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- **David Davis, *Chicago Tribune***

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Wilfred Santiago was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He now lives in Chicago.

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