserves," Kischer-Lepper said.

Cunningham sees the south lakefront as a place for affordable housing, where residences can be built and sold for far less than the cost in the North Shore suburbs like Lake Forest or Winnetka. He said a single-family home for between $300,000 and $400,000 are a possibility.

Last year, Waukegan finished the environmental cleanup from the former Fansteel industrial plant on the south lakefront. At the time, the idea of a residential development with a small commercial component, like small stores of a coffee shop, was considered.

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Postsecondary Education Data System. The National Center for Education Statistics uses that information to monitor institutions participating in federal student financial aid programs. Until recently, IPEDS only included enrolled students, including breakdowns of race, gender, test scores and financial aid.

Trump's Aug. 7 memorandum and an accompanying directive from Secretary of Education Linda McMahon extend the collection of those metrics from just enrolled students to universities' applicant and admitted pools.

Conservatives argue that the expanded data will show that some institutions are still giving preference to minority applicants, even after the formal end of affirmative action.

"The persistent lack of available data — paired with the rampant use of 'diversity statements' and other overt and hidden racial proxies — continues to raise concerns about whether race is actually used in practice," Trump's memorandum said.

But critics counter that aggregate data on applicant and acceptance pools isn't enough to prove race-conscious admissions when schools use a holistic review process. Instead, it could give the Trump administration grounds to sue universities for discrimination, as part of a broader effort to reshape the higher education landscape, according to Starr.

"From the administration's perspective, any effort to preserve diversity is unconstitutional, essentially affirmative action in disguise," Starr said. "That legal vision, I think, is misguided."

The Tribune contacted five of the largest universities in the Chicago area for comment: the University of Illinois Chicago, DePaul University, University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Loyola University Chicago. All either declined to comment or did not respond.

Post-affirmative action admissions

The Supreme Court struck down affirmative action in June 2023 in a landmark case against Harvard University, brought by advocacy nonprofit Students for Fair Admissions, which alleged that the school discriminated against white and Asian students. The decision gutted decades of legal precedent.

In the following admissions cycle, many elite universities across the U.S. reported enrollment declines of underrepresented minority groups. At the University of Chicago, the share of Hispanic students fell by about 4 percentage points, and the share of Black students dropped by 1 point. Meanwhile, enrollment among white and Asian students increased.

But the court's decision didn't bar schools from pursuing other forms of diversity. Universities can still consider race-related experiences, Starr said, like interviews or essays that illustrate leadership or personal hardship. They can also take into account metrics such as socioeconomic background, first-generation status and geographic area.

"All of those things may be correlated with race, and a crucial point is that the fact that they're correlated with race does not mean that schools are forbidden from pursuing them," Starr said.

Northwestern, for example, introduced a new set of supplemental application essays following the ruling in fall 2023. The five prompts explore how applicants' backgrounds could add to a diversity of perspectives on campus. During the subsequent admissions cycle, the share of Black, Latino and Indigenous students increased about 3 percentage points compared to the previous freshman class.

That trend was more likely caused by shifts in application patterns, according to Brendan Cantwell, a professor of higher education at Michigan State University. But the essays underscore how and why schools such as Northwestern seek out a diverse student body, he said. Trump's new data mandate could have a chilling effect.

"What it really means is that if you don't start admitting a higher share of students who are white, maybe Asian, and higher income, then this is prima facie evidence that you're doing illegal affirmative action," Cantwell said. "That's the real signal that's coming from all of this."

In a news release earlier this month, Students for Fair Admissions said Trump's directive would only make the process more transparent. Universities continue to use "vague and indirect measures to achieve racial balancing," the nonprofit said.

"The new admissions disclosure requirements that the Trump administration has recently put in place will allow students, parents and researchers to gather information and data about racial and ethnic outcomes at every university," SFFA President Edward Blum wrote in an email to the Tribune.

Diversity on campus

As Northwestern enters the fifth month of its federal funding freeze, experts say a deal with the Trump administration may be imminent. The university said it received no formal notice of the pause, which came as officials launched multiple federal investigations into alleged antisemitism on campus.

Other elite schools, including Brown University and Columbia University, reached agreements with the White House in July, paying the federal government tens of millions of dollars to restore funding. As part of those deals, they also pledged to release more data. Trump's recent directive essentially extends those demands to all colleges and universities.

"This memo is not about admissions, it's about submission," said Mitchell Chang, a professor of education at the University of California Los Angeles, which is facing a $584 million federal funding freeze.

The data mandate seeks to unravel years of thoughtful and holistic review aimed at making the higher education system more equitable, Chang said.

That's particularly the case in California, where affirmative action has been outlawed since 1996. UCLA has since relied on race-neutral strategies to promote equal opportunity and address historic inequality, according to Chang.

"The playing field isn't even, and as a result, we had to take that into consideration and make adjustments so that it's a more fair process," he said.

Exactly how the changes will shake up the demographics of Chicago-area universities is still unclear. But experts said it raises concerns surrounding academic freedom and institutional independence.

"What you're seeing with the Trump administration is part of a larger trend toward reduced autonomy and discretion for American higher education," said Northwestern professor Chen.

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Ministry.

The second strike hit an external stairwell as rescuers and journalists raced to the scene of the first strike, killing 18. Around 80 people were wounded, al-Waheidi said.

Among those killed was Mariam Dagga, 33, a visual journalist who had worked for The Associated Press. Dagga regularly reported for multiple outlets from the hospital, including a recent story for the AP on doctors struggling to save children from starvation.

The strike killed four other journalists who had worked for Al Jazeera, Reuters and Middle East Eye, a U.K.-based media outlet, most on a contractor or freelance basis. Reuters said it was showing live video from the hospital when the feed suddenly shut down. The journalist filming the live shot was killed in the first strike, Reuters said, citing hospital officials.

Video shot from across the street by pan-Arab channel Al Ghad showed people climbing the external stairwell just after the first strike, past walls with chunks shorn off — followed by the boom of the second strike, a huge plume of smoke and a heap of wreckage.

Israeli media reported that Israeli troops fired two artillery shells at the hospital, targeting what they suspected was a Hamas surveillance camera on the roof.

Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin, an Israeli military spokesman, said the army does not target civilians and had launched an internal investigation into the strikes. He accused Hamas of hiding among civilians but did not say whether Israel believed any militants were present during the strikes on the hospital.

Netanyahu's statement said: "Israel deeply regrets the tragic mishap that occurred today at the Nasser Hospital in Gaza. Israel values the work of journalists, medical staff, and all civilians."

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, along with Britain, France and others, condemned the attack.

When asked about the strike, President Donald Trump initially said he was not aware of it before offering: "I'm not happy about it. I don't want to see it."

Trump later said he thought there might be a "conclusive ending" in Gaza in the coming weeks. It was not clear if he was referring to Israel's offensive or to ceasefire talks.

Israel has attacked hospitals multiple times throughout the war, asserting that Hamas embeds itself in and around the facilities, though Israeli officials rarely provide evidence. Hamas security personnel have been seen inside such facilities during the war.

The hospitals that remain open have been overwhelmed by the dead, wounded and now by increasing numbers of malnourished as parts of Gaza are experiencing famine.

A British doctor working on the floor that was hit said the second strike came before people could start evacuating from the first.

"Just absolute scenes of chaos, disbelief and fear," the doctor said.

The doctor spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations from the physician's organization to avoid reprisals from Israeli authorities.

"It leaves me in another state of shock that hospitals can be a target," the doctor said.

Nasser Hospital has withstood raids and bombardment during the war, with officials repeatedly noting critical shortages of supplies and staff.

A June strike on the hospital killed three people, according to the Health Ministry. The military said at the time that it targeted a Hamas command and control center.

A March strike on its surgical unit days after Israel ended a ceasefire killed a Hamas official and a 16-year-old boy.

Al-Awda Hospital said Israeli gunfire killed six aid-seekers trying to reach a distribution point in central Gaza and wounded another 15.

The shootings were the latest in the Netzarim Corridor, a military zone where U.N. convoys have been overrun by looters and desperate crowds, and where people have been shot and killed while heading to sites run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, an Israeli-backed American contractor.

The GHF denied any shootings had occurred near its site. The Israeli military said it was not aware of any casualties from Israeli fire in that area.

The war in Gaza has been one of the bloodiest for media workers, with 189 Palestinian journalists killed by Israeli fire, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. More than 1,500 health workers also have been killed, according to the U.N.

Skydiving

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as much as the first time he felt the high-altitude air. Don't ask him his favorite jump because that would be "unjust" to the other 26,999.

"They all create different emotions," Nelson said. "I can't narrow it down to just one."

Between jumps came extended rest, training and preparation. Rook and Co. attempt these records every three years, which includes one year of rest and two years of planning and coordinating.

There's also the recruiting of skydivers, who must have at least 500 jumps under their belt and two years of experience to participate under United States Parachute Association (USPA) guidelines. It's not hard bringing back previous divers because they want to do something that never has been done.

"It takes being successful for people that are just starting out to see something like that, so now they have a goal in their skydiving career," Nelson said. "They want to set world records."

The divers share Nelson's view. After a weather delay Tuesday, 500-plus divers relaxed in the main lobby. They talked about previous jumps, their anticipation for the jump ahead and their wishes to be able to move the clouds away. The divers motivated each other as if they knew one another, but it was quite the opposite.

Emy Delmonaco, 49, and Nick Birkner, 36, shook hands before speaking about their skydiving experience. They were all smiles and ready to talk, indicative of the skydiving community.

"It's very warm and welcoming because there's not many people that want to jump out of perfectly good airplanes," said Delmonaco, who was part of the vertical world record attempt. "It gives you something to look forward to when you first get your license. Your head is in the clouds all the time."

Added Birkner, a sergeant first class on the U.S. Army Parachute Team, known as the Golden Knights: "All of the other concerns, worries and stressors that you have out there, you don't bring that here. Everybody does it because they're passionate about it, and that's something that you can find common ground with anyone in this building. You can go up and talk to complete strangers and have an exciting, exhilarating conversation with people you've never met before."

Birkner was training to break the 250-way record. It was his first attempt, but he and Delmonaco were thinking about a successful jump. The carpet covering the auditorium's tile floors had been removed in case champagne was popped open amid a record breaker.

"We are constantly training for these different complex skydives," Birkner said. "A lot of skydivers at this level, they train to really try to take all those negatives and put them outside the head and focus, seeing it come together and then just making it true."

The Illinois horizontal-way record was 246 divers, held in part by Nelson's dad.



Kateryna Logginova, from Ukraine, heads to a briefing before helping an attempt to break the 250-way state record on Friday at Skydive Chicago in Ottawa. **DOMINIC DI PALERMO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Skydivers aboard a plane take off as they attempt an Illinois state record at Skydive Chicago on in Ottawa on Wednesday. Skydive Chicago was hosting 450 skydivers from 46 countries as they attempt to break diving records. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Safety is paramount in the preparation. Nelson said he has lost people to skydiving, his father included, so he makes sure all divers go through the correct guidelines. In 2024, the USPA reported nine skydiving deaths in an estimated 3.88 million jumps. It's a small percentage, but danger is inherent in the sport.

On Wednesday, the divers went up for a practice jump for the 250 record. When they reached the specific height, they realized there was no oxygen on board for passengers, which required an emergency abort.

"We want to live to jump another day," Nelson said, "and the longer you're in the sport, the more you're going to see and it's not always the best things."

After three years of prep, the planes finally flew and skydivers put on their parachutes and looked down at the Earth's surface, which seems smaller 19,000 feet up. This is where the mind starts to race for participants. Take it from the guy who has done this 27,000 times: He understands the feeling.

"They probably are thinking about everything terrible that can happen, then they start riding up the airplane and it starts to become real," Nelson said. "A lot of people get the misconception that skydiving is falling, where if you've ever fallen off of something, you get that sinking sensation in your stomach. And skydiving is completely opposite.

"The parachute opens and it becomes really quiet and picturesque. You can talk to your instructor, similar to parasailing. I think everybody should try skydiving because it is such a cool thing."

The Skydive Chicago participants had unsuccessfully attempted to break the records twice since 2015.

"I literally dreamt about this," Nelson said. "It'd be really cool to win in front of my son (Rocket) to show him what that's like and to never give up. It (would) complete some unfinished business that we all have because nobody likes failure.

"I can't control when we're going to do it. I can't control if we're going to do it. But I don't want there to be any hurdles in the way."

On Friday, they successfully broke the vertical world record with 174 divers. Looks like the champagne was popped after all.

Nelson grew up 60 miles from Chicago in Somonauk, a small town with a current population below 2,000. Illinois is where the Nelsons became skydiving royalty, so the world record in his home state means that much more.

"It's not only the home state, it's my skydiving center and I like doing cool things here, so it's kind of like a notch on the belt that we're able to do really cool things in Illinois." Nelson said. "People think of Illinois and they may think of farming or Chicago, and here we are setting world records."

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EDITORIALS

Biometric privacy laws must evolve with the times

Who should be held liable when a person's biometric data — their facial features, voice or fingerprints — is misused?

Illinois is home to some of the strongest consumer privacy regulation in the country, including its rules governing the use of biometric data.

Perhaps you were one of the folks who got a check from Facebook after a class-action lawsuit alleging violations of Illinois' 2008 Biometric Information Privacy Act. Facebook's "Tag Suggestions" feature used facial recognition to scan users' uploaded photos, creating "face templates" or biometric identifiers.

Plaintiffs said this happened without the required written consent or publicly available retention/destruction policy. In February 2021, the case was resolved with a court-approved $650 million class-action settlement — widely described by the judge as a landmark in consumer privacy law.

Facebook isn't the only company dealing with these lawsuits. A Chicago man sued Home Depot this month, alleging the retailer used facial recognition at self-checkouts without consent or required policies — a potential violation of BIPA.

One could argue that our biometric privacy rules are a very important tool in protecting personal privacy. Indeed, we are grateful for barriers to widespread misuse of such personal information. On the other hand, you could also argue that Illinois' biometric data laws are responsible for regulating a marketplace that is changing by the second — and they're not keeping up. There's truth to that, too.

Take this question, for example:

Should digital infrastructure providers like data centers or cloud platforms be held liable when someone's biometric data is misused?

Legal minds are actively debating this question. And many in the industry — including those who lobby on its behalf — are concerned their network could be in the legal crosshairs unfairly if the rules aren't updated.

Illinois' biometric rules apply to any "private entity" that collects, captures, purchases, receives through trade or otherwise obtains a person's biometric identifiers or information. That means if a company is in possession of, or is making use of, biometric data, it has duties such as proper informed consent before collection and written, publicly available retention and destruction policies.

So far, most high-profile cases have focused on end-user firms such as employers, retailers and social-media platforms. But there's no explicit carve-out in BIPA for data centers or cloud providers. If they merely store encrypted information, they can argue they're not "collecting" or "using" biometrics. But if a provider offers biometric processing services — or fails to safeguard the data in its possession — plaintiffs could test the boundaries of liability.

There's a lot to gripe about when it comes to data centers — their reliance on our natural resources, or their debatable claims of being long-term job creators. This won't be the last thing we write about the industry. But in this case, we think there's room for improvement — and clarification.

It's important to keep laws up to date with fast-moving technology. It's also important that our state remains competitive as a tech hub.

The state has done this before. Just last year, lawmakers approved, and Gov. JB Pritzker signed, changes to BIPA that limited potential damages and broadened the definition of "written release" to cover electronic signatures.

Legislating is a slow process, but when you're regulating something so big and fast-changing, you have to be nimble. If data centers played — or could play — an active role in policing use of biometrics, they would be fair game as potential defendants. But they don't.

The data-center industry has a solid argument here, we believe, that they shouldn't be liable under BIPA for misuse of people's likenesses or identities.

ON THIS DAY 20 YEARS AGO
ARMSTRONG AND NATIONAL PRIDE

Lance Armstrong never had time for critics who refused to believe that courage and elbow grease produced his seven straight victories at the Tour de France.

"The last thing I'll say to the people that don't believe in cycling, the cynics, the skeptics, I'm sorry for you," Armstrong said after winning the Tour one last time and riding off into retirement last month. "I'm sorry you can't dream big, and I'm sorry you don't believe in miracles."

Americans still want to believe in the miracle of Lance Armstrong, the cancer survivor turned champion, the living inspiration behind more than 50 million "LIVESTRONG" yellow bracelets.

The French will have none of this. They are the skeptics who for years brooded over doping allegations that swirled around Armstrong.

Now comes the latest twist in this transatlantic sporting tale: The case of the six-year-old urine samples.

The French daily sports newspaper L'Equipe reported Tuesday that it had proof Armstrong used a banned substance while winning his first Tour in 1999. The substance allegedly is the blood-boosting drug EPO, erythropoietin. For Armstrong, a survivor of testicular cancer, such a drug proved a lifesaver only three years earlier when it was part of his chemotherapy treatment. But in Olympic sports, the substance is illegal.

In 1999, there wasn't yet an effective test to detect EPO. But last year, the French newspaper said, tests on several cyclists' old samples from 1999 were conducted at a French laboratory ... Six of Armstrong's samples from that year tested positive for EPO, the newspaper said. But these were only urine "B" samples ... Armstrong's first set of samples, called the "A" samples, evidently are no longer available for retesting. Without dual samples, there is no way to establish Armstrong's guilt or innocence.

"I have truth on my side," Armstrong told reporters ... "When I gave those samples, there was no EPO in those samples. I guarantee that."

Over the years, Armstrong has endured allegations that he used banned substances ... He has consistently said he was clean—and pointed to dozens of drug tests he has taken and passed.

In America ... Armstrong is an important figure whose fame extends well beyond the boundaries of sports.

In France, he is the outsider ... Many of us will continue to believe the miracle. The French will continue to investigate.

Tribune editorial board, Aug. 26, 2005



Mayor Brandon Johnson and interim CPS CEO Macquline King address the media at the Courtenay Language Arts Center in the Uptown neighborhood on the first day of school, Aug. 18. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Now the real work begins on the most painful Chicago budget season in years

Chicago's most momentous budget season in recent memory begins this coming Thursday with the Chicago Board of Education's vote on a budget for the school year that already is underway.

Shortly thereafter, a working group appointed by Mayor Brandon Johnson is scheduled to submit a preliminary report with recommendations both for cost reductions and revenue increases in the 2026 budget. The deadline for that submission is Sunday, Aug. 31.

And then in mid-October, Johnson is slated to propose his own budget, which will kick off a series of City Council hearings and likely weeks of negotiations between various factions on the council and the mayor's office to hammer out a spending plan by the end of this calendar year.

For the mayor and his progressive allies on the school board and the City Council, these coming weeks in short are a test. Can progressives, no longer able to sidestep the stark budgetary realities that have been well understood now for months, make the tough decisions that those in the positions they hold are called upon to make when they seek these seats of responsibility?

It's fair to say that Chicago hasn't been well governed since the onset of the pandemic. Billions in federal pandemic aid temporarily papered over structural deficits at Chicago Public Schools and in city government. Both entities foolishly used the largesse to substantially expand their unionized staffs and now don't have the revenue base to support those higher costs.

Progressives have advocated for every tax idea imaginable to fill the breach and have been stymied by legal and political impediments, particularly the inconvenient fact that most of their tax-the-rich schemes require state approval, which hasn't been forthcoming.

Now it's showtime, folks. We will get our first indication of whether adult governance will prevail on Thursday, when the school board finalizes its budget.

Interim CPS CEO Macquline King offered a budget that closes a gap of hundreds of millions without cutting classroom resources. But in so doing King rebuffed the mayor who supported her for the CPS post. She decided CPS couldn't cover $175 million of the contribution Chicago must make to the badly underfunded Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, which funds retirement benefits for CPS employees as well as city workers. By state law, that duty belongs to city government, not CPS.

A majority of school board members, most of whom the mayor appointed, are pushing for CPS to make the payment and take on hundreds of millions in high-priced debt to do so — a decision, we've emphasized before, that would be highly irresponsible and likely would mean more downgrades for a school district already with a credit rating well below investment grade. Will any of those school board members back down and do the responsible thing Thursday?

That will be the first sign Chicagoans get of how Johnson and his allies intend to plug budget holes that, between CPS and the city of Chicago, exceed $1.5 billion.

Within a few weeks, between the school board's action and the recommendations of Johnson's budget working group (as well as City Hall's response to those suggestions), we should have a much better idea than we do now of whether pragmatism will hold sway in resolving Chicago's budget crises. Will unionized city workers be asked to make sacrifices to help balance the budget or will Johnson and fellow progressives put most of the onus on taxpayers?

Johnson isn't the only Chicago politician responsible for the city's current sorry predicament. Since Rahm Emanuel left office after two terms as Chicago mayor, this city has grown the size of its government even as its leaders knew federal aid was transitory and the exorbitant bill to shore up Chicago's underfunded pensions only would grow for the foreseeable future.

But Johnson is the man who asked for the responsibility to govern. It's past time to do so.

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OPINION



Legislators, lobbyists and others stand outside the room during a meeting of the Illinois Senate Executive Committee on May 28 in Springfield. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Screening kids for mental health struggles connects intervention to prevention

By Sara Feigenholtz

The data is undeniable: Too many of our kids today face an unprecedented mental health crisis with suicide inching up to the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10 to 24, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A recent Tribune editorial acknowledged the progress made in removing the stigmas associated with mental health but called into question a state bill I sponsored that Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law last month. It requires public schools to offer universal mental health screenings to students in grades three through 12.

What motivated me to fight like hell for this law were the years of desperate calls I received from parents, often in tears, not knowing how to support their kids in crisis, as well as young people reaching out in fear because they had nowhere to turn. It's hard for many parents to navigate the challenges that come with a child who is struggling mentally as it can affect their school, sports or social activities. Sadness, hopelessness and depression too often get chalked up to adolescent angst or growing pains. But my colleagues rallied alongside me and my House co-sponsor, Rep. Lindsey LaPointe, because we recognize the crisis our young people are facing. That's why the bill passed with a 2-1 margin in the Illinois House and unanimously in the Senate.

Where the editorial falls short is in recognizing that this law is but one step in a decadeslong journey to get ahead of our kids' mental health challenges. It's one that I've been taking alongside some of the most qualified partners imaginable. This includes folks such as Rep. LaPointe, who has been a champion for youth mental health her entire career; national leaders such as Inseparable, a mental health advocacy organization that fights to put mental health at the forefront of public policy in states across the nation; and local mental health champions such as Dana Weiner, who leads the state's Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative, which created the BEACON portal connecting parents and families with comprehensive behavioral health services and resources.

This law is a critical step in connecting intervention to prevention. The state now has two years to bring this opportunity to life. Over the coming year, it will be developing the tools and processes necessary to deliver a thoughtful, comprehensive screening program. The following year will be spent integrating the program into school districts across the state and communicating with parents and families ahead of when screenings are fully implemented in the 2027-28 school year. While parents are free to opt out of the process, it is my fervent hope that they will recognize the potentially lifesaving benefits to these screenings.

While the editorial cites statistics around false positives in screenings, the benefits of identifying mental health issues on the front end far outweigh any reason to delay. Divorce, family dysfunction, substance abuse, changes in friendships, romantic breakups, social isolation and bullying are examples of what could be seen as "false positives" that are also among the leading causes of child and teenage suicide.

Mental health is mission critical when it comes to the overall well-being of our young people. They deserve to get a jump-start on that early in life just like they would with getting a vaccination or a checkup at the pediatrician. Illinois will be the first state in the nation to implement universal mental health screenings for kids and teenagers, and it's the right thing to do. This will help us set up our kids for success in life so they can reach their full potential — empowering them and their families to identify their mental health needs at a time in their lives when they're going to need support the most.

State Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, represents the 6th District.

How our vocational schools boost the Illinois economy

By Danielle Harriott

Renee Barry grew up going from one foster home to another, so many she eventually lost count. Once out on her own, she lived with her newborn son in a shelter for single mothers for two years.

Three years ago, Shaylee Forester, 17, lived in a homeless shelter for young women. She soon became a victim of domestic violence so brutal she wound up in a hospital for treatment for the injuries she suffered.

Two years ago, Nickie Hill lost her beloved teenage stepson due mainly to a medical diagnosis. Her career as a nurse was going nowhere as she pulled double shits as often as three days a week for nominal pay.

All three of these Illinois residents decided to enroll for job training at a vocational school — in this case, Rockford Career College in Rockford.



Kennedy-King College in Chicago. USA Today and the research firm Statista named 13 post-secondary trade schools in Illinois among the top 250 vocational schools in the United States, including Kennedy-King and Rockford Career College. **ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Almost one-third of all jobs in Illinois by 2031 will require a high school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree, according to the Association for Career and Technical Education. To meet this demand, Illinois in the 2022-23 school year had 125,022 post-secondary students participating in career and technical education.

A recent survey from USA Today and the research firm Statista named 13 post-secondary trade schools in Illinois (including ours), out of an estimated 96, among the top 250 vocational schools in the United States. The first-of-its-kind survey evaluated 1,800 schools nationwide, but only 1 in 7 institutions, or 14%, earned the distinction.

As it happens, vocational schools are having a moment. Early this year, President Donald Trump called for a "renaissance in manufacturing" and, in the bargain, advocated more funding for technical colleges. A few months later, Jim Farley, CEO of Ford, called on U.S. companies to invest in skilled trades and launched a campaign to partner with vocational colleges.

Acceptance of vocational schools as valuable is growing. A survey from the American Staffing Association found that one-third of 2,000 high school graduates (33%) advocated for enrolling in trade schools, more than the 28% who felt the same about four-year colleges. In community colleges that focus on vocational training, registration rose 16% last year, reaching its highest level since 2018, the National Student Clearinghouse found. Indeed, trade school enrollment overall rose 5% between 2020 and 2023, about double the rate for four-year universities, according to marketing firm research.

Why so? Vocational colleges are significantly more affordable, typically about one-fourth the cost, and require less time toward a degree, generally two years — and even as little as 10 months for a diploma — rather than four, bringing a faster return on investment.

Students at vocational colleges might otherwise never get the opportunity to go to college. They're generally from low-income and blue-collar backgrounds. They're raised by single parents. They're first-generation college students. They've struggled through drug abuse, trauma and other hardships.

In many vocational schools, faculty and staff routinely go above and beyond, taking an interest in students outside as well as inside the classroom. They call students at home if they're absent. They address and advise on difficult personal and family issues.

Above all, the schools help the students find jobs, whether as nurses, welders, plumbers, machinists, electricians or personal care aides. They graduate ready to kick-start a career.

I know how this story goes. I was 16, a junior in high school, when I had my first child. But I attended a vocational school — yes, Rockford — and today I'm an educator and college administrator, guiding students to turn a corner the same as my mentors once guided me.

For me, past, present and future have collided. I once sat where our students now sit. I think to myself, 20 years ago I was you. Maybe 20 years from now you could be me.

As for what happened to the three women I singled out above, they all graduated. Today, Barry holds down a solid job as a welder, Forester is a registered medical assistant and Hill is a licensed practical nurse at a post-acute care facility. They're proof that higher education — and, just as important, hands-on job training — can and do make all the difference.

That's just what vocational schools do. Employers everywhere should make sure they get to keep doing it.

Danielle Harriott is vice president of community outreach and alumni affairs at Rockford Career College.

OPINION

Donald Trump tries to make history in Syria and Lebanon



Daniel DePetris



A billboard shows Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa next to a defaced image of U.S. President Donald Trump on July 9 in Damascus. **LOUAI BESHARA/GETTY-AFP**

It's difficult to look at the Middle East today and be optimistic. Every U.S. president since the turn of the century has entered office promising to strike peace agreements in this region, only to leave office without succeeding. The 2020 Abraham Accords, facilitated by President Donald Trump during his first term, was less a peace agreement and more a collection of normalization accords that sought to improve Israel's diplomatic relations with the few Arab states willing to sign on.

This year doesn't look especially promising either. Despite the periodic attempts to inject some momentum into diplomacy, the Trump administration has effectively given up on negotiating a comprehensive ceasefire and hostage release deal in Gaza. The nearly 2-year-old war between Israel and Hamas is set to accelerate; tens of thousands of additional Israeli troops have been called up for duty and Israeli warplanes are striking the outskirts of Gaza City in preparation for a full ground offensive in the area. Nuclear diplomacy with Iran is at a standstill as Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reiterated over the weekend his opposition to the resumption of direct diplomacy with Washington.

It all seems bleak. But there are two countries in the Middle East where transformative change might be on the horizon: Syria and Lebanon.

Syria might seem like an odd state to list. The nearly 14-year civil war tore the country apart socially, destroyed many of its large cities, killed off whatever economic capacity it possessed and brought several foreign powers, including the United States, into the fray. The Bashar Assad regime's collapse inspired a wave of optimism about despotism turning into democracy. The new Syrian government, led by former al-Qaida-fighter-turned-politician Ahmad al-Sharaa, inherited a state gutted financially, politically and emotionally. About nine months after assuming power, al-Sharaa's new regime is struggling to consolidate its authority, in large measure because Syrian minority groups are concerned they will be treated as second-class citizens — or worse — by the Sunni Islamists who now rule Damascus.

Yet it's not all bad. The emergence of a post-Assad Syria, and al-Sharaa's willingness to reset the country's foreign relations, has given Washington an opportunity to take advantage of the new reality. One of the Trump administration's most significant Middle East initiatives centers on an Israeli-Syrian normalization process. Such a deal would make diplomatic history; Israel and Syria are historic enemies, having fought numerous wars against each other, and a previous attempt to strike a peace agreement between the two by the Bill Clinton administration ultimately frittered away.

Bettors would be smart to put their chips on another failure. It's highly unlikely Syria will sign a peace or normalization deal with Israel as long as Israeli bombs are killing hundreds of Palestinians in Gaza every week. However, a demilitarization or stability agreement is certainly possible, and it's one Trump's envoy for the Levant, Thomas Barrack, has spent months working on. This month, Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's top policy official in Paris to discuss the security situation in southern Syria. The area is where Israel bombed Syrian troops on their way to Sweida, a Druze-majority city that was engulfed in intercommunal violence at the time. The Israeli military action caused anger not only in Damascus but also in Washington, which has normalized its own relationship with the new Syria.

A deal will depend on whether Israel withdraws to its previous positions in the Golan Heights and al-Sharaa can swallow Israeli demands to turn southern Syria into a no-go military zone, as well as the kinds of concessions the Israelis are willing to make, among other factors.

Lebanon is a trickier case. Unlike Syria, where Israel is dealing with one party, Lebanon is a jigsaw puzzle — everything has to fit for there for progress.

The red lines are clear. Israel wants Hezbollah, the Lebanese militia that took a beating during its war with Israel last fall, disarmed and demobilized. Hezbollah wants to keep whatever arms it has left and demands an end to Israeli airstrikes as well as a full Israeli military withdrawal from the parts of the Israeli-Lebanese border it still occupies. The Lebanese government wants the same Israeli withdrawal and an end to airstrikes, and it wants Hezbollah to hand over its weapons to the state.

U.S. officials are pushing hard. The problem thus far has been sequencing: Who does what first? Israel is emphatic that no withdrawal from Lebanon can take place until the Lebanese government begins the process of disarming Hezbollah. The Lebanese government has argued that by passing a cabinet resolution committing itself to this step, it's now on the Israelis to give some ground. Hezbollah, meanwhile, is adamant that it can't hand over its weapons because that would leave Lebanon defenseless against future Israeli aggression. The Trump administration is caught in a catch-22: A Israel-Lebanon peace deal requires all the parties at the table to do their fair share, but nobody is willing to move until they have confidence the other parties will reciprocate.

At the end of the day, the Trump administration is looking at two historic diplomatic accomplishments in Syria and Lebanon, two countries traditionally associated with violence, dysfunction and unaccountability. If Trump happens to pull off even one of these deals, he will earn legitimate praise. But let's not sugarcoat it: Everything has to go right. And given Trump's tendency to move on to other things at a moment's notice, we'll wait to see if the White House has the attention span to see it through.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Chicago region transit

It's been just over three years since I moved from the Chicago area, but I see not much has changed. When push comes to shove regarding mass transit, it continues to be "the heck with the suburbs" and "let's give everything to the mismanaged CTA." I say this in response to the story about the Regional Transportation Authority plan to transfer $74 million from Metra and Pace to the CTA ("RTA may transfer $74M from Metra, Pace to CTA," Aug. 21).

Transit is important to the whole Chicago area. Each Metra train keeps many cars off the road. If Metra wasn't there, Chicago-area traffic would be much worse than it already is. Plenty of people rely on Pace's services to move around the region — to go to work, school, medical appointments and other activities.

While the CTA's services are essential, they are no more essential than services offered by Metra and Pace. This is especially true for the many individuals with disabilities who rely on the region's paratransit services, which are operated by Pace. RTA officials should not play games with money and punish the suburbs to kiss up to the city.

Everyone needs to feel the impact of potentially devastating transit service cuts, whether they are in the city or suburbs. Maybe that will force the governor and legislature to come up with a regional solution that keeps transit operating and funds the full amount of transit service the Chicago region deserves.

The RTA should not be taking money away from Metra and Pace to prop up the CTA. Everyone needs to work together and come up with real solutions, not play games that pit the suburbs against the city.

— Ray Campbell, Springfield

Unsupported stereotype

In the Aug. 22 editorial "Illinois moves goalposts on reading, math, and science," the Tribune Editorial Board makes some good points. The comment toward the end — "Under these lowered thresholds, more kids will be considered proficient in reading and math than last year. That's good for administrators who want to pad their own grades. But it doesn't serve anyone else" — is wildly inaccurate, maddeningly uninformed and simply insulting to school administrators who, despite factors beyond their control, attempt to help all children achieve their maximum potential. What does "pad their own grades" even mean?

I was in school leadership for over 20 years and have never met a single administrator who felt good about the state lowering standards for kids or about having their own record enhanced by students achieving at a low bar.

This editorial simply reinforces an unsupported stereotype that school administrators care only about their own personal record. That is simply untrue.

— Jay Brickman, St. Charles

Pace's paratransit services

The Rideshare Access Program (RAP), offered by Pace as part of its paratransit services, has benefited me tremendously since I started using it in January. RAP is a lifeline for me and many others who use it to get to work, medical appointments, grocery shopping, social activities and other places.

The Regional Transportation Authority voted last week on a budget that will make not only cuts to RAP but also to the Taxi Access Program (TAP). The cuts would reduce trips to just 30 a month in addition to raising the fare from $2 to $3.25. This will be devastating to many people with disabilities who depend on these trips.

Thirty rides per month would leave me and others with fewer options; we will miss work, doctors visits and many other activities. People with disabilities who use RAP and TAP will face limited affordable transportation options due to our marginal financial resources.

The RTA made the decision with no input from the disability community, the people who will be most directly impacted. The RTA board of directors needs to do the right thing by not raising the fare and not making cuts to the RAP and RAP services.

— Curtis Harris, Chicago

City's housing shortages

The Tribune has published opinion pieces about housing shortages that urge local deregulation as the solution. The most recent was Miguel Chacon's op-ed "Chicago aldermen are making the housing shortage worse" (8/25). Mainstream Democrats have taken up the charge under the "Abundance" banner.

To me, it's remarkable how detached this campaign is from reality. Restrictive zoning and construction codes have been with us for generations. They serve a variety of goals. Some are beneficial (fire prevention and neighborhood stability); some are not (racial exclusivity, the upholding of political power structures). Housing regulations are not sacrosanct, to be sure. Yet they are, demonstrably, not the main drag on new home construction.

The biggest event affecting real estate in recent history was the 2008 market crash. After the bubble burst, the banks, insurers and other economic interests behind that catastrophe ran as far from real estate as they could. It took many years for construction to recover. That long trough in the industry left an enduring shortage of new homes, which in turn caused a feverish bidding-up of existing properties.

In our zeal to blame local politicians, community activists and bureaucrats — the softest targets imaginable — let's not forget where the main cause lies.

— Paul W. Mollica, Chicago

Listening to constituents

I disagree with Miguel Chacon's op-ed that Chicago aldermen are making the housing shortage worse. In fact, Chicago aldermen are doing exactly what they were elected to do, and that is to listen to their constituents and vote according to their wishes.

I understand the frustration pointed out in the op-ed. Elected officials "claim to be staunch supporters of affordable housing" and pass ordinances outlining their demands, but when the projects fail to get support from the community, the aldermen listen to the voice of the people they represent and veto the project. They are saying one thing but doing another.

Chacon is a real estate broker. The more housing that is available, the more money he will make. Instructing aldermen to work with the "development community," rather than the neighbors who would be affected by these developments, is condescending and self-serving.

People are tired of the government telling them what to do. Obviously, many citizens of Chicago do not support the mandates put in place by Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration. I am proud of the residents who are speaking up in opposition and making their voices heard. It gives me hope that the our representatives are listening.

I applaud Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez for his honesty and courage in stating that if the community is opposed to the project, then he is, too.

— Cathleen Bylina, Chicago

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OBITUARIES

JOHN SEUBERT

Multidisciplinary artist created 'crash tables' furniture art

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune



Chicago artist John Seubert, 66, died of complications from a brain aneurysm on July 30. **VICTOR ARMENDARIZ**

John Seubert was a lifelong Chicago artist who was driven by a relentless desire to create, be it paintings, sculptures, furniture, jewelry, clocks or even lamps with mosaic shades.

Seubert filled his longtime Lakeview home with his artwork, which — as is the case for many artists — occurred in cycles or phases.

"I always found his work kind of subversive and edgy and daring, but also very humorous," said Victor Armendariz, the founder of Gallery VICTOR, a Chicago contemporary art gallery. "There's a ton of humor in his work and how he approached things."

Seubert, 66, died of complications from a brain aneurysm on July 30 at his home in Lakeview, said his sister, Cara Teuber. He first suffered an aneurysm in April.

Born in St. Louis, Seubert (pronounced SOY-bert) moved to Algonquin when he was about 4 years old, and he graduated from Irving Crown High School in Carpentersville. He then took some art and jewelry-making classes at Elgin Community College.

While in his 20s, Seubert packed up his car and moved to Los Angeles for a time, appearing as an extra in some films. After his funds ran dry, he returned to the Chicago area and began working various day jobs while making art whenever he could, his sister said.

Seubert worked for more than two decades as a handyman for a man who owned Chicago apartment buildings.

"John was very good with his hands," Teuber said. "He could do anything — he did plumbing, electrical and painting."

Other of Seubert's day jobs included working as an assistant to Chicago photographer Mark Hauser and helping prepare galleries at the Museum of Contemporary Art and at other art galleries.

However, Seubert's primary desire in life, friends and colleagues said, was to create art. Among his creations were furniture, lamps with mosaic shades from Lake Michigan beach glass, jewelry, paintings, sculptures and clocks. Seubert termed his furniture pieces "crash tables," as they were made from what he described as a "collision of parts," and they were both functional and works of art. His clocks focused on racism and Seubert's own experiences as a victim of bigotry as a gay man.

"What he called his 'crash tables' were crazy pieces of art that actually were furniture, too," Teuber said.

Seubert displayed his artwork in galleries on the Near North Side, some of which also employed him. According to Seubert's family, art dealer Ann Nathan, who died last year at age 98, was the first to show Seubert's work, at her Objects Gallery in the 1980s. He then displayed furniture and objects at Gallery Vienna in River North in 1989, and around that time, Seubert designed a copper-plated bar for the European-style Tete a Tete cafe on the second floor of Gallery Vienna's building.

Later, Jennifer Norback Fine Art in River North presented an exhibit of a dozen of Seubert's handcrafted clocks. Then, in 2017, Seubert began showing his artwork at Armendariz's Gallery VICTOR, where Seubert also was the gallery's main preparator.

"In a lot of ways, his work was observational of our culture," said Armendariz, a longtime friend. "He drew on stuff from his life, his day — and he was an avid reader with an almost encyclopedic knowledge about topics, like history, art and the art community, and all that made its way into his work. He didn't edit himself, for better or worse, so in his work, you see that rawness come out. That's part of what makes (his work) important — he let his ideas come in and bubble up."

Nathan Churchill, an art client and former next-door neighbor who now lives in Portugal, recalled getting to know Seubert in the wake of the pandemic.

"His work was funny and ironic, and that's the kind of art I like," Churchill said. "The guy had an extraordinary talent."

Seubert went through a phase during the pandemic where he was consuming canned ham that he had stored in his basement. From that, he painted paintings of canned hams, Churchill said.

"The paintings were incredible," Churchill said, "and through that, I got to know about his other art — crash tables, clocks, and these incredible lamps made with Chicago beach glass. So we bought one of his lamps and bought some other little sculptures and we love it and it's now in Portugal with us. He was interminably making art — it was 24/7 for him. He was a true, true artist."

Seubert's signatures on his artwork varied depending on his mood, but they were always under different guises, such as Dear John, John John, John Grey, John Dolly or even simply John. Armendariz said Seubert's art-making process involved an intense focus, followed by a pivot to a different subject or medium.

"He would get into a series, and then at the end of it, he would just get sick of it and put it aside and be done, and then he would invite me to his studio to see it, and sometimes I would save it for a future show," Armendariz said. "There was...a restlessness about doing something obsessively and then switching and changing on a dime."

Seubert never retired from work or from making art.

"He's always done art every minute that he wasn't working," Teuber said.

In addition to his sister, Seubert is survived by his 96-year-old father, Carl; and four brothers, Eric, Max, Curt and Carl Jr.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON AUGUST 26 ...

In 55 B.C. Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain.

In 1847 Liberia was proclaimed an independent republic.

In 1883 the island volcano Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions.

In 1906 Albert Sabin, the Polish-American doctor who developed a polio vaccine, was born.

In 1910 Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, who would win the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize as Mother Teresa for her care of the poor and hungry of Calcutta, India, was born in Skopje in present-day Macedonia.

In 1920 the 19th Amendment to the Constitution took effect, giving voting rights to women.

In 1936 the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, calling for most British troops to leave Egypt (except those guarding the Suez Canal) was signed in Montreux, Switzerland. (It was abrogated by Egypt in 1951.)

In 1939 major league baseball was televised for the first time as experimental station W2XBS broadcast a doubleheader between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field.

In 1957 the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1961 the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.

In 1964 President Lyndon Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1972 the summer Olympics opened in Munich.

In 1974 Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly solo and nonstop across the Atlantic, died at his home in Hawaii; he was 72.

In 1978 Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected the 263rd pope upon the death of Pope Paul VI; he would choose the name John Paul I.

In 1985 13-year-old AIDS patient Ryan White began "attending" classes at Western Middle School in Kokomo, Ind., via a telephone hookup at his home -- school officials had barred Ryan from attending classes in person.

In 1986, in the New York "preppie murder" case, 18-year-old Jennifer Levin was found strangled in Central Park; Robert Chambers later pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

In 1996 the Democrats opened their 42nd national convention in Chicago. Also in 1996 a Cuban court convicted fugitive U.S. financier Robert Vesco of economic crimes. Also in 1996 the former military ruler of South Korea, Chun Doo-hwan, was sentenced to death for mutiny, treason and embezzlement. (The death sentence was later commuted, and Chun was freed as part of an amnesty in 1997.)

In 1999 Attorney General Janet Reno pledged that a new investigation of the 1993 Waco, Texas, siege would "get to the bottom" of how the FBI used potentially flammable tear gas grenades against her wishes and then took six years to admit it.

In 2000 the Houston Comets won their fourth straight WNBA championship by defeating the New York Liberty, 79-73. Also in 2000 Maracaibo, Venezuela, won the Little League World Series title, defeating Bellaire, Texas, 3-2.

In 2001 the Tokyo Kitasuna beat Apopka, Fla., 2-1 to win the Little League World Series title.

In 2003 investigators concluded that NASA's overconfident management and inattention to safety doomed the space shuttle Columbia as much as damage to the craft itself.



Death Notices

Block, Lawrence F.

Lawrence F. Block, age 75.

Beloved son of the late William and Helen, nee Seigel, Block. Loving brother of Nancy Block and Jacqueline (the late Eugene) Thompson. Proud uncle of Eli (Miao Zhang) Block, Lisa (Michael) O'Malley and Laura Thompson. Adored great uncle of Emma Block, Caitlin and Patrick O'Malley. Graveside service Thursday, August 28, 2025, 11AM at Waldheim Cemetery, 1700 S. Harlem Ave., Forest Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023, www.diabetes.org. To attend the funeral livestream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

Gurvey, Lee Marshall

Lee Marshall Gurvey, age 93, born and raised in Chicago, raised his family in Wilmette, and most recently moved to the warmth of Scottsdale. He was the beloved husband for 69 years of the late Sandra Gurvey, nee Greenberg; loving father of Michael Gurvey, Joan (Todd) Foos, and the late Robert Gurvey; adored Papa of Daniel, Jacob (fiancée Ellyn Harmon), and Rachel Foos and Jenna and Kara Gurvey; devoted son of the late Julius and the late Jeanette Gurvey; cherished brother of Martin (Cathy) Gurvey and the late Ronald (late Gita) Gurvey. The last two years of Lee's life, he enjoyed a loving companionship with Merle. The family was blessed to have Maria, Denise and Clem as Lee's caregivers. Lee enjoyed his life, his business, his classic cars, car caravans, and most of all his family. Services will be private. The family would appreciate donations in Lee's memory to the American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Harschfeld, Myrna

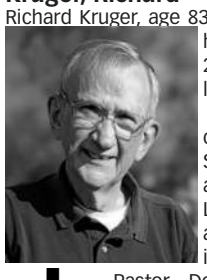
Myrna Harschfeld, nee Schubert; age 88, beloved wife of the late Ronald Harschfeld, devoted mother of Deanna (Jay) Goldberg, Janet (Kevin) Terry, and Margaret Halperin, cherished grandmother of Joshua Goldberg (Karen), Nathan Goldberg (Kali), Samantha Goldberg (Andrew Von er Ahe), Louis Halperin (Bailey Welchman),Charlie Halperin; and treasured great grandmother of Remi and Eliza Goldberg, dear sister of Ernest (the late Linda) and Kathryn Schubert. Graveside services Wednesday, 12 noon Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave.,Norridge. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 60603. Info: **Chesed v'Emet Funeral Home**, Rudy Lerner, Funeral Director, 847-577-0856, www.chesedvemet.com.

Koch, Susan Sprowl

Susan Sprowl Koch, age 78, formerly of Glencoe, Illinois. Beloved mother of Lindsay (West) Smith Naze and Courtney Smith Cook. Adored grandmother of Chase, Hunter, Nicholas "Nick", Kevin, Virginia "Ginny", and Madeleine "Maddie". Adored sister of Sandra (Jim Winne) Sprowl, the late Charles Sprowl, and the late Robert (Sarah "Sally") Sprowl. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Sprowl (Virginia). Susan cherished the relationship with her two daughters and six grandchildren, spending her time traveling with them and embracing her role as Grandma Susie. She loved spending her time with her sister, Sandy, her sister-in-law, Sally, and all of her many wonderful friends she made throughout her life. Visitation Thursday, August 28th, 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Interment private. info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or (847)675-1990

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Kruger, Richard



Richard Kruger, age 83, was received into glory by his Lord on Thursday, August 21st after a courageous and lengthy fight against cancer.

A funeral service in honor of Richard's life will be held Saturday, August 30 at 11:30 am at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 6045 East State Street in Columbus, Indiana with Pastor Douglas Bauman officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may gather at the church for visitation from 10 am until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers Richard and his family would be honored by your contribution to the Netherlands Bach Society in his name or any other Faith, Music, or Arts based cause close to you.

Newcomer funeral home in Indianapolis is assisting the Kruger family.

Raschke, Theresa J.

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Theresa Jo Raschke of Lemont, IL on August 22, 2025 at the age of 78. Beloved wife of Terry Dauner for 22 years. Loving mother to Lisa (Brad) Morgan, Dean Raschke, Sara (Frank Villanueva) Raschke and Becky (Adam Hrycyk) Raschke. Devoted stepmother to Angela Dauner, Jason Dauner, Terry (Kristen) Dauner Jr., and Matthew (Shila) Dauner. Cherished grandmother to Austin and Haley Morgan, Mia and Olivia Raschke, Niko and Nova Raschke, Oliver and Lylah Hrycyk, David and Derik Epling, and Amelia, Gemma and Clara Dauner. Visitation Wednesday, August 27th, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien, IL. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Autism Speaks, ASPCA, or Gift of Adoption.



Versen Sr., Donald



Donald Versen Sr., of Des Plaines, Illinois, passed away peacefully on August 24th, surrounded by his loving family. He was the devoted husband of Joan (nee Berg) and proud father of Donald Versen Jr. (Theresa), Susan Ropski (John), William Versen (Carolyn) and Maureen Moloney (James). He was the cherished grandfather of Samantha Ropski, Alexandria Malusa (John), Miranda Ropski, Erik Versen, Danielle Versen, Cassidy Versen, Michael Versen, and James Moloney.

Born to Vincent and Stella Versen, Donald built a life defined by hard work, service, and generosity. From his early days at Colonial Bank & Trust through his leadership roles at Bank of Commerce & Industry, Cosmopolitan National Bank, Columbia National Bank, LaSalle Bank, and Labe Bank, Donald dedicated more than five decades to the banking industry. He later served as Vice Chairman and CEO of LDF, Inc. and continued as a director and consultant for Suburban Bank & Trust. His steady leadership helped shape Chicago's financial community, guiding institutions through periods of growth, challenge, and change.

Donald's accomplishments extended far beyond the boardroom. He gave tirelessly to civic and charitable causes, including the Dr. William Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, Resurrection Health Care, the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association, and countless Polish-American (PRCU) cultural and philanthropic organizations. His leadership was recognized at the city, state, and even national level, where he advised public officials and participated in White House roundtables on economic development and international partnerships.

Despite his many professional and civic commitments, Donald's greatest pride was always his family. He and Joan shared a lifetime of love, and together they instilled in their children the values of faith, integrity, and service to others. Donald was a devoted husband, father, mentor, and friend whose wisdom, humor, and kindness touched the lives of all who knew him.

Donald leaves behind a legacy of leadership, generosity, and devotion—both to his community and, most of all, to his family. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In Lieu of flowers, donations to Dysautonomia International, https://www.dysautonomiainternational.org/ would be appreciated.

Visitation for Donald will take place on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, Il. Funeral Thursday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:30 am and will then proceed to St. Thomas Becket Church in Mt. Prospect for 11:00 am Mass. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, Il.

CUMBERLAND CHAPELS

Wilson, Gary Dean



Gary Dean Wilson, son of Charles Albert Wilson and Helen Wilson, nee Gillihan, and brother of Donald and Karen, born in Gardner, Kansas on January 2, 1944, died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 81 in Chicago on August 17th, 2025, after a number of years of treatment for esophageal cancer.

Throughout his life, he was quick to laugh, to find outrage at social injustice, to offer help, to make friends, and to share dialog with others. He was especially devoted to his wife Modena of fifty-eight years, his sons Christopher (married to Rachel, in Holyoke, Massachusetts) and Nicholas (married to Julie, in Stony Brook, New York), granddaughters Madeline and Lydia Wilson, step-grandchildren Henry and Charlotte Sadler, and the extended Wilson, Hoover and Coppock families.

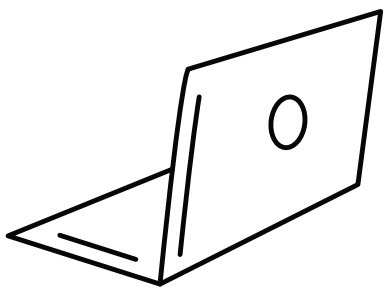
Gary attended McPherson College in Kansas as a football recruit and embarked on a strong academic life. At McPherson, he met his wife Modena Hoover, who, he liked to say, "taught him how to love." In 1968, he and Modena joined the Peace Corps to teach in Eswatini (then Swaziland) and, upon returning to the US, Gary earned a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing in 1973. Thereafter, he accompanied and supported Modena as she pursued a successful career in academic medicine that took them from Madison, Wisonsin to Baltimore, Maryland and finally to Chicago.

Gary devoted his career to sharing the art of fiction-writing, first by teaching at levels ranging from children to adults and institutions a varied as the Baltimore City Public School System, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies, from which he received a Distinguished Service Award in 2014. Gary also published three novels and a short story collection, among many other short stories, poems, and other writing.

A memorial celebration for Gary will be held from on Monday, September 29, 2025 from 3 to 6 in the Lincoln Ballroom of the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to McPherson College (https://www.mcpherson.edu/giving/) in McPherson, Kansas.



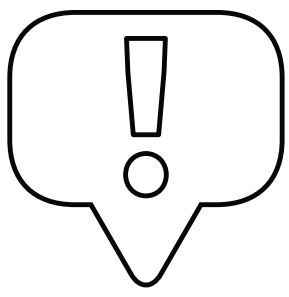
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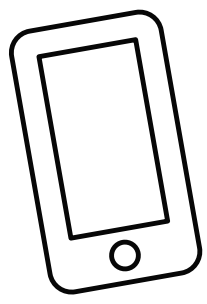
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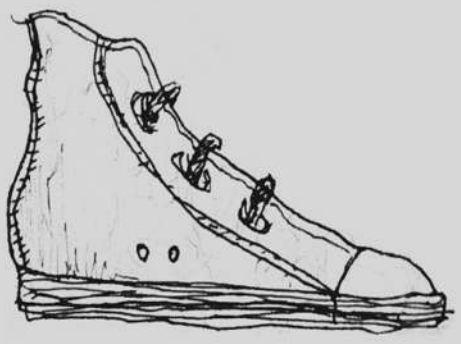
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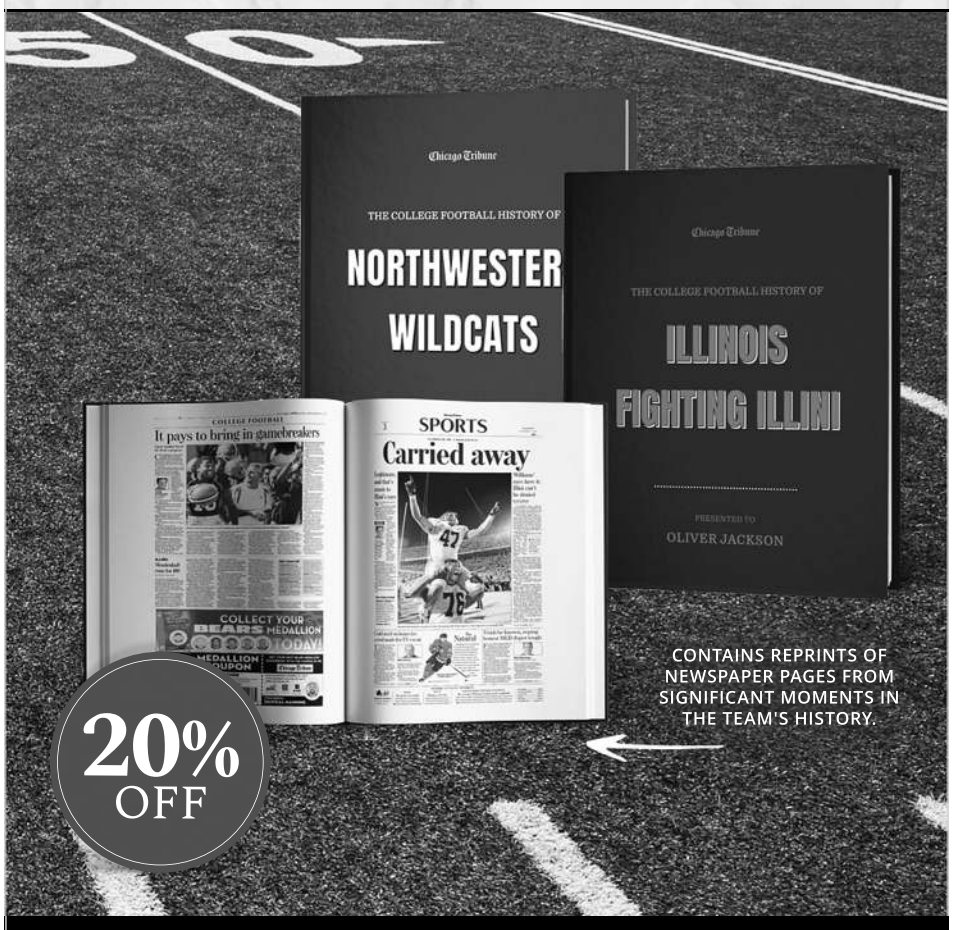


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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



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

AccuWeather Outlook: Mostly sunny and nice. Clear tonight.

	Day	Night
TUESDAY	High: 74	Low: 54
	Mostly sunny and nice	
	POP: 0%	
	Winds: NW 7-14 mph	
WEDNESDAY	High: 78	Low: 62
	Sun and areas of high clouds and pleasant	
	POP: 0%	
	Winds: WSW 6-12 mph	
THURSDAY	High: 73	Low: 55
	Clouds and sun with a couple of showers	
	POP: 90%	
	Winds: WNW 7-14 mph	
FRIDAY	High: 68	Low: 53
	Times of clouds and sun	
	POP: 0%	
	Winds: NE 7-14 mph	
SATURDAY	High: 74	Low: 55
	Pleasant with clouds and sun	
	POP: 0%	
	Winds: ENE 6-12 mph	
SUNDAY	High: 79	Low: 60
	Sun and some clouds	
	POP: 5%	
	Winds: ENE 6-12 mph	

CHICAGO FORECAST

Tuesday Conditions

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™						
1	4	6	6	4	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®						
59	68	74	76	72	69	69

Tuesday Activities

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index						
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Fishing Index						
6	6	6	6	4	3	4

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Monday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	69
Low	55
Normal high	82
Normal low	64
Record high	95 (2003)
Record low	47 (1917)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Monday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	69	48	81	58
Gary	68	55	82	62
Kankakee	70	48	82	61
Lansing	68	52	81	62
Midway	70	56	82	65
Romeoville	68	55	82	62
Valparaiso	70	53	83	61
Waukegan	72	53	79	60

Monday Precipitation

	2025	2024	Normal
Monday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.13"
Month to date	4.68"	1.50"	3.45"
Year to date	22.10"	25.58"	25.91"

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

Pollen as of 8/25

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Absent	Absent	High	High

Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index

Monday's reading: **Good**

Tuesday's forecast: **Moderate**

Primary pollutant: **Nitrogen Oxide**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

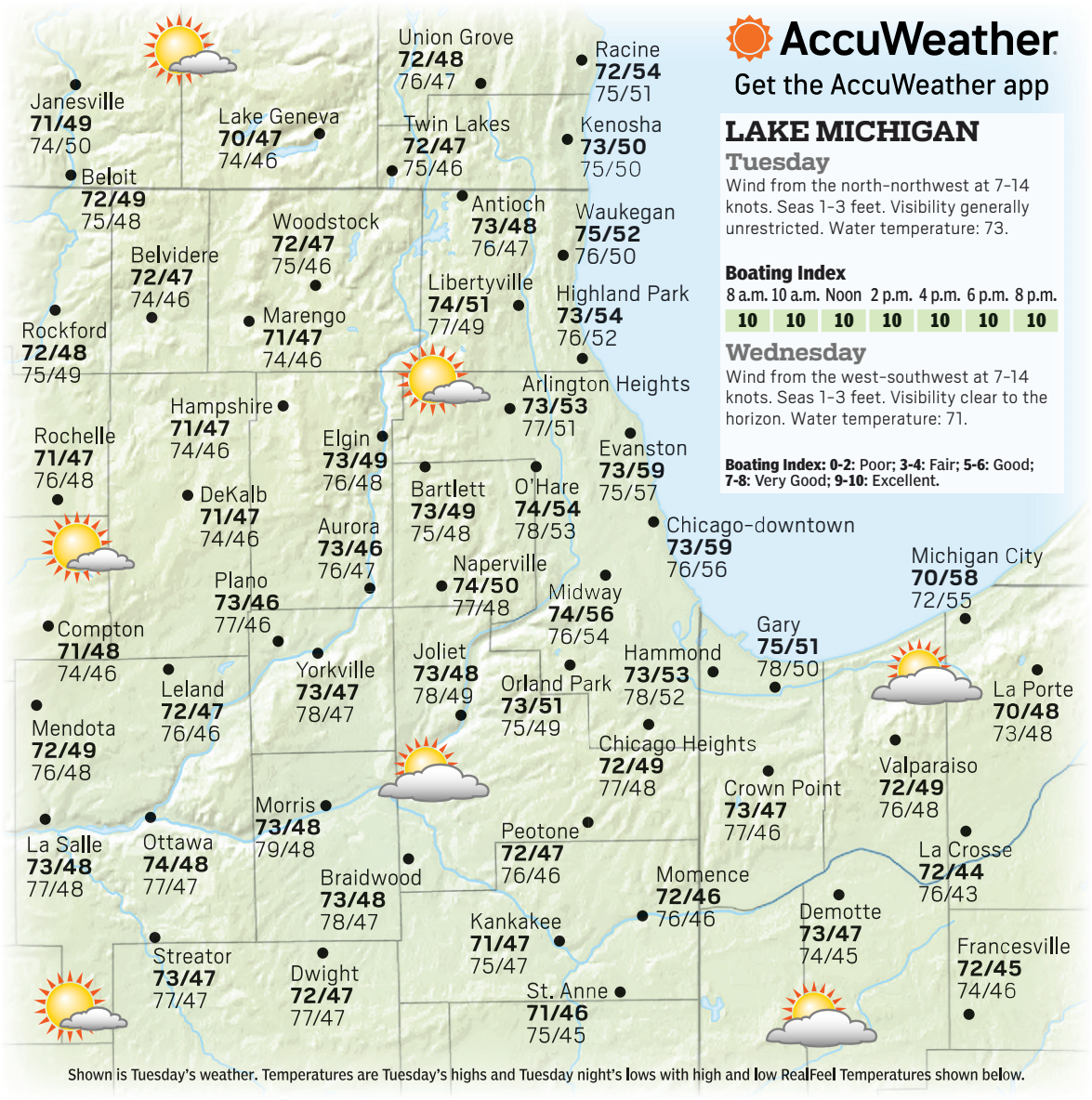
	Tue.	Wed.
Sunrise	6:10 a.m.	6:11 a.m.
Sunset	7:34 p.m.	7:32 p.m.
Moonrise	9:38 a.m.	10:41 a.m.
Moonset	8:56 p.m.	9:16 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21

Tuesday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	4:47 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Venus	3:25 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Mars	9:30 a.m.	9:02 p.m.
Jupiter	2:13 a.m.	5:13 p.m.
Saturn	8:41 p.m.	8:32 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 5:40 a.m. Mars: 9 p.m. Jupiter: 5:40 a.m. Saturn: 9 p.m. Mercury: 5:40 a.m.



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

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Tuesday

Wind from the north-northwest at 7-14 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 73.

Boating Index

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

Wednesday

Wind from the west-southwest at 7-14 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 71.

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

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On Aug. 26, 1864, a railroad train ran into a tornado 15 miles from Lawrenceburg, Ind. The storm lifted cars off the track, spun two passenger cars around twice and deposited them upside down in a ravine.

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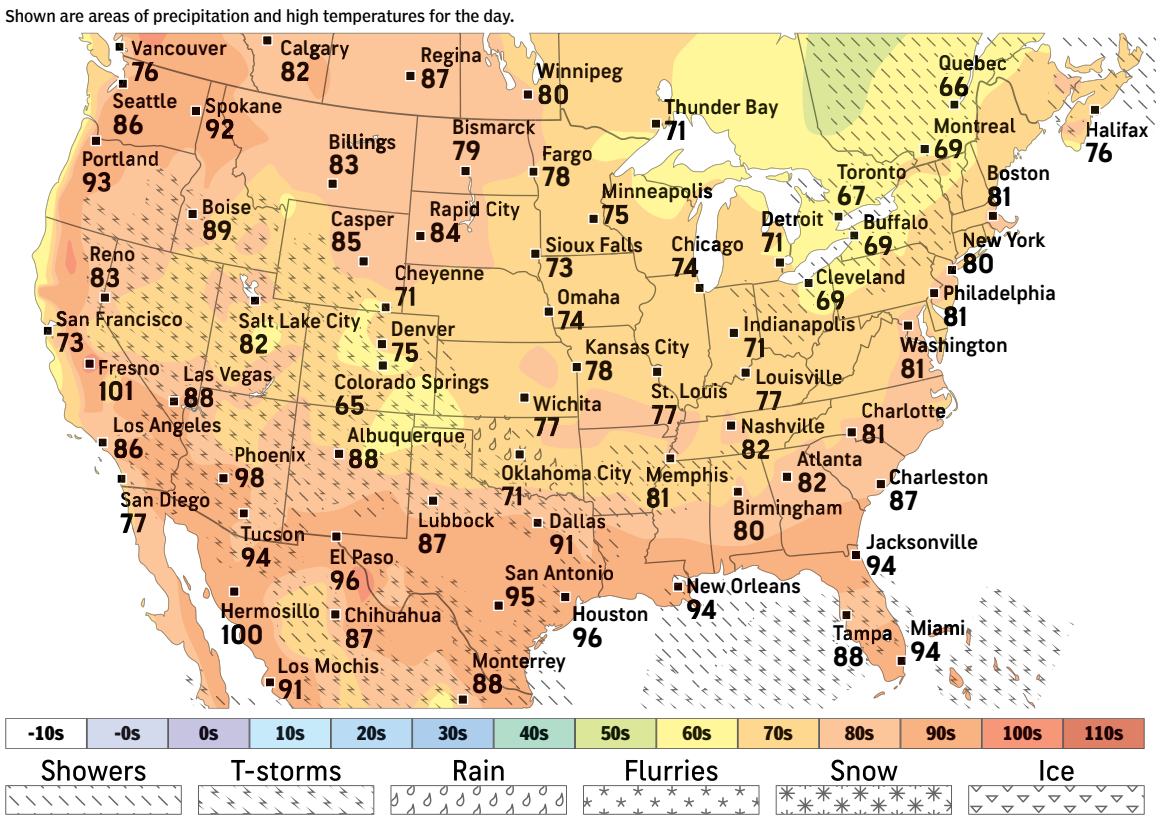
A: 26.13 inches; Hurricane Gilbert, Sept. 14, 1989

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	79/48/s	78/54/s
Champaign	74/49/pc	76/55/pc
Decatur	75/51/pc	78/57/pc
Moline	75/50/s	75/58/pc
Peoria	75/52/pc	76/57/pc
Quincy	74/52/s	78/58/pc
Rockford	72/48/s	74/58/pc
Springfield	74/49/s	77/56/pc
Sterling	74/50/s	76/59/pc
Indiana		
Bloomington	72/47/s	73/51/pc
Evansville	77/50/s	78/56/s
Fort Wayne	72/45/pc	73/52/pc
Indianapolis	71/53/pc	73/55/pc
Lafayette	72/47/s	73/56/pc
South Bend	70/49/pc	74/59/pc
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	71/46/pc	76/57/c
Kenosha	73/50/pc	78/59/pc
La Crosse	73/53/pc	76/58/pc
Madison	71/52/s	75/59/pc
Milwaukee	72/54/pc	77/61/pc
Wausau	71/51/pc	73/55/c
Michigan		
Detroit	71/49/pc	75/55/pc
Grand Rapids	71/48/pc	73/56/s
Marquette	64/45/s	67/49/t
Sault Ste. Marie	65/49/s	67/51/t
Traverse City	69/46/pc	74/60/pc
Iowa		
Ames	74/52/s	76/56/pc
Cedar Rapids	72/50/s	69/56/pc
Des Moines	76/57/s	79/58/pc
Dubuque	71/51/s	71/56/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	91/69/pc	94/73/pc
Albany, NY	75/54/pc	72/49/s
Albuquerque	88/66/t	83/65/t
Amarillo	73/61/t	90/68/t
Anchorage	64/55/c	61/55/sh
Asheville	75/53/c	76/54/s
Aspen	70/51/t	70/49/t
Atlanta	82/58/c	82/62/s
Atlantic City	79/63/s	78/62/pc
Austin	97/74/pc	93/75/t
Baltimore	80/58/s	78/54/s
Billings	83/60/c	82/61/pc
Birmingham	80/58/c	84/64/s
Bismarck	79/51/s	84/53/s
Boise	89/67/pc	78/63/r
Boston	81/60/s	77/60/pc
Brownsville	93/79/t	94/77/t
Buffalo	69/51/t	71/57/s
Burlington, VT	73/54/t	73/53/sh
Charleston, SC	87/67/s	86/67/sh
Charleston, WV	74/52/s	75/50/s
Charlotte	81/61/c	81/61/s
Chattanooga	79/57/c	80/61/s
Cheyenne	71/56/c	68/53/t
Cincinnati	71/51/pc	73/53/s
Cleveland	69/52/t	72/55/s
Colorado Spgs	65/56/t	74/55/t
Columbia, MO	77/53/s	79/60/pc
Columbia, SC	85/63/pc	85/62/pc
Columbus, OH	72/51/t	74/53/s
Concord	79/49/s	75/46/pc
Corpus Christi	94/78/t	94/76/t
Dallas	91/71/t	91/78/t
Daytona Beach	89/74/t	89/73/pc
Denver	75/59/t	78/58/t
Duluth	72/57/pc	76/54/t
El Paso	96/73/s	93/74/pc
Fairbanks	69/51/pc	68/51/c
Fargo	78/53/s	82/56/s
Flagstaff	70/52/t	74/52/t
Fort Myers	90/76/t	92/75/t
Fort Smith	76/64/r	76/67/sh
Fresno	101/69/s	98/66/s
Grand Junction	81/65/pc	81/61/t
Great Falls	88/52/pc	84/57/pc
Harrisburg	77/54/s	77/55/s
Hartford	78/54/s	76/51/s
Helena, MT	87/56/c	81/58/c
Honolulu	90/77/pc	90/76/pc
Houston	96/77/t	92/77/t
Int'l Falls	73/54/pc	72/49/t
Jackson, MS	88/68/pc	87/67/pc
Jacksonville	94/69/pc	87/71/s
Juneau	68/48/s	70/53/c
Kansas City	78/57/s	78/59/pc
Las Vegas	88/73/t	94/77/pc
Lexington	75/50/pc	75/55/s
Lincoln	78/58/s	77/57/pc
Little Rock	73/60/r	83/64/pc
Los Angeles	86/66/s	87/65/pc
Louisville	77/56/s	77/58/s
Macon	86/59/s	85/60/pc
Memphis	81/60/sh	84/65/s
Miami	94/79/pc	92/80/t
Minneapolis	75/57/pc	77/61/pc
Mobile	92/67/pc	90/65/pc
Montgomery	86/62/s	86/60/s
Nashville	82/55/pc	80/60/s
New Orleans	94/77/s	89/74/pc
New York City	80/61/s	77/60/pc
Norfolk	81/66/c	79/64/c
Oklahoma City	71/64/r	81/67/sh
Omaha	74/59/s	79/56/pc
Orlando	89/74/t	90/73/t
Palm Beach	93/77/t	91/77/t
Palm Springs	97/79/t	103/80/pc
Philadelphia	81/62/s	77/60/pc
Phoenix	98/81/t	101/85/pc
Pittsburgh	71/49/t	72/52/pc
Portland, ME	78/53/s	74/51/pc
Portland, OR	93/67/pc	89/64/s
Providence	79/57/s	77/54/pc
Raleigh	82/58/pc	80/60/pc
Rapid City	84/56/s	84/57/pc
Reno	83/61/t	84/57/sh
Richmond	81/61/pc	79/59/s
Rochester	69/52/t	70/54/s
Sacramento	92/61/s	91/60/s
St. Louis	77/56/s	79/61/pc
Salem, OR	98/62/c	89/59/s
Salt Lake City	82/65/t	80/60/t
San Antonio	95/77/pc	94/76/pc
San Diego	77/66/pc	78/68/pc
San Francisco	73/60/pc	74/58/pc
San Juan	91/79/t	91/79/t
Santa Fe	79/59/t	78/56/t
Savannah	89/67/s	86/69/pc
Seattle	86/64/s	79/61/pc
Shreveport	93/73/c	90/72/c
Sioux Falls	73/58/s	80/55/pc
Spokane	92/69/pc	90/66/c
Syracuse	70/52/t	70/53/sh
Tallahassee	94/67/pc	92/66/s
Tampa	88/77/t	91/77/t
Topeka	79/55/s	77/61/pc
Tucson	94/74/t	96/75/pc
Tulsa	79/63/pc	72/64/r
Washington, DC	81/61/s	80/61/s
Wichita	77/60/pc	67/64/r
Wilkes-Barre	74/50/pc	73/50/pc
Yuma	96/82/t	99/82/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/77/t	92/78/pc
Algiers	100/79/s	94/73/pc
Amsterdam	79/60/pc	75/59/pc
Ankara	82/58/s	83/57/s
Athens	87/71/s	89/74/s
Auckland	64/52/s	58/49/pc
Baghdad	109/86/s	109/83/s
Bangkok	89/78/r	89/78/r
Barbados	89/80/t	88/80/sh
Barcelona	86/75/s	85/74/s
Beijing	88/71/pc	74/69/sh
Beirut	90/79/sh	89/78/s
Berlin	73/56/pc	83/65/pc
Bermuda	88/81/s	86/78/t
Bogota	65/51/sh	63/50/c
Brussels	83/61/pc	79/61/pc
Bucharest	83/52/pc	87/57/s
Budapest	83/51/pc	89/60/pc
Buenos Aires	66/54/pc	65/54/s
Cairo	93/75/pc	94/75/pc
Cancun	95/78/sh	94/77/r
Caracas	93/77/sh	91/78/t
Casablanca	82/64/s	81/64/pc
Copenhagen	68/59/pc	70/59/pc
Dublin	68/55/sh	67/54/pc
Edmonton	86/52/pc	89/54/s
Frankfurt	82/62/c	81/65/sh
Geneva	88/61/pc	76/62/sh
Guadalajara	77/63/t	82/62/t
Havana	94/75/t	95/74/t
Helsinki	62/45/c	64/44/pc
Hong Kong	92/81/t	92/80/r
Istanbul	83/69/s	83/70/pc
Jerusalem	85/68/s	84/66/s
Johannesburg	79/49/pc	77/51/pc
Kabul	91/64/pc	91/67/pc
Kingston	94/82/pc	93/81/pc
Kyiv	65/52/sh	71/51/pc
Lima	66/58/s	66/59/pc
Lisbon	81/63/s	76/63/pc
London	79/58/pc	72/54/sh
Madrid	96/69/s	93/60/pc
Manila	83/76/t	87/78/r
Mexico City	75/58/pc	72/56/r
Monterrey	88/70/t	91/70/t
Montreal	69/53/sh	72/56/s
Moscow	59/46/r	63/47/pc
Munich	80/58/c	80/59/pc
Nairobi	78/57/pc	78/57/pc
Nassau	92/81/pc	91/80/pc
New Delhi	89/79/r	92/81/r
Oslo	72/53/c	64/56/r
Ottawa	68/50/sh	72/51/s
Panama City	89/75/r	87/75/r
Paris	83/61/pc	80/62/c
Prague	77/52/pc	83/58/pc
Rio de Janeiro	76/68/pc	77/69/s
Riyadh	110/87/pc	108/84/pc
Rome	85/68/s	86/73/s
Santiago	78/41/pc	69/44/pc
Seoul	88/72/t	89/74/c
Singapore	90/80/t	89/79/t
Sofia	79/49/pc	84/52/s
Stockholm	61/38/s	64/47/c
Sydney	75/63/s	72/52/pc
Taipei	98/78/c	97/81/c
Tehran	97/79/pc	99/77/s
Tokyo	92/82/s	93/80/s
Toronto	67/51/t	72/57/pc
Trinidad	89/79/sh	89/80/sh
Vancouver	76/61/s	75/63/pc
Vienna	80/55/pc	81/64/pc
Warsaw	67/48/pc	74/55/pc
Winnipeg	80/56/s	77/51/t

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Target backs off some online fulfillment

Incoming CEO's strategy is to boost in-person experience

Star Tribune

Target is revising a strategy to fulfill almost all digital orders from its stores, part of the incoming CEO's strategy to improve in-store experiences for shoppers.

For nearly a decade, the Minneapolis-based retailer has built stores around the ability to pack and ship digital orders alongside in-store purchases. That includes online orders for local pick-up as well as deliveries.

The result has been a major boost in digital sales, but sometimes at the expense of on-shelf availability and worker strain.

"You're juggling that digital business growth and working every day to maintain a great in-store experience," Chief Operating Officer Michael Fiddelke told analysts on a conference call earlier this week. "And you've heard me say from the start of the year, bringing more consistency to that in-store experience is a key priority of ours."

Target's earnings report this week included this digital re-orienting as well as the announcement Fiddelke would become CEO when Brian Cornell steps down in February.

Target first tested the online pullback at a few stores in Chicago this year. Now it plans to stop fulfilling online orders with in-store inventory and staff members at stores in 30 to 40 more markets also this year, Fiddelke said.

"We might say, 'Actually, shut your pack station down and sit this one out' because that allows you to focus exclusively on the drive-up business," he said. "Or, importantly, the in-store experience in a store."

The company didn't immediately specify Friday which additional stores, including any in Minnesota, would see the digital fulfillment change.

Since 2017, Target has built a "stores as hubs" business model that reduces the need for an expensive network of warehouses. That has kept costs low and boosted profits for digital sales, Fiddelke said, as the company constructed or remodeled stores with the digital hub in mind.

"Some stores are built to fulfill," Fiddelke said. "They've got a big back room. We can put a lot of pack stations in the back. They've got a manageable level of an in-store business, and they can support that digital demand in a market super well."

That has apparently not been the case at every location.

Target is keen to revive its brand proposition and excite its customers about the shopping experience as its sales continue to decline. And as competitor Walmart continues to lure more higher-income consumers alongside its usual budget-conscious crowd.

"Changing how we focus our store teams can help us make progress on a bunch of fronts," Fiddelke said.



Server Bella Orozco makes a margarita for a customer at La Palapa del Parian in southwest Detroit on Aug. 13. It's among businesses in southwest Detroit seeing fewer customers during fears over a federal immigration crackdown. **KATY KILDEE/THE DETROIT NEWS**

'ECONOMICALLY, IT'S BEEN A DISASTER'

Southwest Detroit small businesses reeling amid Trump immigration crackdown

The Detroit News

DETROIT — The "Quinceañera," or 15th birthday, for girls in many Latino cultures marks a transition to womanhood.

That's why it's customary for many to get their hair and makeup done in preparation for the celebration. In the largely Latino immigrant community of southwest Detroit, Araceli Hernandez's Florbella Salon is a go-to spot.

She recently had one such appointment on the books. But it was abruptly canceled after the prospective client's father was detained by Immigration Customs and Enforcement and deported, Hernandez said.

The girl was one lost customer among many for the small business owner amid the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration. In typical times, she's booked "two-three weeks in advance" but now that's far from the case. Hernandez estimates that she's doing 50% less in sales on the busiest day of the week this summer compared to last year.

She wonders if her shop on Michigan Avenue will be in business at this time next year. "There's days where I sit here and I'm like, OK, what's going on?" Hernandez said.

Small business owners in Michigan's largest Latino community say they are reeling amid President Donald Trump's aggressive mass deportation campaign. With some longtime customers being deported and others increasingly electing to leave the area, they describe a pervasive climate of fear around immigration enforcement that's deterring locals from being out in public, and in turn depressing foot traffic and sales.

"Economically, it's been a disaster," said Maria Hayes, who owns Ideas Marketing, a graphic design and printing service on southwest Detroit's main corridor, Vernor Highway.

More than financial strains, small business owners, an elected official and advocacy groups told The Detroit News that the marked slowdown in business represents an unraveling of the community's social fabric. The tight-knit neighborhood is rife with small businesses — many of them passed through generations — and their clientele is hyper-local.

"For us, as business owners, we feel this a lot, because it's our people, and we want our people to be with us," said Maria Gonzalez of La Mexicana Supermercado on a recent late morning, her grocery store empty of customers.

The sales slowdown in southwest Detroit is consistent with a broader trend.

The most recent available data from analytics firm Kantar shows that food and beverage sales among Hispanics in the United States dropped 4.3 percentage points from the first quarter of 2024 to that of 2025, while they slid only 0.1 percentage points among non-Hispanics in the same time frame. In the apparel category, sales among Hispanics slid 8.3 percentage points, and 0.1 percentage points for non-Hispanics.

"President Trump was elected with a mandate to carry out the largest mass deportation operation in history — and he is following through on the promise he made the American people," White House spokesperson Abigail Jackson said in a statement issued Thursday. "President Trump's America First policies ushered in historic job, wage, investment, and economic growth in his first term — and that same agenda of The One Big Beautiful Bill's tax cuts and deregulation is again building up small businesses and local economies. The President has proven it's possible to grow our economy while also enforcing federal immigration laws."

Southwest Detroit's commercial downturn coincides with mounting scrutiny of the deportation campaign's effect on the economy. On the campaign trail last year, Trump routinely criticized former President Joe Biden for the stagnant economy while vowing to revitalize it.

But seven months on from Trump's second inauguration, the unemployment rate is ticking up, companies are increasingly passing tariff-related costs to consumers, and major industries have warned that the deportation campaign is reducing the workforce.

Julie Powers, executive director of Immigration Law and Justice Michigan, noted the state's agricultural industry, for example, is largely powered by immigrant labor, adding that she believes the immigration crackdown could have grave impacts on it.

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Eric Sowa, owner of Barber Haus in downtown Naperville, wants to expand his business into the suite next door with a health spa and wellness shop called Health Haus. His plan won unanimous approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission and will head to the Naperville City Council for consideration. **MARIE WILSON/ NAPERVILLE SUN**

Commission recommends downtown Naperville barber's health spa expansion

By Marie Wilson
Naperville Sun

In a downtown Naperville location that's difficult to find, Eric Sowa wants to expand his barber shop into the health and wellness realm, and members of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission have endorsed his plan.

Commissioners unanimously recommended Wednesday that the Naperville City Council adopt a zoning variance to allow Sowa's proposed health spa on the first floor in the downtown B4 zoning district.

Sara Kopinski, a member of the city's planning services team, said health spas are allowed in B4 but restricted by code to the second floor or above. This is because these businesses "are not found to generate as much pedestrian activity or rely on passersby for customers," she said, so they don't help ensure downtown remains a vibrant area for people to walk and shop.

While Sowa's shop — Barber Haus, at 232 S. Washington St. — is within the downtown core district, it has no Washington Street frontage and is only visible from the back of the property, next to an alley and the Chicago Avenue parking garage. To find it from Washington, customers must walk through a gap between storefronts to the back of a multitenant commercial building, accessed from a small courtyard.

"My location of my business is tucked away form the main strip. Even being there for three years, new clients are still having a struggle finding me," Sowa said. "Many of those businesses back there need to operate as a destination location — people don't stumble across us; they have to seek us out."

The Downtown Naperville Alliance board submitted comments to the city, saying the "limited visibility" of the Barber Haus site "makes this a difficult location for traditional retail." The group supported Sowa's plan to expand his shop from suite 7 of the commercial building at 232 S. Washington into the adjacent suite 6 as well.

With his planned expansion, Sowa wants to create a health spa and wellness shop called Health Haus to complement Barber Haus and create what he described in his petition to the city as "a complete destination for grooming and wellness."

Inside the proposed 1,100-square-foot Health Haus, Sowa would offer an IV drip center, a medspa, a chiropractor and

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Democrats ask Trump to revive wind farm near RI

Administration stops work in order to review offshore project

By Jennifer McDermott
Associated Press

A nearly complete wind farm off the coast of Rhode Island and Connecticut faces an uncertain future as the states' Democratic governors, members of Congress and union workers are calling for the Trump administration to let construction resume.

The administration halted construction on the Revolution Wind project last week, saying the federal government needs to review the project and address national security concerns. It did not specify what the concerns are.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management said Monday that it's not commenting further at this time.

The politicians are getting involved because stopping work on Revolution Wind threatens local jobs and their states' climate goals, and could drive up electricity prices. All of the project's underwater foundations and 45 out of 65 turbines are already installed.

Large, ocean-based wind farms are the linchpin of government plans to shift to renewable energy, particularly in populous East Coast states with limited land for wind turbines or solar arrays.

President Donald Trump has made sweeping strides to prioritize fossil fuels and hinder renewable energy projects. Those include reviewing wind and solar energy permits, canceling plans to use large areas of federal waters for new offshore wind development and stopping work on another offshore wind project under construction for New York, although construction was later allowed to resume.

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont was scheduled to go to State Pier in New London, Connecticut, on Monday, where components for the Revolution Wind project are kept before being taken out to sea. Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee planned to go to North Kingstown, Rhode Island, where the logistics and operations hub for the project is located.

Both governors will be joined by Democratic congressmen and labor leaders. About 1,000 union members have been working on Revolution Wind, and those jobs are now at risk.

Revolution Wind is expected to be Rhode Island and Connecticut's first large offshore wind farm, capable of powering more than 350,000 homes. Power would be provided at a rate of 9.8 cents per kilowatt hour, locked in for 20 years. That is cheaper than the average cost of electricity in New England.

The developer, Danish energy company Orsted, is evaluating the financial impact of stopping construction and considering legal proceedings. Rhode Island is already home to one offshore wind farm in state waters, the five-turbine Block Island Wind Farm.

The Trump administration previously stopped work on Empire Wind, the New York offshore wind project. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said it appeared the Biden administration had "rushed through" the approvals, although the developer Equinor spent seven years obtaining permits. Construction was allowed to resume in May after two of the state's Democratic leaders, Sen. Chuck Schumer and Gov. Kathy Hochul, intervened.



Researchers call the size of the latest decrease in Americans who read for pleasure "surprising." **GRAHAM DICKIE/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2024**

Joy of reading disappearing

Study reveals 40% drop in share of Americans opening books for fun, continuing years of decline

By Maggie Astor
The New York Times

Any reader knows the unique delight of settling down with a good book.

But over the past two decades, there has been a steady decline in Americans who read for fun, according to a study published last week.

Researchers from University College London and the University of Florida examined national data from 2003 to 2023 and found that the share of people who reported reading for pleasure on a given day fell to 16% in 2023 from a peak of 28% in 2004 — a drop of about 40%. It declined around 3% each year over those two decades.

There is evidence that reading for pleasure has been declining since the 1940s, the researchers said, but they called the size of the latest decrease "surprising," given that the study defined reading broadly, encompassing books, magazines and newspapers in print, electronic or audio form.

Many previous studies' results could be questioned because they didn't explicitly account for e-books and audiobooks, said Daisy Fancourt, a co-author of the study and a professor of psychobiology and epidemiology at University College London.

The study did not answer the question of why Americans were reading less. But the authors suggested some possible explanations, including more use of social media and other technology, or more time spent at work because of economic pressure.

The decline in reading could have implications for learning, relationships and overall well-being, the researchers said.

"Even though reading is often thought of as more of an individual activity, when we read stories, we actually form connections with characters," Fancourt said. "The empathy that we feel for them is actually real, and these connections with characters can be ways that we can feel less alone, that we can feel socially and emotionally validated."

The new study, published in the journal iScience, relied on data from the American Time Use Survey, which asks thousands of Americans annually to describe in detail how they spent a day.

The findings showed significant demographic disparities among those who read for pleasure. For example, in 2023, the most highly educated people were more than twice as likely to read as the least educated, and high-income people were about 1.5 times as likely to read as low-income people. Those disparities widened over time.

The researchers also found that, while more than 20% of people surveyed had a child under 9 years old, only 2% of those surveyed read with a child — a finding that could contribute to further declines in adult reading going forward, the researchers said.

Research indicates that reading can have a wide range of benefits for educational attainment, reasoning and comprehension skills, imagination, empathy, mental health, cognitive health and more.

Jill Sonke — a co-author of the new paper and a director of the EpiArts Lab at the University of Florida, which studies how engagement in the arts and culture affects health — said she would like to see more awareness that reading is a resource "for our health and well-being."

"As we're living in this really complex and really challenging time, we really need to be intentional about the ways in which we support our health," Sonke said.

Agency ends inquiry of firm tied to Trump Jr.

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has dropped an investigation into a "buy now, pay later" company with close ties to President Donald Trump's son Donald Trump Jr., saying the investigation was conducted in a biased manner and based off politics.

Last week, the CFPB notified Credova Financial, a subsidiary of Public Square Holdings, where Trump Jr. is a board member and investor, that it was no longer under investigation.

Public Square is a directory of businesses that sell American-made products, including financing for firearms and family pets, that market to conservative-leaning customers. Credova provides buy now, pay later services to Trump Jr.'s GrabAGun firearms marketplace, which went public this year.

The agency says the investigation, initiated during Democratic President Joe Biden's term, was politically motivated against firearms companies and Trump Jr.

However, the company has a record of dozens if not hundreds of consumer complaints and settlements over state consumer protection violations.

Michael Seifert, chairman and CEO of Public Square, said in a statement that the closure of the CFPB investigation "confirms the strength and integrity of our company."

The firm had for years been accused of charging junk fees to customers or violating state consumer protection rules.

In 2021, Credova and another Nevada-based finance firm reached a settlement with the Massachusetts attorney general's office to waive balances totaling more than $126,000 to resolve allegations they illegally leased dogs in violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act.

In January 2024, Credova and the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation entered into a consent order to resolve allegations the firm failed to disclose potential third-party fees to consumers. As a result, Credova was required to pay a $50,000 penalty and disclose potential third-party convenience fees to consumers in the future.

Dr Pepper, Keurig plan to split after Peet's deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Less than a decade after their merger, Keurig and Dr Pepper plan to become separate companies again.

Keurig Dr Pepper said Monday that it is buying the owner of Peet's Coffee in a $18 billion deal. Then it will break itself in two, with one company selling coffee and the other selling cold beverages like Snapple, Dr Pepper, 7UP and energy drinks.

The agreement unwinds the 2018 merger of Keurig and Dr. Pepper.

The combination with Peet's parent JDE Peet's, which is based in Amsterdam, expands Keurig's presence beyond North America, where it's known for its single-serve coffee machines. JDE Peet's owns the brands L'OR, Jacobs, Douwe Egberts, Kenco, Pilao, OldTown, Super and Moccona.

The merger could also help the company cushion the impact of U.S. tariffs. President Donald Trump imposed a 50% tariff this summer on most imports from Brazil — the world's leading coffee producer — for investigating its former president, Jair Bolsonaro, a Trump ally.

Droughts in Brazil and Vietnam, two of the biggest coffee exporters, have also resulted in smaller harvests and driven up prices.

At the end of July, the average price of 1 pound of ground roast coffee in the U.S. was $8.41, up 33% from the same time last year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, The New York Times reported.

Meanwhile, sales of Dr Pepper's traditional soft drinks have been slowing as health conscious consumers look for new alternatives.

The newly formed beverage company, with $11 billion in annual sales in the U.S. and Mexico, can continue to pivot to its faster-growing beverages, like the energy drinks Ghost and Bloom.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Traveler returns to US with parasite

A person who traveled to El Salvador has been diagnosed with New World screwworm — the first reported U.S. case tied to travel to a country with a current outbreak.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the diagnosis Aug. 4. Federal health officials acknowledged the infection in an emailed statement Monday but did not describe the patient's condition. They collaborated with Maryland health officials, the statement said.

New World screwworm primarily affects livestock, is rare in humans and does not spread from person to person, according to health officials.

The parasite is of great concern to ranchers, as cattle infestations have been moving northward through Central America and Mexico. — *Associated Press*

Migrants cited for lower EU inflation

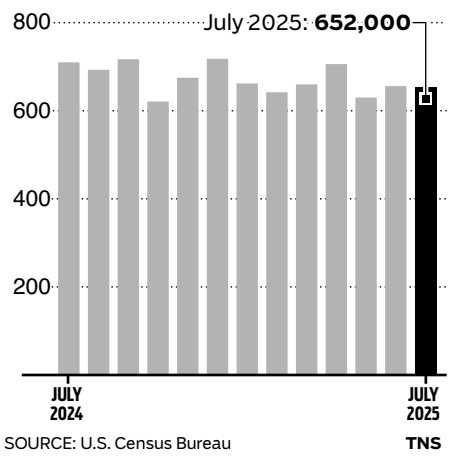
JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. — A jump in the share of foreign-born workers after the pandemic helped Europe bring inflation down without sharply slower growth, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said Saturday.

In a Jackson Hole speech at a Federal Reserve economic symposium, Lagarde said: "In Germany, for example, GDP would be around 6% lower than in 2019 without the contribution of foreign workers."

Her comments echoed a common view among economists that an influx of foreign workers helped companies expand output to meet a spike in demand after the pandemic, which helped bring down inflation in Europe and the U.S. Yet the rise in immigration also sparked a political backlash in both geographical areas. — *Associated Press*

New residential sales

New houses sold, seasonally adjusted, scale in thousands



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau TNS

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"If you really care about money, fine," she said. "Then why are you cheering on a death blow to Michigan's economy?"

Businesses adjust

Business owners in southwest Detroit said they're looking for ways to boost sales and even out their balance sheets in spite of the slowdown.

Nancy Diaz, who owns La Palapa del Parian restaurant on Lawndale Street, said monthly revenues are dropping, and that typically busy times like the Memorial Day and July 4 weekends have been slow this year.

So it was, too, on a recent Wednesday around 1 p.m. After one group eating at a table in the outside section left, the colorfully-decorated restaurant was empty except for servers, chefs and a boy at a table in the sitting room playing on an iPad.

To boost sales, Diaz said she's trying to do more marketing "outside the area" and advertising the restaurant's "Taco Tuesday" deal: 30 tacos for $55.

Hernandez of Florbella Salon is also offering special deals: "If they're going to get a couple things done, I can just give them something else for free." However, that's becoming a heavier lift as the prices she pays for certain imported hair care supplies are increasing because of Trump's tariffs.

"I don't know how much can I do without affecting my own profits, my own pockets," Hernandez said.

The success of Hayes' business — Ideas Marketing — is largely predicated on the success of other businesses in the area. Most of her clients are other business owners in need of things like promotional materials, webpage design and branded uniforms. Because those clients are struggling themselves, Hayes said her business is feeling the strain acutely.

She's noticed a particular pullback in orders from construction companies, which make up a large share of her business. As laborers for those companies leave the area or stop showing up to work for fear of immigration enforcement, Hayes said owners aren't ordering as many uniforms as they typically do.

To soften the blow from the drop in sales, Hayes said she's had to raise prices and shorten employees' hours.

"It's super scary," Hayes said, workers behind her rolling out material, measuring and snipping it. The music video for Puerto Rican pop star Rauw Alejandro's hit "Tu Con Él" softly played from a television mounted on the wall.

'Fast, quickly and quietly'

While Trump sought to ramp up deportations in his first term, southwest Detroit small business owners said they saw no drop off in sales attributable to his immigration enforcement.

But since he returned to office in January — and has deployed a number of new, controversial tactics to ramp up deportations — they describe a wholly unprecedented impact on businesses and the community.

Those methods have included arresting people at courthouses once they exit their immigration hearings, raiding workplaces to make arrests, and broadening enforcement to encompass "collaterals" — people who aren't targets of ICE operations but whom agents come across in the course of business.

As part of the effort, the Trump administration has tapped several agencies for help that are typically uninvolved with immigration enforcement, ranging from the National Guard to the Drug Enforcement Administration and even the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Furthermore, Trump's signature tax and spending legislation, the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," allocates about $170 billion for border security and immigration enforcement.

ICE arrests under Trump include a growing proportion of people with no U.S. criminal convictions or pending charges — 37% in July, compared with 13% in December, the Associated Press reported last week. It cited federal data compiled by the University of California at Berkeley's Deportation Data Project.

"Many of the individuals that are counted as 'non-criminals' are actually terrorists, human rights abusers, gangsters and more," Tricia McLaughlin, assistant secretary of public affairs at the Department of Homeland Security, told the AP. "They just don't have a rap sheet in the U.S."

> ***"They're going after people who have legal status here, people who've lived here for 20 years, have businesses, homes, children. Our business district is empty now. Restaurants and construction can't find enough workers to fill their space. It's not even just undocumented people that are scared."***
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> *— Lex Zavala, interim executive director of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation*

The Guardian, a leading British newspaper, reported in June on a memo from ICE officials to subordinates encouraging them to "turn the creative knob up to 11" in immigration enforcement and "push the envelope" in conceiving new ways to ramp up deportations. White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller told Fox News in May that the administration had set a goal of 3,000 ICE arrests per day.

The government's broad efforts appear to have taken root in southwest Detroit. At the end of fiscal year 2024, there were 29,677 cases pending in Detroit immigration court, according to the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. Now, over halfway through fiscal year 2025, the backlog of cases has increased by nearly 1,000, to 30,670.

City Councilwoman Gabriela Santiago-Romero, whose district includes southwest Detroit, said she's getting calls from constituents "every single day" about new ICE detentions in the community.

ICE operations in cities like Chicago and Los Angeles have attracted much public attention because of how atypical it is for immigration enforcement to be so pronounced in areas like those, which aren't on the U.S. border, she said. Because Detroit sits on the border with Canada, by comparison, Santiago-Romero said it's not "shocking" to see agents from ICE and U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the area.

That doesn't mean the efforts in the area haven't been uniquely concerted of late, she said: "Here, it doesn't look like the raids that you're seeing in those other cities, but here it's happening fast, quickly and quietly."

'They don't want us here'

Business owners and advocacy groups framed the strains that southwest Detroit's economy is facing as undue punishment for the entire community.

"They're going after people who have legal status here, people who've lived here for 20 years, have businesses, homes, children," said Lex Zavala, the interim executive director of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation. "Our business district is empty now. Restaurants and construction can't find enough workers to fill their space. It's not even just undocumented people that are scared."

The slowdown, he continued, is hurting "hardworking people that are coming here to build the American Dream just like previous immigrant populations in the past."

Hernandez, the salon owner, noted the same widespread effect.

As "one of those persons that tries to do everything legally, have everything, all the permits," she finds it unfair that Trump's immigration policy is, if indirectly, forcing her to consider closing her business.

For the moment, Hernandez is "counting (her) blessings" and remaining grateful for the business she's still seeing: "We're hustlers, so we'll try to stay."

But she also suggested those efforts feel increasingly out of reach: "Sometimes it's hard, when they don't want us here."

Detroit News staff writer Ben Warren contributed.

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specialty products including skin, hair and scalp care items, electrolyte drinks and cold-press juices.

"I am creating a one-stop-shop for our clients and emphasizing on wellness for males, instead of most major barber chains that want to promote alcohol," Sowa wrote in his petition.

If approved by the city council, Sowa could create Health Haus within a space currently occupied by a beauty training business, which is across the courtyard from an aerial yoga studio.

He said he envisions the brick patio near the parking garage as a "destination courtyard, and maybe a wellness court."

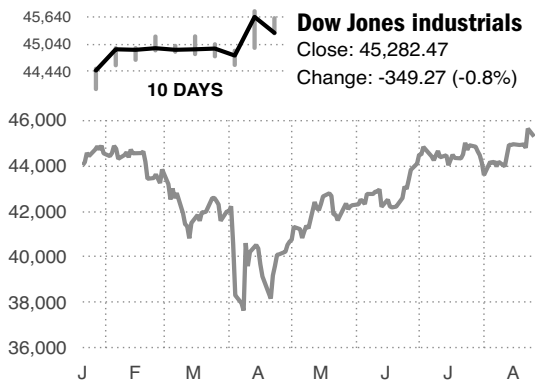
"Staff agrees that establishing a health spa in suite six will complement the existing uses and support surrounding businesses by attracting additional traffic to the area," Kopinski said.

Health Haus would not be the first health spa allowed on the first floor in the downtown as an exception to the second-floor-and-above rule. Planning and Zoning Commission Chairwoman Whitney Robbins said a handful of nail salons and similar businesses have been approved for the first floor over the years, with The Now massage spa built during the Old Nichols Library redevelopment as the most recent example.

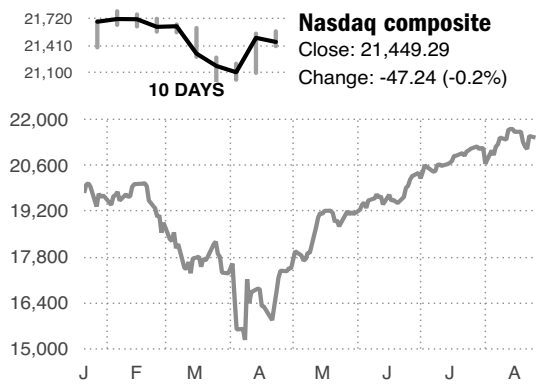
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Market Roundup

▼	DOW	45,282.47	-349.27	-0.77%	▼	NASDAQ	21,449.29	-47.24	-0.22%	▼	S&P 500	6,439.32	-27.59	-0.43%	▼	EURO	1.1616	-0.0105	-0.89%
▲	CRUDE OIL	64.80	1.14	1.79%	▼	GOLD	3,373.80	-0.60	-0.02%	▼	6-MO T-BILLS	4.04	-0.01	-0.25%	▲	30-YR T-BONDS	4.89	0.01	0.31%



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 45,282.47
Change: -349.27 (-0.8%)



Nasdaq composite
Close: 21,449.29
Change: -47.24 (-0.2%)

StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	3816	3961
Pvs. Volume	4752	4989
Advanced	853	1169
Declined	1748	2263
New Highs	39	56
New Lows	2	41

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	45,605.25	45,273.09	45,282.47	-349.27	-0.77%	▼	▲	▲	+6.44%
DOW Trans.	16,070.32	15,796.92	15,814.56	-287.45	-1.78%	▼	▲	▲	-0.51%
DOW Util.	1,108.58	1,094.39	1,095.75	-13.73	-1.24%	▼	▼	▲	+11.50%
NYSE Comp.	21,151.44	21,000.38	21,000.56	-149.55	-0.71%	▼	▲	▲	+9.97%
NASDAQ	21,572.18	21,400.08	21,449.29	-47.24	-0.22%	▼	▲	▲	+11.07%
S&P 500	6,466.89	6,438.06	6,439.32	-27.59	-0.43%	▼	▲	▲	+9.48%
S&P 400	3,252.32	3,231.02	3,231.39	-24.59	-0.76%	▼	▲	▲	+3.54%
Wilshire 5000	64,699.20	64,396.87	64,398.57	-300.63	-0.47%	▼	▲	▲	+9.21%
Russell 2000	2,357.39	2,339.07	2,339.17	-22.78	-0.96%	▼	▲	▲	+4.89%

LOCAL STOCKS

NAME	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD CHG	LO	HI	DIV
ANI Pharmaceuticals Inc.	90.32	-0.69	-0.7%	+35.12	52.50	92.65	...
AbbVie Inc.	207.55	-3.05	-1.5%	+29.83	163.81	218.66	6.56
Abbott Laboratories	131.87	-0.72	-0.5%	+18.88	110.86	141.23	2.36
Acco Brands Corp.	3.97	-0.04	-1.0%	-1.28	3.32	6.43	0.30
Addus HomeCare	116.65	-1.76	-1.5%	-8.70	88.96	136.72	...
Adtalem Global Education	135.33	+.45	+0.3%	+44.48	68.60	140.12	0.18
Allstate Corp., The	202.08	-3.44	-1.7%	+9.28	176.00	214.76	4.00
AptarGroup Inc.	139.56	-1.87	-1.3%	-17.53	130.85	178.03	1.80
Archer Daniels Midland Cc	64.21	+1.29	+2.2%	+13.79	40.98	64.38	2.04
BankFinancial	12.35	-0.04	-0.3%	-0.34	10.69	13.97	0.40
Baxter International Inc.	24.56	+.02	+0.1%	-4.59	21.33	40.49	0.68
Broadwind	2.21	.00	0.0%	+.33	1.41	3.03	...
Brunswick Corp.	65.18	-0.74	-1.2%	+.47	41.00	87.65	1.72
CCC Intel Sol Hldg	9.75	-0.15	-1.3%	-1.96	8.15	12.88	...
CDW	166.46	-0.54	-0.3%	-7.46	137.31	231.38	2.50
CF Industries Holdings Inc	86.17	-0.34	-0.4%	+.88	67.34	104.45	2.00
CME Group Inc.	271.39	+1.87	+0.7%	+39.09	207.10	290.79	5.00
CNA Financial Corp.	48.93	-0.40	-0.9%	+.50	43.29	52.36	1.84
Cboe Global Markets Inc.	249.08	+2.65	+1.1%	+53.69	187.30	255.27	2.88
Century Aluminum	22.29	+.08	+0.5%	+4.11	11.63	25.39	...
Chicago Rivet & Machine (	11.05	+.05	+0.5%	-4.79	8.15	22.27	0.12
Coeur Mining Inc.	12.14	+.07	+0.5%	+6.42	4.58	12.31	...
ConAgra Brands Inc.	19.16	-0.50	-2.5%	-8.59	18.18	33.24	1.40
Deere & Co.	487.90	-8.09	-1.5%	+64.84	374.46	533.78	6.48
Distribution Solutions Grp	33.24	-0.02	-0.1%	-1.19	21.87	41.47	0.48
Dover Corp.	180.51	-2.56	-1.4%	-7.07	143.04	214.57	2.08
Enova International Inc.	114.61	+.63	+0.8%	+18.98	72.87	119.06	...
Equity Lifestyle Propert. In	59.81	-0.66	-1.1%	-6.79	58.15	76.60	2.06
Equity Residential	64.80	-0.46	-0.6%	-6.91	59.41	78.83	2.77
Exelon Corp.	44.60	-0.36	-0.8%	+6.98	35.94	48.11	1.60
Federal Signal Corp.	126.57	-1.75	-1.3%	+34.28	66.47	130.30	0.56
First Busey	23.91	-0.26	-1.0%	+.36	18.40	28.30	1.00
First Indust.Realty Trust In	51.28	-0.29	-0.5%	+1.19	40.31	58.16	1.78
First Mid Bancshares Inc.	39.82	-0.32	-0.8%	+3.00	27.58	43.86	1.00
Fortune Brands Innovatior	59.87	-1.63	-2.5%	-8.35	47.21	90.53	1.00
FreightCar America Inc.	8.82	-0.16	-1.8%	-0.14	4.31	16.10	0.36
Fuel Technologies Inc.	2.75	-0.03	-1.4%	+1.68	.87	3.38	...
GATX Corp.	164.84	-1.61	-0.9%	+9.99	127.69	168.89	2.44
Gallagher & Co., Arthur J.	298.62	-4.55	-1.4%	+15.18	274.25	351.23	2.60
Gogo Inc.	11.12	-0.44	-3.6%	+3.06	6.17	16.82	...
Grainger Inc., W.W.	1013.45	-8.41	-0.9%	-41.05	893.99	1227.66	9.04
Great Lakes Dre.&Dock Cc	11.77	-0.15	-1.1%	+.49	7.51	12.89	0.08
Groupon Inc.	26.16	-0.53	-2.1%	+13.99	7.75	43.08	...
Heidrick & Struggles Intl Ir	51.21	-0.57	-1.0%	+6.97	35.54	52.17	0.60
Horace Mann Educators C	45.21	-0.76	-1.6%	+6.00	33.00	46.30	1.40
Hub Group Inc.	36.62	-0.86	-2.3%	-7.95	30.75	53.21	0.50
Huron Consulting Group Ir	136.19	-2.54	-1.8%	+12.03	102.58	155.00	...

LocalStocks

IF Bancorp. Inc.	25.20	+.00	+0.0%	+1.90	17.82	25.76	0.40
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	266.74	-2.67	-1.0%	+13.27	214.66	279.13	6.44
Ingredion Inc.	128.02	-1.02	-0.6%	-9.35	120.51	155.27	3.20
JBT Marel Corp.	146.20	-1.50	-0.7%	+19.55	82.64	148.76	0.40
John B. Sanfilippo & Son I	66.05	-1.09	-1.5%	-20.98	58.47	97.47	0.90
Jones Lang Lasalle Inc.	304.50	+1.31	+0.3%	+50.87	194.36	306.22	0.43
Kemper Corp.	52.92	-0.70	-1.2%	-13.48	45.02	73.01	1.28
Knowles Corp.	21.35	-0.22	-0.9%	+1.44	12.19	21.69	...
Kraft Heinz	27.69	-0.37	-1.2%	-2.98	25.44	36.53	1.60
LKQ Corp.	31.70	-0.14	-0.3%	-5.02	28.92	44.82	1.20
Lifeway Foods Inc.	30.36	-1.37	-4.7%	+5.44	17.82	32.19	0.08
Littelfuse Inc.	262.16	-0.78	-0.3%	+26.48	144.94	275.56	3.00
MYR Group Inc. (Del.)	185.20	-0.38	-0.2%	+36.40	86.60	220.01	...
McDonald's Corp.	313.44	-0.63	-0.2%	+23.70	276.53	326.32	7.08
Methode Electronics Inc.	7.51	+.01	+0.1%	-4.28	5.08	17.45	0.28
Middleby Corp	136.12	-1.19	-0.8%	+.76	118.09	182.73	...
Mondelez International Inc	61.96	-1.45	-2.2%	+2.29	53.95	76.06	2.00
Morningstar Inc.	261.29	-2.53	-1.0%	-75.50	250.34	365.00	1.82
Motorola Solutions Inc.	460.68	-1.23	-0.2%	-1.46	388.90	507.82	4.36
NISOURCE Inc.	42.67	-0.27	-0.6%	+5.93	32.53	43.51	1.12
Northern Trust Corp.	130.61	+.55	+0.4%	+28.09	81.62	133.00	3.20
Oil-Dri Corp. of America	58.65	-0.44	-0.7%	+14.83	32.06	63.82	0.72
Old Republic Intl Corp.	39.58	-0.35	-0.8%	+3.42	33.00	40.20	1.16
Old Second Bancorp Inc.	18.17	-0.22	-1.0%	+.42	14.14	19.46	0.24
OneSpan Inc.	14.26	-0.30	-1.9%	-4.26	12.51	20.36	0.48
Paylocity Holding Corp.	179.88	-2.43	-1.4%	-19.64	150.87	223.80	...
Potbelly Corp.	12.53	-0.21	-1.8%	+3.08	7.27	13.67	...
QCR Holdings Inc.	79.09	+.13	+0.3%	-1.45	60.83	96.08	0.24
RLI Corp.	67.62	-0.94	-1.6%	-14.93	65.14	91.14	0.64
Richardson Electronics Lt	9.43	-0.60	-6.0%	-4.60	7.57	15.51	0.24
Ryan Specialty Holdings Ir	58.05	-0.99	-1.6%	-6.05	55.77	77.16	0.48
Stepan Co.	50.55	-1.34	-2.6%	-14.15	44.23	82.08	1.54
Suncoke Energy Inc.	7.47	-0.10	-1.5%	-3.24	7.18	12.82	0.48
Telephone & Data Systems	38.57	-0.33	-0.8%	+4.49	21.81	42.74	0.16
Titan International Inc.	9.16	-0.02	-0.2%	+2.37	5.93	10.94	0.02
Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.	40.13	+.06	+0.4%	+7.91	29.03	40.61	0.36
TransUnion	89.46	-1.60	-1.7%	-3.20	66.38	113.17	0.46
TreeHouse Foods	18.84	-0.89	-4.4%	-16.27	17.37	43.84	...
US Foods Holding Corp.	77.50	-0.57	-0.9%	+9.92	56.47	85.11	...
Ulta Beauty Inc.	524.37	-5.13	-1.0%	+89.43	309.01	534.10	...
United Airlines	102.34	-0.64	-0.6%	+5.29	40.96	116.00	...
Ventas Inc.	67.72	-0.07	-0.1%	+8.84	56.68	71.36	1.92
Walgreens Boots Alliance	11.97	-0.10	-0.6%	+2.67	8.08	13.25	1.00
Wintrust Financial Corp.	134.01	-0.01	+0.1%	+9.42	89.10	142.04	2.00
Yunhong Green CTI Ltd.	.47	-0.01	0.0%	-0.07	.43	1.18	0.05
Zebra Technologies Corp.	319.55	-3.24	-0.9%	-66.41	205.73	427.75	...

Commodities

Coffee rose 4.27% to $3.91, leading gains. Platinum fell 1.76% to $1331.6, marking the largest decline. Crude oil increased 1.79% to $64.8.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	64.80	63.66	+1.14	-9.7
Heating Oil (gal)	2.31	2.33	-0.02	+1.4
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.70	2.70	+0.00	-25.8
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.15	2.16	-0.01	+6.9
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**CHG**	**%YTD**
Aluminum (ton)	2,527.00	2,505.25	+21.75	+0.2
Copper (lb)	4.47	4.45	+0.02	+12.1
Gold (oz)	3,373.80	3,374.40	-0.60	+28.3
Platinum (oz)	1,331.60	1,355.40	-23.80	+49.0
Silver (oz)	38.68	39.00	-0.33	+33.6
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**CHG**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	2.40	2.40	+0.00	+25.4
Coffee (lb)	3.91	3.75	+0.16	+21.5
Corn (bu)	3.89	3.88	+0.01	-15.1
Cotton (lb)	66.43	65.89	+0.54	-3.3
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	599.00	602.50	-3.50	-4.9
Orange Juice (lb)	2.40	2.36	+0.04	-48.7
Soybeans (bu)	10.26	10.37	-0.11	+2.7
Wheat (bu)	5.07	5.05	+0.02	-8.1

Foreign Exchange

The Swedish Krona led gains with 0.955%, while the Euro showed the largest decline at -0.894%. South African Rand rose 0.909%.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
British Pound (GBP/USD)	1.3448	-.0075	-.56%	1.2665	1.3211
Canadian Dollar	1.3851	+.0019	+.13%	1.4306	1.3523
Euro (EUR/USD)	1.1616	-.0105	-.89%	1.0514	1.1207
Japanese Yen	147.770	+.8060	+.55%	149.02	144.36
Mexican Peso	18.6591	+.0745	+.40%	20.456	19.094
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.3627	-.0047	-.14%	3.5804	3.6872
Norwegian Krone	10.1133	+.0607	+.60%	11.111	10.460
South African Rand	17.5928	+.1585	+.91%	18.398	17.709
Swedish Krona	9.5843	+.0907	+.95%	10.591	10.174
Swiss Franc	.8051	+.0037	+.46%	.8928	.8478
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.5415	+.0019	+.13%	1.5761	1.4715
Chinese Yuan	7.1510	-.0165	-.23%	7.2476	7.1221
Hong Kong Dollar	7.8112	-.0039	-.05%	7.7738	7.7962
Indian Rupee	87.6132	+.2832	+.32%	87.042	83.813
Singapore Dollar	1.2847	+.0039	+.30%	1.3354	1.3004
South Korean Won	1389.59	+6.390	+.46%	1429.5	1323.8
Taiwan Dollar	30.4495	+.0822	+.27%	32.751	31.747

Interestrates

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 4.279%. Yields affect interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
YEST	7.50	4.38
6 MO AGO	7.50	4.38
1 YR AGO	7.50	4.38

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	WK	MO	QTR	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	4.20	4.20	0.00	▼	▼	▼	4.30
6-month T-bill	4.04	4.05	-0.01	▼	▼	▼	4.32
1-year T-note	3.88	3.87	+0.01	▼	▼	▼	4.12
2-year T-note	3.73	3.70	+0.03	▼	▼	▼	4.07
5-year T-note	3.80	3.76	+0.04	▼	▼	▼	4.06
10-year T-note	4.28	4.26	+0.02	▼	▼	▼	4.26
30-year T-note	4.89	4.88	+0.01	▼	▼	▼	4.51

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG		WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	7.19	–	7.19	7.73	7.75
Money Market Account	0.43	▲	0.43	0.44	1.65
1 year cd	2.01	▲	2.00	1.97	3.65
$30K Home equity loan	8.42	▲	8.42	8.40	9.11
30 year fixed mortgage	6.64	▼	6.65	6.83	6.83
15 year fixed mortgage	5.87	▼	5.87	6.21	6.27



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Harsh legal angle to DC crackdown

Minor offenses met with elevated federal charges in US capital

By Devlin Barrett
The New York Times



Local police and federal agents make an arrest at a traffic stop on Aug. 17 in Washington, D.C. **ERIC LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump posed for photos with police officers, government agents and members of the National Guard in southeast Washington last week, lawyers across town in federal court grappled with his new brand of justice.

The stream of defendants who shuffled through a federal courtroom Thursday afternoon illustrated the new ways in which laws are being enforced in the nation's capital after the president's takeover of the city's police. They were appearing before a magistrate judge on charges that would typically be handled at the local court level, if they were filed at all.

Trump has cast his crackdown on crime as a success, and suggested Friday that it was a blueprint he would seek to apply to other cities, including Chicago. To defense lawyers and even some prosecutors, though, many of the cases that have landed in court have raised concerns that the takeover seems intended to artificially inflate its effect because government lawyers have been instructed to file the most serious federal charges, no matter how minor the incident.

One of the recipients of Trump's show of force was Mark Bigelow, 28, a delivery driver for Amazon.

After midnight on Aug. 19, Bigelow was sitting in the middle row of a van parked on a street in northeast Washington with its doors open, according to court papers. Two other men were in the front when a full complement of law enforcement officials — from the Metropolitan Police Department, the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service — stopped and saw what appeared to be an open container of alcohol in the front seat.

As law enforcement questioned and searched the two other passengers, Bigelow left the van and started to walk away, until other agents stopped him, according to the charging document. Peering into the van, an officer spotted "a second cup containing an alcoholic beverage in the middle row seat," at which point Bigelow was arrested on charges of possession of an open container, a misdemeanor.

As he was placed in a vehicle, the handcuffed Bigelow became belligerent, twisting his body and yelling, "Get off me! Y'all too little, bro!" at an ICE agent, according to a court filing, which described how Bigelow made "physical contact" by kicking an agent in the hand and another in the leg.

As a result, Bigelow was charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding a federal officer, an offense that carries a maximum sentence of eight years in prison.

The charges follow a directive by the U.S. attorney, Jeanine Pirro, to prosecutors to charge the most serious crimes possible in each case and to do so in federal court, where sentences tend to run much longer.

A federal public defender representing Bigelow, Elizabeth Mullin, told the U.S. magistrate judge, Moxila Upadhyaya, that he would never have been arrested, let alone charged with a federal felony, but for the president's crackdown. "He was caught up in this federal occupation of D.C.," she said. "This was a case created by federal law enforcement."

Next up was Torez Riley, 37, who was arrested at a Trader Joe's grocery store for what police said was possession of two handguns in his bag.

Riley's case has been a point of contention inside the U.S. attorney's office, where a number of prosecutors concluded that officers unlawfully searched Riley when they stopped him, violating the Fourth Amendment, according to people familiar with the case who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Before Trump's crackdown, prosecutors in Pirro's office would have been likely to dismiss a case like Riley's after an initial review of the facts of the arrest, according to the people, who were familiar with the instructions.

Those people said that after Riley's arrest, Pirro pushed her subordinates to charge the case despite those concerns. One person familiar with the matter disputed that characterization, saying that the prosecutors handling the case did not have a full command of the facts, and that when she saw the police body camera footage of the arrest Friday, she ordered them to dismiss the gun charges against Riley.

The next defendant was Edward Dana, 30, who is accused of threatening the president's life, which carries a potential five-year prison sentence.

Dana, who has a history of mental illness and arrests, was stopped around 10 p.m. on Aug. 17, after the police received complaints that he had damaged a light outside a restaurant in northwest Washington.

A group of police officers and federal agents arrested him for property destruction. As he settled into the back of a police car, he asserted that he was drunk after having consumed seven drinks. An officer's body camera captured his comments as he became irate.

"I'm not going to tolerate fascism," he declared, vowing to "protect the Constitution by any means necessary. And that means killing you, Officer, killing the president, killing anyone who stands in the way of our Constitution."

The officer immediately radioed his dispatcher to "notify Secret Service — he just made threats to kill the president."

Not long afterward, Dana began to sing. A Secret Service agent reviewed the video of his comments and filed a charging affidavit against him.

FEMA's supporters sound alarm over president's cuts

Over 180 sign letter opposing policies that limit missions

By Gabriela Aoun Angueira
Associated Press


A volunteer looks for missing people July 6 in Hunt, Texas, after deadly flash flooding that occurred over the July 4 holiday weekend. **RONALDO SCHEMIDT/GETTY-AFP**

More than 180 current and former employees of the Federal Emergency Management Agency published a letter Monday warning that debilitating cuts to the agency charged with handling federal disaster response risks a catastrophe like the one seen after Hurricane Katrina.

"Our shared commitment to our country, our oaths of office, and our mission of helping people before, during, and after disasters compel us to warn Congress and the American people of the cascading effects of decisions made by the current administration," the letter states.

The statement in it is noteworthy not only for its content but for its overall existence; a fierce approach toward critics by the Trump administration has caused many in the federal government to hesitate before locking horns with the White House.

The letter coincides with the 20th anniversary week of Hurricane Katrina, when more than 1,800 people died and profound failures in the federal response prompted Congress to pass the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006.

The letter warns that poor management and eroded capacity at FEMA could undo progress made to improve the agency through that law.

"Two decades later, FEMA is enacting processes and leadership structures that echo the conditions PKEMRA was designed to prevent," it states.

The letter is addressed to the FEMA Review Council, a 12-person group of elected officials, emergency managers and other leaders from mostly Republican states that President Donald Trump appointed to suggest reforms to an agency he has repeatedly threatened to eliminate.

It comes after months of upheaval at FEMA.

One-third of the agency's full-time workforce has left or been fired, including many high-level staff. The agency's acting chief, Cameron Hamilton, was fired in May and replaced by another acting head, David Richardson. Neither has emergency management experience.

The landmark 2006 law required that FEMA administrators have a "demonstrated ability in and knowledge of emergency management." It also prohibited the homeland security secretary from interfering with FEMA's "authorities, responsibilities or functions," among other things.

In June, Richardson, told employees that he did not know the United States had a hurricane season — a comment that unnerved FEMA employees who heard it.

The agency later said Richardson was joking.

FEMA's response to the July floods in Texas that killed at least 136 people came under criticism after reports that survivors' calls to FEMA went unanswered and Urban Search and Rescue teams deployed late because of a policy by which Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem must personally approve expenditures above $100,000.

The letter contains six "statements of opposition" to current policies at FEMA, including the expenditure approval policy, which the signatories say reduces FEMA's ability to perform its missions.

It also critiques the DHS decision to reassign some FEMA employees to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the failure to appoint a qualified FEMA administrator as stipulated by law, and cuts to mitigation programs, preparedness training and FEMA workforce.

In an email Monday, FEMA spokesperson Daniel Llargues said the Trump administration "has made accountability and reform a priority so that taxpayer dollars actually reach the people and communities they are meant to help."

"It is not surprising that some of the same bureaucrats who presided over decades of inefficiency are now objecting to reform," Llargues said. "Change is always hard."

The letter was also sent to multiple congressional committees and calls on lawmakers to establish FEMA as a Cabinet-level independent agency in the executive branch. The bipartisan Fixing Emergency Management for Americans, or FEMA Act, introduced in the House last month, proposes the same.

Thirty-five signatories included their names.

The 141 anonymous signatories "choose not to identify themselves due to the culture of fear and suppression cultivated by this administration," according to the letter.

Employees at other agencies including the National Institutes of Health and Environmental Protection Agency have issued similar statements.

About 140 EPA staff members were placed on administrative leave for signing an opposition letter.

The FEMA Review Council is meeting this week.


President Trump speaks to reporters after signing executive orders Monday in the Oval Office. **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

Trump moves to ban burning of American flag

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday signed an executive order requiring the Justice Department to investigate and prosecute people for burning the American flag, an activity that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled is legitimate political expression protected by the Constitution.

The order the president signed in the Oval Office acknowledged the court's 5-4 ruling in a case from Texas in 1989, but said there is still room to prosecute flag burning if it "is likely to incite imminent lawless action" or amounts to "fighting words."

In the 1989 case, the justices ruled that the First Amendment protects flag burning as legitimate political expression. The late Justice Antonin Scalia, the conservative icon who Trump has repeatedly praised, was in the majority.

Trump said Monday that burning the U.S. flag "incites riots at levels we've never seen before," with some people "going crazy" over burning it and others expressing anger at people for burning it. He did not offer examples.

The text of the executive order states that desecrating the American flag is "uniquely offensive and provocative. It is a statement of contempt, hostility, and violence against our Nation. ... Burning this representation of America may incite violence and riot."

Trump said the court that ruled that flag burning is constitutionally protected was a "very sad court."

"I guess it was a 5-to-4 decision. They called it freedom of speech," Trump said. "But there's another reason, which is perhaps much more important. It's called death. ... Because what happens when you burn a flag is the area goes crazy. If you have hundreds of people, they go crazy."

In hiring surge, ICE trains new agents

Ga. base welcomes recruits as agency expands operations

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press


ICE Special Response Team members demonstrate Thursday how the team enters a residence in the pursuit of a wanted subject at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers in Brunswick, Georgia. **FRAN RUCHALSKI/AP**

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Immigration and Customs Enforcement is an agency inside the Department of Homeland Security that is integral to President Donald Trump's vision of carrying out the mass deportations he promised during the campaign.

Deportation officers within a unit called Enforcement and Removal Operations are the ones who are responsible for immigration enforcement. They find and remove people from the United States who aren't American citizens and, for a variety of reasons, no longer can stay in the country.

Some might have gone through immigration court and a judge ordered them removed. Or they were arrested or convicted of certain crimes, or they've repeatedly entered the country illegally or overstayed a visa.

ICE also manages a growing network of immigration detention facilities around the country where it holds people suspected of immigration violations.

Overall, its activities — and how it carries them out — have polarized many Americans in recent months.

After years when the number of deportation officers largely remained even, the agency is now rapidly hiring.

Congress this summer passed legislation giving ICE $76.5 billion in new money to help speed up the pace of deportations. That's nearly 10 times the agency's annual budget. Nearly $30 billion is for new staff.

This month, The Associated Press got a chance to visit the base in southern Georgia where new ICE recruits are trained and to talk to the agency's top leadership.

Here are details about four things ICE is doing that came out of those conversations.

Surging its hiring

ICE has about 6,500 deportation officers, and it is aggressively looking to beef up those numbers. Acting Director Todd Lyons says he wants to hire an additional 10,000 by year's end.

The agency has launched a new recruiting website, offered hiring bonuses as high as $50,000, and is advertising at career expos. Lyons said the agency has already received 121,000 applications — many from former officers.

New recruits are trained at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia. That's a sprawling facility near the coast where federal law enforcement officers — not just ICE agents — from around the country live and train. ICE is looking to more than double the number of instructors who train deportation officers.

Caleb Vitello, who runs training for ICE, says it has cut Spanish-language requirements to reduce training by five weeks, and he's been looking for ways to streamline the training and have recruits do more at the field offices where they're assigned.

Preparing for conflict

As Trump's effort to deport millions of people has intensified, violent episodes have unfolded as ICE seeks to arrest people. Critics have said ICE is being too heavy-handed in carrying out arrests while ICE says its people are the ones being attacked.

Vitello said the agency tracks every time officers use force as well as any time someone attacks its officers. According to the agency's data, from Jan. 21 through Aug. 5 there were 121 reported assaults of ICE officers compared with 11 during the same period last year.

Lyons said that after recent operations in Los Angeles turned violent, ICE is making gas masks and helmets standard issue for new agents. "Right now we're seeing and we're having to adapt to all different scenarios that we were never trained for in the past," he said.

Lyons says the agency is also starting to send security teams to accompany agents making arrests.

"We're not gonna allow people to throw rocks anymore, because we're going to have our own agents and officers there to protect the ones that are actually out there making that arrest," he said.

Specialized units

About eight deportation officers dressed in military-style camouflage uniforms, helmets and carrying an assortment of weapons stand outside a house yelling "Police! We have a warrant!" before entering and clearing the house.

They are members of a Special Response Team taking part in a demonstration at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. These officers are like a SWAT team — deportation officers with special training to assist in difficult situations.

They also accompany detainees the agency deems dangerous when they are deported.

"Everybody is trained to serve a warrant," Vitello said. "These guys are trained to serve high-risk warrants."

There are roughly 450 deportation officers with the special training to serve on these teams, and Lyons says they have been deployed to assist with immigration enforcement in Los Angeles, Portland, Oregon, and Washington, D.C.

He said he'd like to have more such units but wouldn't put an exact number on how many. Vitello said they're also in the process of getting more of the specially armored vehicles.

Who can be arrested

New recruits to ICE receive training on immigration law and the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unlawful searches. Longtime officers get regular refreshers on these topics.

In limited situations, ICE agents are allowed to enter someone's home.

Generally when they're seeking someone they're trying to remove from the country, they have an administrative warrant as opposed to a criminal warrant.

That administrative warrant doesn't allow them to enter the house without first getting permission.

Vitello says new recruits are taught about the different warrants and how the rules differ. And they're taught how those who allowed ICE to enter their house can change their mind. "If somebody says 'Get out,' and you don't have your target, you have to leave," he said.

Multiple videos on social media have shown ICE officers breaking car windows to pull someone out of a vehicle and arrest that person.

As ICE sees it, Vitello said, deportation officers do have the authority to arrest someone in a car or truck. Vitello said in the rare case where a target was in a motor home, officers would talk to the agency's lawyers first to figure out what protections apply.

Advocates for immigrants and the government have often disagreed about how much authority ICE has to make those arrests and where.


Kilmar Abrego Garcia, center, walks Monday with his wife, Jennifer Vasquez, center right, into an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Baltimore. **ROBERTO SCHMIDT/GETTY-AFP**

Lawsuit filed to stop deportation after ICE detains Abrego Garcia

By Brian Witte and Ben Finley
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Kilmar Abrego Garcia, whose case has become a flashpoint in President Donald Trump's aggressive effort to remove noncitizens from the U.S., was detained by immigration authorities in Baltimore on Monday to face renewed efforts to deport him after a brief period of freedom.

Abrego Garcia's attorneys quickly filed a lawsuit to fight those removal efforts until a court has heard his claim for protection, stating that the U.S. could place him in a country where "his safety cannot be assured."

The new lawsuit triggered a blanket court order that automatically pauses deportation efforts for two days. The order applies to immigrants in Maryland who are challenging their detention.

Abrego Garcia, a 30-year-old Maryland construction worker and Salvadoran national, spoke at a rally before he turned himself in.

"This administration has hit us hard, but I want to tell you guys something: God is with us, and God will never leave us," Abrego Garcia said, speaking through a translator. "God will bring justice to all the injustice we are suffering."

Roughly 200 people gathered and prayed before the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Baltimore. Some held signs with messages such as "Stop Detaining Our Neighbors" and "Free Kilmar."

With Abrego Garcia and his wife standing before them, the crowd spoke in unison: "The people united will never be defeated."

The crowd waited outside after Abrego Garcia entered the federal building. When his lawyer and wife walked out without him after his detainment, the crowd yelled "Shame!"

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said in a post on X that Abrego Garcia was being processed for deportation. U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi told Trump during a meeting in the Oval Office that Abrego Garcia "will no longer terrorize our country."

But Abrego Garcia's lead immigration attorney, Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, said lawyers will fight the administration's removal attempts.

"I expect there's going to be a status conference very promptly, and we're going to ask for an interim order that he not be deported, pending his due process rights to contest deportation to any particular country," he said.

Sandoval-Moshenberg told reporters Monday that Abrego Garcia's lawyers don't know when he will have a reasonable fear interview, where he should be able to express his fear of persecution or torture in the country where the U.S. wants to send him. Officials have said it's Uganda.

Abrego Garcia's attorneys have raised concerns about human rights abuses in Uganda.

A judge blocked the U.S. from sending Abrego Garcia to El Salvador in 2019 because he faces credible threats there. Abrego Garcia was wrongfully deported in March to a notorious prison in El Salvador. He was returned to the U.S. in June, only to face human smuggling charges.

He was released Friday afternoon from a jail in Tennessee and returned to his family in Maryland.

Study: Exposure to heat waves hastens people's rate of aging

By Sachi Kitajima Mulkey
The New York Times


Riders wait for a bus in San Antonio, Texas. A study found a person's biological aging sped up over two years of extreme heat. **JORDAN VONDERHAAR/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

Living through extreme heat waves can accelerate your rate of aging, according to research published Monday.

Scientists analyzed 15 years of health data from nearly 25,000 adults in Taiwan and found that two years of exposure to heat waves could speed up a person's so-called biological aging by eight to 12 extra days.

It may not sound like a lot, but this number builds over time, said Cui Guo, an assistant professor at the University of Hong Kong who led the study, which was published Monday in the journal Nature Climate Change.

"This small number actually matters," she said. "This was a study of a two-year exposure, but we know heat waves have actually been occurring for decades."

The research comes as human-induced climate change is making heat waves more intense and long-lasting.

The West Coast of the United States is suffering from sweltering temperatures while Iran is experiencing searing heat. Record-breaking temperatures punished Europe, Japan and Korea this month. France recently experienced its second heat wave of the summer, sparking a national debate over air conditioning.

In 2024, the hottest year on record, climate change was responsible for 41 extra days of extreme heat worldwide, according to an analysis by World Weather Attribution.

Particular groups are more vulnerable to faster aging because of the heat, the researchers found. If you're an older person who has lived through many heat waves, you may age faster than a younger person who had the same exposure, Guo said. Other factors, such as living without air conditioning or working outdoors, can also make your aging rate significantly worse.

Guo cautions this isn't the same as losing literal days off your life; it reflects a measurable shift in biological aging markers, not the calendar.

The study defined heat waves as both a period of at least two consecutive days of abnormally high temperatures as well as any time when officials issued heat warnings. It also took the sum of a person's heat exposure into account.

The researchers quantified the heat's effects by comparing people's biological age to their chronological age. Biological age is a measure of how healthy a person's lungs, liver and cells are compared with a perfectly healthy person, Guo said.

The study used 12 of these health measurements, known as biomarkers, to calculate how heat affected the rate of aging for the study's participants. The results accounted for individual factors that can affect aging markers, such as exercise, smoking and preexisting disease.

"Most countries are facing an aging population," Guo said. Since biological aging is closely linked to death and many diseases, speeding it up can be an indicator of serious health problems.

The population of Taiwan, along with Italy, Spain and Hong Kong, ranks as one of the oldest in the world.

In the United States, a little less than a quarter of the population is expected to be 65 or older by 2050.

The research published Monday builds on other studies that have found similar detrimental health effects of heat exposure.

A recent analysis of 3,600 older Americans found that living in 90 degrees for at least 140 days a year could cause up to 14 months of additional aging.

Unlike the study in Taiwan, the research in the United States did not account for some individual factors that might affect health, like smoking.

Kristie Ebi, a professor at the University of Washington who was not involved in either study, said that such factors make a large health impact, and accounting for them is key to correctly analyzing the effects of heat on a population.

The authors of the Taiwan study suggested that a moderate increase in the number of households with air conditioners correlated to diminished aging from heat over time.

AI usage adds unseen climate cost

Answering prompt takes more energy than search query

By Caleigh Wells
Associated Press



An Amazon Web Services data center, in foreground, is under construction Jan. 14 near the Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Berwick, Pa. **TED SHAFFREY/AP**

Marissa Loewen first started using artificial intelligence in 2014 as a project management tool. She has autism and ADHD and said it helped immensely with organizing her thoughts.

"We try to use it conscientiously though because we do realize that there is an impact on the environment," she said.

Her personal AI use isn't unique anymore. Now it's a feature in smartphones, search engines, word processors and email services. Every time someone uses AI, it uses energy that is often generated by fossil fuels. That releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change.

And it's getting harder to live without it.

AI is largely powered by data centers that field queries, store data and deploy information. As AI becomes ubiquitous, the power demand for data centers increases, leading to grid reliability problems for people living nearby.

"Since we are trying to build data centers at a pace where we cannot integrate more renewable energy resources into the grid, most of the new data centers are being powered by fossil fuels," said Noman Bashir, computing and climate impact fellow with MIT's Climate and Sustainability Consortium.

The data centers also generate heat, so they rely on fresh water to stay cool. Larger centers can consume up to 5 million gallons a day, according to an article from the Environmental and Energy Study Institute. That's roughly the same as the daily water demand for a town of up to 50,000 people.

It's difficult to imagine because for most users the impact isn't visible, said AI and Climate Lead Sasha Luccioni with the AI company, Hugging Face.

"In one of my studies, we found that generating a high-definition image uses as much energy as charging half of your phone. And people were like, 'That can't be right, because when I use Midjourney (a generative AI program), my phone battery doesn't go down,'" she said.

Jon Ippolito, professor of new media at the University of Maine, said tech companies are constantly working to make chips and data centers more efficient, but that does not mean AI's environmental impact will shrink. That's because of a problem called the Jevons Paradox.

"The cheaper resources get, the more we tend to use them anyway," he said. When cars replaced horses, he said, commute times didn't shrink. We just traveled farther.

How much those programs contribute to global warming depends on a lot of factors, including how warm it is outside the data center that's processing the query, how clean the grid is and how complex the AI task is.

Information sources on AI's contributions to climate change are incomplete and contradictory, so getting exact numbers is difficult.

But Ippolito tried anyway.

He built an app that compares the environmental footprint of different digital tasks based on the limited data he could find. It estimates that a simple AI prompt such as, "Tell me the capital of France," uses 23 times more energy than the same question typed into Google without its AI Overview feature.

"Instead of working with existing materials, it's writing them from scratch. And that takes a lot more compute," Luccioni said.

And that's just for a simple prompt. A complex prompt, such as, "Tell me the number of gummy bears that could fit in the Pacific Ocean," uses 210 times more energy than the AI-free Google search. A 3-second video, according to Ippolito's app, uses 15,000 times as much energy. It's equivalent to turning on an incandescent light bulb and leaving it on for more than a year.

Ippolito said he limits his use of AI when he can. He suggests using human-captured images instead of AI-generated ones. He tells the AI to stop generating as soon as he has the answer to avoid wasting extra energy. He requests concise answers and he begins Google searches by typing "-ai" so it doesn't provide an AI overview for queries where he doesn't need it.

Loewen has adopted the same approach. She said she tries to organize her thoughts into one AI query instead of asking it a series of iterative questions. She also built her own AI that doesn't rely on large data centers, which saves energy in the same way watching a movie you own on a DVD is far less taxing than streaming one.

"Having something local on your computer in your home allows you to also control your use of the electricity and consumption. It allows you to control your data a little bit more," she said.

Luccioni uses Ecosia, which is a search engine that uses efficient algorithms and uses profits to plant trees to minimize the impact of each search. Its AI function can also be turned off.

ChatGPT also has a temporary chat function so the queries you send to the data center get deleted after a few weeks instead of taking up data center storage space.

But AI is only taking up a fraction of the data center's energy use. Ippolito estimates roughly 85% is data collection from sites like TikTok and Instagram, and cryptocurrency.

His answer there: make use of screen-time restrictions on your phone to limit time scrolling on social media. Less time means less personal data collected, less energy and water used, and fewer carbon emissions entering the atmosphere.

"If you can do anything that cuts a data center out of the equation, I think that's a win," Ippolito said.

NEWS BRIEFING

House panelists issue subpoena to Epstein's estate for files, notes

From news services

WASHINGTON — The House Oversight Committee subpoenaed the estate of the late Jeffrey Epstein on Monday as congressional lawmakers try to determine who was connected to the disgraced financier and whether prosecutors mishandled his case.

The committee's subpoena is the latest effort by Republicans and Democrats to respond to public clamor for more disclosure in the investigation into Epstein, who was found dead in his New York jail cell in 2019.

Lawmakers are trying to guide an investigation into who among Epstein's social circle may have been aware of his sexual abuse of teenage girls, delving into a criminal case that has spurred conspiracy theories and roiled top officials in President Donald Trump's administration.

The subpoena, signed by Rep. James Comer, the Republican chair of the oversight committee, and dated Monday, demands that Epstein's estate provide Congress with documents including a book that was compiled with notes from friends for his 50th birthday, his last will and testament, agreements he signed with prosecutors, his contact books, and his financial transactions and holdings.

Comer wrote to the executors of Epstein's estate that the committee "is reviewing the possible mismanagement of the federal government's investigation of Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein's death, the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, and potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials."

The Justice Department, trying to distance Trump and Epstein, last week began handing over to lawmakers documentation of the federal investigation into Epstein. It has also released transcripts of interviews conducted with Maxwell, his former girlfriend. But Democrats on the committee have not been satisfied with those efforts, saying that the some 33,000 pages of documents they've received are mostly already public.

Pressure from lawmakers to release more information is likely to only grow when Congress returns to Washington next week.

SKorean leader in DC: President Donald Trump took to social media before meeting with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Monday to threaten not to do business with Seoul because of a "Purge or Revolution" that he claimed was taking place in the country.

But any prospect of a hostile Oval Office meeting evaporated after Lee heaped praise onto the president — lauding the decor, beseeching Trump to continue to help with Korean peace efforts and even suggesting a Trump Tower in North Korea.

"We've known each other and gotten along very well," Trump said. After running down the agenda for the summit, Trump added: "It's a great honor to be with you and congratulations on your election. That was a big one, and we're with you 100%."

The cordial display showed how world leaders are taking notes from previous meetings between Trump and heads of state, who've largely chosen the route of praise rather than confrontation as they seek favorable trade terms and continued military aid from Washington. It was one of the first big foreign policy tests for Lee, who took over a country in a state of political turmoil since its former leader, Yoon Suk Yeol, was ousted from office after imposing martial law.

Lee was elected in June.



Back home: Students wear masks of Shubhanshu Shukla to greet the astronaut Monday in his hometown of Lucknow, India. He was part of a four-person Axiom mission June 25 to the International Space Station. The mission, in partnership with SpaceX and NASA, ended July 15. He is the second Indian citizen in space; Rakesh Sharma went in 1984. **RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP**

Drug kingpin's plea: Former Mexican cartel kingpin Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada pleaded guilty Monday in New York to U.S. drug trafficking charges, saying he was sorry for helping flood the U.S. with cocaine, heroin and other illicit substances and for fueling deadly violence in Mexico.

Sought by U.S. law enforcement for more than two decades, Zambada was arrested last year in Texas.

Zambada's plea came two weeks after prosecutors said they wouldn't seek the death penalty. Zambada, 75, is due to be sentenced Jan. 13 to life in prison.

Maine abortion ruling: A network of clinics in Maine will not resume getting Medicaid funds to treat thousands of low-income patients during its lawsuit over Trump administration cuts to abortion providers, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision against Maine Family Planning came despite a ruling last month by another federal judge, who said Planned Parenthood clinics in the country must continue to be reimbursed for Medicaid funding as the provider wrangles with the Trump administration over efforts to defund it. That fight continues.

Without Medicaid, the provider in Maine says it will have to stop serving hundreds of primary care patients by the end of October.

The organization says abortions are a small percentage of its overall services, which include cervical cancer screenings, contraception and primary care to low-income residents in one of the most rural states in the Northeast.

President Donald Trump's policy and tax bill, known as the "big beautiful bill," blocked Medicaid money from flowing to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.

Rapper's charges: Lil Nas X, 26, was charged Monday with four felonies after police say he charged at them when they confronted him for walking naked down a Los Angeles street last week.

The musician, whose legal name is Montero Lamar Hill, pleaded not guilty in a court appearance to three counts of battery with injury on a police officer and one count of resisting an executive officer, the district attorney's office said.

The charges were far more serious than initial reports that he was being investigated for a misdemeanor, and, with convictions, the counts could collectively bring a sentence of more than 10 years in prison for the singer and rapper whose "Old Town Road" was one of the biggest hit singles in history.

Police found the singer walking naked on a major boulevard shortly before 6 a.m. Friday.

Western wildfires: Ten structures, including four homes, have been destroyed by a wildfire sweeping through central Oregon, where thousands of residents remained under evacuation orders Monday, while a blaze in Northern California wine country has so far spared some of the state's most famous vineyards.

Officials said Oregon firefighters working in rugged terrain amid dry, hot weather saved hundreds of other buildings from the 34-square-mile Flat Fire spanning Deschutes and Jefferson counties. It was 15% contained.

Meanwhile, the Pickett Fire in Northern California has charred about 10 square miles of remote Napa County, known for its hundreds of wineries. It was 13% contained Monday.

ARTS & LIVING



Emergency officials remove one of the seven people killed at a Brown's Chicken eatery on Jan. 8, 1993, in Palatine. **JIM PRISCHING/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Red carnations are left in the snow outside the Brown's Chicken massacre site in Palatine on Oct. 10, 1993. **NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'Something Big' revisits the Brown's Chicken massacre



Rick Kogan

It was a cold early morning, Jan. 8, 1993, and it was shattered by six words blasting from a police radio: "Five in the cooler at Brown's."

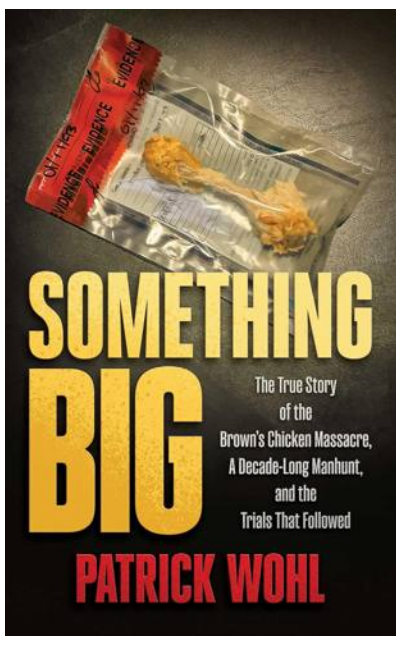
Quickly, the details emerged, the horror spread and things got worse. There were seven people dead, the owners of a Palatine restaurant and five of their employees, fatally shot with a .38-caliber revolver, covered in blood, some shot six times and some only once.

Remember? This would come to be known as the Brown's Chicken massacre.

The slaughter and the subsequent and frustrating search for the perpetrators and eventual murder trial captivated the media, traumatized suburban parents everywhere and became part of what writer Patrick Wohl writes is America's "fixation with true crime."

"In an odd way, reading or watching a true crime story can serve as an escape because it's far from anything most people will experience," he writes. "But for those who were actually there, the depiction of a tale involving the murder of a loved one can also be an exercise in re-traumatization."

He writes these sentences and so much more in his new book, "Something Big: The True Story of the Brown's Chicken Massacre, A Decade-Long Manhunt, and the Trials That Followed" (Post Hill Press), a sensitive and thoughtful



'SOMETHING BIG: THE TRUE STORY OF THE BROWN'S CHICKEN MASSACRE, A DECADE-LONG MANHUNT, AND THE TRIALS THAT FOLLOWED'
By Patrick Wohl, Post Hill Press

journey back to that distant horror and how it continues to affect lives.

The author was born in 1994, the year after the Brown's killings, and writes "as someone who was raised not far from where (the crime) occurred and grew up eating the fried chicken from the chain for which the crime is named eponymously referred, it always struck with me."

And so he began to write a book that focused "on the stories of the people involved and the human elements of the tragedy." Naturally, before diving in, he did his research and one of the books that was helpful to him was 2003's "The Brown's Chicken Massacre," written by then Pulitzer Prize-winning Tribune reporter Maurice Possley.

I knew what a fine writer Possley was in part because he and I had collaborated on a previous book, 2001's "Everybody Pays: Two Men, One Murder and the Price of Truth," about a prolific mob hit man named Harry Aleman and a heroic citizen named Bob Lowe who testified against Aleman.

We remain proud of that book and I talked to Possley, who now lives and works in Ireland with his wife, author Cathleen Falsani. He plans to read Wohl's book and he remembers writing his Brown's book.

"It was a very quick project," said Possley, whose work focuses on prosecutorial misconduct, wrongful convictions, and other criminal justice issues. "The arrests in the Brown's case came in May 2002 and I signed a book contract in July and the manuscript was submitted by either end of September, maybe October.

He provided some details: "I printed out every news story I could find about the case, from the day of the murders and up to and after the arrests. I assembled these as well as reports, such as the BGA report and other documents to create a timeline of events. I then began to write the story chronologically. I was able to conduct some interviews and I had some pals help in the interviewing process."

Wohl is a Park Ridge native, graduate of Maine South High School who earned a law degree from George Washington University. He now works as an attorney in Washington, D.C., but is serious about his writing.

His first book, 2024's "Down Ballot: How a Local Campaign Became a National Referendum on Abortion," was about the 1990 campaign for Illinois state representative between Penny Pullen and Rosemary Mulligan. It was a race shadowed by the question of legalized abortion and was one of the closest races in Illinois history.

For this new book he spent two years talking to dozens of people, all but a few of them willing to share their memories and emotions. He interviewed victims' family members, former cops, attorneys, a DNA expert and former suspects. Each of the book's 24 chapters focuses on one person.

"People trusted me with incredibly intimate stories," Wohl writes. "Many of them still live with this tragedy day in and day out. To them, it's not just a story."

That trust was well placed. Wohl is true to his word, expressed on the book's opening pages, to respect "the families while still managing to tell a compelling narrative for readers with no connection to Palatine."

I read Possley's book again and Wohl's the next day. Doing so gave me as full and insightful a package as I think possible, reminding me of the details of the crime, its effects and aftermath and artfully charting its ongoing ripple effect. You might want to try that same one-two literary punch.

In any case, it is important to remember the names of the dead. Those names were Richard Ehlenfeldt, Lynn Ehlenfeldt, Guadalupe Maldonado, Michael Castro, Thomas Mennes, Rico Solis and Marcus Nellsen.

What of the killers, now serving life sentences in an Illinois maximum-security prison?

Why dignify them. If you want to know, you can look that up.

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Actor takes on rapper in 'Highest 2 Lowest'

Washington bests A$AP Rocky in movie's riveting showdown

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

A$AP Rocky had no idea Denzel Washington was going to throw Nas at him.

Midway through Spike Lee's "Highest 2 Lowest," a New York riff on Akira Kurosawa's "High to Low," wealthy music executive David King (Washington) has cornered aspiring rapper Yung Felon (Rocky) after he tried to kidnap King's son. They meet in a music studio. A rap battle ensues.

While the scene was scripted, much of what Washington freestyled — mixing in lines from Nas, Tupac, DMX and others — startled his professional rapper co-star.

"I'm like: How does this man know who Moneybagg Yo is?" Rocky says, sitting alongside Washington.

"And I'm 70," Washington says with a grin.

"Highest 2 Lowest," which A24 recently released in theaters before it lands on Apple TV+, is a heist thriller that hits hardest when Washington and Rocky are going at it.

Washington, one of the mightiest of living actors, is, of course, an imposing presence. Even though Rocky might usually have the upper hand in the studio, he's just beginning to prove himself as an actor.

"Denzel is such a powerful force. Not a derogatory term, but he's a beast," Lee said. "Rocky is from Harlem, uptown. So I knew that he's not going to punk out. He's going to stand there, feet planted to the ground, as a heavyweight fight, blow to blow to blow. If you got somebody who don't got it, Denzel is going to slaughter them. SLAUGHTER."

But in "Highest 2 Lowest," Rocky proves that he can go toe-to-toe with a titan like Washington. In the annals of movie face-offs between the veteran and the up-and-comer, the scene is a riveting showdown. Not that Rocky is claiming victory.

"I had to go with the flow with him," Rocky says. "You've got to realize this guy's a pro. He's a wordsmith for real. It's not a joke. So when he went, I caught his drift. But I lost a rap battle to this man. And I'm a professional (expletive) rapper."

With that Washington roars and slams the table. "But I'm using other people's material," he adds. "And I've been practicing."

"It doesn't matter," replies Rocky. "I lost, man. It's unfortunate that that's my profession in real life."

Washington's rapping skills

But as he showed in a recent interview, Washington's envy for his co-star's day job is more than for show. Washington's hip-hop affection runs deep. Asked how he approached the big scene with Rocky, Washington takes out his phone and begins playing Nas' "N.Y. State of Mind" and raps along: "I keep some E&J, sittin' bent up in the stairway."

"All right, would you ever in a million years expect the Denzel Washington to be

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Rapper A$AP Rocky, left, and actor Denzel Washington, seen Aug. 10, face off in "Highest 2 Lowest," Spike Lee's take on Akira Kurosawa's film "High to Low." **DREW GURIAN/INVISION**



Helen Mirren, from left, Pierce Brosnan, Celia Imrie and Ben Kingsley arrive Aug. 21 for a screening of their film "The Thursday Murder Club" in London. **MILLIE TURNER/INVISION**

CELEBRITIES

Acting veterans join 'Murder Club'

From news services

The time is coming to catch "The Thursday Murder Club," a comedy-thriller starring the old pros Helen Mirren, Ben Kingsley and Pierce Brosnan.

This is a formidable gang of aged crime stoppers who set their walkers to work on solving cold cases. The film begins streaming Thursday on Netflix.

Mirren, so memorable in "1923" and everything else she has done, says, "I think I started off quite shy, and I'm still not hugely gregarious. One of the things I like about acting is you don't have to think what to say — it's all written for you, which is kind of nice.

"I think also it fits in with my philosophy of life, the world you engage in as an actor is quite loose, quite liberal; it's quite varied, it's quite funky for want of a better word. You get to mix with people with all kinds of different attitudes and races. It's an inclusive profession. It's more inclusive than most professions, and I love never quite knowing what I'm going to be doing next."

'Dawson's Creek' reading sells out: The cast of "Dawson's Creek" is reuniting after more than 20 years for a one-night-only event on Broadway. But tickets are already sold out.

Stars of the late 1990s teen drama are all set to appear at a charity event Sept. 22 at Richard Rodgers Theatre in New York City for a live reading of the series' first episode to support James Van Der Beek, who is battling colorectal cancer, and benefit the nonprofit F Cancer. Tickets ranging from $199 to $2,500 reportedly sold out in 12 minutes when they went on sale Friday.

Michelle Williams, Katie Holmes, Joshua Jackson, Mary Beth Peil, John Wesley Shipp, Mary-Margaret Humes, Nina Repeta, Kerr Smith, Meredith Monroe, Busy Philipps and Van Der Beek are all confirmed to gather in front of a live audience for the first time since the popular series wrapped in 2003.

'KPop Demon Hunters' slays box office: Netflix appears to have its first No. 1 box-office title in the streaming company's 18-year history thanks to the sensation of "KPop Demon Hunters."

Rival studios on Sunday estimated "KPop Demon Hunters" led all films over the weekend with $16 million to $18 million in ticket sales. Distribution executives from three studios shared their estimates for the Netflix phenomenon on condition of anonymity because the streaming company has a policy of not reporting ticket sales.

Following a dominating few weeks as one of the most popular Netflix releases ever, the streamer put the film into 1,750 theaters for sing-along screenings Saturday and Sunday. Studios are able to accurately estimate ticket sales for all releases on Sunday morning, though the uncommon nature of the "KPop Demon Hunters" releases means a wider variance. Some estimates were as high as $20 million.

Aug. 26 birthdays: Singer Vic Dana is 85. Singer Valerie Simpson is 79. Actor Brett Cullen is 69. Singer Shirley Manson is 59. Actor Melissa McCarthy is 55. Actor Mike Colter is 49. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 45. Actor Chris Pine is 45. Comedian John Mulaney is 43. Actor Dylan O'Brien is 34. Actor Keke Palmer is 32.

With 9 people living at home, stepfather evicts adult children



R. Eric Thomas
Asking Eric

Dear Eric: My wife has three living adult kids from three different fathers — ages 22, 29 and 32. The 32-year-old has a husband and two kids of her own.

I allowed all of them to live with us since they couldn't get along on their own. Last year, my wife's fourth adult child died so I inherited her 3-year-old. We had nine people in our home. I am not their father but tried to give them an opportunity in life until I realized they didn't want help getting on their feet, they wanted to be taken care of. So, I filed eviction on all of them.

This obviously created some hard feelings and things got very ugly. I've decided to cut all ties with my wife's family due to this which obviously causes problems for her because I will not attend family functions, holidays, etc. Do you think I am wrong to do so?

— Stepfather

Dear Stepfather: My first question is, where is your wife in all of this?

I don't know the financial setup of your marriage, but the home you live in is also her home so one would think that she gets a say in who gets to live there and who gets evicted, particularly if they're her own children. And maybe there was more joint discussion about the adult children not contributing enough to the household — nine is a lot of people — but it reads like some of these decisions were unilateral and that can cause a lot of conflict.

There are many people who don't have smooth relationships with in-laws. Sometimes that's unavoidable. But your wife is your family, and so her family is your family. Refusing to engage with them puts her in an impossible position. Who is she supposed to choose?

You don't have to let them live with you, but more conversation will be helpful. Getting into the habit of making joint decisions with your wife, even if it requires more compromise than you'd like, will help your marriage. And finding a way past some of the animosity with her kids will help everyone.

Dear Eric: I'm writing in response to "No More Reminders" because I actually believed one of the women in our lunch group could have written it.

I have been having lunch with three other women for the past four years with the same issue. This one woman in our group would write the date and location down for our next meeting and despite regular reminders via text and emails, would show up extremely late or not at all without notice. It was really frustrating and impacted the gathering.

Unfortunately, as time went on, we discovered our friend was suffering from some kind of memory loss that she was trying to hide from everyone, her family included. Despite now being under a doctor's care, it is getting worse.

We try to remember the person she was and what she meant to us from long ago. We go out of our way now to text her about a half-hour before our lunch date to remind her, and we also call her to make sure she's on her way. We see a near future where we will be most likely taking turns picking her up.

Dementia is isolating enough without losing your friends in the process. I guess what I am asking is for this person to make sure there's not more to this behavior. I fully admit that we were quick to judge and be impatient with what we originally viewed as being inconsiderate or irresponsible actions.

— Friend

Dear Friend: This is a great reminder. While we can't diagnose our friends and loved ones from afar, we can reflect back what we're seeing and offer help. And, perhaps of equal or greater importance, we can extend empathy to them.

Our friends are not always going to behave in the ways that we want and sometimes those behaviors might be annoying. I find that compassion goes a lot further than cutting off most of the time, and it keeps the friendship healthier.

Dear Eric: I wrote to you months ago about my partner of eight years and his 25- and 29-year-old daughters who live with him, stay up all night and play games and sleep all day. ("Delayed Engagement"). I did not want to go through with the engagement or move in with him until something changed.

Update: I have separated and am thriving. We continue to be the best of friends, yet I don't have the stress nor have the high blood pressure. I refuse to enable adults living at home as if they're children.

— No Longer Delayed

Dear Delayed: Thank you for the update. I'm glad that you advocated for what you needed.

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REVIEW 'EAST OF WALL' ★★★

Drama stands as lyrical ode to real cowgirls in South Dakota

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press



Tabatha Zimiga is at the center of filmmaker Kate Beecroft's drama "East of Wall." **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS**

Filmmaker Kate Beecroft points her lens toward the real cowgirls of the Badlands in the lyrical new film "East of Wall."

The film blends fact and fiction to tell a story about the working women of South Dakota, skilled riders and trainers with ranching and rodeo in their blood who also can't seem to catch a break.

There are a few Hollywood actors in the mix, including Jennifer Ehle as a hard-living grandmother with a lifetime of regrets as well as some nuggets of wisdom, and Scoot McNairy as an out-of-towner who wants to acquire the land. But most of the cast are non-actors playing themselves. The film won an audience award earlier this year at the Sundance Film Festival.

At the heart of "East of Wall" is Tabatha Zimiga, a South Dakota native whose ability to tame wild horses is the stuff of legend in the area. In the film, the horses she rescues and rehabilitates are sold at auctions, often accepted for far less than what they're worth. She needs the money. There are bills to pay on the ranch and many mouths to feed (not just her own kids, but others from around the town who come to her for safety and shelter when their own caretakers stop providing).

Tabatha is also living with new and old traumas, from the generational agony of abuse to the more recent death of her husband, the shocking circumstances of which are withheld for some time. But the effects of the loss are still felt, especially for their daughter Porshia (played by her real-life daughter Porshia Zimiga), whose grief is threatening to turn into hate of her mother.

Teenage Porshia provides the poetic voice-overs, in which she talks about riding, her mother and, most effectively, the land. It's reminiscent of Linda Manz's narration in "Days of Heaven."

"East of Wall" is best when it's capturing the landscapes and the girls in action, riding and filming energetic TikToks of their friends racing cars on horseback.

Some have suggested that "East of Wall" might have been stronger as a documentary. These women are vibrant and authentic and don't look like anyone we see in the movies these days, with real bodies and imperfect skin, heads half-shaved, tattoos everywhere and the ability to really ride — no stunt team required. And they have stories to tell, many of them unhappy, as we see in one of the most moving non-action scenes involving a group of mothers speaking candidly about their lives and their regrets.

The real-life drama of financial instability is compelling and likely rooted in truth; however, the introduction of McNairy's suspect Texan feels like a narrative contrivance and drama for drama's sake. He offers to buy the ranch and let them live and work as usual, just for him now instead of themselves. These are the kind of scenes that remind you that the filmmakers, despite all their best intentions and care, are, in essence, also interlopers in this world.

Beecroft's story of how she stumbled upon Tabatha and her cowgirls sounds like something out of a folk song. A native of Los Angeles who'd worked as an actor and production designer, Beecroft felt stalled and hopped in a truck with her friend and cinematographer Austin Shelton to find the stories of everyday Americans. A wrong turn, she said, led her to these women.

"East of Wall" is a promising start for a burgeoning filmmaker and a worthy portrait of an insular world that many of us will never know.

MPA rating: R (for language throughout)
Running time: 1:37
How to watch: In theaters



A$AP Rocky poses for a portrait to promote "Highest 2 Lowest" on Aug. 10 in New York. **DREW GURIAN/AP**

'Lowest'

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able to recite classic quotes and lines from hip-hop?" exclaims Rocky.

But Washington was just getting started. He grandly spat a verse of DMX ("Lucky that you breathing, but you dead from the waist down"), a few bars of Outkast ("Yes, we done come along way like them slim-ass cigarettes") and cackled joyfully at a line from Samara Cyn and Smino's "Brand New Teeth": "Spent my rent money on these brand-new teeth."

"For me on the outside looking in, it was like this guy was Method acting," Rocky says. "He was just being himself. He should have been a rapper."

Washington shakes his head. "No, I play one on TV."

Yet Washington has as much facility with Wizkid as he does Shakespeare or August Wilson. Pushed to explain his mentality going into the scene, Washington still demurs.

"I can't, man. I don't have one," he says. "I just flow. I can't tell you what I'm going to do because I don't know. I never know how it's going to go. I don't plan. But I have been practicing for a long time, and nobody knew! I never had the platform."

'I'm still on top'

In "Highest 2 Lowest," Lee surveys a changing entertainment industry. Washington's once supreme music executive is losing his grip on what sells — and what sells matters less than how many followers someone has. The movie weaves in some of Lee's other obsessions — the Yankees; New York, itself — but it casts the moral questions of Kurosawa's classic against a media landscape where authenticity can be hard to find.

Asked if he identified with his character's quandary, Washington pauses to consider the question.

"If I had an ego, I'd say no, because I'm still on top," says Washington. "And I'm getting better."

Rocky, though, sees some of himself in Yung Felon. It's a moniker Rocky suggested replace the scripted name, MC Microphone Checka. Rocky, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, shot "Highest 2 Lowest" in the run-up to his recent trial over a 2021 incident in which Rocky was accused of firing a gun at Terell Ephron, a former friend and collaborator known as A$AP Relli. Rocky was found not guilty in February on two felony counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm.

The verdict gave Rocky a new lease on life just as his film career might be taking off. He also co-stars in the upcoming "If I Had Legs I'd Kick You," a hit at the Sundance film festival. Meanwhile, he's preparing his long-awaited fourth album, "Don't Be Dumb."

AI emerges in rap scene

For Rocky, the music industry backdrop of "Highest 2 Lowest" rings true. Music sales, he notes, are way down. Artificial intelligence is taking over.

"They've got to figure out how to regulate it," Rocky says. "People in music are already doing it. Not to put nobody on the spot, there are people with No. 1 records, and it's not even them. It's not even their voice on the track."

"This is a smart kid here," says Washington.

But Washington is resistant. "People trying to sound like me don't sound like me, to me," he says, doubting artificial intelligence's potential.

But for now, at least in "Highest 2 Lowest," Rocky and Washington are still the performers. They're the rappers, even the two-time Oscar winner. Rocky, who grew up watching Washington in "Malcolm X," can hardly believe it.

"He gives you that confidence he walks around with," Rocky says. "A lot of times, people tell me that I embody this self-confidence — I see it all in him. Just him embracing me, them embracing me, it was so chill. I waited my whole life for this."

"Me too!" bellows Washington, with a laugh. "And that's the truth! I've been a closet rapper for 40 years. Finally I get the chance."

What to watch

TUESDAY

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

The 1% Club

FOX, 7 p.m.

Software engineers and best friends, an eccentric marketer, and a sommelier are among the 100 contestants competing for the chance to win up to $100,000 in the new episode "100% That Bish." Joel McHale hosts.

America's Got Talent

NBC, 7 p.m. Live

Viewers can vote for their three favorite acts from among tonight's performers to advance to the semifinals by using the *AGT* app or going to nbc.com. The live results show airs tomorrow night (Aug. 27).

The Snake

FOX, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

In the Season 1 finale "The Final Bite," decisions made throughout the game come back to bite the final two competitors, whose fates lie in the hands of their fellow snakes. Jim Jefferies hosts.



'The Snake'

FOX

Love Thy Nader

Freeform, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

Following fashion model Brooks Nader and her three sisters, Mary Holland, Grace Ann and Sarah Jane, as they trade their Louisiana roots for high fashion, high drama and the hustle of New York City, this docuseries explores the ultimate question of what it really means to "make it."

Renovation Resort Showdown

HGTV, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Wreck Room," Scott McGillivray and Bryan Baeumler task the exhausted teams with tackling a huge rec room to prove they're worthy of the $100,000 grand prize. The teams all plan to divide the space, but only one can deliver a winning design.

American Experience

PBS, 8 p.m.

This episode of the long-running docuseries — "Clearing the Air: The War on Smog" — explores the epic struggle against airborne toxins that led to the creation of the Clean Air Act.

Songs & Stories With Kelly Clarkson

NBC, 9 p.m.

This programming event inspired by the "Songs & Stories" episodes of *The Kelly Clarkson Show* continues as guest Gloria Estefan joins host Kelly Clarkson for a heartfelt, unfiltered conversation about her music and personal life, and a performance in an intimate, unplugged setting.

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Tom Courtenay (First-Timer)

TCM, beginning at 5 a.m.

Acclaimed British actor Tom Courtenay makes his Summer Under the Stars debut today with an 11-film lineup, including some of his earliest movies, such as **Billy Liar** (1963), **Private Potter** (1963) and **The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner** (1962), a coming-of-age drama that earned him the BAFTA Award for Most Promising Newcomer. Courtenay certainly fulfilled that promise, as can also be seen with the characters he inhabits in the other titles in today's lineup. Among the highlights are 1965's **Doctor Zhivago (pictured),** which earned him a Best Supporting Actor Oscar nomination; **The Dresser** (1983), a drama that earned him a Best Actor nomination for his reprisal of the role he had originated in the West End and Broadway productions of the play on which the film was based; and a few World War II-set films, including **Operation Crossbow** (1965), **The Night of the Generals** (1967) and **King Rat** (1965).



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MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Father Stu'

SONY PICTURES RELEASING

Shrek the Third (2007, Children) Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy **NICK, 4 p.m.**

The Italian Job (2003, Crime drama) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron **AMC, 4:30 p.m.**

Creed III (2023, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson **BET, 5 p.m.**

Signs (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix **BBC America, 5 p.m.**

Beauty and the Beast (1991, Children) Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Nightmare Neighborhood Moms (2022, Suspense) Gina Simms, April Hale **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Pitch Perfect (2012, Musical comedy) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Winter Castle (2019, Romance) Emilie Ullerup, Kevin McGarry **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Misery (1990, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates **BBC America, 7:30 p.m.**

Father Stu (2022, Biography) Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson **FXM, 9 p.m.**

The Single Mom Conspiracy (2021, Suspense) Allison McAtee, Samantha Cope **LMN, 9 p.m.**

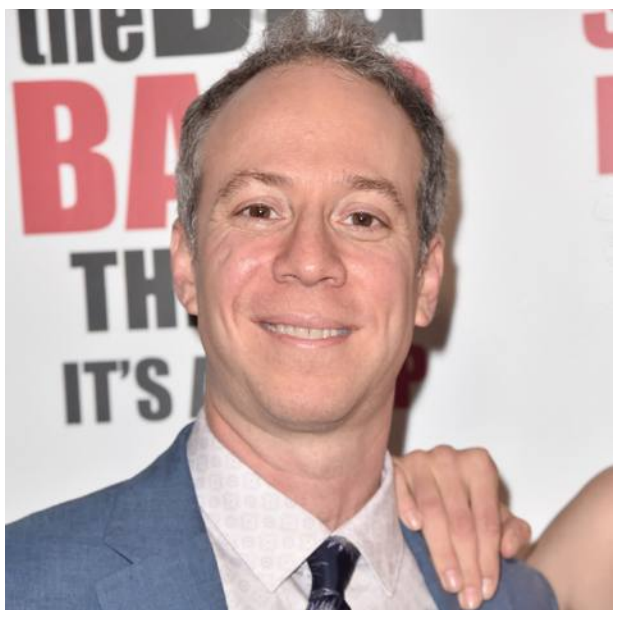
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TV Q&A

Will 'Big Bang' universe expand?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service



Kevin Sussman, who plays Stuart, will star in a new spinoff of "The Big Bang Theory." ALBERTO E. RODRIGUEZ/GETTY 2019

Q: I heard a rumor there might be a spinoff from "The Big Bang Theory" in the works. Did you hear anything about that? If so, do you know when and what channel?

A: As you know, "The Big Bang Theory" has inspired two spinoffs, "Young Sheldon" and "Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage." Now a third is coming, called "Stuart Fails to Save the Universe," for HBO Max. It focuses on comic-book store owner Stuart Bloom (played by Kevin Sussman), his girlfriend Denise (Lauren Lapkus), geologist Bert (Brian Posehn) and edgy physicist Barry Kripke (John Ross Bowie). The summary says Stuart "is tasked with restoring reality after he breaks a device built by Sheldon and Leonard, accidentally bringing about a multiverse Armageddon. ... As the title implies, things don't go well." The show also promises "alternate-universe versions of characters we've come to know and love from 'The Big Bang Theory' — and lots of CGI. There's no premiere date as of this writing.

Q: The other day I saw a very good movie, "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid," with Steve Martin, Rachel Ward and a good-looking young man named Reni Santoni. What happened to him?

A: Santoni had a long career with lots of memorable roles, including Poppie on "Seinfeld," Harry Callahan's partner in the first "Dirty Harry" movie and the starring role in the movie "Enter Laughing" (directed by Carl Reiner, who also directed "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid"). He died in 2020, reportedly after a series of health problems. He was 82.

Q: I loved the show "Billions." I had read a while back that the producers were going to do numerous new series — "Millions," "Trillions" and it seemed like a few others. Do you have any word on the progress of those?

A: There was indeed word a couple of years ago that Showtime planned to expand the "Billions" universe with other shows including "Millions" and "Trillions." But in March, the Los Angeles Times reported that the spinoff plans had been put aside at Showtime's owner, Paramount. A script for one of the spinoffs "just wasn't necessarily where we thought we need to go," one executive told the Times. (More recently that executive, Chris McCarthy, announced his departure from Paramount as it completed a merger with Skydance Media.) The company hasn't given up on money-and-scheming shows, with the Times saying it is planning a series based on the book "Moneyland."

Q: There's a guy I've seen in recent Walmart commercials that looks like the actor in the movie "Django Unchained." I don't know his name but, in the movie, he was a cowboy bad guy. Walton Goggins maybe?

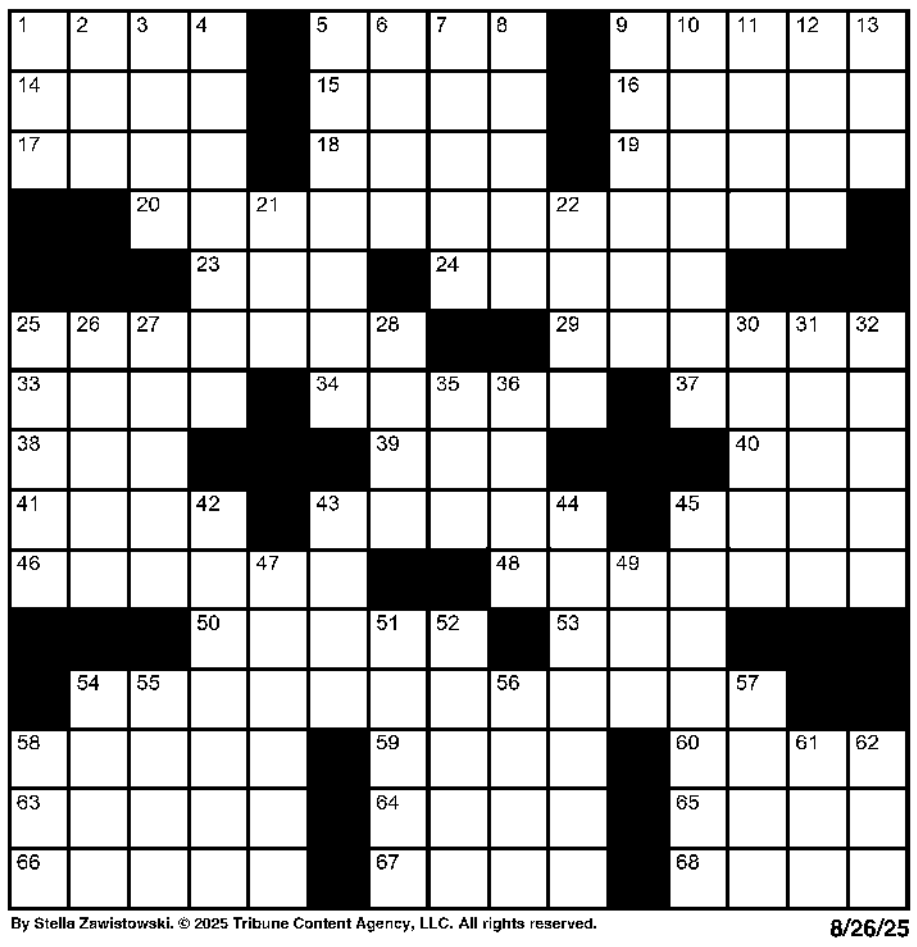
A: That is indeed Walton Goggins in ads for Walmart. And his credits go far beyond "Django Unchained." He was fantastic in the TV series "The Shield" and "Justified," and more recently has been in "Fallout" and "The White Lotus."

Q: In May, the BBC showed six episodes of the series "Luther" with Idris Elba. It is one of the best programs I have ever watched. Where can I find the whole series?

A: The whole series of the acclaimed detective drama ran for five seasons and a movie, "Luther: The Fallen Sun." Hulu and Disney+ have the five seasons, and there are DVDs of the episodes. Netflix has "The Fallen Sun."

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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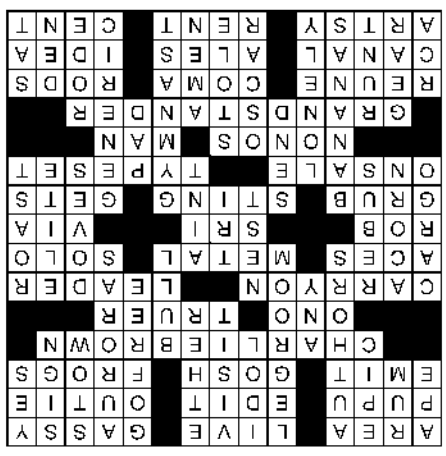


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ACROSS
1 ___ of expertise
5 Reside
9 Very talkative
14 __ platter (Hawaiian appetizers)
15 Make revisions to
16 Belly button type
17 Radiate
18 "Golly!"
19 Tailless amphibians
20 "Peanuts" character: 2 wds.
23 Artist Yoko
24 More loyal
25 Overhead compartment bag
29 President or prime minister
33 High cards
34 Iron or tin
37 By yourself
38 Steal from
39 __ Lanka
40 Road in Rome
41 Food, informally
43 Bee's attack
45 Obtains
46 At a discount: 2 wds.
48 Prepare for printing
50 Taboo actions
53 Every ___ for himself
54 Showboating person
58 Get back together
59 Unconscious state
60 Fishing poles
63 Venice waterway
64 Tavern drinks
65 "The very __!"
66 Pretentiously cultured
67 Have a lease
68 Penny

DOWN
1 Tailless primate
2 Mojito liquor
3 Large-scale tale
4 Writers of books
5 Space at a premium on airlines
6 Admired one
7 Stop by
8 Old anesthetic
9 Get out of jail: 2 wds.
10 Northern Lights phenomena
11 Stash away
12 Omen
13 "Sure!"
21 One or more
22 Chicago NBA player
25 Goods in a hold
26 Future oak
27 Puzzle with pictures
28 Place for chicks
30 Anti-war activists
31 Top-class
32 Cook over a fire
35 Ironman race, for short
36 "__ Misbehavin'"
42 Yellow-peeled fruits
43 Put in the mail
44 Simone Biles, e.g.
45 No-name
47 Sad and isolated
49 Knee protector
51 Film award
52 Shoulder wrap
54 Equipment
55 Littlest in a litter
56 "You said it!"
57 Took the train
58 TV brand
61 Lion's home
62 Rode the bench

Solutions



Horoscopes



If August 26 is your birthday: A piece of good luck could land squarely in your lap before month-end. September could find you actively seeking a solution to a mystery. You are likely to find the perfect answer, though it may take some digging before you get there.

Aries (March 21-April 19): A quiet night in could be just what your soul needs. Tap into new resources to solve day-to-day problems or to offer service to someone deserving.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A heart-to-heart talk or an intimacy-building getaway could bring you to new levels of trust. Be cautious with judgments, they can feel righteous but never bring peace or happiness.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Financial matters could be easier to clarify or resolve; getting things understood could relieve some underlying concerns.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A gentle vibe magnetizes your tribe. Be the rock, the shoulder, the ear, the helping hands, someone else needs today—it could be time to invest more into building a support network.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): If self-care Tuesday isn't a thing, maybe it should be. Love yourself up today, even if it's only in moments between what has to get done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could finally be visible again and feeling like the world is back where it belongs. Get a new glow up with friends and acknowledge your many talents and achievements.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let doubts around helping someone out or getting routines accomplished tank your ability to get important things done.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are the poster child for 'rizz' and are likely seen as trustworthy too; be sure you measure up to people's faith in you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A vigorous activity with friends is a better use of today's energy than engaging over something you may never agree on anyway.

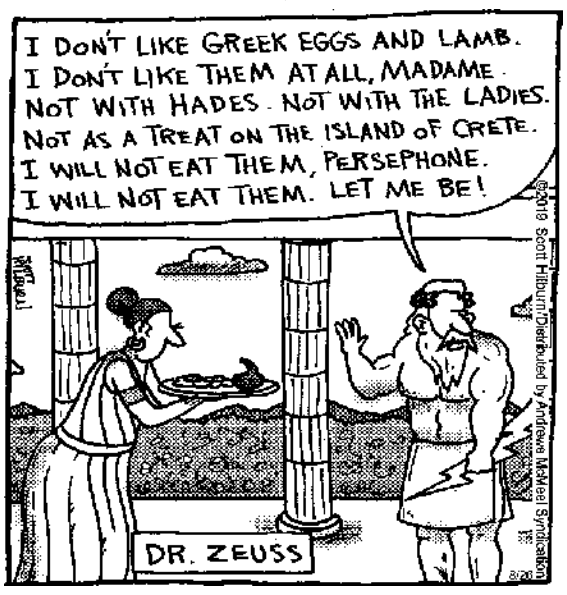
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Peaceful times could be enjoyed in long-term relationships. A friend could be especially magnetic.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Helping others or simply getting routine chores done can feel meaningful when performed with a Zen-like mindset; bring your heart even into small acts of service.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Make art, make music, write poetry, express your creative soul. Small and gradual changes on the domestic front can add up to an improved home base.

— Magi Helena, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn
(Argyle Sweater is on vacation until Sept. 1. Please enjoy this panel from 2019.)



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

North
♠ A 8 6 3
♥ Void
♦ 10 6 5 3 2
♣ K 10 8 2

West
♠ J 4
♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ J
♣ Q J 7 5 4

East
♠ 10
♥ A K Q 6
♦ K Q 9 7 4
♣ A 6 3

South
♠ K Q 9 7 5 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ A 8
♣ 9

Today's deal is from a recent competition in Turkey. South was Turkey's Suleyman Kolata. The auction was highly competitive, ending with North's decision to sacrifice over five hearts – a contract that was probably going to fail. East-West would have to lose a spade and a diamond, and it seems unlikely that they could avoid a club loser.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	1♠	Dbl*	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbl	All pass		

***Negative**

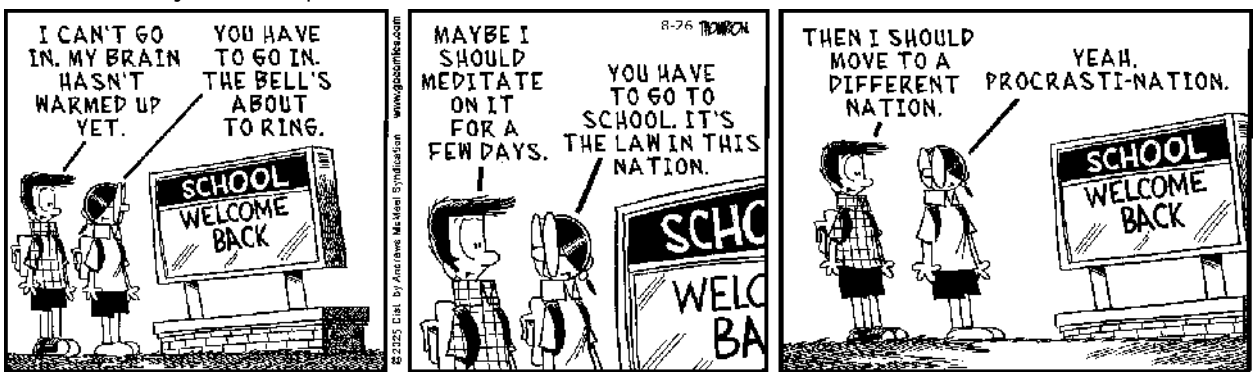
Opening lead: Jack of ♦

Kolata won the opening diamond lead, ruffed a heart in dummy, and led a low club away from the king. East had a difficult decision and eventually decided to play low – seemingly the right decision – and West won with the jack. West shifted to a low trump, won by Kolata with the ace in dummy. A club ruff got him back to his hand for another heart ruff. He ruffed another club, felling the ace, and then ruffed another heart. Kolata discarded his remaining diamond on the king of clubs. He ruffed a club back to his hand, drew the last trump, and claimed, conceding a heart trick to the defense.

Let's revisit East's play on the first round of clubs. Had he risen with his ace, cashed a high diamond, and continued with a low diamond, the contract would have been defeated. This is assuming West discarded two clubs on the diamonds. Kolata would have to ruff high and West's jack of spades would eventually become the setting trick. Maybe the duck wasn't such a good play after all.

— Bob Jones, Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson



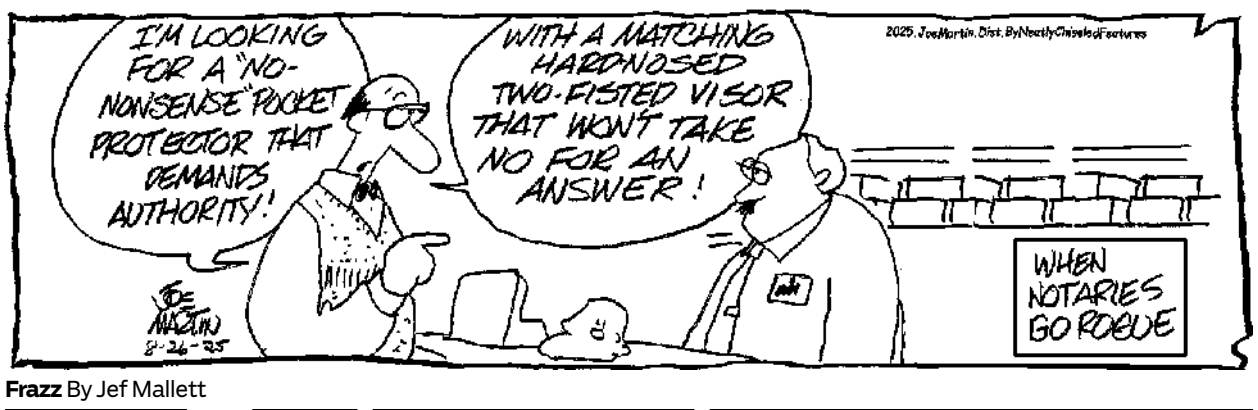
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until Sept. 8. Please enjoy this strip from 2021.)



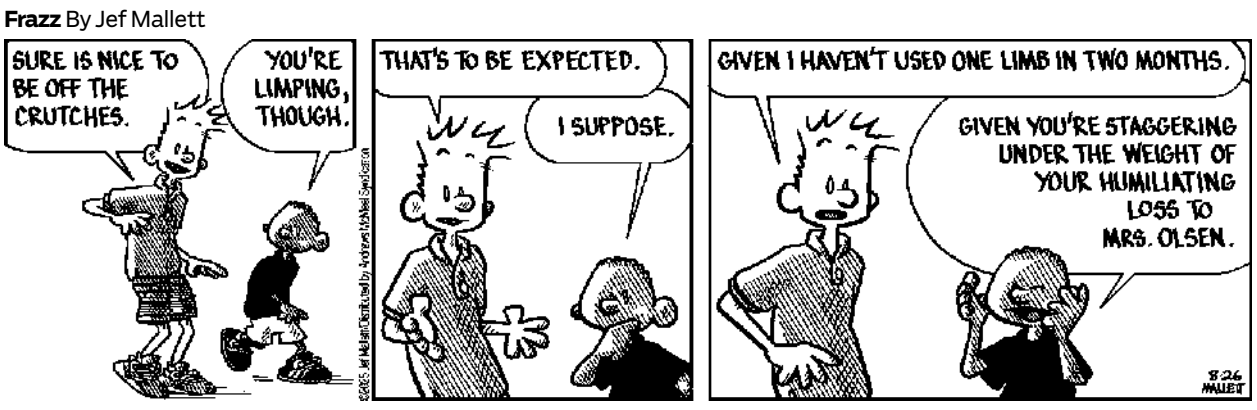
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



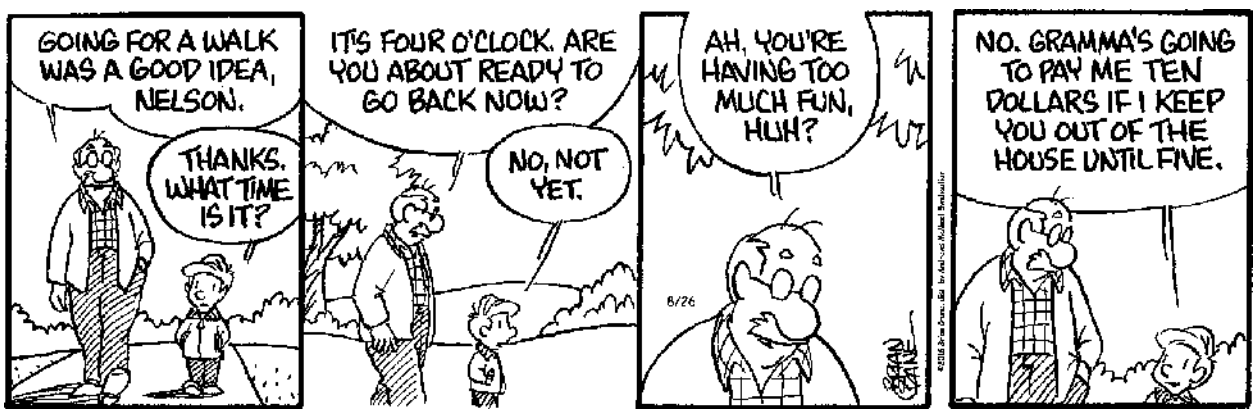
Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



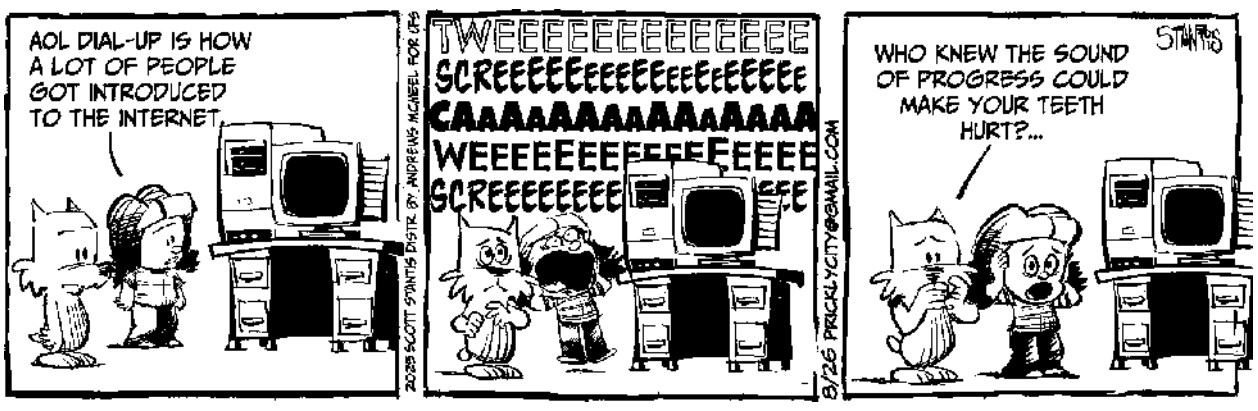
Dick Tracy By Charles Ettinger and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun



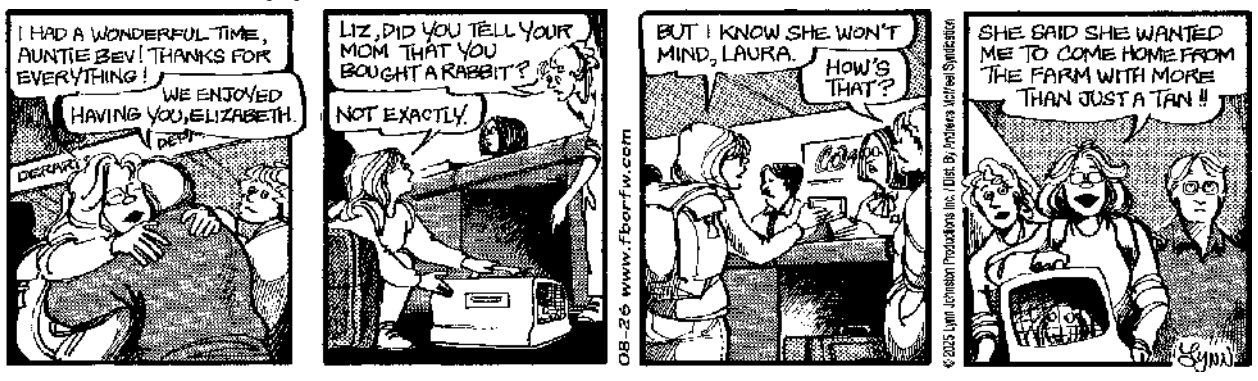
Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



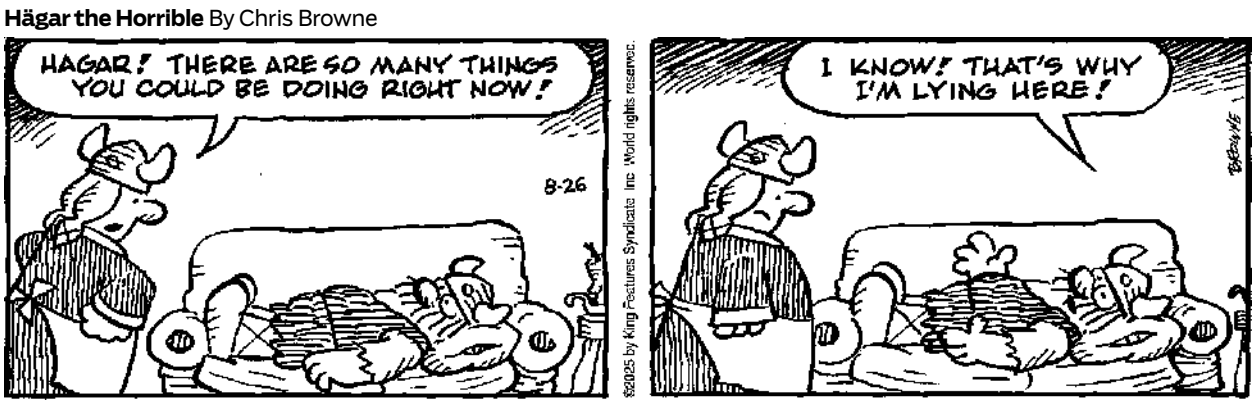
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



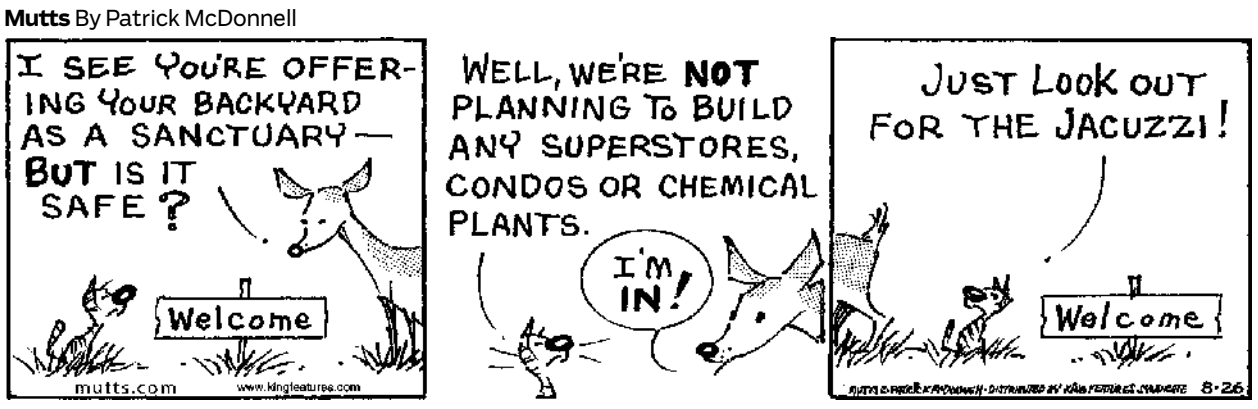
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



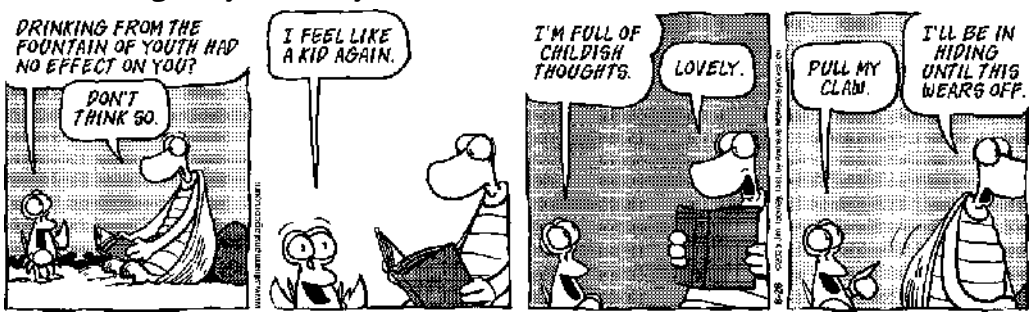
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



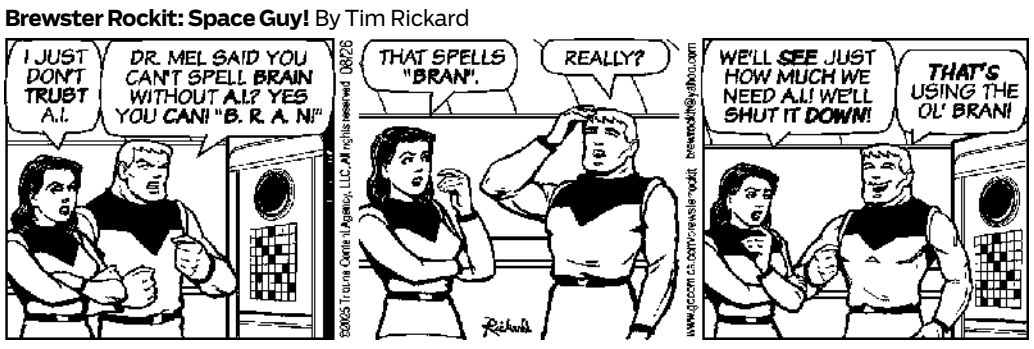
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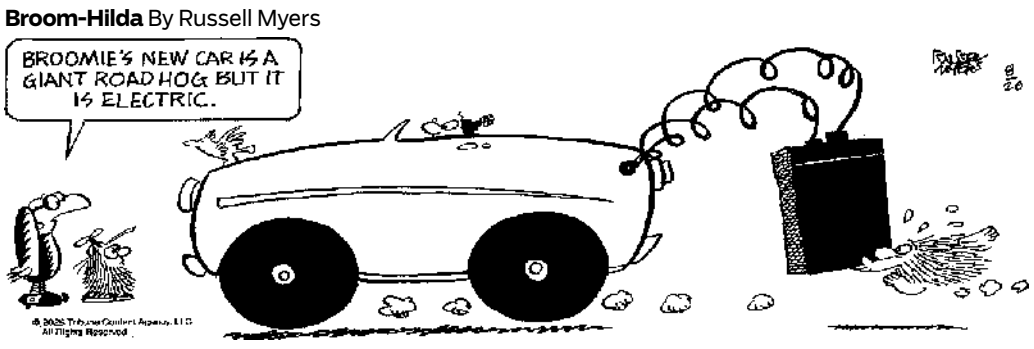
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

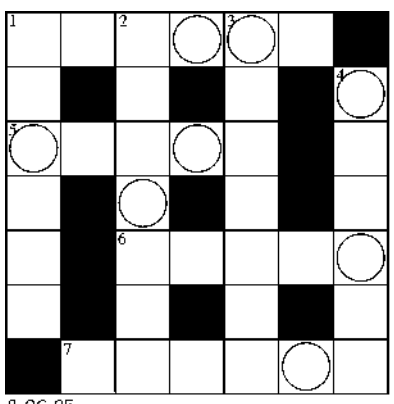
Mercury and which other element (atomic number 35) are liquid at standard room temperature?

A) Argon
B) Bromine
C) Krypton
D) Osmium

Monday's answer: Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey has fudge chunks and walnuts in banana ice cream.

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Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ Beach	BLBEPE
5. ___ player	LECLO
6. Brother's daughter	ECNEI
7. Justification	SONERA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sugar ___	PCETKA
2. Steady posture	EABLCNA
3. Female big cat	SSNEOIL
4. Alehouse or pub	RVTAEN

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.

CLUE: It has a top-secret test kitchen at its California headquarters.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Pitch 5A-Cello 6A-Niece 7A-Reason 1D-Packet 2D-Balance 3D-Lioness 4D-Tavern. B-Tacos Fat

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

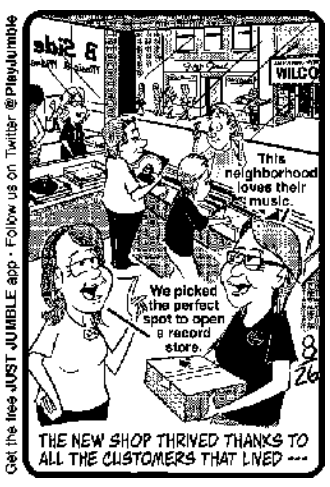
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NRUHBC



Answer here

" ____ - ____ "

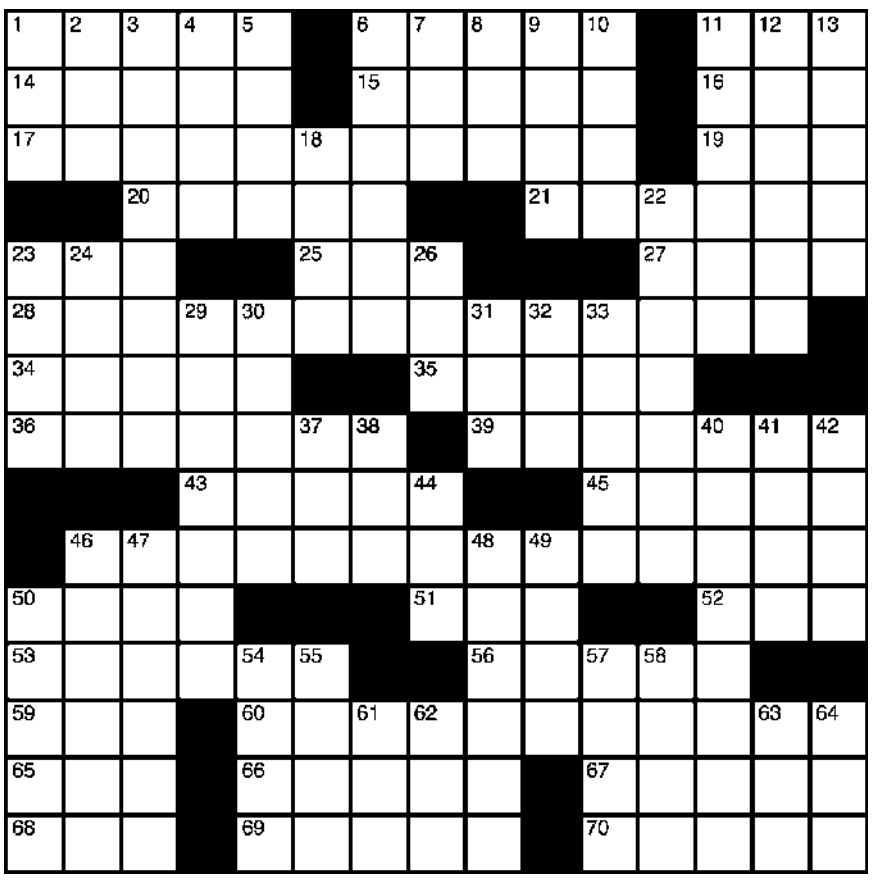
Monday's answers

Jumbles: CLIMB WHARF STANZA TROPHY
Answer: To plan the new home's plumbing system, they created a — FLOW CHART

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Crossword

8/26



Across

1 Brother of Chico, Harpo, and Groucho
6 1965 Alabama march site
11 Draft animal
14 Earth Day month
15 Starting 11 in soccer, e.g.
16 Org. for Sharks and Ducks
17 "Easy!"
19 "__ willikers!"
20 Obama daughter
21 Shirt with a button-down collar
23 Scoreboard figs.
25 Gold, in Mexico
27 Makes a wrong choice
28 "Easy!"
34 Jungian inner self
35 Set up for solitaire
36 Quick learner
39 Pan-frying hazard
43 Doesn't make the podium
45 Around about
46 "Easy!"
50 Sulky mood
51 London lavatory
52 Right on __
53 Build some muscle
56 Seize by force
59 Museum collection
60 "Easy!"
65 Happy hour haunt
66 Cedar Rapids resident
67 Movie legend Greta
68 Rainbow's backdrop
69 Flip-flop
70 Inception

Down

1 Thaw in the microwave
2 Prefix for a lifesaving "Pen"
3 Promotional packet released to the media
4 Printing measure
5 Cheers at the Bienal de Flamenco
6 Serengeti adventure
7 "The list goes on," briefly
8 __ & Perrins steak sauce
9 Fastest known shark
10 Discover or MC alternative
11 Soft sweater wool
12 Fortified wine from Andalusia
13 Winter coasters
18 "I got it! I got it!"
22 Soft pen type
23 Details shared before a night out
24 Rock legend Turner
26 "I was today years __ when ... "
29 Try to equal
30 "O Holy Night," for one
31 __ Plaines, Illinois
32 Sticky stuff on a tree
33 Finish second in a horse race
37 Inquire
38 Hula dancer's garland
40 Farm vehicles
41 Light beige
42 Leaf gatherer
44 Skit show with musical guests, briefly
46 Outerwear suitable for cold, frosty, and snowy conditions
47 Cold, frosty, and snowy
48 AAA service
49 Car instrument
50 Uninformed guesses
54 Group of troops
55 Eeyore's pal
57 Frozen waffle brand
58 Baseball Hall of Famer Musial
61 Number needed to tango
62 "To All the Boys" series creator Jenny
63 "May __ excused?"
64 Youngster

Monday's solution



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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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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Extinct Creatures

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

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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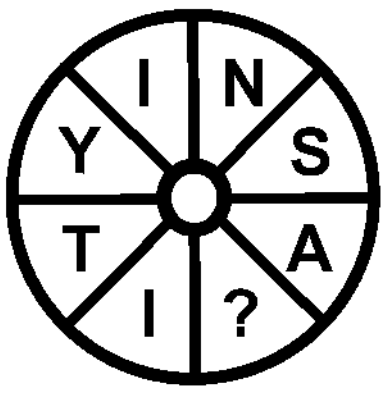
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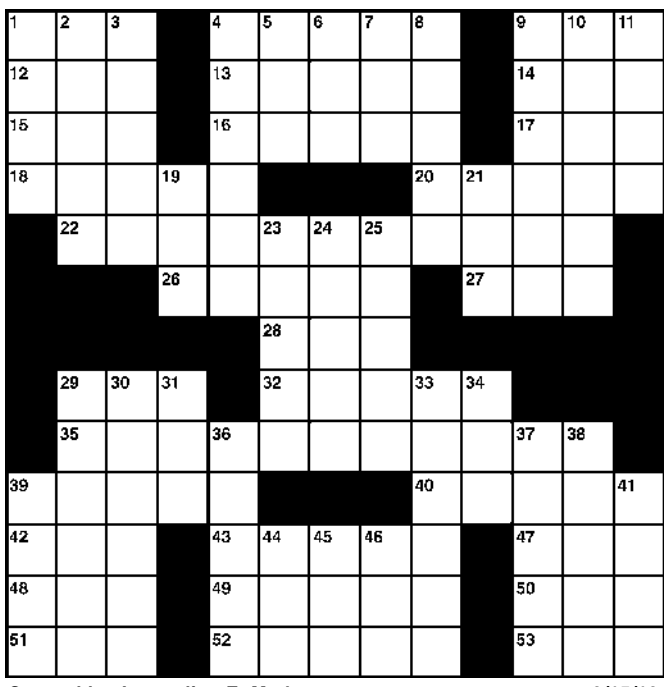
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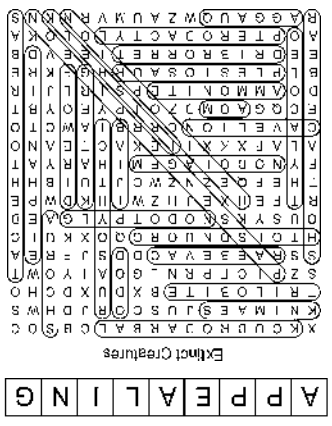


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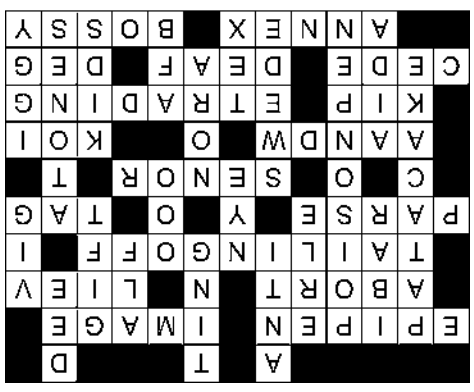
ACROSS
1 "Leah Remini: __ All Relative"
4 __ Felice Smith of "NCIS: Los Angeles"
9 "American __!"
12 Groove
13 Large antelope
14 Beverage in a stein
15 Apple pie __ mode
16 Grape bearers
17 Long or Peeples
18 Jeremy of "FBI"
20 Portrait holder
22 Role on "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."
26 Satchel handle
27 Shoo-__; sure winners
28 Donkey
29 Bit of soot
32 Nessa, to Bernie Mac
35 Actor Eric
39 African nation
40 Prefix for violet or sound
42 List-shortening abbr.
43 Giraffe's smaller cousin
47 Holbrook or Linden
48 Part of a sock
49 Small plateaus
50 Prefix for system or sphere
51 "__ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino film
52 Ridiculous
53 Bruce or Spike

DOWN
1 Retirement accts.
2 Bulb flower
3 Hidden supply
4 Armed uprising
5 Actor Wallach
6 Fabray, to friends
7 180 degrees from WSW
8 Ford failure
9 Actor Ted
10 Alf and E.T.
11 Start of the title of Howie Mandel's show
19 "…'__ the season to be jolly…"
21 Start of "The Streets of Laredo"
23 Frasier's last name
24 Place of refuge
25 Rattled
29 Actor Kutcher
30 "Ned and __"
31 Term of affection
33 Actor Tom
34 Sushi bar offering
36 Wynonna's mom
37 Lucy's landlady
38 "Without a __"; Anthony LaPaglia series
39 "Boy, Did I __ Wrong Number!"; Bob Hope film
41 __ vera; lotion ingredient
44 Berry or Olin
45 "Life __ House"; Kevin Kline movie
46 "Peter __"

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Extinct Creatures



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

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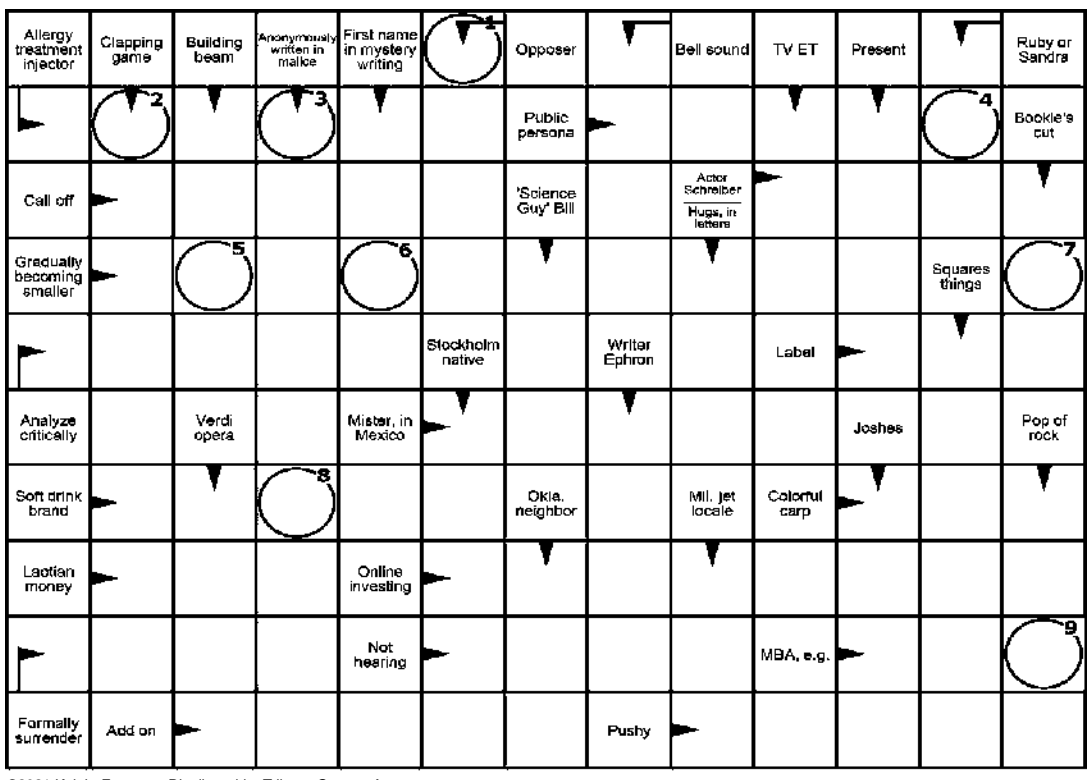
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ◯◯◯◯◯ - ◯◯◯◯ "

Jumbles: REUSE PANDA THWART SOOTHE
Answer: The house was available to lease, but the highway next to it was a — "DETER-RENT"

ARROW WORDS

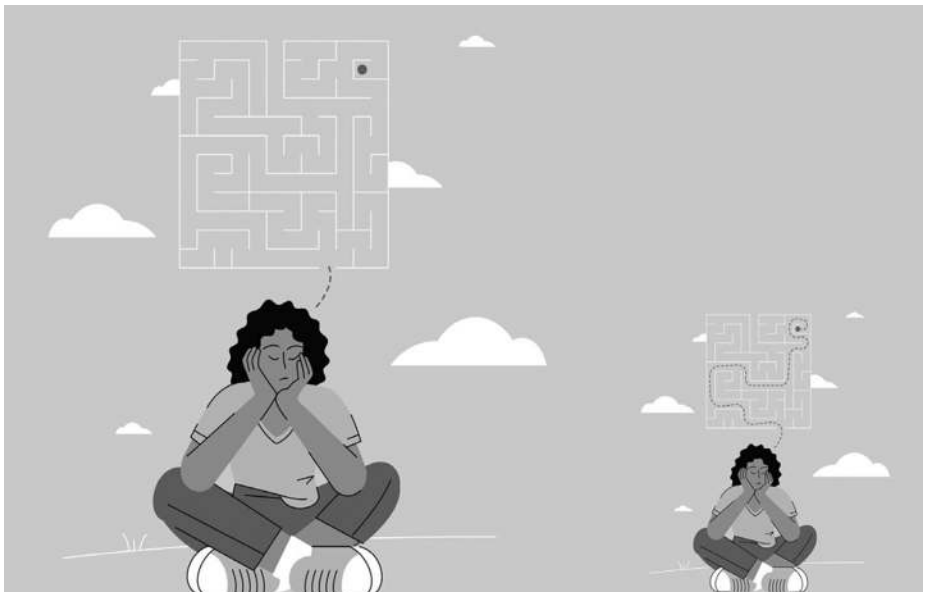
Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW

Wildcats look for a turnaround after reset



Northwestern coach David Braun enters the field with players for a game against Indiana on Oct. 5 in Evanston. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern coach David Braun doesn't try to gloss over his team's disappointing showing in 2024, when the Wildcats beat only Miami (Ohio), Eastern Illinois, Maryland and Purdue.

"You can't spray perfume on a 4-8 season," the third-year coach said. "It just stinks."

But Braun and the Wildcats have tried to use the discontent they felt last season as the impetus to create change within the program.

With quarterback Preston Stone leading a group of key transfers, Northwestern looks to rediscover some of its success in Braun's first year, when it went 8-5 and he was named 2023 Big Ten Coach of the Year. As the Wildcats prepare to open the season Saturday at Tulane, here are five questions for their season.

SEASON OPENER
Northwestern at Tulane
11 a.m. Sat., ESPNU

1. Will David Braun's reset turn things around? Braun knows his natural inclination is to be a people pleaser. And he knows that trait isn't always conducive to running a football program.

In the wake of last season's struggles, he did a thorough evaluation of himself and his team. He knew he needed to set firmer standards, open clearer lines of communication and demand greater accountability.

"My natural personality is to motivate and lift up and pat people on the back and tell them they're doing a great job," Braun said. "But if that's not the truth, that's not serving our team well. I think I've done a much better job of holding the entire program accountable.

"If we want to talk about winning Big Ten championships, if we want to talk about playing in the CFP, we have to evaluate daily if the way that we're operating aligns with that. And when it doesn't, there needs to be accountability."

On the field, players said, that sometimes looks like more intense

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SKY

More than just a number

Parker becomes 2nd Sky player to have jersey retired



Former Sky player and seven-time WNBA All-Star Candace Parker speaks during a jersey retirement ceremony at halftime of Monday's game against the Aces at Wintrust Arena. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

A legacy always stands stronger when it's cemented at home.

Candace Parker proved that point four years ago when she brought a first-time WNBA title to Chicago in her first season with her hometown team. And on Monday night, the Chicago Sky commemorated the significance of Parker's impact with a jersey retirement ceremony during halftime of a game against the Las Vegas Aces.

Parker became the second Sky player to have her jersey retired after stepping away from the game in 2024. She retired a two-time MVP, seven-time All-Star, two-time Olympic gold medalist and three-time WNBA champion after clinching titles with the Los Angeles Sparks, the Sky and the Aces. The Sparks retired Parker's jersey earlier this season.

"It's super special," Parker said ahead of Monday's game. "I'm grateful to join that crew and it'll be really cool to bring my grandkids back and be like, 'You know your grandma could hoop.'"

Monday's festivities highlighted the impact that Parker made in Chicago and in women's basketball. Celebrities like Jennifer Hudson and Common made courtside appearances for the game. Fans donned T-shirts decked out in depictions of Parker and offered up a standing ovation when she took the court at halftime with her wife Anna, daughter Lailaa and son Airr.

Former teammate and current Phoenix Mercury star Kahleah Copper flew in on an off day to deliver a speech during the halftime ceremony.

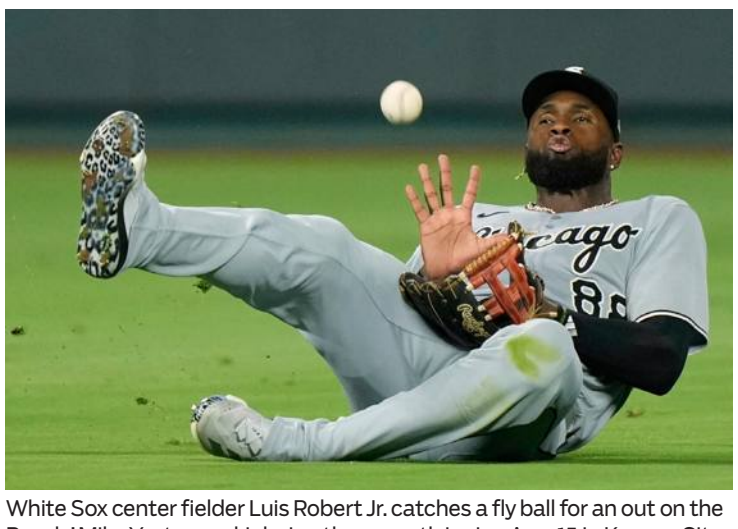
"Legend, champ, game changer,

Turn to Sky, Page 2

WHITE SOX

Robert displaying all-around game

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune



White Sox center fielder Luis Robert Jr. catches a fly ball for an out on the Royals' Mike Yastrzemski during the seventh inning Aug. 15 in Kansas City, Mo. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

The Minnesota Twins had a runner on first with two outs in the third inning Sunday against the White Sox at Rate Field.

Trevor Larnach hit a sinking liner to center field. It looked like the ball would drop in for a single. But Luis Robert Jr. raced forward, dove and made a sensational catch to end the inning.

The Twins tested Robert again in the fifth. Austin Martin drilled what appeared to be a sure double to left-center. Robert dove and made another tremendous grab.

UP NEXT
Royals at White Sox
6:40 p.m. Tuesday, CHSN

"Every outfielder is different," Robert said through an interpreter Sunday of his approach to executing diving catches. "I'm the kind that I start slow and develop speed as I go. There are others who are different.

"To me, it's just trying to track the ball and get to the ball whatever it takes."

Robert continued putting on a show defensively in the ninth. He didn't have to leave his feet, but he made the adjustments while running back to track down a hard-hit ball by Edouard Julien for the

Turn to Sox, Page 2

BEARS 53-MAN ROSTER TRACKER

11 spots — including CB Frazier — cleared out

By Brad Biggs
Chicago Tribune



Bears tight end Joel Wilson catches a touchdown pass during the second half of a preseason game against the Chiefs on Friday in Kansas City, Mo. **ED ZURGA/AP**

The Bears cleared 11 more roster spaces before practice Monday afternoon, bringing the number of players remaining on the roster to 73. The deadline to submit the 53-man roster to the NFL league office is 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The club placed rookie cornerback Zah Frazier, a fifth-round pick from Texas-San Antonio, on the reserve/non-football injury list. Frazier has missed all of training camp and preseason. The transaction means Frazier will be out for the entire season.

The team requested waivers for running back Ian Wheeler, quarterback Austin Reed, defensive backs Millard Bradford, Alex Cook and Kaleb Hayes, linebacker Power Echols and defensive line-

Turn to Bears, Page 3

SEASON OPENER
Vikings at Bears
7:15 p.m. Sept. 8, ABC-7, ESPN

Team	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BEARS					Next game Sept. 8 vs. MIN
CUBS	@SF 8:45 p.m. | Marquee	@SF 8:45 p.m. | Marquee	@SF 2:45 p.m. | Marquee	@COL 7:40 p.m. | Marquee	@COL 7:10 p.m. | Marquee
SOX	KC 6:40 p.m. | CHSN	KC 6:40 p.m. | CHSN	NYY 6:40 p.m. | CHSN	NYY 6:40 p.m. | CHSN, The U	NYY 6:10 p.m. | CHSN
SKY			@PHX 9 p.m. | The U		@SEA 8 p.m. | The U
FIRE					@MIA 6:30 p.m. | Apple TV
STARS					Next game Sunday @WAS



Candace Parker towels sit on chairs before the Sky play the Aces on Monday at Wintrust Arena in Chicago.
ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sky

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icon, leader, GOAT — that's how I describe you," Copper said. "You gave this game everything. Your time. Your body. Your heart. You didn't just play the game. You set records, you broke barriers and you left a mark that stats can't fully compare. I'm living proof."

Few players impacted the style of play in the WNBA more than Parker, who revolutionized the concept of the stretch-4 in the women's game.

Parker brought a unique blend to the court, throwing down dunks and slinging 3-pointers with a versatility that was well-matched for the league's shift toward the perimeter. Over a 16-year stretch in the league, she forged a new mold for power forwards that has since produced top stars like A'ja Wilson, Breanna Stewart and Napheesa Collier.

Most of Parker's career was defined by firsts — the first girl to dunk in a high school game in Illinois, the first woman to dunk in the NCAA tournament, the first WNBA player to win MVP and Rookie of the Year in the same season.

Parker drew anticipation at every juncture of her career. When she announced her commitment to Tennessee in 2003, she became the first woman to have her college decision televised nationally. Four years later, she was an automatic No. 1 overall draft pick for the Los Angeles Sparks.

Although Parker was destined for dominance on the court, the path toward basketball stardom was unclear as a young hooper in Naperville. Parker turned 10 years old in 1996, a pivotal year that marked the inaugural season of the WNBA. She didn't grow up going to Sky games because the franchise wasn't brought to Chicago until 2006, two years after Parker had left for Knoxville.

Even in her senior year of high school, Parker wavered publicly on whether she would play professionally after college. The league was young. The sport was changing. For even the most elite players, the dream of becoming a professional women's basketball player was still just that — a dream.

That didn't stop those around Parker from believing in her future. In her junior year of high school, Naperville Central basketball coach Andy Nussbaum played an April Fool's Day prank by announcing over the school PA system that Parker planned to forego her high school eligibility to sign with the New York Liberty. Nussbaum found the joke took a while to land because much of the student body accepted the statement as fully believable.

For Parker, the output always matched the hype. She won a pair of state titles with Naperville Central before heading to Tennessee, where she won consecutive titles under Pat Summitt before giving up her final year of eligibility to prepare for the 2008 Olympics. In her first year as a professional, Parker won an Olympic gold medal, Rookie of the Year and MVP — all while pregnant with her daughter Lailaa, who was born in May 2009.

Over the next 12 years, Parker carved out a dominant role in Los Angeles despite longstanding dysfunction within the Sparks, finally leading the franchise to a title in 2016. She won Defensive Player of the Year in her final season with the Sparks in 2020, capping off a 13-year tenure with the team where she was drafted.

Parker came to Chicago in 2021 with a mission: bring home a WNBA championship. Despite finishing the regular season with a .500 record, Parker helped to power the Sky to an underdog run as a No. 6 seed. The next year, Parker anchored a Sky team that finished with a franchise-best 26-10 regular season.

Although she ultimately played fewer than 80 games in a Sky jersey, Parker's selection for jersey retirement reflects the impact she made by lifting the franchise to its first title. She averaged 13.2 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.1 blocks over two seasons in Chicago, earning two All-Star selections and one All-WNBA first team selection.

Parker finished her career in Las Vegas, where she won a third and final title in 2023 while sidelined with a foot injury. The lingering effects of that injury ultimately resulted in Parker's retirement after a year-long attempt to return to the game.

This is a pivotal year in commemoration for the Sky, who retired the jersey of longtime sharpshooter Allie Quigley last month. Parker and Quigley composed two pillars at the heart of the 2021 championship team. Point guard Courtney Vandersloot — who returned to the Sky this season — will unquestionably join the pair in the rafters upon her own retirement at some point in the future.

For now, the jerseys of Quigley and Parker will symbolize mirrored legacies in the Sky's 20-year history — a pair of local stars who set a standard for success in Chicago women's hoops.

Sox

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second out in the ninth inning.

"It seemed like he was on a mission to not let anything fall," manager Will Venable said after the 8-0 victory. "We've seen him make good plays. To see three or four that he made (Sunday), in some big spots, was awesome.

"He's been getting better jumps out there, which is something that he's been working on. And obviously when the ball's in the air, his athleticism gives him a chance to cover a lot of ground."

Robert also made contributions at the plate, going 1-for-4 with a run. He entered Monday's game against the Kansas City Royals at Rate Field with a seven-game hitting streak. He's 9-for-29 (.310) with two home runs and six RBIs during the stretch.

"He's still Luis Robert, you know," starting pitcher Davis Martin said on Saturday. "He's still the best player I've ever played with. It's fun to see him loosen up and really be the focal point on this team. And his presence in the box, in the outfield, every time that I get done with a warmup inning and I turn around and see Luis in center, I'm like 'Hit it wherever you want, I know he's going to go grab it.'

"So it's just the confidence that he brings, not only in the box, but as a defender for our pitchers."

After a slow start to the season, Robert has had a productive second half. He has a .312/.367/.477 slash line with five home runs, 18 RBIs and 24 runs in 29 games since the All-Star break.

"For me, I think just (minimizing) the leg kick at the plate is what, visually, you see," Venable said of the second-half success before Monday's game. "I think it's just put him in a really good spot to have more consistent at-bats, see the ball better, make better swing decisions. And when he does let the bat go, he's hitting the ball hard.

"And for me, I think maybe the thing that's stuck out the most is just how extremely hard he runs every single day. He's just a guy that wants to be out there. When I give him days off, he fights me on it. He wants to be out there competing with these guys. So with his athletic ability and with his desire to be out there and playing hard, he's just put himself in a really good spot to be productive."

Robert's approach inspires teammates.

"He's an unbelievable athlete and plays the game really hard," catcher Kyle Teel said Sunday. "I think that is contagious and it translates to all of us.

"(He's a) great teammate, I would say he's a great leader. I felt like he took me under his wing when I first got here, and he's just a great guy."

Venable noted the energy Robert provides.

"He just enjoys being at the ballpark, wants to be in there fighting with the guys," Venable said on Saturday. "He's somebody who brings a ton of energy on the field, in the clubhouse, he's in a good spot right now."

With a little more than one month remaining in the regular season, Robert is aiming to finish 2025 on a strong note.

"It's very important to me to finish this season strong, being able to carry that out for next season here or wherever God puts me on," Robert said. "To me it's important.

"I'm just enjoying the moment. I don't know for how long I'm going to be here. What matters is today. Today I'm enjoying the moment, and enjoying being with these guys."

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competition during practice. Off the field, it's being more detail-oriented with a focus on player-led accountability.

"There may be a couple (chosen) leaders on the team, but everyone is a leader, whether you're a freshman or sixth or seventh year," offensive lineman Caleb Tiernan said of the new mindset. "That's something we focused on the entire winter and entire spring. With everybody playing a role in leadership, it raised our accountability throughout the entire spring."

2. Will Preston Stone revive his career in Evanston? Stone transferred to Northwestern this winter after SMU benched him three games into the 2024 season. He threw for 3,197 yards and 28 touchdowns as a sophomore but had to watch as his replacement, Kevin Jennings, led the Mustangs to the College Football Playoff last year.

Now the Wildcats are counting on Stone to help reboot their offense.

Braun touted Stone's high-level processing, understanding of the game, deep-ball accuracy and sound decision making on the move. And he raved about Stone's ability to form relationships with his teammates within a few months of arriving on campus.

The Wildcats need that as a largely unproven group of wide receivers looks to establish itself. Ricky Ahumaraeze said Stone frequently throws to him during their downtime to establish chemistry and also is in his ear about what's happening on the field.

"With Preston, he knows ball," Ahumaraeze said. "After plays, he'll tell me what he's looking at, what he's reading. He helps me put myself in a position to get the ball from him."

3. Which transfers will make an impact? The Wildcats had one of the worst offenses in the country last season, averaging 284.4 yards (130th among 134 FBS teams) and 17.8 points (128th) under former quarterback Jack Lausch, who left to focus on baseball.

They need more than just Stone to step up in order to fix it this year. Braun and his staff brought in 15 transfers, including nine on offense, to try to help.

Griffin Wilde (pronounced Will-Dee) is one standout candidate after transferring from South Dakota State, where he was an FCS Football Central second-team All-American in 2024. As a sophomore, he had 71 catches for 1,147 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Braun called Wilde an "incredible" route runner and playmaker who can track the ball well and come down with 50-50 balls. He joins a wide receiver room that Braun said is hungry to prove itself.

"One thing I've really appreciated about him, if it's third-and-11 in a critical situation, that dude some way, somehow is going to find a way to make a play," Braun said. "His consistency, his competitiveness, all things that really stand out to me.

"We have a wide receiver room that is unproven. And he kind of wears that as a badge of honor, like, 'I'm going to go to work and I'm going to prove that not only can I play at this level, but I can absolutely thrive at this level.'"

The Wildcats hope an influx of depth on the offensive line will help to go with returnees Tiernan (left tackle), Ezomo Oratokhai (left guard) and Jackson Carsello (center). That includes another South Dakota State transfer in right guard Evan Beerntsen and Martes Lewis (Minnesota) and Xavior Gray (Liberty) as competitors at right tackle.

Cornerback Fred Davis II (Jacksonville State) and linebackers Yannis Karlaftis (Purdue) and Jack Sadowsky V (Iowa State) are among the defensive additions.

4. Will Anto Saka make a splash on defense? Saka is the big name on the Wildcats defense, a 6-foot-4, 255-pound end who recently made Bruce Feldman's annual Freaks List for The Athletic. Feldman called Saka "one of the best-kept secrets in the Big Ten."

Some analysts expect the secret to be let out, projecting him as a first-round draft pick in 2026.

In two seasons in Evanston, Saka has 28 tackles, 10 tackles for a loss and nine sacks, and Braun has seen improvement that the Wildcats hope could make him even more dangerous this season as an every-down player.

"The expectations Anto has for himself is to be one of the best defensive ends in the country, and I would say the same," Braun said. "The way that he has worked and operated and been willing to take constructive criticism and respond to that aligns with someone that's primed to have that type of season. He's put on weight, he's gotten stronger, he's still moving just as well as he was prior to putting on that weight.

"He knows that he needed to make progress in his first-down and second-down play, consistently playing the run in the Big Ten. We've seen that show up in practice in spring and in the fall."

5. Can Northwestern overcome one of the toughest schedules in the country? ESPN ranked the Wildcats' schedule as the 19th-most difficult in the country and fifth-most difficult among Big Ten teams.

The Wildcats open on the road against a Tulane team that received votes in the Associated Press preseason poll. But it's the Big Ten schedule that looks brutal: home games against No. 7 Oregon, No. 14 Michigan and UCLA and road games against No. 2 Penn State, No. 12 Illinois and USC.

The Wildcats again will be playing most of their home games at their temporary lakefront stadium and two at Wrigley Field during the construction of the new Ryan Field.

Braun's response to talk about the strength of schedule: "Good."

"Something we'll lean into here is the underdog mentality and chip on our shoulder, and you're going to have to outwork people," Braun said. "We've made this offseason, this spring ball, summer and fall camp the most challenging it's ever been, making sure that we're preparing this group for that strength of schedule.

"I think it's something that this group embraces with an attitude of humility but also an attitude of, 'Bring on the competition.'"

His players echoed those thoughts.

"If we want to compete for a national championship, we've got to beat national-championship-caliber teams," Tiernan said. "We can't play lower schools and somehow expect to become a national champion. Getting the schedule, some on the outside might think, 'Oh, that's not good for them.' We love it. We love the challenge."



SMU quarterback Preston Stone looks to throw a pass during the first half against BYU on Sept. 6 in Dallas. **SMILEY N. POOL/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

As game grows, Bears look to middle schoolers

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune



The Bears hosted Butler College Prep's girls flag football team Aug. 14 at Halas Hall with Bears President/CEO Kevin Warren, QB Caleb Williams and WR Rome Odunze. **BEARS**

Grand Crossing resident Fallan White, 15, is doing what she can now to make a name for herself.

Not even old enough to drive, the wide receiver for Butler College Prep's flag football team will graduate in 2028 — the same year flag football will make its Olympic debut at the Summer Games in Los Angeles — and she's making sure she's ready.

"It's better to start off early than wait," she said.

White was one of more than a dozen players from Butler in Lake Forest on Aug. 14 to partake in the festivities that surround Chicago Bears training camp. The event was among a handful this summer that brought five high schools with girls flag football teams to camp, including Simeon, Harvard, Homewood-Flossmoor and Carver Military Academy. The athletes met players, coaches and Bears President/CEO Kevin Warren, who donated cleats to each team.

The visits occurred right before the flag football season started, reflecting the Bears' continued commitment to creating pathways for girls in football. Gustavo Silva, Bears manager of youth football and community programs, said roughly 200 schools will have girls flag football this year.He said Illinois is in the top five or six states for girls flag football participation. And to think the sport started with just 22 teams in Chicago Public Schools in 2021.

"Whether it's playing for their rec league, park district, a Boys and Girls Club, a youth organization, for them to have a pathway ... the goal is to make the game as inclusive and accessible as possible, to create different entry points so that anyone interested in playing the game, boy, girl, different abilities, can all have access to the game," Silva said.

Angel Brooks, head coach of Butler's flag team, has been involved with the sport for years, playing on Sundays for the Absolute Athletics league. Now the physical education teacher at Catherine Cook School is building out the high school team, many of whom are underclassmen playing varsity. In their second season, Brooks hopes to get enough athletes on the Lynx team to generate a JV team. She said the team's 2024 win in one of the CPS Bowl championship games (the CPS Hardwork Bowl) is helping with recruitment.

"It's (flag football) always been intriguing to me," she said. "Being able to coach, it's even more fun because it's pleasing to see when the girls learn and start to understand the sport. It's a sport that gives them their own lane and their own opportunities, and they enjoy it."

The Lynx's season starts Tuesday, and quarterback Nevaeh Beasley, 17, a senior, already has her sights on garnering flag football scholarships to pursue a degree in sports medicine.

"I've loved sports ever since I was little, so it has to be something with sports," she said. Her advice for those curious about flag football: "Work hard and be dedicated, because this game could take you a long way, since it's just starting out."

Silva said Illinois was the ninth state in the nation to sanction flag football for girls in 2024; Ohio just got sanctioned, making the total 17. Now that Illinois colleges are building programs for girls flag (the Bears will host a college tournament for Illinois schools in March), Silva is looking forward to making more milestones in the field — from growing girls flag football to 300 high schools to strengthening the flag football pipeline, and getting girls flag sanctioned for the middle school population.

"With the Olympics in 2028, we'd love to see girls from Illinois and Chicago participate," Silva said. "We have international leagues that we started — three in the UK and two in Spain that are going to start this fall. We want to see representation from our Chicago market."

"We are working with middle schools starting a pilot league in Rockford this fall. ... We want to use the same model that we did with the high school programs. The middle school level will feed the high school programs, which will feed the collegiate programs, and those collegiate and high school programs will feed the international programming. We're trying to create a pathway from youth all the way through adulthood."

TRAINING CAMP RUNDOWN

Countdown to final cutdown

Offense looks to improve timing issues

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune



Bears wide receiver Jahdae Walker celebrates after catching a touchdown pass as Chiefs cornerback Ajani Carter, right, watches during the second half of a preseason game Friday in Kansas City, Mo. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

The Bears began the process of trimming the roster to 53 players by releasing 16 of them ahead of the NFL's Tuesday deadline, while preparations began in earnest Monday for their Sept. 8 season opener against the Vikings.

The team held the first of three practices this week at Halas Hall, and while coaches sort out who makes the final cut, they'll also have to address some of the lingering questions raised by their uneven performance against the Chiefs in Friday's preseason finale.

No bones about it: The Chiefs' first-stringers completely outclassed those of the disjointed Bears, masked by the final score of the Bears' 29-27 comeback win.

Tight end Cole Kmet said head coach Ben Johnson appeared as frustrated in the film room Monday as he did at the postgame podium Friday.

"He was disappointed," Kmet said, adding his own assessment that the Bears looked "sloppy."

"Same that you guys got, that's what we got, and then we split off and talked to our position coaches, going over the film room. But, yeah, definitely disappointed."

1. Pre-snap procedure is under watch. Offensive coordinator Declan Doyle didn't sugarcoat: It's high time the first unit gets past its timing issues.

Doyle lamented the Bears' first several possessions, which included a fumble recovered by the offense, a sack, false start and delay of game penalties — all of which can be pinned on timing problems.

The Bears' first series against the Chiefs was derailed by Caleb Williams' fumbled exchange with Olamide Zaccheaus on an end-around.

Rookie tight end Colston Loveland's false start penalty immediately followed, and the Bears faced a second-and-19.

"A couple series were not up to our standard of how we wanted to play," Doyle said.

On the first-play fumble, "what happens is we end up snapping the ball a little bit late, we end up having to rush the ball handling a little bit and the ball ends up on the ground, which any time it's on the ground, it's unacceptable," he said.

During the second series, Williams took too long in the pocket and took a 5-yard sack on second-and-3.

On the second play of the second half, with Tyson Bagent under center, the offense committed a delay of game infraction.

The Bears had two false-start penalties against the Chiefs and Dolphins, and one against the Bills.

Kmet couldn't pin the delays — an area the coaches are intent on cleaning up this season — to one recurring issue.

"We've just got to be better," he said. "If there was one thing I could peg it on, I would have told everybody in the locker room. We would have fixed it already."

Doyle was confident that the offense will iron out at least some of the kinks by the time the Vikings roll into town for the Monday Night Football opener at Soldier Field.

"Our countdown clock is 14 days and we're all kind of flipping our mentality towards that as a coaching staff," he said. "We still have three good work days that we need to improve here as an offense and as a team, and so that's kind of where we're at as a team."

2. Injury and participation report. Two running backs participated in practice: D'Andre Swift and Brittain Brown — and there is no certainty that Brown will make the team.

Injuries have ravaged the group.

Roschon Johnson (foot), Travis Homer (calf) and Kyle Monangai (unknown) all missed the preseason finale in Kansas City as well as Monday's practice.

"We're depleted a little bit in that area as you can see, and so we've got to find ways to get our guys the ball," Doyle said. "That doesn't always have to be the running back, that can be a wideout, that can be a tight end, but we'll continue to try to get ... the ball in the hands of our playmakers."

Beyond the running backs, also not practicing were wide receivers Devin Duvernay (unknown) and J.P. Richardson (right ankle), offensive linemen Doug Kramer Jr. (unknown), Josh Blackwell (unknown) and Bill Murray (unknown), defensive back Tysheem Johnson (unknown), linebacker Amen Ogbongbemiga (shoulder) and defensive lineman Austin Booker (knee).

Quarterback Case Keenum (leg), defensive back Elijah Hicks (unknown) and defensive end Dominique Robinson (right ankle) participated in practice, but perhaps the Bears got the biggest lift from defensive back Kyler Gordon's return to action.

"It's good to have him back out there at practice. He's one of the most athletic DBs I've ever played with," safety Kevin Byard said of Gordon.

"He's very versatile. He basically can play corner, nickel and safety. So I'm sure (defensive coordinator Dennis Allen) is going to have some stuff for him, he's going to move him around a lot."

3. The countdown to the final cutdown. The Bears requested waivers for six players on Sunday and placed cornerback Terell Smith (patellar tendon) on season-ending injured reserve.

On Monday, they requested waivers for an additional 11, including quarterback Austin Reed, running back Ian Wheeler and defensive lineman Xavier Carlton.

They have to cut more players by Tuesday's deadline.

It's the point of the preseason that 10th-year safety Kevin Byard calls "a weird time."

"I don't really like to be in the building when it's going on," he said. "I don't like to see the Reaper walking in the locker room and tapping guys on the shoulder, calling them or anything.

"You just don't like to see somebody lose their job at all."

Fellow defensive back Alex Cook was one of those roster casualties on Monday, and Byard caught him before he left the building.

"(I) just told him hopefully we can get you back here (on the practice squad) in a couple days. But if not, hoping and praying that you land on your feet and you find a team," Byard said.

"Some guys, dreams will be over. I mean, not playing the league again. People work their whole entire lives to get to this point, and to be told they're not good enough, it's life changing."

4. A dose of humility for the defense. Patrick Mahomes and company made short work of the defensive first unit.

They barely laid a finger on him as the quarterback navigated the Chiefs to two touchdowns and a field goal in three series, then called it a night.

Mahomes finished 8-for-13 for 143 yards and a touchdown, and had an 18-yard scramble.

Byard intimated that the defense's "ones" weren't ready to play from snap one — at least not at the level the Chiefs displayed.

"It was a great lesson for us to learn this early," he said. "Obviously, still the preseason ... but we're definitely not good enough to just roll out, just go out there and just play. We've got to go out there and play with a certain mentality and intensity, and it just wasn't out there on Friday night."

5. Jahdae Walker has made his case for himself — somewhere. Jahdae Walker caught a game-winning, 6-yard touchdown pass from Tyson Bagent in the final minute on Friday.

The undrafted rookie receiver out of Texas A&M is hanging on the edge of the depth chart, but Doyle gushed about him on Monday.

"There are certain guys that walk outside for practice and it's like a kid going to recess," he said. "They can't freaking wait to get rolling, and Jahdae is that way.

"Jahdae loves football. He showed up in that last drive and the play he made on our sideline was one of the better catches that I've seen. It was really pretty impressive. But he's just a guy that has worked every day."

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man Xavier Carlton. Three veterans were also released: running back Royce Freeman, cornerback Tre Flowers and offensive lineman Joshua Miles.

The moves include tight end Joel Wilson being waived. Wilson led the team with 11 receptions in preseason and scored a touchdown. The Central Michigan product initially joined the team's practice squad during the middle of last season. Wilson was locked in a battle for the third tight end job with veteran Durham Smythe and Stephen Carlson.

That leaves 20 moves to be made before the 3 p.m. Tuesday deadline. It is likely the 16-man practice squad, which can be formed beginning Wednesday after the NFL has released the personnel notice, will be comprised largely of players that have been with the club through the offseason, training camp and preseason. Therefore, a good number of remaining players that will ultimately be released will return on the practice squad.

The team is scheduled to practice at 1 p.m. Tuesday. It's scheduled to be a short practice, a little more than an hour, so it remains to be seen if the team will make remaining roster moves before or after that workout.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	DIFF
Toronto	77	55	.583	—	—	6-4	W-1	43-21	34-34	650	589	61
Boston	72	60	.545	5	+1½	6-4	W-1	41-25	31-35	657	556	101
New York	71	60	.542	5½	+1	7-3	W-2	39-28	32-32	676	570	106
Tampa Bay	64	67	.489	12½	6	6-4	W-3	34-33	30-34	593	551	42
Baltimore	60	71	.458	16½	10	5-5	L-1	31-34	29-37	570	643	-73
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**RS**	**RA**	**DIFF**
Detroit	78	54	.591	—	—	8-2	L-1	44-25	34-29	641	543	98
Kansas City	67	65	.508	11	3½	6-4	L-1	36-30	31-35	506	516	-10
Cleveland	64	66	.492	13	5½	1-9	L-6	31-32	33-34	501	560	-59
Minnesota	59	72	.450	18½	11	2-8	L-3	33-31	26-41	541	604	-63
Chicago	48	83	.366	29½	22	4-6	W-3	29-37	19-46	519	584	-65
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**RS**	**RA**	**DIFF**
Houston	72	59	.550	—	—	4-6	L-1	38-27	34-32	560	541	19
Seattle	70	61	.534	2	—	3-7	W-1	39-26	31-35	597	575	22
Texas	66	66	.500	6½	4½	5-5	W-3	40-26	26-40	546	483	63
Los Angeles	61	69	.469	10½	8½	3-7	L-3	34-35	27-34	564	652	-88
Athletics	60	72	.455	12½	10½	6-4	L-1	26-37	34-35	592	684	-92

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	DIFF
Philadelphia	76	54	.585	—	—	7-3	W-2	42-22	34-32	617	516	101
New York	69	61	.531	7	—	5-5	L-1	41-24	28-37	593	546	47
Miami	62	69	.473	14½	7½	4-6	W-2	31-35	31-34	564	627	-63
Atlanta	59	72	.450	17½	10½	6-4	L-1	33-33	26-39	571	593	-22
Washington	53	78	.405	23½	16½	4-6	L-3	26-39	27-39	562	720	-158
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**RS**	**RA**	**DIFF**
Milwaukee	81	50	.618	—	—	4-6	L-2	43-22	38-28	666	507	159
Chicago	76	55	.580	5	+6½	8-2	W-3	41-25	35-30	648	522	126
Cincinnati	68	63	.519	13	1½	5-5	W-1	36-29	32-34	593	545	48
St. Louis	64	67	.489	17	5½	3-7	L-2	35-30	29-37	573	605	-32
Pittsburgh	57	74	.435	24	12½	6-4	W-4	39-30	18-44	467	537	-70
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**RS**	**RA**	**DIFF**
Los Angeles	74	57	.565	—	—	6-4	W-1	41-24	33-33	676	582	94
San Diego	74	57	.565	—	+4½	5-5	L-1	43-22	31-35	548	491	57
Arizona	64	67	.489	10	5½	5-5	L-1	34-32	30-35	645	635	10
San Francisco	63	68	.481	11	6½	4-6	W-2	30-33	33-35	530	540	-10
Colorado	37	94	.282	37	32½	5-5	L-4	21-45	16-49	491	840	-349

BOX SCORES

CHICAGO WHITE SOX 7, KANSAS CITY 0

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yastrzemski rf	2	0	1	0	0	.242
c-Grichuk ph	1	0	0	0	0	.241
Witt ss	4	0	1	0	0	.297
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.262
Garcia 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.298
Perez c	3	0	0	0	2	.246
Frazier 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.286
India dh	3	0	0	0	1	.234
Massey lf	2	0	0	0	0	.200
a-Loftin ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	.203
Isbel cf	2	0	0	0	0	.263
b-Tolbert ph	1	0	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**4**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Meidroth ss	4	1	1	0	0	.252
Vargas 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.236
Quero dh	4	1	1	1	0	.284
Sosa 2b	4	1	2	2	0	.272
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	0	.223
Mead 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.292
M.Taylor rf	4	0	0	0	1	.209
Lee c	3	1	2	2	0	.290
Baldwin lf	4	1	1	1	0	.239
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**1**	

Kansas City	**000**	**000**	**000**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Chicago	**300**	**300**	**10x**	**7**	**11**	**1**

a-flied out for Massey in the 8th. b-flied out for Isbel in the 9th. c-popped out for Yastrzemski in the 9th. **E:** Meidroth (11). **LOB:** Kansas City 3, Chicago 5. **2B:** Yastrzemski (6), Witt (41), Quero (15), Sosa (17), Mead (1), Vargas 2(30). **HR:** Lee (1), off Cameron; Baldwin (9), off Cameron. **RBIs:** Quero (35), Sosa 2 (59), Mead (7), Lee 2(3), Baldwin (28). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 3(Pasquantino, Witt 2); Chicago 2 (Robert, M.Taylor). **RISP:** Kansas City 0 for 2; Chicago 3for 9. **Runners moved up:** Quero. **GIDP:** Witt. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Meidroth, Sosa, Vargas).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cameron, L, 7-6	5	8	6	6	0	0	2.92
Lynch	2	3	1	1	0	0	2.95
Long	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.23
CHICAGO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Smith, W, 4-7	7	1	0	0	1	3	3.87
Gilbert	2	1	0	0	0	1	3.32

Umpires: Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Malachi Moore; Second, Austin Jones; Third, Chris Segal. **T:** 2:00. **A:** 10,444 (40,241).

MIAMI 2, ATLANTA 1

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Profar lf	3	0	1	0	1	.261
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	3	.264
Acuna rf	4	0	0	0	1	.299
Harris cf	3	0	0	0	2	.252
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	2	.229
Baldwin c	3	1	1	1	0	.278
Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.228
Alvarez 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.255
Allen ss	2	0	0	0	1	.221
a-Brujan ph-ss	1	0	0	0	1	.313
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**12**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.291
Marsee cf-lf	4	0	0	0	0	.329
Ramirez c	2	0	0	0	0	.230
Hicks 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.255
Lopez ss	1	1	0	0	0	.240
Wagaman dh	3	0	0	0	1	.235
Johnston lf	3	0	1	1	0	.271
Hill cf	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Wiemer rf	3	0	1	0	1	.200
Acosta 3b	3	1	1	1	1	.167
TOTALS	**26**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**5**	

Atlanta	**000**	**000**	**001**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Miami	**000**	**010**	**01x**	**2**	**4**	**0**

a-struck out for Allen in the 8th. **LOB:** Atlanta 6, Miami 3. **2B:** Profar (11), Johnston (2). **3B:** Edwards (5). **HR:** Baldwin (14), off Faucher; Acosta (3), off Johnson. **RBIs:** Baldwin (58), Johnston (6), Acosta (3). **SB:** Harris (15), Lopez (12), Profar (8). **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 3(Albies, Acuna, Harris); Miami 1(Johnston). **RISP:** Atlanta 0for 6; Miami 1for 6. **LIDP:** Wiemer. **DP:** Atlanta 1(Albies).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strider, L, 5-12	7	3	1	1	2	3	4.95
Johnson	1	1	1	1	0	2	2.20
MIAMI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Cabrera, W, 7-7	7	1	0	0	2	10	3.32
Zuber, H, 1	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.15
Simpson, H, 2	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.14
Faucher, S, 12-17	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.42

Inherited runners-scored: Simpson 1-0. **HBP:** Cabrera (Harris), Strider (Ramirez), Simpson (Olson). **Umpires:** Home, Mark Wegner; First, Shane Livensparger; Second, Tyler Jones; Third, Nate Tomlinson. **T:** 2:13. **A:** 8,111(37,446).

ON THIS DATE
AUG. 26

1916: Philadelphia's Joe Bush pitched a no-hitter, to beat Cleveland 5-0.
1939: The first major league baseball game was televised as WXBS brought their cameras to Brooklyn's Ebbets Field for a doubleheader between the Cincinnati Reds and the Dodgers.
1947: Brooklyn's Dan Bankhead became the first black pitcher in the majors. He homered in his first plate appearance, but didn't fare well on the mound. In 3 1-3 innings of relief, he gave up 10 hits and six earned runs to the Pirates. Pittsburgh won 16-3.
1962: Minnesota's Jack Kralick pitched a 1-0 no-hitter against the Kansas City Athletics. Lenny Green drove in the Twins' run with a sacrifice fly off Bill Fischer in the seventh inning.
1987: Milwaukee's Paul Molitor went 0-for-4, ending his 39-game hitting streak, and the Brewers beat the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in 10 innings on pinch-hitter Rick Manning's RBI single. With Molitor waiting in the on-deck circle for a possible fifth at-bat, Manning singled in the game-winner.
1991: Brett Saberhagen pitched a no-hitter to lead the Royals to a 7-0 win over the White Sox. Saberhagen struck out five and walked two.
1999: Randy Johnson gets 300 strikeouts in record time, notching nine in seven innings to help the Diamondbacks beat the Marlins. Johnson hit the milestone in his 29th start.
2004: Ichiro Suzuki homered in the ninth inning for his 200th hit of the season, but Seattle fell to Kansas City 7-3. Suzuki became the first player to reach 200 hits in each of his first four major league seasons.
2007: Boston defeated the Chicago White Sox 11-1 to complete a four-game sweep. For the series, the Red Sox outscored Chicago 46-7. Boston scored at least 10 runs in every game of the series, which is only the fourth time that has happened in a four-game series since 1900 and the first time in the American League in 85 years.
2008: Major League Baseball announced umpires will be allowed to check video on home run calls starting Aug. 27. Video will be used only on so-called "boundary calls," such as determining whether fly balls went over the fence, whether potential home runs were fair or foul and whether there was fan interference on potential home runs.
2018: Toronto's Kendrys Morales became the seventh player in major league history to homer in at least seven consecutive games, going deep in the third inning of the Blue Jays' 8-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies.
2024: Danny Jansen becomes the first player to appear for both teams in the same game. He had started the June 26th game between the Blue Jays and Red Sox at Fenway Park as the Jays' catcher and was at bat with an 0-1 count when the game was suspended by rain in the 2nd inning. When the game resumes today, he has since been traded to Boston, and takes over behind the plate for Reese McGuire, who has been released, while Daulton Varsho steps in as a pinch-hitter to complete the at-bat he started.

BOSTON 4, BALTIMORE 3

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anthony rf	4	2	2	1	2	.283
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.301
Duran lf	3	1	1	3	0	.258
Story ss	4	0	0	0	1	.258
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.350
Yoshida dh	3	0	2	0	0	.242
1-J.Garcia pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	3	.247
Hamilton 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.188
Wong c	4	1	2	0	1	.199
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**11**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Holliday 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.244
J.Jackson rf	4	0	1	0	2	.328
Henderson ss	3	1	1	0	1	.283
Mountcastle dh	3	1	0	0	2	.256
Mayo 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.194
Cowser cf	4	1	3	3	1	.225
Basallo c	4	0	0	0	0	.222
Carlson lf	3	0	1	0	1	.208
Vazquez 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.139
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**13**	

Boston	**100**	**030**	**000**	**4**	**7**	**1**
Baltimore	**012**	**000**	**000**	**3**	**6**	**1**

1-ran for Yoshida in the 9th. **E:** Story (11), Martin (1). **LOB:** Boston 5, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Wong (6), Carlson (6), Henderson (30). **HR:** Anthony (6), off Sugano; Duran (13), off Sugano; Cowser (12), off Fitts. **RBIs:** Anthony (28), Duran 3(73), Cowser 3(30). **S:** Vazquez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 2(Wong, Story); Baltimore 3(Basallo, Mountcastle, Cowser). **RISP:** Boston 1for 7; Baltimore 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Bregman. **GIDP:** Basallo. **DP:** Boston 1(Hamilton, Story, Lowe).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bernardino	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.87
Fitts, W, 2-4	4	2	3	3	3	6	5.00
Matz, H, 3	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.87
Whitlock, H, 20	1	1	0	0	0	3	2.67
Chapman, S, 25-27	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.06
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Sugano, L, 10-6	6	6	4	4	2	6	4.06
Wolfram	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.03
Martin	1	1	0	0	0	3	5.28

HBP: Fitts (Mountcastle). **Umpires:** Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Nic Lentz; Second, Mark Ripperger; Third, Nick Mahrley. **T:** 2:24. **A:** 15,740(45,971).

N.Y. YANKEES 10, WASHINGTON 5

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wood lf	5	0	2	0	3	.259
Abrams ss	3	0	1	0	1	.263
Garcia 2b	4	0	2	0	2	.267
Bell 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.227
Adams c	4	1	1	0	1	.208
DeJong 3b	4	1	1	0	2	.241
Crews rf	3	1	0	0	2	.199
Hassell dh	2	1	0	1	0	.226
Young cf	3	1	1	4	1	.231
TOTALS	**32**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**12**	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grisham cf	4	1	2	0	2	.250
Rice c	3	2	1	1	0	.241
Judge dh	4	1	1	1	0	.323
Bellinger rf	3	1	2	3	0	.272
Rosario rf	1	0	0	0	0	.500
Chisholm 2b	3	2	1	2	1	.240
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	2	0	2	.285
Dominguez lf	4	1	1	3	1	.256
McMahon 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.213
Caballero ss	4	1	1	0	1	.281
TOTALS	**34**	**10**	**12**	**10**	**8**	

Washington	**000**	**000**	**005**	**5**	**9**	**1**
New York	**101**	**050**	**30x**	**10**	**12**	**0**

E: Abrams (15). **LOB:** Washington 5, New York 6. **2B:** Goldschmidt (29), Judge (27). **HR:** Young (1), off Leiter; Rice (21), off Lord; Chisholm (25), off Lord; Dominguez (10), off Henry. **RBIs:** Hassell (14), Young 4(24), Bellinger 3(78), Rice (48), Judge (93), Chisholm 2(64), Dominguez 3(43). **CS:** Bell (3). **SF:** Bellinger. **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 0; New York 5(Chisholm 2, Caballero, Rosario 2). **RISP:** Washington 1for 4; New York 3 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Rice, Judge. **LIDP:** Rice. **GIDP:** Bell. **DP:** Washington 1(Garcia, Abrams, Garcia); New York 2(Chisholm, Caballero, Goldschmidt; Goldschmidt, Caballero).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lord, L, 4-7	4⅓	8	7	6	2	5	3.84
Rutledge	⅓	1	0	0	0	2	5.85
Henry	1	2	3	3	1	1	4.05
Poulin	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.64
NEW YORK	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Schlittler, W, 2-2	6	4	0	0	3	8	2.76
De Los Santos	2⅔	4	4	4	2	3	3.28
Leiter	⅓	1	1	1	0	1	4.32

Inherited runners-scored: Leiter 3-3. **HBP:** Rutledge (Grisham). PB: Adams (3). **Umpires:** Home, Mike Estabrook; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Erich Bacchus; Third, Brian O'Nora. **T:** 2:37. **A:** 36,939 (47,309).

TAMPA BAY 9, CLEVELAND 0

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Simpson lf	5	0	0	0	0	.302
Diaz dh	5	1	2	1	1	.280
B.Lowe 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.266
Caminero 3b	5	4	4	3	0	.261
J.Lowe rf	5	1	2	0	1	.237
Mangum cf	5	1	1	0	0	.282
Feduccia c	2	1	0	1	1	.143
C.Williams ss	5	0	2	2	1	.417
B.Seymour 1b	4	0	2	1	0	.214
TOTALS	**40**	**9**	**14**	**8**	**5**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	0	0	0	0	.271
Martinez cf	4	0	0	0	3	.228
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.286
Manzardo dh	4	0	0	0	2	.231
Santana 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.225
Arias ss	3	0	1	0	2	.223
Naylor c	1	0	0	0	1	.179
Rocchio 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.235
Jones rf	3	0	0	0	1	.211
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**13**	

Tampa Bay	**000**	**220**	**401**	**9**	**14**	**0**
Cleveland	**000**	**000**	**000**	**0**	**2**	**1**

E: Naylor (6). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 8, Cleveland 4. **2B:** Diaz (23), B.Seymour (1), Mangum (15), C.Williams (2), Caminero (22). **HR:** Caminero (38), off Bibee; Diaz (22), off Bibee; Caminero (39), off Herrin. **RBIs:** B.Seymour (4), Caminero 3(94), Diaz (74), C.Williams 2(5), Feduccia (3). **SB:** Caminero (7). **SF:** Feduccia. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 4(Simpson 2, B.Seymour, B.Lowe); Cleveland 1(Kwan). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 3 for 9; Cleveland 0for 3.

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
I.Seymour, W, 2-0	5	1	0	0	1	8	3.18
Cleavinger	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.91
Baker	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.40
Englert	2	1	0	0	1	2	3.98
CLEVELAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Bibee, L, 9-10	6	8	5	5	3	3	4.73
Herrin	⅔	3	3	3	0	2	4.98
Junis	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	2.96
Hedges	1	2	1	1	0	0	9.00

Inherited runners-scored: Junis 2-2. **WP:** Bibee. **Umpires:** Home, Tom Hanahan; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Nestor Ceja; Third, Todd Tichenor. **T:** 2:20. **A:** 16,325(34,788).

TORONTO 10, MINNESOTA 4

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Buxton cf	3	1	0	0	1	.268
Larnach dh	3	1	1	0	0	.243
Lee ss	4	0	0	1	0	.246
Wallner rf	4	2	2	3	1	.214
Jeffers c	4	0	0	0	1	.258
Clemens 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.215
Lewis 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.227
Julien 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.194
Outman lf	3	0	1	0	1	.200
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**6**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer lf	4	1	2	1	1	.294
Straw lf	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Lukes rf	5	2	2	2	1	.252
Guerrero dh	4	0	1	2	2	.297
Bichette ss	3	1	1	1	0	.304
Varsho cf	3	0	0	1	2	.229
Kirk c	2	2	1	2	0	.296
Clement 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.272
France 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.276
Gimenez 2b	3	3	2	1	0	.220
TOTALS	**31**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**7**	

Minnesota	**000**	**103**	**000**	**4**	**5**	**0**
Toronto	**410**	**104**	**00x**	**10**	**10**	**0**

LOB: Minnesota 4, Toronto 4. **2B:** Lukes 2(14), Clement (25). **HR:** Wallner 2(19), off Scherzer; Kirk (11), off Ryan; Gimenez (6), off Ryan. **RBIs:** Wallner 3(32), Lee (54), Bichette (84), Varsho (41), Kirk 2(59), Gimenez (25), Springer (65), Lukes 2(53), Guerrero 2(71). **SB:** Clement (4), Gimenez (12), Springer (14). **SF:** Varsho. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 1 (Wallner); Toronto 3(France 2, Lukes). **RISP:** Minnesota 1for 4; Toronto 4for 10. **Runners moved up:** Lee, Clement. **GIDP:** Lukes, Kirk. **DP:** Minnesota 2(Lee, Clemens, Julien; Lewis, Lee, Julien).

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan, L, 12-7	5	7	6	6	1	7	3.22
Kriske	1	3	4	4	2	0	11.25
Cabrera	2	0	0	0	2	0	7.71
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Scherzer, W, 5-2	6	4	4	4	1	5	3.82
Bruihl	2	1	0	0	1	1	5.23
Nance	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.96

HBP: Ryan (Clement). **Umpires:** Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Brock Ballou. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 41,845(39,150).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
through Sunday's games

Average	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Judge, NYY	120	435	100	141	.324
Aranda, TB	103	358	53	113	.316
Peña, HOU	102	396	54	121	.306
Bichette, TOR	128	539	70	164	.304
Garcia, KC	129	480	62	144	.300
Guerrero, TOR	125	467	83	139	.298
Witt, KC	129	508	85	151	.297
Kirk, TOR	104	369	35	108	.293
Springer, TOR	109	377	74	110	.292
Ramírez, CLE	126	475	81	137	.288

Home runs: Raleigh, Seattle, 49; Judge, New York, 40; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 37; Greene, Detroit, 31; Ward, Los Angeles, 30; Adell, Los Angeles, 29; Langeliers, Athletics, 28; Torkelson, Detroit, 28; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 28; Kurtz, Athletics, 26; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 26; Rooker, Athletics, 26.
RBI: Raleigh, Seattle, 106; Greene, Detroit, 95; Ward, Los Angeles, 94; Judge, New York, 92; Pasquantino, Kansas City, 92; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 91; Bichette, Toronto, 83; Story, Boston, 82; Adell, Los Angeles, 79; Bellinger, New York, 75.
Hits: Bichette, Toronto, 164; Witt, Kansas City, 151; M.Garcia, Kansas City, 144; Judge, New York, 141; V.Guerrero, Toronto, 139; Ju.Rodríguez, Seattle, 139; Rooker, Athletics, 138; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 137; Altuve, Houston, 135; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 135.
Doubles: Bichette, Toronto, 40; Witt, Kansas City, 40; Ja.Duran, Boston, 34; M.Garcia, Kansas City, 32; Perez, Kansas City, 31; Rooker, Athletics, 31; V.Guerrero, Toronto, 30; Henderson, Baltimore, 29; Ward, Los Angeles, 29; Butler, Athletics, 28; Goldschmidt, New York, 28; M.Vargas, Chicago, 28.
Triples: Ja.Duran, Boston, 12; McKinstry, Detroit, 10; Bellinger, New York, 5; M.Garcia, Kansas City, 5; Henderson, Baltimore, 5.
Runs: Judge, New York, 100; Raleigh, Seattle, 85; Witt, Kansas City, 85; V.Guerrero, Toronto, 83; Ju.Rodríguez, Seattle, 83; Rooker, Athletics, 83; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 81; Arozarena, Seattle, 78; Caminero, Tampa Bay, 75; Neto, Los Angeles, 75.
Stolen bases: Caballero, New York, 40; Simpson, Tampa Bay, 38; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 36; Witt, Kansas City, 34; Robert, Chicago, 33.
Pitching: Crochet, Boston, 14-5; Fried, New York, 13-5; Rodón, New York, 13-7; Mize, Detroit, 12-4; Ryan, Minnesota, 12-6; Skubal, Detroit, 11-3; Eovaldi, Texas, 11-3; 3 tied at 11-7 Woo, Seattle, 11-7; Valdez, Houston, 11-7; Bassitt, Toronto, 11-7.
ERA: Skubal, Detroit, 2.32; H.Brown, Houston, 2.36; Crochet, Boston, 2.38; deGrom, Texas, 2.76; Woo, Seattle, 2.94; Ryan, Minnesota, 2.96; Bello, Boston, 3.07; Fried, New York, 3.14; Rodón, New York, 3.24; Valdez, Houston, 3.32.
Strikeouts: Crochet, Boston, 207; Skubal, Detroit, 200; H.Brown, Houston, 170; Rodón, New York, 169; Flaherty, Detroit, 165; Woo, Seattle, 160; Ryan, Minnesota, 159; Kikuchi, Los Angeles, 153; Valdez, Houston, 153; Gausman, Toronto, 149; Pepiot, Tampa Bay, 149.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS
through Sunday's games

Average	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Freeman, LAD	118	443	66	134	.302
Turner, PHI	128	534	88	160	.300
Frelick, MIL	115	426	61	127	.298
Smith, LAD	102	340	59	101	.297
Machado, SD	131	504	77	147	.292
Edwards, MIA	113	464	64	135	.291
Hoerner, CHC	126	475	63	138	.291
Marte, ARI	98	369	71	107	.290
Perdomo, ARI	130	476	80	138	.290
Stowers, MIA	117	399	61	115	.288

Home runs: Schwarber, Philadelphia, 45; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 45; E.Suárez, Seattle, 36; J.Soto, New York, 32; Alonso, New York, 29; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 28; Carroll, Arizona, 27; Suzuki, Chicago, 27; Yelich, Milwaukee, 26; Wood, Washington, 26.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS

145TH ATP/WTA US OPEN
Monday at Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Queens, New York; outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
#2Carlos Alcaraz vs. Reilly Opelka, late
#5Jack Draper d. Federico Agustin Gomez, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(9), 6-2.
#9 Karen Khachanov d. Nishesh Basavareddy, 6-7(5), 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.
#11Holger Rune d. Botic Van De Zandschulp, 6-4, 7-6(4), 7-6(2).
#12Casper Ruud d. Sebastian Ofner, 6-1, 6-2, 7-6(5).
#15Andrey Rublev d. Dino Prizmic, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
#17 Frances Tiafoe d. Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-3, 7-6(6), 6-3.
Adam Walton d. #22Ugo Humbert, 6-4, 7-6(4), 5-7, 6-1.
#24Flavio Cobolli d. Francesco Passaro, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Francisco Comesana d. #28 Alex Michelsen, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
#31 Gabriel Diallo vs. Damir Dzumhur, late
Martin Damm Jr d. Darwin Blanch, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Cameron Norrie d. Sebastian Korda, 7-5, 6-4, retired.
Lloyd Harris d. Sebastian Baez, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Coleman Wong d. Aleksandar Kovacevic, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(4).
Zizou Bergs d. Chun Hsin Tseng, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Raphael Collignon d. Daniel Elahi Galan, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Joao Fonseca d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-6(3), 7-6(5), 6-3.
Mattia Bellucci d. Shang Juncheng, 7-6(0), 1-6, 6-3, 3-0, retired.
Jenson Brooksby d. Aleksandar Vukic, 6-3, 6-7(4), 3-6, 6-4.
Jaume Munar d. Jaume Faria, 6-0, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
Kamil Majchrzak d. Hugo Dellien, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-4.
Jan-Lennard Struff d. Mackenzie McDonald, 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-3, 6-3.
Tristan Boyer d. James Duckworth, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
LATE SUNDAY, FIRST ROUND
#7Novak Djokovic d. Learner Tien, 6-1, 7-6(3), 6-2.
Benjamin Bonzi d. #13 Daniil Medvedev, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7(5), 0-6, 6-4.
#30Brandon Nakashima d. Jesper DeJong, 6-2, 6-7(5), 2-6, 6-2, 7-6(7).
Jordan Thompson d. Corentin Moutet, 6-2, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
Marcos Giron d. Mariano Navone, 6-0, 7-5, 4-6, 5-7, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
#5Mirra Andreeva vs. Alycia Parks, late
Renata Zarazua d. #6Madison Keys, 6-7(10), 7-6(3), 7-5.
#9Elena Rybakina d. Julieta Pareja, 6-3, 6-0.
#11 Karolina Muchova d. Venus Williams, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.
Anna Bondar d. #12Elina Svitolina, 6-2, 6-4..
#15Daria Kasatkina d. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 7-5, 6-1.
#17Liudmila Samsonova d. Yuan Yue, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
#19Elise Mertens d. Alyssa Ahn, 6-1, 6-0.
Barbora Krejcikova d. #22Victoria Mboko, 6-3, 6-2.
#28Magdalena Frech d. Talia Gibson, 6-2, 6-2.
#29 Anna Kalinskaya d. Clervie Ngounoue, 6-0, 5-7, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. #30 Dayana Yastremska, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Diane Parry d. Petra Kvitova, 6-1, 6-0.
Cristina Bucsa d. Claire Liu, 6-2, 6-1.
Priscilla Hon d. Leolia Jeanjean, 6-3, 7-5.
Yulia Putintseva d. Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 6-4, 7-6(4).
Taylor Townsend d. Antonia Ruzic, 6-4, 6-4.
Iva Jovic d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 7-6(6), 6-3.
Kamilla Rakhimova d. Caroline Garcia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Elsa Jacquemot d. Marie Bouzkova6-4, 6-3.
Ann Li d. Rebecca Sramkova, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Maria Sakkari d. Tatjana Maria, 6-3, 6-2.
Peyton Stearns d. Darja Semenistaja, 7-5, 6-0.
Zeynep Sonmez d. Katie Volynets, 6-3, 6-4.
LATE SUNDAY, FIRST ROUND
4Jessica Pegula d. Mayar Sherif, 6-0, 6-4.
#7Jasmine Paolini d. Destanee Aiava, 6-2, 7-6(4).
Polina Kudermetova d. Nuria Parrizas-Diaz, 2-2, retired.
Jil Teichmann d. Caty McNally, 6-2, 6-2.
Victoria Azarenka d. Hina Inoue, 7-6(0), 6-4.
Lulu Sun d. Camila Osorio, 6-4, 6-3.
Anastasia Potapova d. Zhu Lin, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

ODDS

MLB — **TUESDAY**

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Boston	-116	at Baltimore	-102
at Cleveland	-122	Tampa Bay	+104
at Toronto	-168	Minnesota	+142
Kansas City	-122	at White Sox	+104
LA Angels	-116	at Texas	-102
Detroit	-144	at Athletics	+122

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Atlanta	-118	at Miami	+100
Philadelphia	OFF	at N.Y METS	OFF
at Milwaukee	-164	Arizona	+138
at St. Louis	-134	Pittsburgh	+114
Chi Cubs	-134	at San Fran.	+114
at LA Dodgers	-196	Cincinnati	+164

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at N.Y Yankees	-188	Washington	+158
at Houston	-350	Colorado	+280
San Diego	-112	at Seattle	-104

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	NOW	O/U	UNDERDOG
Boise State	6½	(63½)	at S. Florida
at Rutgers	15½	(49½)	Ohio
at Bowl. Green	14½	(52½)	Lafayette
at La Monroe	23½	(45½)	St Francis (Pa)
at NC State	13½	(60½)	East Carolina
Wyoming	7½	(49½)	at Akron
at Delaware	29½	(54½)	Delaware St.
at UCF	18½	(52½)	Jacksonville St
at Missouri	36½	(51½)	C Arkansas
at Duke	33½	(47½)	Elon
at Okla. St.	19½	(55½)	UT Martin
at Houston	22½	(55½)	St. F. Austin
at Minnesota	18½	(44½)	Buffalo
Nebraska	6½	(54½)	at Cincinnati
at Wisconsin	17½	(39½)	Miami (OH)
at San Diego St.	18½	(53½)	Stony Brook

FRIDAY

at Army	16½	(51½)	Tarleton St.
at Michigan St.	20½	(49½)	W. Michigan
at Wake Forest	16½	(51½)	Kennesaw St.
Appalachian St	6½	(50½)	at Charlotte
at Illinois	45½	(63½)	W. Illinois
Georgia Tech	4½	(52½)	at Colorado
Auburn	2½	(57½)	at Baylor
UNLV	10½	(60½)	at Sam Hou.
at San Jose St.	11½	(51½)	C. Michigan

SATURDAY

at Maryland	14½	(59½)	Fla. Atlantic
at Purdue	17½	(50½)	Ball State
at Ohio State	2½	(47½)	Texas
at Tennessee	13½	(51)	Syracuse
at Kent State	6½	(50½)	Merrimack
at Tulane	5½	(46½)	Northwestern
Mississippi St	12½	(60½)	at So. Miss
at Kentucky	7½	(48½)	Toledo
at Indiana	23½	(54½)	Old Dominion
at louisville	38½	(56½)	E. Kentucky
at Georgia	39½	(55½)	Marshall
Alabama	13½	(50½)	at Florida St.
at Penn State	44½	(57½)	Nevada
Temple	2½	(47½)	at UMass
at Iowa State	15½	(47½)	South Dakota
at Oregon	27½	(56½)	Montana State
at Liberty	25½	(52½)	Maine
at Iowa	37½	(50½)	Albany
at Virginia	12½	(58½)	Co. Carolina
at Ja. Madison	26½	(54½)	Weber State
at Oklahoma	36½	(60½)	Illinois State
at Troy	20½	(48½)	Nicholls State
at Vanderbilt	36½	(48½)	Chas Southern
at Arkansas St	10½	(59½)	SE Missouri St
at Texas A&M	24½	(57½)	UTSA
at Kansas State	25½	(55½)	North Dakota
at Michigan	35½	(49½)	New Mexico
at Utah State	½	(60½)	UTEP
at USC	34½	(59½)	Missouri State
at Clemson	3½	(57½)	LSU
at La Tech	13½	(49½)	SE Louisiana
at Mississippi	35½	(60½)	Georgia St
at BYU	42½	(60½)	Portland St
at Tulsa	5½	(63½)	Abilene Chr.
at North Texas	24½	(63½)	Lamar
at La-Lafayette	11½	(47½)	Rice
at Texas State	13½	(58½)	E. Michigan
at N. Mexico St.	19½	(53½)	Bryant
at SMU	48½	(62½)	E Texas A&M
at Fresno State	1½	(52½)	Ga. Southern
at Wash. St.	13½	(50½)	Idaho
at Arizona St.	28½	(52½)	No. Arizona
at Oregon State	2½	(50½)	Cal
at Arizona	17½	(52½)	Hawaii
Utah	6½	(51½)	at UCLA
at Washington	22½	(53½)	Colorado St

SUNDAY

at S. Carolina	7½	(52½)	Virginia Tech
Notre Dame	2½	(49½)	at Miami

MONDAY

TCU	3½	(56½)	at N. Carolina

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	24	13	.649	—
New York	23	15	.605	1½
Indiana	19	18	.514	5
Washington	16	22	.421	8½
Chicago	9	28	.243	15
Connecticut	9	28	.243	15
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Minnesota	30	7	.811	—
Las Vegas	25	14	.641	6
Phoenix	22	14	.611	7½
Seattle	20	18	.526	10½
Golden State	19	18	.514	11
Los Angeles	17	18	.486	12
Dallas	9	29	.237	21½

x-clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULTS
New York 81, Connecticut 79
Las Vegas 79, Chicago 74

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Indiana, 6p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Connecticut at Dallas, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Washington at New York, 6p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 84, Washington 82
Golden State 90, Dallas 81
Minnesota 97, Indiana 84

PLAYER EFFICIENCY RATING
through Sunday; basketball-reference

Player	PER	TM	RB	A	PT
A'ja Wilson	32.9	LVA	10.2	3.1	23.2
Napheesa Collier	31.4	MIN	7.6	3.4	23.8
Amy Okonkwo	30.4	DAL	2.0	1.0	10.0
Alyssa Thomas	25.7	PHO	8.8	9.2	16.0
Dearica Hamby	23.1	LAS	7.8	3.4	17.9
Breanna Stewart	22.9	NYL	6.5	3.9	18.3

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S GAMES
East
Ohio at Rutgers, 5p.m.
Delaware St. at Delaware, 6p.m.
South
Boise St. at South Florida, 4:30p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at La-Monroe, 6p.m.
Jacksonville St. at UCF, 6p.m.
Towson at Norfolk St., 6p.m.
East Carolina at NC State, 6p.m.
West Georgia at Samford, 6:30p.m.
Elon at Duke, 6:30p.m.
Alcorn St. at Northwestern St., 7p.m.
Alabama St. at UAB, 7:30p.m.
Midwest
McKendree at Indiana St., 5p.m.
Lafayette at Bowling Green, 5p.m.
Mercyhurst at Youngstown St., 5p.m.
Dayton at E. Illinois, 6p.m.
Wyoming at Akron, 6p.m.
Lindenwood at St. Thomas (MN.), 6p.m.
Upper Iowa at Drake, 6:30p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Missouri, 6:30p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Nebraska in KC, Mo., 8p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Wisconsin, 8p.m.
Southwest
Ark Baptist at Hou. Christian, 6:30p.m.
UT Martin at Oklahoma St., 6:30p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Houston, 7p.m.
West
Stony Brook at San Diego St., 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Campbell at Rhode Island, 5p.m.
Tarleton St. at Army, 5p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Colgate, 6p.m.
New Haven at Marist, 6p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at FIU, 6p.m.
Kennesaw St. at Wake Forest, 6p.m.
Charlotte vs. Appalachian St. in Charlotte, N.C., 6p.m.
W. Michigan at Michigan St., 6p.m.
Wagner at Kansas, 6:30p.m.
W. Illinois at Illinois, 6:30p.m.
Georgia Tech at Colorado, 7p.m.
Auburn at Baylor, 7p.m.
UNLV at Sam Houston St., 8:30p.m.
C. Michigan at San Jose St., 9:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
East
VMI at Navy, 11a.m.
Duquesne at Pittsburgh, 11a.m.
Richmond at Lehigh, 11a.m.
FAU at Maryland, noon
CCSU at Uconn, 1p.m.
Stonehill at Sacred Heart, 1p.m.
Fordham at Boston College, 1p.m.
Robert Morris at West Virginia, 1p.m.
Temple at Umass, 2:30p.m.
Nevada at Penn St., 2:30p.m.
South
Northwestern at Tulane, 11a.m.
Mississippi St. at Southern Miss., 11 a.m.
Tennessee vs. Syracuse in Atlanta, 11 a.m.
N. Dakota St. at The Citadel, 11a.m.
Toledo at Kentucky, 11:45a.m.
Cumberland (TN) at Tenn. Tech, noon
Georgetown at Davidson, noon
William & Mary at Furman, 1p.m.
Hampton at Jackson St., 2p.m.
E. Kentucky at Louisville, 2p.m.
Marshall at Georgia, 2:30p.m.
Alabama at Florida St., 2:30p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Howard at Miami Gardens, Fla., 3p.m.
Maine at Liberty, 3p.m.
Chattanooga at Memphis, 3:30p.m.
NC A&T at Tennessee St., 3:30p.m.
Southern U. at MVSU, 4p.m.
Murray St. at ETSU, 4:30p.m.
Weber St. at James Madison, 5p.m.
New Hampshire at NC Central, 5p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Virginia, 5p.m.
Webber International at Stetson, 5p.m.
Presbyterian at Mercer, 5p.m.
Gardner-Webb at W. Carolina, 5p.m.
Allen at Morehead St., 5p.m.
Wofford at SC State, 5p.m.
La. College at McNeese St., 6p.m.
North Alabama at W. Kentucky, 6p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at Florida, 6p.m.
Chas. Southern at Vanderbilt, 6p.m.
Austin Peay at Middle Tennessee, 6p.m.
Nicholls at Troy, 6p.m.
Morgan St. at South Alabama, 6p.m.
SE Louisiana at La. Tech, 6:30p.m.
LSU at Clemson, 6:30p.m.
Georgia St. at Mississippi, 6:45p.m.
Rice at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7p.m.
Grambling St. vs. Langston at Shreveport, La., 7p.m.
Midwest
Texas at Ohio St., 11a.m.
Ball St. at Purdue, 11a.m.
Merrimack at Kent St., 11a.m.
Va. Lynchburg at Valparaiso, 1p.m.
Butler at N. Iowa, 1p.m.
Old Dominion at Indiana, 1:30p.m.
South Dakota at Iowa St., 2:30p.m.
Holy Cross at N. Illinois, 2:30p.m.
Albany (NY) at Iowa, 5p.m.
North Dakota at Kansas St., 6p.m.
Thomas More at S. Illinois, 6p.m.
Sacramento St. at S. Dakota St., 6p.m.
New Mexico at Michigan, 6:30p.m.
Southwest
Alabama A&M at Arkansas, 3:15p.m.
Illinois St. at Oklahoma, 5p.m.
SE Missouri at Arkansas St., 6p.m.
E. Washington at Incarnate Word, 6p.m.
UTSA at Texas A&M, 6p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Texas Tech, 6:30p.m.
E. Michigan at Texas State, 7p.m.
Lamar at North Texas, 7p.m.
Abilene Christian at Tulsa, 7p.m.
Prairie View at Texas Southern, 7p.m.
East Texas A&M at SMU, 8p.m.
West
Chadron St. at N. Colorado, 2p.m.
Bucknell at Air Force, 2:30p.m.
Montana St. at Oregon, 3p.m.
UTEP at Utah St., 6:30p.m.
Missouri St. at Southern Cal, 6:30p.m.
Portland St. at BYU, 7p.m.
Cal Poly at San Diego, 7p.m.
Idaho St. at S. Utah, 7:30p.m.
Bryant at New Mexico St., 8p.m.
Georgia Southern at Fresno St., 8:30p.m.
N. Arizona at Arizona St., 9p.m.
UC Davis at Utah Tech, 9p.m.
Idaho at Washington St., 9p.m.
California at Oregon St., 9:30p.m.
Hawaii at Arizona, 9:30p.m.
Utah at UCLA, 10p.m.
Colorado St. at Washington, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 31
South Carolina vs. Virginia Tech in Atlanta, 2p.m.
Notre Dame at Miami, 6:30p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1
TCU at North Carolina, 7p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	16	6	6	54	48	26
Cincinnati	16	8	4	52	42	35
Nashville	15	8	5	50	49	32
Orlando City	13	7	8	47	54	40
Charlotte FC	15	11	2	47	46	39
Inter Miami CF	13	5	7	46	54	40
Columbus	12	6	9	45	43	39
New York City FC	13	8	5	44	37	30
N.Y. Red Bulls	11	11	6	39	42	38
Chicago	11	10	6	39	50	48
New England	8	12	7	31	35	38
Toronto FC	5	13	9	24	27	34
CF Montréal	5	15	8	23	28	50
Atlanta	4	12	11	23	31	49
D.C. United	4	15	9	21	24	53
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
San Diego FC	16	7	5	53	52	33
Minnesota United	14	6	8	50	47	31
Vancouver	14	6	7	49	47	31
Seattle	12	7	8	44	48	38
Los Angeles FC	11	6	8	41	44	31
Portland	10	9	8	38	35	37
Colorado	10	12	6	36	36	44
San Jose	9	11	8	35	52	48
Austin FC	9	9	8	35	26	32
Real Salt Lake	9	14	4	31	28	36
FC Dallas	7	11	9	30	39	47
Houston	7	12	8	29	34	44
Sporting KC	6	15	6	24	39	55
St Louis City	5	16	6	21	31	47
LA Galaxy	4	16	7	19	32	55

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at New England, 6:30p.m.
Columbus at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30p.m.
D.C. United at New York City FC, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Toronto FC, 6:30p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
Colorado at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 7:30p.m.
Atlanta at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
Houston at St Louis City, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
San Diego FC at LAFC, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto FC 0, Atlanta 0
Charlotte FC 1, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Seattle FC 5, Sporting Kansas City 2

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Kansas City	14	2	1	43	34	10
Washington	9	4	4	31	28	24
San Diego	8	4	5	29	28	10
Orlando	8	5	4	28	22	13
Portland	7	5	5	26	25	19
Seattle	7	5	5	26	25	21
Louisville	7	6	4	25	23	27
Gotham FC	5	6	6	21	20	16
North Carolina	5	6	6	21	23	26
Angel City	5	7	5	20	22	27
Houston	5	8	4	19	20	27
Bay FC	4	8	5	17	20	25
Chicago	1	9	7	10	18	35
Utah Royals FC	1	11	5	8	12	31

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Louisville, 6:30p.m.
Gotham FC at Orlando, 7p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 9:30p.m.
Utah Royals FC at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 1, Houston 1
Louisville 1, San Diego 0

SATURDAY'S MATCH
North Carolina at Kansas City, 6:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 31
Chicago at Washington, 3p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1
Bay FC at Angel City, 8p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Tottenham	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Liverpool	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Notting. Forest	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Man City	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Sunderland	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Everton	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Brentford	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Burnley	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Leeds	2	1	0	1	1	5	3
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Crystal Palace	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Newcastle	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Man United	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Aston Villa	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Brighton	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Wolverhampton	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
West Ham	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

MONDAY'S RESULT
Liverpool 3, Newcastle 2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Chelsea vs. Fulham, 6:30a.m.
Man United vs. Burnley, 9a.m.
Sunderland vs. Brentford, 9a.m.
Tottenham vs. Bournemouth, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Everton, 9a.m.
Leeds vs. Newcastle, 11:30a.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Brighton vs. Man City, 8a.m.
Notting. Forest vs. West Ham, 8a.m.
Liverpool vs. Arsenal, 10:30a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Crystal Palace, 1p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES
At Williamsport, Pa.
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
World: Taipei 7, Las Vegas 0
3rd: Fairfield 4, Santa Cruz 2

RECENT LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
2024: Lake Mary (Fla.) 2, Taoyuan City (Chinese Taipei) (11)
2023: El Segundo (Calif.) 6, Willemstad (Curaçao) 5
2022: Honolulu (Hawaii) 13, Willemstad (Curacao) 3 (4)
2021: Taylor (Mich.) 5, Hamilton (Ohio) 2
2020: Canceled due to COVID-19
2019: River Ridge (La.) 8, Willemstad (Curacao) 0
2018: Honolulu 3, Seoul (South Korea) 0
2017: Tokyo 12, Lufkin, Texas 2 (5)
2016: Endwell, N.Y. 2, Seoul (South Korea) 1
2015: Tokyo 18, Lewisberry, Pa. 11
2014: Seoul (South Korea) 8, Chicago 4
2013: Tokyo 6, Chula Vista, Calif. 4
2012: Tokyo 12, Goodlettsville, Tenn. 2, 5 innings
2011: Huntington Beach, Calif. 2, Hamamatsu (Japan) 1
2010: Tokyo 4, Waipahu, Hawaii 1
2009: Chula Vista, Calif. 6, Taoyuan (Taiwan) 3
2008: Waipahu, Hawaii 12, Matamoros (Mexico) 3
2007: Warner Robins, Ga. 3, Tokyo Kitasuna (Japan) 2, 8 innings
2006: Columbus, Ga. 2, Kawaguchi City (Japan) 1
2005: Ewa Beach, Hawaii 7, Willemstad (Curacao) 6, 7 innings
2004: Willemstad (Curacao) 5, Thousand Oaks, Calif. 2
2003: Tokyo (Japan) 10, Boynton Beach, Fla. 1

NFL

REGULAR SEASON: WEEK 1
THURSDAY, SEPT. 4
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:20p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 7p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Miami at Indianapolis, noon
Las Vegas at New England, noon
Arizona at New Orleans, noon
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, noon
N.Y. Giants at Washington noon
Carolina at Jacksonville, noon
Tennessee at Denver, 3:05p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:05p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 3:25p.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 3:25p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 7:20p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:15p.m.

GOLF

PGA FEDEX PLAYOFF FINAL: TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP
4th of 4 rounds at East Lake GC; Atlanta; 7,440 yards; Par 70

262 (-18)	**$10,000,000**
Tommy Fleetwood	64-63-67-68
265 (-15)	**$4,352,500**
Patrick Cantlay	64-66-64-71
Russell Henley	61-66-69-69
266 (-14)	**$2,616,667**
Corey Conners	70-67-67-62
Scottie Scheffler	63-69-66-68
Cameron Young	67-62-71-66
267(-13)	**$1,121,667**
Keegan Bradley	70-64-63-70
Sam Burns	67-66-68-66
Justin Thomas	64-69-69-65
268 (-12)	**$715,000**
Chris Gotterup	70-63-69-66
Ben Griffin	66-67-68-67
269 (-11)	**$660,000**
Viktor Hovland	68-71-67-63
270 (-10)	**$570,000**
Akshay Bhatia	66-67-69-68
Harris English	68-66-69-67
Brian Harman	67-71-69-63
Shane Lowry	70-63-68-69
271 (-9)	**$482,500**
Harry Hall	70-65-70-66
Robert Macintyre	64-66-72-69
272 (-8)	**$452,500**
Collin Morikawa	64-70-70-68
Nick Taylor	67-67-68-70
273 (-7)	**$422,500**
Ludvig Aberg	66-68-71-68
Justin Rose	69-70-69-65
274 (-6)	**$395,000**
Rory McIlroy	66-67-71-70
Maverick McNealy	71-64-69-70
276 (-4)	**$377,500**
Andrew Novak	70-68-68-70
J.J. Spaun	68-71-71-66
280 (even)	**$367,500**
Jacob Bridgeman	67-67-75-71
Sungjae Im	68-67-77-68
293 (+3)	**$360,000**
Hideki Matsuyama	69-69-76-69
287 (+7)	**$355,000**
Sepp Straka	74-65-77-71

PGA FEDEX CUP STANDINGS

RK. GOLFER	POINTS	MONEY
1. Tommy Fleetwood-x	2,923	$18,496,238
x-TOUR Championship winner		
2. Patrick Cantlay	1,661	$9,405,106
2. Russell Henley	2,795	$14,633,556
4. Scottie Scheffler	7,456	$26,579,550
4. Corey Conners	1,719	$8,167,903
4. Cameron Young	2,184	$8,608,313
7. Justin Thomas	2,477	$10,883,495
7. Sam Burns	1,871	$6,686,482
7. Keegan Bradley	1,992	$8,702,812
10. Chris Gotterup	1,414	$4,816,304
10. Ben Griffin	2,798	$9,990,352
12. Viktor Hovland	1,637	$5,824,239
13. Akshay Bhatia	1,409	$4,724,687
13. Harris English	2,512	$8,799,052
13. Shane Lowry	1,607	$7,082,794
13. Brian Harman	1,735	$5,547,660
17. Robert MacIntyre	2,750	$8,467,191
17. Harry Hall	1,475	$4,309,601
19. Collin Morikawa	1,655	$7,754,727
19. Nick Taylor	1,564	$5,431,209
21. Ludvig Aberg	2,179	$8,276,973
21. Justin Rose	3,326	$8,857,976
23. Rory McIlroy	3,687	$16,992,418
23. Maverick McNealy	2,547	$8,207,075
25. J.J. Spaun	3,493	$12,892,722
25. Andrew Novak	2,029	$7,621,332
27. Jacob Bridgeman	1,475	$4,420,923
27. Sungjae Im	1,422	$5,001,387
29. Hideki Matsuyama	1,630	$6,568,644
30. Sepp Straka	2,783	$10,650,894
31. Michael Kim	1,400	$4,089,131
32. Rickie Fowler	1,372	$3,441,954
33. Taylor Pendrith	1,366	$3,978,452
34. Matt Fitzpatrick	1,304	$3,831,413
35. Kurt Kitayama	1,298	$3,360,156
36. Lucas Glover	1,296	$4,397,743
37. Si Woo Kim	1,278	$3,808,594
38. Sam Stevens	1,263	$4,189,286
39. Ryan Gerard	1,250	$3,756,022
40. Denny McCarthy	1,242	$3,854,852
41. Jason Day	1,241	$3,677,161
42. Xander Schauffele	1,220	$3,399,866
43. Ryan Fox	1,209	$3,981,947
44. Thomas Detry	1,184	$3,651,876
45. Daniel Berger	1,180	$4,099,049
46. Brian Campbell	1,160	$3,289,259
47. Bud Cauley	1,133	$3,284,510
48. Tom Hoge	1,124	$4,119,800
49. J.T. Poston	1,102	$3,030,583
50. Jhonattan Vegas	1,047	$2,795,198
51. Chris Kirk	962	$2,939,050
52. Aldrich Potgieter	961	$2,994,866
53. Aaron Rai	957	$3,274,601
54. Jordan Spieth	927	$3,159,660
55. Jake Knapp	889	$3,012,401
56. Wyndham Clark	875	$2,864,392
57. Min Woo Lee	864	$3,109,286
58. Max Greyserman	855	$2,920,925
59. Joe Highsmith	843	$2,806,619
60. Stephan Jaeger	763	$2,531,801
61. Davis Riley	739	$2,468,858
62. Nicolas Echavarria	734	$2,235,640
63. Kevin Yu	732	$2,218,301
64. Patrick

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Meltdown for Medvedev at US Open



Daniil Medvedev's U.S. Open match was delayed more than six minutes between points Sunday night, after a photographer entered the court on match point and the 2021 champion became enraged by the chair umpire's decision to award his opponent a first serve. The latest Medvedev meltdown on Louis Armstrong Stadium led to a wild change in the match. The No. 13 seed was a point away from being eliminated, then won the next two sets to force a deciding fifth before Benjamin Bonzi eliminated him from a second straight major with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 0-6, 6-4 victory. Medvedev approached chair umpire Greg Allensworth to complain about the decision. "He wants to go home, guys. ... He gets paid by the match, not by the hour," Medvedev shouted into the microphones. Bonzi believed the Russian's behavior crossed a line. "The rule is the rule. The (photographer) went on the court between serves," Bonzi said. "... Daniil ... put oil on the fire." Medvedev is just 1-4 in Grand Slams this year. He sat in his chair for a few minutes after the match and repeatedly smashed his racket.

Senator warns of potential 'Power 2'



A Democratic U.S. lawmaker sent a letter to leaders at the more than 350 Division I schools across the country Monday, warning of a two-tier college sports system with haves and have-nots if a proposed bill to regulate the industry passes without changes. In the letter, Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington, the ranking member of a committee that oversees college sports, says the SCORE Act would "incentivize a Power 2 conference system that will create inequities for other conferences and leave behind small to mid-sized schools." The "Power 2" Cantwell, above, references is the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference, which share the decision-making power for the future of the College Football Playoff, which with its $7.8 billion media-rights deal is the single-largest financial driver of all college athletics. The House is expected to vote on the SCORE Act next month. It would provide the NCAA a limited antitrust exemption, override state laws designed to regulate name, image, likeness payments and prevent athletes from becoming employees of their universities.

McKennie faces racist abuse in Italy



U.S. midfielder Weston McKennie was subjected to racist abuse after Juventus completed a 2-0 season-opening win over Parma in Serie A, the Italian club said Sunday. Juventus posted a statement on social media saying McKennie was the target of "discrimatory racist remarks by individuals in the away section" while he was warming down with teammates on the pitch. "Juventus strongly condemns this incident and any form of racism, and will ensure full cooperation with the sporting justice authorities to identify those responsible," the club said in the statement. McKennie, who's Black, went on as a late substitute in the match in Turin. Parma also released a statement on Monday. "Parma Calcio ... firmly condemns all forms of racism and discrimination, both on and off the pitch," it said. "Racial intolerance, or any other type of abusive behaviour, is NEVER tolerated or acceptable and must therefore be addressed, fought, and condemned at all times." In 2023, Fiorentina was hit with a suspended partial stadium ban after fans directed racist chants at McKennie and other Juventus players. —*AP*



Former NASCAR Cup champion Kyle Larson enters this postseason as the No. 1 seed but he has not won since early May. The seemingly wide-open race for the championship begins Sunday night at Darlington Raceway. **JAMES GILBERT/GETTY 2025**

IN THE PITS

No one in the driver's seat

NASCAR playoffs to begin without a clear favorite

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nobody cheered Ryan Blaney louder to win NASCAR's regular-season finale than Alex Bowman, who vowed to buy Blaney 7 million beers for the Daytona victory that saved Bowman's spot in the playoffs.

Bowman had wrecked out at Daytona very early Saturday night and had to watch on television as Blaney won a four-wide race across the finish line to stop a gaggle of long shot drivers from snagging Bowman's spot in the 16-driver field.

His relief was a contrast to the frustration shown by Tyler Reddick, last year's regular-season champion, who limped into the playoffs this year. Like Bowman, he also wrecked early, but his points total was better, so once Bowman was out of the race, Reddick was locked in.

But his 23XI team heads into the playoffs in a slump, a year after making it all the way to NASCAR's championship-deciding season finale, and Reddick hasn't had the consistency it will take to race again for the Cup title. Who has?

Well, no single team has emerged as the favorite as NASCAR heads to Darlington Raceway for Sunday's playoff opener.

Kyle Larson is the top seed, just ahead of regular-season champion William Byron.

Lurking right behind the Hendrick Motorsports teammates is Denny Hamlin, one of only two drivers with a Cup Series-high four wins this season.

There are two first-time playoff participants in the field, including rookie Shane van Gisbergen, who dominated street and road courses to match Hamlin with four regular-season victories.

Front of the pack

Larson is the top seed but hasn't won a race since early May, before he ran the Indianapolis 500, when his Kansas victory gave him three wins in seven races.

It's been up and down since, but Larson starts the playoffs coming off back-to-back six-place finishes.

Byron has two wins, including the Daytona 500, and hasn't ranked lower than second the entire season. He is trying to make it to the championship race for a fourth consecutive year.

Hamlin does have four wins but is coming off a bad night in Daytona: His car was damaged in an early crash and he finished 25th, dropping from third to sixth in the season standings — which cost him five playoff points, the equivalent of a victory.

The 44-year-old Hamlin has never won a Cup title and hasn't even made it to the championship four since 2021. He'll try to get there this year at the same time as 23XI Racing, the team he co-owns with Michael Jordan, fights NASCAR in federal court over antitrust claims. The two sides are due in court Thursday, four days before the playoff opener.

Blaney's victory at Daytona boosted him to fourth in the playoff seedings and gave him the momentum to potentially be considered the favorite. Team Penske gets hot this time of year and has won three consecutive championships with Blaney's title in 2023 sandwiched between a pair of Joey Logano triumphs.

Logano is seeded a distant 12th, but as NASCAR's only active three-time champion, he can't be counted out.

In the middle

Christopher Bell is the fifth seed and his three wins are tied with Larson, but he won three straight after the season-opening Daytona 500 and hasn't been to victory lane since March 9 at Phoenix.

Van Gisbergen is seeded sixth for his playoff debut based on four victories, all on street or road courses. If he can make it out of the first round, the New Zealander could be a spoiler — the hybrid road course/oval Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway is in the second round and a win there would vault van Gisbergen into the final eight.

Chase Elliott is the seventh seed, but the 2020 champion needs to start winning. His victory at home track Atlanta is his lone win this season and only one of two victories since 2022 — the last time he made it to the championship four.

One-win club

Elliott is the highest-seeded driver among eight who made it into the playoffs with a single victory this season. The group includes Bubba Wallace, who won at Indianapolis Motor Speedway to make the playoffs for just the second time in his career.

Austin Dillon earned a berth with his victory at Richmond this month, but Richard Childress Racing hasn't shown to be a consistent contender and he enters the playoffs as the 15th seed.

Austin Cindric won at Talladega Superspeedway to put all three Team Penske cars in the playoffs, but Cindric has only one top-five finish since that victory 16 races ago.

Ross Chastain joins teammate van Gisbergen to put two Trackhouse Racing entries in the field. He won the Coca-Cola 600 in May but has just three top-10 finishes since.

Josh Berry makes his playoff debut with Wood Brothers Racing because of his early season victory at Las Vegas. His performance picked up in the final two weeks of the regular season, and he heads into the playoffs with consecutive top-10 finishes. He's the 13th seed.

Reddick and Bowman are the only two drivers in the playoff field without a win this season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Top recruit to start at QB for Michigan

Associated Press

Bryce Underwood was expected to take the first snap for No. 14 Michigan this season after being the nation's top-ranked recruit last year and flipping his commitment from LSU.

When Sherrone Moore officially named Underwood the team's starting quarterback on Monday, the second-year coach insisted the job was not handed to the freshman.

"He's earned the opportunity," Moore said. "It was not given to him."



Michigan named freshman Bryce Underwood its starting QB for Saturday's opener. **PAUL SANCYA/AP**

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Underwood said he plans to "shock the world" this season.

"I feel like nobody's seen a freshman like me," he said in an interview with the Big Ten Network.

Michigan opens Saturday night against New Mexico, and Underwood said his goal is to close the season with the school's second national title in three years.

"Do whatever it takes to get my team to where they want to be, which is a national championship," he told BTN. "Of course, beating Ohio State is one of those (goals) as well."

Underwood was originally committed to play for LSU, but the two-time state champion from Belleville High School chose to sign with a school 15 miles from home. Jay Underwood told The Wall Street Journal that his son is expected to make more than $15 million over the next three seasons.

He flipped following a sales pitch that included a FaceTime chat with former Michigan quarterback and seven-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady, along with Oracle founder Larry Ellison, one of the world's richest people, getting involved with the recruitment.

Underwood participated in practices with last year's team before it beat Alabama in a bowl game, enrolled in classes in January and benefited from 14 practices and a spring game at Michigan Stadium.

He prepared for college football by adding 15 pounds of muscle.

"It's made me more explosive," Underwood told two reporters earlier this summer. "I feel way more faster."

Moore said Underwood earned the nod halfway through training camp, particularly when he made eyebrow-raising throws in a scrimmage at the Big House.

"You can put him in adverse situations and he responds, and he doesn't make the same mistake twice," Moore said.

Underwood's competition for the starting job included Jadyn Davis, who will be Underwood's backup. The depth chart at QB also includes transfers Mikey Keene and Jake Garcia along with Davis Warren, who started nine games last season during an inspirational comeback from cancer and is recovering from knee surgery.

Michigan has had just three quarterbacks start as true freshmen: Rick Leach in 1975, Chad Henne in 2004 and Tate Forcier in 2009.

Underwood won't have to look over his shoulder when he makes mistakes.

"We're going to be patient with him and let him play," Moore said.

Experienced Tide lineman may miss opener: No. 8 Alabama might be without starting guard Jaeden Roberts for its season opener at Florida State on Saturday.

Roberts, a fifth-year senior who has started 21 games over the last two seasons, missed the last two weeks of practice and remains in the NCAA concussion protocol.

"(Jaeden)'s in question with what he's going through with the protocol," coach Kalen DeBoer said Monday. "He's progressing, so we'll kind of see here."

If Roberts can't play, Alabama would turn to senior Geno VanDeMark. VanDeMark played in all 13 games last season for the Crimson Tide, including one start. He has appeared in 31 career games, with nine starts.

"We threw him out there for a couple series a game last year," DeBoer said. "And he did a great job. We've referred to him as a Swiss army knife guy so he's really valuable to us. So you feel like you don't skip a beat, and he was competing for (a starting spot) in the first place."

VanDeMark and Texas A&M transfer Kam Dewberry had been vying for the starting guard spot opposite Roberts.

The only other injury of note for the Tide: running back Jam Miller will miss several weeks with a dislocated collarbone sustained in the team's second scrimmage of training camp. He is expected to return for the team's Southeastern Conference opener against Georgia in late September.

Alabama's offensive line — four of five projected starters have at least 20 games of experience — is expected to be a strength this season even though the unit was part of an offense that finished 47th nationally in rushing yards in 2024, 61st in sacks allowed and 90th in tackles for loss allowed.

"Feel like they're in a good spot," offensive coordinator Ryan Grubb said. "A lot of starts with the guys on the field."