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Remember those great 4th of July parades in Park Ridge that ended w popsicles in the park near Thompson's. Does anybody do that anymore?

Now heading back to DC to watch fireworks from the terrace on the 8th floor of the State Dept w about 350 foreign ambassadors and people from State. My last time to do it so I figured I should. Capricia is in full 4th of July mode so no telling what will happen!

And, please, enough w the Sox. Tom is bad enough, but I can't believe he's enlisted you

From: Ebeling, Betsy Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 09:34 AM **To**: H **Subject:** RE: HDR: you should give to BHO. Well, Sara Paretsky, the new Sox fan, can be excited: we took two out of four from the Yankees IN the Bronx. Quite a weekend. (and tell Jake, his Twinkies are sorta okay). Speaking of NY, are you there for the 4th? Going to march in the Chappaqua parade? From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com] Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2012 11:05 PM **To:** Ebeling, Betsy; 'treerep 'kevinokeefe Subject: Re: HDR: you should give to BHO. Is nothing sacred?? From: Ebeling, Betsy Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 09:32 AM To: H; 'Tom Ebeling' O'Keefe, Kevin M. Subject: HDR: you should give to BHO. Chicago mystery writer Sara Paretsky is a longtime Cubs fan, but now, "I'm gone, I'm done, I'm

throwing away my Cubs caps and warm-up jacket, I'm staying away from Wrigley." Why? Because of Joe Ricketts. "It gives chutzpah a new definition to back a campaign against the president of the United States because you hate even the small safety net we have, and then, as patriarch of the billionaire family that owns the Cubs, ask us for \$300 million to rebuild Wrigley," the author says

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Sara Paretsky: Why I'm done with the Cubs



By: Sara Paretsky June 19, 2012

It's over. Joe Ricketts, you've done for me what 45 years of losing never could. You've broken my Cubs addiction.

It began with hot Kansas days, looking for a baseball in a field of corn. In May, the shiny green stalks are already higher than the heads of everyone but the centerfielder. Once again, Sara Paretsky, on the corner, has hurled the ball past the first baseman's head and into the field beyond. Two runs score, and Wakarusa handily beats Kaw Valley. Everyone in the Kansas River Valley in 1960 knows it will be a long season.

When Rafael Dolis loaded the bases on May 26 this year and then hit a batter to bring in the run that gave the Cubs their 11th loss in a row, I had a little empathy. Not a lot, but some.

When I was 12 and 13, I played third base for our two-room country school. I had a strong arm for a kid; my cousin David didn't want me "throwing like a girl," and he taught me well. I could get the ball from third to first, but David hadn't been able to teach me to aim. Kaw Valley had the losingest record in our rural league.

I am inured to losing. When the Kansas City A's arrived in 1955, we became fans, my brothers, my father and I. Who else was there to root for? St. Louis?

The A's were beyond abominable. In 1956, they finished 52-104, but worse than that, they acted as the Yankees farm club, giving away Roger Maris and Bobby Schantz, among others.

When I moved to Chicago in 1966, I was primed to become a Cubs fan.

I hunkered down. I let my hopes soar in '69, only to die. I lived, I died, I lived, I died. I had the chance to watch Fergie Jenkins and Billy Williams and Ron Santo. VI Warshawski's reporter friend, Murray Ryerson, is described in his first appearance as looking like Rick Sutcliffe.

I still have a signed photo of Bill Buckner on my desk. I don't care about his'86 World Senes error. He played in a lot of pain, took an hour to prep his legs before games, had some great stats, and (true story) carried out the garbage and shoveled walks for his elderly next door neighbor who only learned from me that he was a sports star.

1984 was my nadir. I actually let them break my heart. I was working for CNA Insurance in downtown Chicago. All up and down the building's 44 floors, we sat with our desk drawers open, heads cocked, listening to radios while pretending to develop marketing plans. Leon Durham's Kool-Aid-filled glove — now that I don't forgive.

After 1984 I dialed back a little, but I stayed with the team. I joked that it was better to be a Cubs fan than a Yankees fan because great art is built on suffering.

In 2003, I was on a book tour and went into my event with the Cubs poised to clinch the NLCS in Game 6 against the Marlins. I came out just in time for Bartman. I knew then that the Cubs would lose heart and lose the series, but I came back to them the next year and stayed . . . until now.

I know Major League Baseball owners are in the 1 percent. Maybe most of them agree with Joe Ricketts, that tax dollars shouldn't be used to weave a safety net for the rest of us. But it gives chutzpah a new definition to back a campaign against the president of the United States because you hate even the small safety net we have, and then, as patriarch of the billionaire family that owns the Cubs, ask us for \$300 million to rebuild Wrigley.

I'm gone, I'm done, I'm throwing away my Cubs caps and warm-up jacket, I'm staying away from Wrigley. You don't get one more thin dime from me, Joe Ricketts. I'm supporting my own adult children who've been out of work for two years in this economy; you take care of yours.

Sara Paretsky is the creator of private eye and basketball player VI Warshawski; her most recent novel is "Breakdown." This essay was produced by and also appears on <u>ChicagoSideSports.com</u>.

Read more: <u>http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20120619/NEWS06/120619846/sara-paretsky-why-im-done-with-the-cubs#ixzz1yFHssrf9</u>

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From: Mills, Cheryl D Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 11:49 PM To: Brimmer, Esther D Cc: Toiv, Nora F Subject: Re: Post 2015 call follow up

Thanks Esther - will revert after my conv w/ S re this topic in am

From: Brimmer, Esther D Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 02:10 PM To: Mills, Cheryl D Cc: Toiv, Nora F Subject: Post 2015 call follow up

Cheryl,

Thank you for joining this afternoon's call. I wanted to follow up to check if you have a preferred person to serve for the USG on the post-2015 MDG panel or if you have other views on this issue of which I should be aware. Esther

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