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MONEY

Outside spending for and against candidates in **May primaries**

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Political candidates have their own campaign committees to raise cash (often from the candidates' own pockets in recent statewide races) for their election efforts.

But outside groups also like to throw money to influence election outcomes — buying ads and media time to promote their chosen candidates and bash the opponents.

The spending — millions of dollars in the Republican gubernatorial primary — is called independent expenditures and electioneering communication. Here's a look at money spent in some statewide and local primary races — all contested GOP races as it happened this time around.

You'll notice that many of the numbers aren't nice, round figures. That's because the political committees will often bundle purchases to promote and/or bash candidates and it is listed as being divided among all the candidates listed for that particular day's package.

Governor's race

Conservative Americans for Prosperity, based in Arlington, Va., spent a total \$545,800.41 supporting Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, who topped five other candidates to win the GOP nomination.

Black Bear PAC, based out of Charleston and Beverly, Mass., is run by a former Morrisey campaign worker, Scott Will. It spent \$1,528,816.06 promoting Morrisey.

While many voters find negative campaigning annoying and distasteful, PACs believe it's effective.

And so, Back Bear spent more money on negative advertising against Morrisey's opponents than it did supporting Morrisey: \$4,539,335.91 against third-place finisher Chris Miller, son of Rep.

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POLITICS

Manchin, lifelong Democrat, announces move to independent

BY BRAD MCELHINNY

WVMetroNews.com

U.S. Sen Joe Manchin, a mainstay of Democratic Party politics in West Virginia, has left the party and registered as an independent.

changed his registration to unaffiliated at the West Virginia State Capitol.

"From my first day in public service in 1982, I have always focused on doing what's best for my state and my country, with-Manchin released a statement out regard to party or politics.

and a photo Friday, saying he Throughout my days in elected office, I have always been proud of my commitment to common sense, bipartisanship and my desire to bring people together. It's who I am. It's who I will always be. I have never seen America through a partisan lens." Manchin stated.

"However, since becoming a United States senator in 2010, I have seen both the Democrat and Republican parties leave West Virginia and our country behind for partisan extremism while jeopardizing our democracy. Today, our national politics are

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LET'S JET



This jet skier makes the most of Friday's picture-perfect sunny skies and mild temperatures. Accuweather calls for more of the same today, with perhaps a few more clouds. Highs should reach the low 80s, making it "a beautiful start to the weekend," according to accuweather.com.

WORLD

Biden details a 3-phase hostage deal aimed at winding down the Israel-Hamas war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday detailed a three-phase deal proposed by Israel to Hamas militants that he says would lead to the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza and could end the grinding, nearly 8-month-old Mideast war.

Biden added that Hamas is "no longer capable" of carrying out another large-scale attack on Israel as he urged Israelis and Hamas to come to a deal to release the remaining hostages for an extended cease-fire.

The Democratic president in remarks from the White House called the proposal "a road map to an enduring cease-fire and the release of all

Biden said the first phase of the proposed deal would last for six weeks and would include a "full and complete cease-fire," a withdrawal of Israeli forces from all densely populated areas of Gaza and the release of a number of hostages, including women, the elderly and the wounded, in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

American hostages would be released at this stage, and remains of hostages who have been killed would be returned to their families. Humanitarian assistance would surge during the first phase, with 600 trucks being allowed into Gaza each day.

The second phase would include the release of all remaining living hostages, including male soldiers, and Israeli forces would withdraw from

"And as long as Hamas lives up to its commitments, the temporary cease-fire would become, in the words of the Israeli proposal, 'the cessation of hostilities permanently," Biden

The third phase calls for the start of a major reconstruction of Gaza, which faces decades of rebuilding from devastation caused by the war. The 4-1/2 page Israeli proposal was transmitted to Hamas on Thursday.

Meanwhile, congressional leaders on Friday invited Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to deliver an address at the U.S. Capitol. The invitation from House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, has been in the works for some time though there is great

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GOVERNMENT

West Virginia politicians comment on **Trump conviction**

BY DAVID BEARD

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Reaction among West Virginia politicians to the New York City conviction of former President Trump on 34 felony counts aligns with their party affiliations.

Trump was found guilty by a Manhattan jury Thursday of 34 felony counts related to a scheme during his 2016 presidential campaign to pay off a porn actor who said the two had sex. Whether he will go to prison will be up to the judge.

State politicians

Delegate Mike Pushkin, chair of the West Virginia Democratic Party: "Dems did not convict Trump. Biden did not convict Trump. He was convicted by a jury of his peers who heard the evidence, deliberated, and reached that conclusion unanimously. We should be proud to live in a nation of laws, not men, not despots. This is what makes America great."

The West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women: "Thank you to the 12 jurors who diligently served and followed the evidence where it led to 34 guilty verdicts while under extreme pressure."

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito: "The case against President Trump was politically motivated from the start. Americans deserve to have their voices heard through the ballot box, not expressed through a rogue prosecutor. I fully expect this will be overturned."

Rep. Alex Mooney: "The only person cheering today is communist sympathizer George Soros whose biased New York District Attorney brought these very old charges against President Trump in a heavily Democrat area. President Joe Biden's endless spending policies are fueling record inflation and hurting American families. I am certain Trump will appeal this verdict and will prevail in the end. He retains my full support and the support of most Americans.'

Rep. Carol Miller: "This is a sad day for the United States. This

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DISASTER

Ohio explosion caused by cut gas line thought to be turned off, investigators say

Associated Press

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A crew working in the basement area of an Ohio building intentionally cut a gas line not knowing it was pressurized before a deadly explosion this week, the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday.

NTSB board member Tom Chapman said preliminary investigation shows workers were in the basement to clear out piping and other outdated infrastructure and debris from the basement and vault area — which extends underneath the sidewalk next to the building — in anticipation of a city project to fill in the area and replace the sidewalks. A crew of five people and a supervisor had been on site that day but only four of the workers were there when it happened, he said.

He said workers smelled no gas before they started cutting the pipe and knew there was a problem when they made the third cut.

At that point, workers pulled the fire alarm and alerted residents and bank employees to evacuate. Chapman said the explosion happened six minutes later. Investigators will try to determine why the pipe was pressurized.

The explosion Tuesday afternoon blew out much of the ground floor of Realty Tower, killing a bank employee and injuring several others. It collapsed part of the ground floor into its basement and sent the façade across the street. Bricks, glass and other debris littered the sidewalk outside the 13-story building, which had a Chase Bank branch at street level and apartments in upper floors.

Youngstown Mayor Jamael Tito Brown said in a news release Friday that the city had contracted with a construction company called GreenHeart to perform private utility relocation in the basement of the Realty Tower. He said "there is no evidence" that cutting the gas line the NTSB mentioned was necessary to complete that work.

Greenheart did not immediately respond to a request for comment Fri-

day evening. The bank employee, 27-year-old Akil Drake, had been seen inside the building just before the blast, police have said. Firefighters rescued others as they cleared the building.

UPDATE

Florida sheriff's office fires deputy who fatally shot airman at home

Associated Press

A Florida Panhandle sheriff on Friday fired a deputy who fatally shot an airman at his home while holding a handgun pointed to the ground, saying the deputy's life was never in danger and he should not have fired his weapon.

Okaloosa County Sheriff Eric Aden fired Deputy Eddie Duran, who fatally shot Senior Airman Roger Fortson on May 3 after responding to a domestic violence call and being directed to Fortson's apartment.

Duran shot Fortson, 23, multiple times two seconds after he opened his door. Fortson was holding his legally owned gun in his right hand, body camera video shows. It was pointed directly at the ground. Fortson was Black. Duran, 39, listed himself as Hispanic on his voter registration.

A sheriff's internal affairs investigation released Friday concluded that, "Mr. Fortson did not make any hostile, attacking movements, and therefore, the former deputy's use of deadly force was not objectively reasonable." Outside law enforcement experts have also said that an officer cannot shoot simply because a possible suspect is simply holding a gun if there is no



Chantemekki Fortson, mother of Roger Fortson, a U.S. Air Force senior airman, holds a photo of her son during a news conference with attorney Ben Crump, Thursday, May 9, 2024, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

"This tragic incident should have never occurred," Aden said in the statement. "The objective facts do not support the use of deadly force as an appropriate response to Mr. Fortson's actions. Mr. Fortson did not commit any crime. By all accounts, he was an exceptional airman and individual."

No criminal charges have been filed, but a Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation is ongoing.

Duran did not return a voicemail left at a number listed to him. Email and phone messages seeking comment from his attorney John Whitaker were not immediately returned.

According to the internal affairs report, Duran told investigators that when Fortson opened the door, he saw aggression in the airman's eyes. He said he fired because, "I'm standing there thinking I'm about to get shot, I'm about to die."

"It is him or me at this point and I need to, I need to act as opposed to react." he told investigators.

Attorney Ben Crump, who is representing Fortson's family, said in a statement that Duran's firing "is a step forward, but it is not full justice for Roger and his family."

"The actions of this deputy were not just negligent, they were criminal," Crump said.

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verdict is clearly politically motivated, and it's terrible that politics has corrupted our justice system. When President Trump is reelected in November with Republican majorities in the House and Senate, we will ensure that people are punished for committing crimes and not because of their politics."

Gov. Jim Justice: "What is happening in America? The guilty ver dict against President Donald Trump is a deeply troubling and a politicized decision that undermines the principles of justice. The witch hunt against President Trump continues today.'

State GOP chair Matt Herridge: Biden and the Democrats tried to take Trump off (the) campaign trail. "Democrats don't think that Joe Biden can win at the ballot box. I hope that we turn this travesty into a massive fundraising week for the Trump campaign."

Attorney

Patrick Morrisey: "This isn't justice. It's a political persecution at the highest level. The entire process tainted has been improper, political motives."

Treasurer Riley Moore (GOP nominee to succeed Mooney in Congress): "This verdict is a disgrace. A sad day for our country. But President Trump will emerge from this stronger and he will win in November."

Sen. Mike Stuart (former state GOP chair and former U.S. attorney **under Trump):** Biden's lawfare and weaponization of our justice system against political opponents is now complete. It's truly disgusting and demoralizing that politics, not justice, is the basis for today's orchestrated witch hunt. They are destroying a nation for pure political power."

Trump will be sentenced July 11, four days before the GOP National Convention. He has already said he will **General** appeal his conviction.

HOSTAGE

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concern, especially among Democrats, about Israel's pursuit of the war. No date for the speech

was set. acknowledged Biden that keeping the Israeli proposal on track would be difficult, saying there were a number of "details to negotiate" to move from the first

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that keeping the Israeli proposal on track would be difficult, saying there were a number of "details to negotiate" to move from the first phase to the second.

One roadblock to overcome during the first phase would involve the two sides agreeing on the ratio of hostages to prisoners to be released during the next phase, according to a senior Biden administration official who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity.

Biden's remarks came as the Israeli military confirmed that its forces are now operating in central parts of Rafah in its expanding offensive in the southern Gaza city. Biden called it "a truly a decisive moment." He added that Hamas said it wants a cease-fire and that an Israeli-phased deal is an opportunity prove to

they

West Virginia Forward,

based out of Alexandria.

really

mean it."

But even as Biden pressed for the "war to end and for the day after to begin," Israeli officials have made clear they remain committed to a military defeat of Hamas. The Democrat is in the midst of a tough reelection battle and has faced backlash from some on the political left who want to see him put greater pressure on Netanyahu's government to end the war.

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Carol Miller; \$3,660,120.21 against second-place finisher Moore Capito, former House of Delegates Judiciary chair and son of Sen. Shelley Moore Capito; and \$209,982.26 against fourthpace finisher Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Club for Growth Action, based in Washington, D.C., financially linked Black Bear. spent \$1.469.372.89 against Miller.

Gun Owners of America. based in Springfield, Va., spent \$75,500 for Morrisey. Another pro-Second Amendcommittee, National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund, out of Fairfax, Va., spent \$3,214.77

for Morrisey.

A group called Patriotic Veterans, out of Columbus, Ohio, spent \$61,486 for Morrisey.

A committee called Team West Virginia — with an Alexandria, Va., address and a D.C. phone number spent \$1,485,269.23 supporting Capito and \$444,821.42 opposing Morrisey.

Its web page offers a place to sign up to receive calls and texts and a link to its privacy policy but no other information. Its papers filed with the secretary of state show its executive is F. Scott Rotruck, state Board of Education financial officer and senior accounts manager at Orion Strategies.

The committee called

Va., is run by Miller's father — and husband of Carol Miller — Matt Miller. It confined itself to negative campaigning, spending \$2,343,388.75 opposing Morrisev

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Other races

Kanawha County state Sen. Mark Hunt won the GOP nomination for state auditor, defeating three other Republicans. The West Virginia Family Foundation, out of Sophia in Raleigh County, spent \$21,535 supporting him.

A few committees got involved in area legislative races.

In the state Senate 2nd District, GOP challenger bent Health chair Mike Maroney, with 61.34% of the vote to Maroney's 38.66%. West Virginia's The

Chris Rose defeated incum-

Future PAC, of Charleston, spent \$26,483.47 supporting Maroney. But Make Liberty Win, out if Alexandria, Va., spent \$50,836.57 against Maroney. And Students for Life, out of Fredericksburg, Va., spent \$8,110.11 supporting Rose.

The NRA Political Victory Fund spent a small amount of money in the House of Delegates 75th District — representing Fairmont. Incumbent Phil Mallow defeated challenger David Kennedy, 56.69% to 43.31%. The NRA spent \$81.73 supporting Mallow.

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broken and neither party is willing to compromise to find common ground. To stay true to myself and remain committed to put country before party, I have decided to register as an independent with no party affiliation and continue to fight for America's sensible majority."

Manchin, who assumed office in the Senate in 2010, has been in the national spotlight as a sometimes difficult-to-get decisive vote in the 50-50 U.S. Senate.

Independents currently in the Senate include Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Angus King of Maine and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona. Each caucuses with Democrats, contributing to the Democratic majority and control of committees.

Manchin acknowledged months ago that he had been thinking about becoming an independent. This move effectively gives Manchin some options if he wants to seek ballot access as an independent.

If Manchin wants to run as an independent, he would need to kick off a petition. He also faced a deadline for the switch.

Independents other persons not affiliated with one of the four recognized political parties (Dem, Libertarian, Mountain, GOP) have until Aug. 1 to gather signatures of at least 1% of the votes cast in the race for the seat they're seeking in the last election, said Deak Kersey, chief of staff for the West Virginia Secretary of State.

For a statewide or federal office, those signatures must be received by the Secretary of State by no later than Aug. 1, along with the certificate of announcement and filing fee.

Because a certificate of announcement must be filed with the nominating certificates, the candidate must attest under oath that he "has not been registered as a voter affiliated with any other political party for a period of 60 days before the date of filing the announcement."

So, with a deadline of Aug. 1 for nominating certificates with signatures and the certificate of announcement, an individual currently registered with a recognized political party must change their

political party to minor/independent/no party affiliation at least 60 days prior to Aug. 1; 60 days prior to Aug. 1 is June 2, which means the individual must change their political party by no later than June 1 of this year to qualify as an independent candidate on this year's general election ballot.

June 1 is today. Other factors later in

the cycle could improve an independent's chances of electoral success. If any of the party nominees for offices like Senate or governor were to withdraw or become incapacitated, state law says party executive committees could fill the vacancy up to 84 days before the election. With a Nov. 5 general election that would put the deadline for filling a party nominee vacancy under such circumstances at late August.

Manchin announced last November that he would not seek re-election to the Senate. Since then. Gov. Jim Justice has won the Republican nomination for Senate, and the Democratic candidate is Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliott. Justice's campaign said Friday that it has no comment on Manchin's move to independent.

Manchin, for years, has been rumored to be interested in another run for governor, a position he held from 2004-10. The Republican candidate for governor is three-term Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and the Democratic candidate is Huntington Mayor Steve Williams.

"Sen. Manchin, it's his choice what his personal party affiliation or nonaffiliations should be, but I'll also take him at his word that he's not running for re-election to the Senate and he's not running for governor of the State of West Virginia," said Mike Pushkin, chairman of the West Virginia Democratic Party, endorsing Williams'

candidacy for governor. Matt Herridge, chairman of the West Virginia Republican Party, promoted that party's strength. In particular, he touted Morrisey's campaign governor.

"It doesn't seem like a great strategy to me," Herridge said of Manchin's political viability as an independent.

EDITORIAL

Pride Month kicks off in Morgantown

On this first day of Pride Month, we'd like to highlight Pride and Pride-themed events and activities happening around Morgantown in June.

- Morgantown Adventure Outfitters is offering LGBTQ+ kayaking and biking tours 4-8 p.m. every Saturday in June (including today). These outdoor activities double as a place to meet other members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies and to make new connections and friendships.
- Morgantown Pride, in conjunction with Main Street Morgantown, will be hosting its Pride Parade at 7 p.m. June 13 (line-up at 5:45 p.m.). Line the sidewalks of High Street for this year's parade. (Hopefully, Morgantown Police will have enough staff to work the event and it won't have to be rescheduled like last year.)
- The Pride Block Party will follow from noon to 5 p.m. June 15 at Hazel Ruby McQuain Park, with food and shopping vendors, as well as live entertainment.
- Coinciding with the block party, Project Rainbow is hosting a scavenger hunt and bar crawl. The scavenger hunt starts at 1 p.m. at the block party in Hazel Ruby McQuain Park (requires a ticket, \$10), followed by a bar crawl through downtown Morgantown (also requires a ticket, \$30). Tickets purchased online at projectrain bowwv.com/event-details/pride-scavenger-hunt-bar-crawl.
- In Fairmont, PFLAG Fairmont will be hosting its own Pride celebration starting at noon June 8 in the Fairmont Greenspace, 105 Adams St. This event will include vendors and live performances.

There's a saying we recently saw circulating on social media (forgive us if we don't get the wording exactly right): "Why does Pride Month matter? Because there are still people out there who think they are better off dead than gay."

It's a little blunt, but it makes a valid point. Pride Month and all its activities show people who are still in the closet or questioning or in denial that — despite potential challenges and discrimination — it is possible to live as an out and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community. Not just live — thrive.

And when they are ready to come out, there are people inside and outside the LGBTQ+ community who will welcome and support them.

That's why Pride matters.



Does it matter Trump just became a convicted criminal? Of course it does

It's of course true that come Nov. 5, THE NATION'S VOTERS COULD WELL DECIDE TO SHRUG OFF THE HISTORIC **GUILTY VERDICT THAT A MANHATTAN** JURY RENDERED AGAINST DONALD TRUMP ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON. And that is the conclusion many have already reached about the seismic event that just took place in Room 1530 of the Manhattan Criminal Courthouse: It's hollow unless it ignites the will to deliver a popular denunciation of the former president this fall.

That analysis is, in my view, myopic.

It's always been the case that the American people can override the rule of law — a normally slight risk that has roared forward in recent years under the whip hand of a would-be tyrant. That's the message that a furious and ashen Trump delivered when he emerged from the courtroom where a jury of seven men and five women gave the prosecution all it asked for by convicting him on 34 felony counts. "The real verdict," Trump barked, "is going to be Nov. 5 by the people."

In fact, the jury that delivered the real verdict, and the judge who presided over the hush money trial and is expected to sentence him in July, did their work conscientiously and even doggedly under a hailstorm of insults and threats from the defendant and his supporters. We have for years hoped for such a measure of accountability for the unrepentant former president. It finally arrived, and the center held.

Unlike the insults, the accolades showered on the jurors and Judge Juan M. Merchan are more than deserved. Having attended most of the trial, I think their seriousness of purpose matched the gravity of their duties.

But it wasn't just the determination of the jury, judge and prosecutors that forced Trump to endure weeks of damning testimony in person and to now face at least the possibility of a short prison term. And it wasn't just the resolve of the witnesses, some

of whom retain loyalty or at least handled them. affection for Trump but understood their legal duty to testify truthfully.

Merchan's firm hold of the reins bolstered his authority, but what really made the difference was his robe, or what his robe represents. Trump was forced to submit to a whole regime that ultimately springs from our deepest constitutional values of fairness and equality before the law. How galling for a man who holds such deep contempt for — indeed seems incapable of apprehending — the rule of law rather than men.

NO LONGER PRESUMED INNOCENT, HE IS PROVEN **GUILTY, A CONVICT, A** SERIAL OFFENDER.

Now what? First of all, Trump is an altered figure in the eyes of that law. No longer presumed innocent, he is proven guilty, a convict, a serial offender. And like any other convict, he will have to sit down for an interview with the probation office, which will prepare a report and recommendation for the judge based on its assessment of Trump's offenses and his acceptance of responsibility, among other factors. That doesn't augur well for a man who has spent a lifetime failing to own up to misconduct.

Merchan set sentencing for July 11, when he may well take into account Trump's perverse lack of remorse and contempt for the system that convicted him. The sentence will be at the discretion of the judge, who will no doubt strive to handle it as he would for any other similarly convicted felon.

Next will come the inevitable appeal of the conviction, in which Trump's lawyers will likely allege that the trial was tainted by several serious errors. And the legal issues here were complicated enough to present a risk of reversal regardless of how Merchan

But the measured pace of justice has finally ceased to serve Trump's interests in this case. It will be a year and a half or more before there is any possibility of a reversal of the sentence or conviction. By then, Trump figures to be either a convict in other forums — and this groundbreaking result can only make convictions in his three other criminal cases more plausible — or a president taking a wrecking ball to the entire legal system.

Again, though, that prospect has always been on the horizon. The full and fair operation of the rule of law to hold a former president accountable, however, was

On the contrary, it has often seemed over the last few years as if some combination of powermongering, legal bluster, friends in high places (some of them wearing judicial robes) and bizarre good luck would invariably combine to insulate Trump from the law that is supposed to apply to all of us. Indeed, we can fairly expect that at some point in the coming weeks, the U.S. Supreme Court will render an opinion that will serve both to elevate future presidents above the law to an extent and to forestall the most important trial Trump faces, the federal Jan. 6 case, until after the election.

Thursday, though, the law prevailed in a fashion that was at the same time basic and majestic. Trump received a fair trial and due process, no more and no less than the next defendant who will be in the same seat in the same dilapidated courtroom where he spent most of the last six weeks. Given all the powerful forces aligned against the rule of law in recent years, we should see that as nothing less than a triumph in and of itself.

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The Supreme Court doesn't agree on what racism is

ACCORDING TO THE SUPREME COURT, IT'S PERFECTLY FINE FOR STATE LEG-ISLATURES TO DRAW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO POLITICAL PARTY - THEY JUST CAN'T GERRY-MANDER BY RACE. This simplesounding rule poses a serious practical problem, however, in places where there is a high correlation between being Black and voting Democratic. The conservative majority of the court, in a 6-3 decision issued Thursday, made it much harder for plaintiffs to prove that race, not partisanship, is the reason a given district has been gerrymandered.

The case, Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, is an object lesson in the conflict between two competing theories of how we should think about racism in America today.

The decisions and dissents are a bit technical. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion, which was joined by all the court's conservatives. Alito argues that courts should assume that legislatures are acting in "good faith." In other words, faced with a gerrymander in a

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place like South Carolina where at least 90% of Black voters vote Democratic, we should not presume race was the motivating factor for the Republican-dominated state legislature. To convince the court otherwise, the plaintiffs should compare the contested map with an "alternative map" of a district gerrymandered purely on partisan grounds but not racial ones. In the absence of such an alternative map, Alito wrote, the court should infer that partisanship, not race, was the underlying motive — making the district constitutional.

In dissent, Justice Elena Kagan, joined by the court's two other liberals, excoriated the good-faith assumption and the requirement of the alternative map. Her point was that, according to Supreme Court precedent, the justices are supposed to accept the gerrymandering decisions of district courts unless those lower court decisions are clearly erroneous. The majority, she emphasized, violated this principle by imposing the presumption of good faith and the requirement of an alternative map.

So much for the law: What's going on behind the doctrine? The answer is a profound disagreement about racism between the court's two factions. Alito and the conservatives think that the Constitution should only protect Black people from the most virulent bigotry – the kind that led South Carolina to embrace slavery until it lost the Civil War and segregation until the Civil Rights movement produced the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

More than that, they believe that such explicit racism has now effectively disappeared. The judicial presumption of good faith is implicitly based on the notion that the White South Carolina Republicans who gerrymandered the district just want Republicans to be elected to Congress and wouldn't care if those Republicans happen to be Black. Put another way, the court's conservatives assume that the South Carolina legislature is sticking it Black South Carolinians because they are Democrats, not because they are Black.

Kagan and the court's other liberals see it differently. First, they don't agree that overt racism is dead. A presumption of good faith is therefore premature, to put it mildly. The law shouldn't be rigged to make it harder to prove racism than to prove other kinds of legal claims.

Second, the court's liberals implicitly believe that racism today must be understood as more than just personal bigotry. The core idea of structural or systemic racism is that, even if we could all wake up one day miraculously free of any biases, the structures of racial disadvantage created over hundreds of years of slavery and segregation would still be with us. And Black people would still, on average, be more likely to live in locations determined by that history, as is the case in South Carolina. Under this way of thinking, the fact that South Carolina Republicans can gerrymander Black people into a district to limit the influence of

Democrats isn't a neutral act or even a purely partisan one.

At a legal level, you could see the Supreme Court's split in this case as a consequence of its refusal to find partisan gerryunconstitutional. mandering Kagan tried hard to get Justice Anthony Kennedy, the court's swing vote from about 2006 to his retirement in 2018, to hold partisan gerrymandering to be a constitutional violation. She came close, leading Kennedy to at least entertain the possibility, but in the end, she lost the flight. Now the court is differently configured, and the conservatives are following the logical implications of their acceptance of partisan gerrymandering.

At a more fundamental level, the divide on the court reflects a divide in the country about race and racism. In that respect, this case is similar to last year's major decision on affirmative action in college admissions. We can expect more of the same in the years to come.

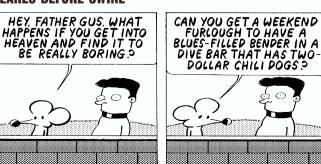
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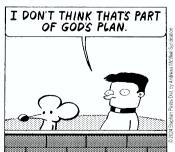
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LITERATURE

Local author encourages the power of kindness in new novel, 'The Ted Lasso Relationship Guide'

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Film has been integral to our identities for decades upon decades, from feeling inspired by on-screen victories to grieving alongside our favorite characters.

For local film critic and author Alise Chaffins, 2020 sports drama Ted Lasso was bursting with lessons to teach viewers about their own relationships, culminating into the Friday release of Chaffins' novel exploring these themes, "The Ted Lasso Relationship Guide."

With 86 awards, including Golden Globes and Primetime Emmy Awards and a longstanding foothold in Apple TV's top shows, it's clear Chaffins' opinion of the series is not an unpopular one. Ted Lasso tells the story of an optimistic American football coach taking leadership of a British soccer team, and the challenges encountered by himself and his team — and more importantly, the admirable ways characters navigate their romantic, platonic, familial and professional relations with one another.

Chaffins' work may be recognizable from her weekly movie review column in The Dominion Post, where she has watched and analyzed countless movies of various genres. Prior to her column, Chaffins has shared her writing online for years, from personal anecdotes to narrative nonfiction to film reviews. Her favorite shows include gritty dramas like Breaking Bad or Succession, but Ted Lasso was a breath of fresh air with its unique and spirited approach to everyday struggles.

Two years ago, Chaffins watched the show's first season over the course of a couple days, and immediately fell in love with the relatable and hopeful charm of the story. Through her digital newsletter, "MacGuffin or Meaning?", Chaffins began analyzing the relationships of the series in what would eventually become the foundation for her novel, "The Ted Lasso Relationship Guide." She quickly realized there was potential for far more than what could be accomplished in blog posts, and last summer brought the first steps toward last week's milestone.

"While I love film criticism, I

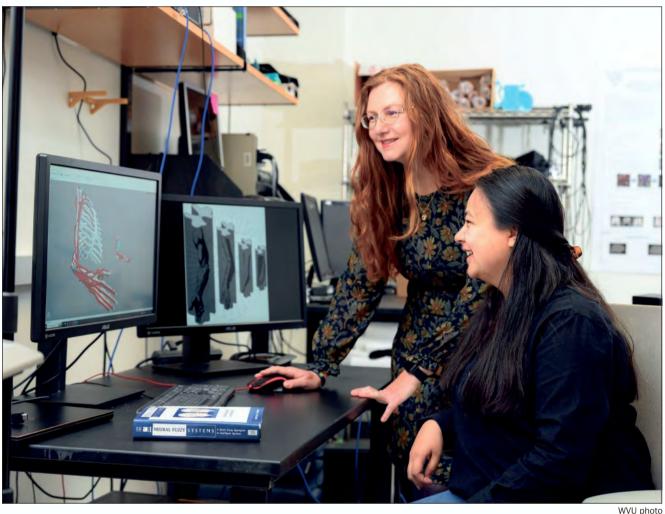
am not a critic when it comes to Ted Lasso. I love it unabashedly,' said Chaffins. "As I watched the show, I saw these themes coming out and I loved how it dealt with mental health and friendships and relationships."

In "The Ted Lasso Relationship Guide," Chaffins braids together scenes from the series, personal anecdotes from her own life and the adept words of renowned experts like Brené Brown, Lundy Bancroft and John M. Gottman. The guide not only encourages readers to take a closer look at their relationships but provides expert advice on how to better them. Although the book may be best appreciated by fans of Ted Lasso, Chaffins says this multi-source narrative approach will be understood by fans and non-fans alike.

"I think we're just such larger

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Modeling the future



WVU neuroscience researchers Valeriya Gritsenko and Rachel Taitano helped develop a 3D model to better treat neurological disorders.

WVU researchers develop 3D model to better treat neurological disorders

WVU Today

A 3D model developed by West Virginia University neuroscientists shows how implantable stimulators the same kind used to treat chronic pain — can target neurons that control specific muscles to provide rehabilitation for people with

stroke and spinal cord injuries. The study, including the model, was published in Nature journal

neurological disorders such as

Communications Biology. The device, implanted on or near the spinal cord, works by delivering an electrical signal through a thin wire. To treat paralysis, stimulation targets specific parts of the spinal cord to help restore muscle function and movement. However, the effectiveness of the device has been constrained due to insufficient understanding of where motoneurons that connect to specific muscles are situated within the spinal cord.

"If we really want to maximize the usefulness of these implants, we want to be able to select specific motoneurons that would activate specific muscles and assist with the movement in the right way and at the right time," said Valeriya Gritsenko, associate professor in the WVU School of Medicine, departments of Human Performance — Physical Therapy, Neuroscience and the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute. "Scientists want to use a model to figure out where to implant this system."

In relation to the study, Gritsenko received a three-year \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to lead a team in building more sophisticated models of the neuromuscular system.

With further studies and testing, researchers are hopeful to gain a better understanding of the extent to which these devices can improve muscle function.

To conduct the study, researchers first created a 3D model of the motoneuron locations in the macaque — an Old World monkey spinal cord and compared it to the current knowledge of the human spinal cord. They also created 3D models of the musculoskeletal anatomy of the macaque and human right upper limb and compared those.

"We were looking at the differences and changes in muscle lengths across different postures in both the human model and the monkey model," said Rachel Taitano, a doctoral student in medicine and neuroscience from Fairfax, Virginia, and lead author of the study. 'The musculoskeletal model of the monkey shows that the biomechanics are similar to humans even though the species have differences in the muscles they use, the muscles they have, and different orientations and functionality."

The study shows a close match in the distribution, or depth, of motoneuron pools along the spinal cord in macaques and humans. Those findings will allow scientists to gain precision in delivering treatment.

"Some of motoneuron pools are deeper inside the spinal cord and others are closer to the surface," Gritsenko explained. "This model allows us to look in depth to where those motoneuron pools might be closest to the surface. That's where you would want to stimulate to potentially activate those muscles."

Gritsenko, who served as the primary investigator, explained that "knowing the spinal organization of motoneuron pools — groups of cells that connect to a single muscle — can reveal something fascinating. Our complex musculoskeletal system has evolved over time to enable the wide

range of movements we see in all primates, including us humans. The team found that our spinal cords have built-in 'maps' that reflect this complex function. This 'map' helps simplify the control of our complex body by the spinal cord. It is like having an autopilot right inside the

Another colleague on the project, Sergiy Yakovenko, associate professor in the WVU School of Medicine, departments of Human Performance - Exercise Physiology, Neuroscience and RNI, has conducted similar studies on the spinal cord anatomy in quadrupedal animals. The new findings show how well the anatomy of the spinal cord is conserved across animals and how closely it reflects the actions of the muscles.

Results from an applied science study that can be used to benefit patients in a clinical setting is what Taitano said drew her to the project.

"I think we can get a lot of information from non-invasive studies,' said Taitano, who holds an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering. "Now that we can apply these findings on the millimeter and the nanometer scale, we can fabricate devices to apply what we're seeing in a model like this.'

With the project complete, Taitano moves on to the medical degree portion of her program this summer.

'Rachel's background was very instrumental in making the study a success," Gritsenko said. "I would definitely like to see more of this kind of interdisciplinary collaboration with graduate students working on projects with colleagues from medical and engineering departments."

Gritsenko said in addition to her DOD grant, scientists at two other universities have expressed interest in using the model to explore how the stimulation technology can be improved. She also plans to collaborate with a primate researcher at another

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EDUCATION

Mon Schools' 'Sizzler' literacy program gets a read on summer

BY JIM BISSETT

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Don't wait for the movie — read the book.

And enjoy a nice snack box from Monongalia County Schools while you're at it. That's the motivation

behind the district's "Summer Sizzler" bus stop literacy program, which runs June 10-13. The program offers up

free books to elementary school youngsters along with those snacks. Call it a double mission,

said Susan Taylor, who coordinates after-school and summer programs for the district.

Sizzler's aim is to keep kids hungry for knowledge — they can maintain a reading schedule even if they aren't at the school library — and they can quell the hunger they may experience while being distant from the breakfast and lunch menu in the cafeteria, as well.

Both are page-turners for Taylor, who began her career in education as a classroom teacher reading specialist.

District school buses or, "cool buses" in Sizzlerparlance — with their books and snack boxes, will fan out to Mylan Park Elementary, Osage, Bertha Hill, No. 8 Road at the U.S. intersection Vance's.

Other stops will be at Skyview Elementary, the former Shop 'n Save in Westover and Granville Park.

Sizzler-Look for sojourns to Krepps Park and Morgantown High School at Edgewood Street — with other stops to follow at Mountainview Elementary, Bluegrass Village and the Kingwood Pike Store.

Brookhaven Elemenary Tyrone Village and Cheat Lake Elementary will round out the run.

Visit Monongalia Schools County boe.mono.k12.wv.us/ route days and times.

The Summer Sizzler is always the traditional academic opening act the Summer Avalanche, with its learning-enrichment camps that run through July at every public school in Mon.

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STREAMING REVIEW

'Am I OK?' is full of good stuff

THE IDEA OF "FINDING YOUR-**SELF" HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEING THE PURVIEW OF THE YOUNG,** generally those just entering adulthood. Moving from adolescence into the next phase of your life triggers some introspection. But sometimes, our upbringing or fears about what might be discovered if we dig too deep can cause us to avoid that selfsearching until later in life.

That is the theme of the film "Am I OK?" from codirectors Tig Notaro and Stephanie Allynne, airing June 6 on Max.

Lucy (Dakota Johnson) and her best friend, Jane (Sonoya Mizuno), have their very predictable roles. When Jane gets a promotion that will move her to a new country, she tries to push Lucy as well, encouraging her to take her friendship with Ben (Whitmer Thomas) to the next level. Lucy doesn't understand her hesitance – until Jane talks about a time when she kissed a

girl, and Lucy realizes how

much she would like that.

She begins to unpack her

themes. Discovering your orientation later in life can be jarring. Allynne had not dated women until she met Notaro, so the pair were able to direct this film from a place of understanding. That authenticity comes through the

script from Lauren Pomerantz. brings humor to the role,

past?

The performances are quite touching. Johnson

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worker Brittany (Kiersey

to find herself, will she

lose the person who has

been with her through the

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Gail (Stair) Rishel-Magee, 97, formerly of Farmington, Pa., passed away Wednesday, on May 29, 2024.

Jessie was active for over 70 years in the Wharton Furnace Union Chapel near Elliottsville, W.Va., serving on the Church Board, singing in the choir, playing the piano and organizing annual celebrations and special services for many years.

Since moving to Virginia in 2021, she enjoyed visits with family and friends, concerts and art galleries, attending services at the Fairview Baptist Church and daily walks around the neighborhood. Always wanting to be active and helpful, her faith, strength and perseverance continued to amaze us all.

Surviving are four children, Alan F. Rishel, of Carlisle, Pa., Gail Carlins (Rick), of Fruitland Park, Fla., Philip S. Rishel, of Point Marion, Pa., and Susan Brown (Kevin), of Fredericksburg, Va., with whom she made her home for the past several years; seven grandchildren; two brothers, William C. Stair (Janet), of Norcross, Ga., and D. Mark Stair (Lisa), of Brookville, Pa.; and her beloved feline companion, Callie.

Preceding her in death are her first husband and the father of her children, William F. Rishel in 1982; second husband William S. Magee in 2004; a son, Brian W. Rishel; and her sister, Beulah Baxter.

Friends will be received in the Wharton Furnace Union Chapel, 1030 Wharton Furnace Road, Farmington, Pa., from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, and again from 11 a.m. on Monday until the noon hour of service. Interment follows in Bethel Cemetery, Farmington, Pa.

As much as she loved flowers. Jessie loved her Lord and the work of her church more, so it is suggested that in lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be offered to the Wharton Furnace Union Chapel, c/o Kathy Marks, Treasurer, 255 Wharton Furnace Road, Farmington, PA

Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa.

Condolences: www.herod-rishel.com

Harold Whisler

Kingsley Harold Whisler, known affectionately as Poppy, passed away suddenly on

May 2024. Morgantown. He was born on

in

Whisler.

After

Harold **Whisler**



graduating from Morgantown High

rish Committee. In 1963, Harold married Williams Whisler. Together, they raised two children, Cindy Whisler Jento and Ricky Charles Whisler (Karen). He admired and appreciated animals, the outdoors and enjoyed collecting farm antiques.

Sadly, Harold was predeceased by his parents; wife, Jeanie; and siblings, Howard Edward Whisler. Ralph Glenn Whisler and Mary Margaret Whisler.

His memory will be forever held in the hearts of his surviving family: his children, Cindy and Ricky (Karen); his six grandchildren, John Kingslev Whisler, Katelyn Whisler Hanberry (Nick), Jerid Nicholas Jento (Cheyanne), Jesse Nicholas Jento (Kailey), Jeffrey Daniels Jento (Gabby), Jordan Nicholas Jento (Leann); great-grandchildren, Sutton Kingsley Hanberry, Henry Lincoln Hanberry and Jace Ray Jento.

Friends and family will be received at Hastings Funeral Home, 153 Spruce St., Morgantown, from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. Visitation will continue from 10 a.m. on Monday, June 3 until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Chuck Yocum officiating. Interment will follow at Lawnwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, an organization he felt strongly about.

Condolences: www.hastingsfuneral home.com

Dec. 7, 1935,

Wadestown to the late Charles B. and Lucy Shriver

School, Harold was a policeman for four years in the United States Air Force where he received an honorable discharge and a good conduct medal. Having a strong belief that all people should be treated fairly and equal, he went on to complete numerous classes in labor law and occupational health through the Institute for Labor Studies at West Virginia University. He was employed by Sterling Faucet for 42 years, and while working there, became an active member of United Steel Workers of America Local 6214, being elected to many union offices which included Steward, Grievance Committeeman, Vice President and President, which he held when the plant was closed. He was a member of Sabra United Methodist Church, where he was once a Trustee and member of the Pastor Par-

his beloved wife, Irene Jean

(H)astings

and her willingness to put

our needs before her own, gave me the comfort and confidence to venture out

into the world knowing they

were safe and cherished at

home."

James Blosser

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Jessie Rishel-Magee

James Michael Blosser, known as Jim to his friends and loved left

ones, this world too soon at age 73. Born on Jan. 9, 1951, in Morgan-

town, he **Blosser** was a spirited soul who lived his life with a sense of adventure right up to his passing in Morgantown on May 26, 2024, due to injuries sustained in a

motorcycle accident. Jim treasured the hills of his hometown where he was born and raised. His devotion to family was evident, as he was preceded in

death by his father, Melvin Blosser, and is survived by a close-knit family. His loving mother, Phyllis 'Pip' Blosser, of home; his daugh-Michael (Jordan) Roush, of Blacksville; sisters, Mary Ann (Jim) May and Lisa (Rick) Dalton, all of Morgantown; grandchildren, Nicholas 'Bubba' Todd and Paige 'Peanut' Todd, of Fairmont, will dearly miss his presence. Jim's legacy also lives on through his numerous nieces and nephews and his special motorcycle riding

buddy, Yog. A skilled carpenter and craftsman by trade, Jim worked for various contractors throughout the Morgantown area and retired from Suburban Heating/Cooling with a reputation for excellence and dedication. His professional life was marked by an incomparable work ethic and a mastery of his craft that was evident in every project he completed.

Proudly serving his country, Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and maintained his patriotic spirit as a member of the American Legion. A man of many interests, he found joy in riding his motorcycles and was equally skilled with a pencil, showing his artistic talents through numerous works.

Jim was truly content being at home, where he could relax in the surroundings he so loved. Jim's gentle spirit and genuine kindness left a mark on the hearts of everyone who knew him, and his memory will continue to inspire all those whose lives he touched.

Friends and family will gather at the Nicholson Chapel Church beginning at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 3, and continue until time of services at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, with Pastors Donna Dalton and Elmer 'Scoop' Nicholson officiating. He will be laid to rest with military honors at the Nicholson Chapel Cemetery. Condolences:

www.fredjenkinsfuner alhome.com

CELEBRITY

Marian Robinson, mother of Michelle Obama, dies at 86

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Marian Shields Robinson, the mother of Michelle Obama who moved with the first family to the White House when son-in-law Barack Obama was elected president, has died. She was 86.

Mrs. Robinson's death was announced by Michelle Obama and other family members in a statement that said "there was and will be only one Marian Robinson. In our sadness, we are lifted up by the extraordinary gift of her life."

She was a widow and life-

long Chicago resident when she moved to the executive mansion in 2009 to help care for granddaughters Malia and Sasha. In her early 70s, Mrs. Robinson initially resisted the idea of starting over in Washington, and Michelle Obama had to enlist her brother, Craig, to help persuade their mother to move.

"There were many good and valid reasons that Michelle raised with me, not the least of which was the opportunity to continue spending time with my granddaughters, Malia and Sasha, and to assist in giving them a sense of normalcy that is a priority for both of their parents, as has been from the time Barack began his political career," Mrs. Robinson wrote in the foreword to "A Game of Character," a memoir by her son formerly the head men's basketball coach at Oregon State University.

"My feeling, however, was that I could visit periodically without actually moving in and still be there for the girls," she said.

Mrs. Robinson wrote that her son understood why she wanted to stay in Chicago but still used a line of reasoning on her that she often used on him and his

sister. He asked her to see the move as a chance to grow and try something new. As a compromise, she agreed to move, at least temporarily.

Granddaughters Malia nd Sasha were just 10 and 7, respectively, when the White House became home in 2009. In Chicago, Mrs. Robinson had become almost a surrogate parent to the girls during the 2008 presidential campaign. She retired from her job as a bank secretary to help shuttle them around.

At the White House, Mrs. Robinson provided a reassuring presence for the

girls as their parents settled into their new roles, and her lack of Secret Service protection made it possible for her to accompany them to and from school daily without fanfare.

"I would not be who today without the steady hand and unconditional love of my mother, Marian Shields Robinson," Michelle Obama wrote in her 2018 memoir, "Becoming." "She has always been my rock, allowing me the freedom to be who I am, while never allowing my feet to get too far off the ground. Her boundless love for my girls,

Mrs. Robinson gave a few media interviews but never to White House press. Aides guarded her privacy, and, as result, she enjoyed a level of anonymity openly envied by the president and first lady. It allowed her to come and go from the White House as often as she pleased on shopping runs around town, to the president's box at the Kennedy Center and for trips to Las Vegas or to visit her other grandchildren in Portland, Oregon.

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university to validate the study's findings in animal models.

"We want to do a muscle stimulation test based on the model predictions and see if we get the expected results," she said. "We can try that first with monkeys

and then, if it works out, we can try it with humans to further check that it is a good model for guiding these surgeries.'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The use of animals in this project was evaluated by the WVU Institutional Animal Care and Use Ethics Committee. WVU is voluntarily accredited by AAALAC, a national peer organization that establishes a global benchmark for animal well-being in science.

SIZZLER

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That's why Taylor's desk calendar is always metaphorically turned to June and July, even when it's January and February, in actuality.

"It's basically one big calendar for us," she said.

The Summer Sizzler is critical as it reaches out to youngsters in the key plots of their learning narratives, the still-at-heart reading specialist said.

By third grade, Taylor and other academic professionals say, students, ideally, should be on a track where they are reading to learn — opposed to learning to read.

ships that have helped you know yourself better. Regardless of your orientation, knowing who you are is important to every-

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one, and it's always worth

celebrating.

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but she also brings a lot of pathos as we see her struggle to find her footing with a whole new identity. Opposite her, Mizuno gives a powerful performance as a woman who knows exactly what she wants and how her life will turn out, until she finds that things are not as she

expected. Notaro has a brief cameo that is one of the funniest bits of the movie, with her uniquely dry wit.

where this movie shines. Yes, it is about deciphering who you are as compared to who you thought you were, but even more, it is a film about friendship. While there are LGBTQ

between Lucy and Jane is always at the front of everything. Watching the two of them navigate the changes in their lives is The story is definitely what makes this film relat-

able to a broad audience. "Am I OK?" is a funny and poignant film about self-discovery and coming out. More than that, it is a story about recognizing who you have always been themes, the friendship and celebrating the friend-

hopes it can highlight the

"I just hope people come out of ['The Ted Lasso Relationship Guide'] and think, 'How can I be the kind of

person who makes the situation better at the end of the day? What can I do to add more joy and more beauty to the world?' I know that's what I want to see from people and that has to start with myself. If I want to see beauty and kindness in the world, then I have to put that into the world as

Find Chaffins' newsletter at AliseChaffins.Sub stack.com.

Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. Cherish Moments, Treasure Memories Jared Jenkins, LIC 10 South High Street Justin Dalton Morgantown, WV (304) 296-6446 **Ethan Umstead**

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NOVEL

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beings than just our romantic life or just our friendships or just our work life," said Chaffins. "So, to me, there's this holistic look at it that any one relationship is going to impact other aspects of our life, and taking a look at all of them."

Chaffins' novel released the day before the one-year anniversary of Ted Lasso's

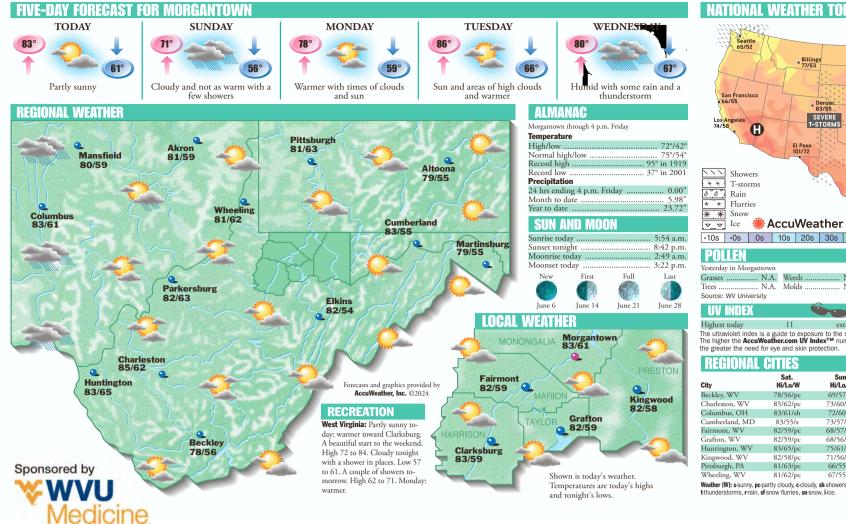
series finale, and quickly ascended to the top sellers in Amazon categories for subjects like friendship and divorce. It is currently available for order on Amazon, and future updates on the novel's success and availability will be posted on Chaffins' social media platforms like Facebook or Twitter, where she can be found as Alise Chaffins.

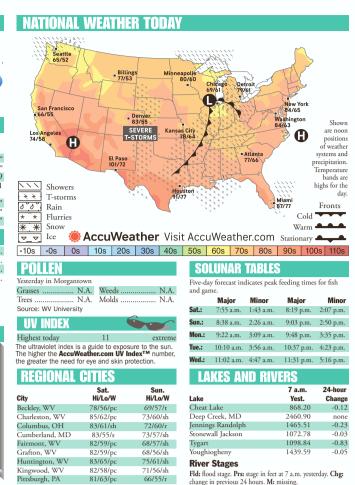
Beyond the novel's focus on relationships, Chaffins

ways in which the media we consume, whether that be film, theater, music or the written word, impacts every facet of our lives, and, as illustrated in Ted Lasso, how we can let it guide us toward a brighter future for ourselves and for others.

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Associated Press

Today is Saturday, June 1, the 153rd day of 2024. There are 213 days left in the year.

Highlight:

In 1967, the Beatles released "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," for years considered by many to be the greatest rock 'n' roll album of all time.

On this date:

In 1533, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII, was crowned as Queen Consort of England.

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1957, Don Bowden, a student at the University of California at Berkeley, became the first American to break the four-minute mile during a meet in Stockton, California, in a time of 3:58.7.

In 2009, General Motors filed for Chapter 11, becoming the largest U.S. industrial company to enter bankruptcy protection.

Today's birthdays:

Singer Pat Boone is 90. Actor Morgan Freeman is 87. Opera singer Frederica von Stade is 79. Actor John M. Jackson (TV: "JAG," "NCIS: Los Angeles") is 74. Country singer Ronnie Dunn is 71. Rock musician Simon Gallup (The Cure) is 64. Basketball playerturned-coach Tony Bennett is 55. Model-actor Heidi Klum is 51. Comedian Link Neal (Rhett & Link) is 46. Americana singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile is 43. Former tennis player Justine Henin is 42. Actor Zazie Beetz is 33. Actor Willow Shields is 24.

Friendship reforged before being completely abandoned

DEAR ABBY: I am a male scientist at a large university. Four years ago, I was surprised to receive an email from someone with whom I'd been friends many years ago. We were good friends back then, but we lost contact. After he reinitiated contact, we resumed the friendship, with regular phone calls and emails.

Two years ago, he invited me to spend the day with him and his wife (whom I'd never met), when I visited my family on the East Coast. I took him up on the offer and spent a very pleasant day with them at their home.

Abby, I never heard from him again! After sending several emails and a postcard thanking him and his wife for being gracious hosts, there has been silence ever since. Any thoughts about what is going on and what, if anything, I can do about it? — BAF-FLED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BAFFLED: What might have happened during your visit with this old/new friend is anybody's guess. Perhaps his wife discouraged further contact. Because he never explained why he was withdrawing, you may never know. But as things stand, I don't think there's anything



JEANNE PHILLIPS

you can do about it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in my relationship for almost five years and believe that "nothing is constant but change." They like expensive things but can't afford to maintain them. They rob from Peter to pay Paul, make purchases with high-interest charge cards and complain constantly they don't have any extra money.

I live on a fixed income. My partner has mastered the art of spending other people's money, including mine, which I think is selfish. Any suggestions about how to work out these money issues? — ALL ABOUT THE MONEY

DEAR ALL ABOUT THE MONEY: You and your partner have very different values when it comes to finances. They aren't going to change. My suggestion: End the relationship before this person causes you to go bankrupt.

JEANNE PHILLIPS writes "Dear Abby" under the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WVU's Brown: Big 12 is the 'most exciting conference in the country'

BY CODY NESPOR

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While it's still behind the likes of the SEC and Big 10, WVU football coach Neal Brown thinks there will be plenty of reasons for viewers to tune into Big 12 games this fall.

"I think we've got a little bit of ground to make up to be the best football conference in the country, but I think we're definitely the most exciting," Brown said during a radio interview with Heartland College Sports this week. "From a depth standpoint and a competitive balance standpoint, I think the Big 12 is number one. There are quality teams, there are teams that've had recent success all the way through. So it's highly competitive."

With recent powerhouses Texas and Oklahoma leaving for the SEC this year, Brown feels that the new Big 12 is wide-open for anyone to win.

"The hard thing about this league is that everybody that you play has an opportunity to beat you," Brown told host Pete Mundo. "The encouraging thing is you've got a chance to win

every single game. It's really going to be an exciting 2024 season and it's going to be hard to predict. I think that you could make a strong argument that maybe up to eight teams could win our football league this

Excluding the Sooners and Longhorns, six Big 12 teams finished with a winning record in 2023 and seven made a bowl game. Four — WVU, Kansas, Kansas State and Oklahoma State — won at least nine games.

Utah, Arizona, Arizona State

SEE **BROWN**, B-2



William Wotring/The Dominion Post

COLLEGE SPORTS

distribute record

IRVING, Texas — Big 12 schools will share in a record \$470 million of revenue distribution, the conference announced Friday when wrapping up its first spring meetings as a 14-team league and before growing by two more

While the 10 full-share members will get smaller amounts than they got last year because of the addition of the four schools that joined the league for the 2023-24 academic year, Commissioner Brett Yormark said the conference is more relevant than it has

"We went with stability as a conference and we felt it was investing in all the right ways and for all the right reasons," Yormark said. "Clearly that was the right one for this conference we think about where we're

First-year members Cincinnati, Houston and UCF each will get partial shares of about \$18 million each. That leaves about \$398 million to be split among the league's other 10 schools, including Oklahoma and Texas before they move this summer to the Southeastern Confer-

About \$440 million was dis-

The Big 12 will grow to 16 teams with the additions of Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah from the Pac-12, officially on Aug. 1. The four incoming schools took part in this week's meetings,

while Oklahoma and Texas did

Yormark said the increases

came as a result of bigger College

Football Playoff and bowl rev-

enues, growth in ticket revenue

across all of the conference cham-

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Associated Press

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Cincinnati head coach Scott Satterfield and West Virginia head coach Neal Brown after the teams' game in Morgantown last season.

ON TO THE NEXT ROUND



Aidan Wohl/For The Dominion Post)

West Virginia's Derek Clark (2) throws a pitch against Dallas Baptist in a regional game in Tucson, Ariz. Friday afternoon.

Derek Clark throws a complete-game gem to lead WVU past No. 25 Dallas Baptist in NCAA tournament

BY JUSTIN JACKSON

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With each swing and miss, each off-speed pitch that just caught the corner and every hard-hit ball that went right to one of his teammates, Derek Clark made a major statement on Friday.

That statement: He belongs.

To that point, his West Virginia teammates made the same announcement, as the Mountaineers cruised past No. 25 Dallas Baptist 4-1 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament of the Tucson (Ariz.) Regional at

Hi Corbett Field.

Logan Sauve hit a three-run home run to deep center and Reed Chumley added an RBI double, as the Mountaineers (34-23) advanced to today's 10 p.m. winner's bracket game against either No. 21 Arizona or Grand Canvon.

The conclusion of that opening-round game came after press time.

"My first time being here," Clark said. "I can't complain about that outing."

It was only just a year ago when no one in Division I baseball knew who Clark was.

For three years, the lefty had dominated Division II competition at Northwood (Mich.) University.

But he stood only 5-foot-9 — or as Clark tells it, he's really an inch shorter than what he's listed on the roster — and his fastball barely got above 90 mph, hardly the stuff that could compete at the highest level in college.

But there he was Friday, sending those fastballs past Dallas Baptist hitters who had combined for 111 home runs during the regular season.

"I had the fastball in working really well today," Clark said. "The change-up late in counts was a key factor."

SEE WVU, B-2

WVU vs. **Arizona/Grand Canyon winner**

WHEN: 10 p.m. today

WHERE: Hi Corbett Field,

Tucson, Ariz.

TV: ESPN+ (Online subscription needed) RADIO: 100.9 JACK-FM

WEB: dominionpost.com

released last week, the five power conferences generated \$3.55 bil-

According to tax filings

lion in the 2022-23 fiscal year, with the Big Ten reporting revenue of \$879.9 million compared with \$852.6 million for the SEC. The ACC saw the most significant increase, going from \$617 million in 2021-22 to \$707 million.

The Pac-12, which will see 10 of its 12 members disperse to other

SEE **BIG 12**, B-3

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8:30 a.m.: TRUTV — FIM MotoGP: The Italian Grand Prix (Sprint), San Piero, Italy

9:30 a.m.: FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, World Wide Technology Raceway, Madison, III.

11:30 a.m.: FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Qualifying, Portland Inter-

national Raceway, Portland, Ore. 1:30 p.m.: FOX — NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: The Toyota 200,

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GOLF

7 a.m.: GOLF — DP World Tour: The European Open, Third Round, Green Eagle Golf Courses, Winsen, Germany

2:30 p.m.: GOLF — PGA Tour: The RBC Canadian Open, Third Round, Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Hamilton, Ontario

3 p.m.: NBC — U.S. Women's Open: Third Round, Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Pa.

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MLB 4 p.m.: MLBN — Regional Coverage: Arizona at N.Y. Mets OR Minnesota

7 p.m.: FOX — Regional Coverage: Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, LA Angels at Seattle OR St. Louis at Philadelphia

10 p.m.: MLBN — Regional Coverage: N.Y. Yankees at San Francisco OR Colorado at L.A. Dodgers

8 p.m.: ABC — Eastern Conference Final: N.Y. Rangers at Florida, Game

SOCCER (MEN'S)

3 p.m.: CBS — UEFA Champions League: Borussia Dortmund vs. Real Madrid, Final, London

7 p.m.: FS2 — CPL: Cavalry FC at Pacific FC 9 p.m.: FS1 — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Columbus at Pachuca, Final

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

2 p.m.: TRUTV — International Friendly: U.S. Deaf Team vs. Australia Deaf Team, Commerce City, Colo. 5 p.m.: TNT — International Friendly: U.S. vs. South Korea, Commerce

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Miami	21	37	.362	19	
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Chicago	28	30	.483	6	
Pittsburgh	26	30	.464	7	
Cincinnati	25	32	.439	$8^{1}/_{2}$	
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San Diego	30	29	.508	$6^{1}/_{2}$	
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Boston	29	29	.500	10	
Tampa Bay	28	30	.483	11	
Toronto	26	29	.473	$11^{1}/_{2}$	
CENTRAL DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	38	19	.667	_	
Kansas City	35	23	.603	$3^{1}/_{2}$	
Minnesota	31	25	.554	$6^{1}/_{2}$	
Detroit	28	29	.491	10	
Chicago	15	42	.263	23	
WEST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	31	27	.534	_	
Texas	27	30	.474	$3^{1}/_{2}$	
Houston	25	32	.439	$5^{1}/_{2}$	
Oakland	23	36	.390	$8^{1}/_{2}$	
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PRO FOOTBALL

Biden hosts the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs and breaks unofficial rule about headwear

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden welcomed the Kansas City Chiefs to the White House on Friday, lauding the back-to-back $Super\,\bar{B}owl\,champion\,team$ for its sportsmanship on and off the field, and breaking an unofficial political rule about headwear. He tried on a Chiefs helmet the team gave him as a gift.

"It was cool to see him put the helmet on," quarterback Patrick Mahomes told reporters after the celebration held on the South Lawn. "We didn't expect that. But it was really cool to see him throw that Chiefs helmet on and you get that Chiefs kingdom kind of for the rest of the nation to see."

The Democratic president recalled that he said at last vear's celebration for the Chiefs that they are building a "dynasty." He noted the struggles they overcame last season on the road to the Super Bowl and said, "I don't think anydoubting body's know."

He noted the shooting in February at Kansas City's parade and rally honoring the team, which killed a mother of two and host of a local radio program.

"We saw pride give way



President Joe Biden wears a Chiefs helmet as he speaks during an event with the Super Bowl-champion Kansas City Chiefs on the South Lawn of the White House, Friday, to celebrate their championship season and victory in Super Bowl LVIII.

to tragedy," Biden said, adding that, "amid the chaos this team stepped

up."
"This team is excepadding that the country as a whole must "do more to stop the tragic shootings before they happen."

Biden recognized the Chiefs after their comefrom-behind overtime win over the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl in Las Vegas in February. It's a longstanding tradition for championship

teams, both professional and collegiate, to be invited to the White House.

In 2023, the Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, first lady Jill Biden's favorite football team. She grew up near Philadelphia and attended the game. Kansas City defeated San Francisco to claim the 2020 Super Bowl

Kicker Harrison Butker, who made headlines by assailing some of Biden's policies during a commencement speech earlier this month, accompanied his teammates to the White House. Butker recently defended his comments, saying he had no regrets expressing his beliefs.

In the May 16 speech at Benedictine College, a private Catholic liberal arts school in Atchison, Kansas, Butker congratulated the women who were receiving degrees and said most of them were probably more excited about getting married and having children.

He criticized some of Biden's policy positions, including the president's condemnation of the Supreme Court's reversal of its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Abortion is an issue that Biden and his fellow Democrats hope to use to their advantage in the November elections.

Butker also tackled Biden's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. which has killed nearly 1.2 million people in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Swift has been traveling abroad on her Eras tour and had a show on Thursday in Madrid.

as Clark came out in the

WVU

FROM PAGE B-1

His breaking balls pounded both sides of the plate, each one of them seemingly giving Clark more and more confidence, as he wore his emotions on his sleeve, which has been his MO throughout this

At this point, it no longer mattered what the tape measure said about Clark. No tape measure known in creation can calculate how much heart and fight is on the inside of man.

Clark had plenty of both, not to mention the command of a NASCAR driver and a surgeon's precision.

"A lot of people had nicked this pitching matchup today as the one to watch out for," WVU head coach Randy Mazey said. "You got the little lefty against the big, tall righty with all the stuff.

"The little lefty had all the heart. The heart won today, for sure. That's how he won. That's how he

always wins, with heart." Clark didn't allow a hit until the third inning. He walked no one and struck

out eight. He backhanded one ball hit up the middle off his glove, ran a few feet to pick it up and threw out the runner to end the first inning.

In the third, when the Patriots (44-14) were on the cusp of grabbing some momentum with runners on the corners, Clark was downright nasty in picking off Michael Dattalo at first base to end the inning.

While Clark was cruising, WVU's offense was in the midst of erasing its own disappointment.

The Mountaineers were anything but sharp while going 0-2 in the Big 12 tournament last week, their third straight year of being two-and-done at the conference tournament.

The challenge, or so it





Aidan Wohl/For The Dominion Post

Top photo: West Virginia first baseman Grant Hussey (9) makes a catch over the dugout railing against Dallas Baptist in a regional game in Tucson, Ariz, Friday afternoon. Below: West Virginia's Sam White (11) celebrates at first base against Dallas Baptist.

was thought, would be on the WVU hitters against Dallas Baptist's 6-foot-6 ace Ryan Johnson.

Yet in the third inning, Benjamin Lumsden drew a walk and Skylar King sacrificed him over. J.J. Wetherholt was then hit by a pitch in the back of the

That brought up Sauve, who drove Johnson's first pitch 390 feet over the batter's eye in center field for a 3-0 lead.

Before the at-bat, Mazev told Sauve what to look for.

"Coach Mazey told me to stick to a right-center approach," Sauve said. "I picked it up pretty early. It got over the plate and I put a

barrel on it."

Johnson, projected as a top 50 prospect in the 2024 Major League Baseball draft, was taken out after six innings. He gave up six hits, two walks and four runs.

That would be all Clark needed to pick up his eighth win of the season, but in the sixth inning, Chumley's double scored Sam White for a 4-0 lead.

All Dallas Baptist could muster against Clark was a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning that scored Nathan Humphreys.

Clark then forced a fly

ball and a ground out to end

that inning. There was no action in

the Mountaineers' bullpen.

ninth. This was truly his moment, his game. All those times he was

told previously he was too small or not just imposing enough, well, Clark made a lot of people regret that thinking on this day. It was his fourth com-

plete game this season and

the fifth time he pitched

nine innings in a game. He needed just 101 pitches to get through it all. Clark did get some help from his teammates in the

final inning. Grant Hussey caught one line drive that was barely above his foot. Brodie Kresser went to his knees and reached out for yet another line drive for

the first two outs. Ethan Mann flied out to center to end the game, as Sauve ran to the mound to embrace his triumphant pitcher.

Clark's dominance was best seen against the top of the Patriots' lineup.

A team that had simply tormented college pitching all season — averaging just under eight runs per game – now saw its first seven hitters go just 1 for 25.

"I told some people back in Morgantown when we left, 'Our fate on Friday is in this guy's hands and I wouldn't want it in any other player's hands,' Mazey said of Clark. "It's just incredible what he's

It was WVU's first win in the opening round of the NCAA tournament since 2019, when the Mountaineers hosted a regional back in Morgantown.

If WVU wins Saturday night, the Mountaineers will advance to the region's title game on Sunday and will have to lose twice to be eliminated.

If WVU loses Saturday, the Mountaineers will drop down to the loser's bracket game and will play at 3 p.m. Sunday for the right to go to the championship game.

BROWN

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and Colorado are all coming over from the Pac-12 to boost the conference up to 16 teams for 2024. Arizona (10-3) finished the season ranked No. 11 in the country and Utah went 8-5.

The Mountaineers will only play the Wildcats this season, but also has rematches against two of last year's newcomers, Cincinnati and UCF on the schedule.

"The thing for West Vir-

ginia is that we're in with peer schools that are on similar footing that we are," Brown said. "There are a lot of tradition-rich programs, just like West Virginia, that are in the league and I think it gives us a chance."

Picked to finish dead last in 2023, the Mountaineers could be a popular pick to win its first Big 12 title this season following a 9-4 campaign. It won't be an easy road to get there, however, as WVU starts conference play with five straight games against teams who will also have championship aspirations Kansas, Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Kansas State and Arizona.

WVU will also play 11 power conference opponents for the fifth time in six years this season, taking on Penn State and rival Pitt in non-conference action.

"The downside is, there are very few people that are doing that," Brown said. "This is going to be five of the six years here where we've played 11 Power 5.

We're one of the very few teams in the entire country that's doing that. We're putting ourselves at a disadvantage compared to our peers and we're playing one less home game."

West Virginia will open the 2024 season on national television when the Mountaineers host Penn State on Aug. 31 at noon on FOX. It will be the Nittany Lions' first trip to Morgantown since 1992. FOX's Big Noon Kickoff pregame show will broadcast live from Morgantown prior to the game.

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Birmingham-Southern loses D-III World Series opener 7-5 on same day the liberal arts college closes

Associated Press

EASTLAKE, Ohio — And the baseball team played on.

Birmingham-Southern rallied before losing its opening game in the Division III World Series 7-5 on Friday, the same day the private liberal art school's doors officially closed after more than 160 years.

The Panthers fell behind 7-0 in the fifth inning to Salve Regina but fought back in style befitting this odds-defying season.

They scored four runs in the seventh to pull within two and threatened in the eighth and ninth innings but couldn't come up with the clutch hit.

"Proud of our guys," manager Jay Weisberg said. "The message in the locker room was I'm not upset. We got off to a little bit of a rocky start, but the way we played the last five innings is who we are let's just keep moving on."

The loss in the doubleelimination tournament means Birmingham-Southern must win Saturday to keep its inspiring season going. The Panthers (32-15) will face the loser of Fri-

day's game between Wisconsin-Whitewater Randolph-Macon.

There's no margin for error, and that's OK with Weisberg, who didn't need to remind his team it has been in tougher spots.

"At the beginning of the season if someone tells you, I'm going to put you in a scenario where you're going to be in the college World Series competing for a national championship, but you're going to be 0-1, he said. "I think we'd all take that."

The game was played against the backdrop of Birmingham-Southern's closure, a shutdown necessitated by the school being turned down for a \$30 million loan that would have kept it going.

While the closing has been painful for many, the Panthers' run has brought some welcomed joy to the school's tight-knit community.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky as Birmingham-Southern took the field while being cheered on by hundreds of fans who made the trip from Alabama to root on a team that has pulled together over the



Birmingham-Southern head coach Jan Weisberg, front center, clowns around as photographer Amanda Phillips, right, directs players for a team photo, Thursday, in Eastlake, Ohio.

past two months and is one eight still with a shot at a national championship.

The team also brought along a 200-pound metal panther nicknamed that usually "Rowdy" resides on a brick wall near the campus — but "supposedly just fell off its mount," $We is berg\,said\,--\,during\,the$ Panthers' 2019 World Series

The mascot didn't help as Salve Regina built a 7-0 lead behind a three-run homer by Brady Smolinski and two-run shot by Tyler Cannoe before closer Kyle Carozza struck out the side in the ninth.

Before the first pitch, parents, alumni and a group of Sigma Chi fraternity brothers whose chapter house at Birmingham-Southern was decommissioned this week, mingled in the parking lot outside Classic Park, home of the Single-A Lake County Cap-

There seemed to be a few extra hugs and toasts at this now in the past tense.

The Panthers' story of loss, determination and togetherness has not only united the school's alumni, employees and faculty during a tough time, but they've become something of a national sensation with fans across the country.

"Nobody wanted us to win," said Salve Regina coach Eric Cirella.

On Thursday, Topps announced it's producing a limited-run trading card featuring Birminghamimprobable Southern's run. The card will feature the Panthers celebrating their Super Regional and World Series berth-clinching win — a game they played while being overrun by a team-wide stomach virus.

At one point during that 7-6 victory at Denison, Weisberg, who has built one of the nation's top D-III programs over 17 years at the school, was filled with more pride when he saw players getting IVs just to get through the game.

In March, when the school announced it would

tailgate with the school be shutting its doors for good on May 31, Weisberg stood in front of his team and delivered the news to his players. Many of them broke down crying.

As his team took batting practice Thursday. Weisberg recalled the message that took clearly took hold.

"There's always going to be pain in your life," he told them. "There's always going to be uncertainty. There's always going to be hard work to do. It all went back to COVID and these guys were all in high school or college and they thought that was going to be the most traumatic thing that ever happened to them.

"But I said, hey man, look at three years later and you're OK. All of you are going to be OK. You don't see it right now. I think that's why we're here."

Birmingham-Southern is now 19-5 since the school announced the permanent closure, and Weisberg said his team has become the closest he's coached.

PRO TENNIS

Tsitsipas eases into the French Open fourth round while Swiatek, Gauff, Alcaraz, Sinner also advance

PARIS — Stefanos Tsitsipas was in a reflective mood after beating Zhang Zhizhen 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 to reach the fourth round of the French Open on Friday.

The 2021 runner-up says tennis plays a fundamental part in shaping his think-

"I get the feeling that without tennis my life would have been so much different, with regards to challenging myself and setting personal goals for myself," Tsitsipas said. "Tennis helps me fill out those dreams and fulfil my deepest desires as a human being."

The ninth-seeded Tsitsipas, who won the Monte Carlo Masters in April, feels his game is in good

Next up for the big-serving Greek is unseeded Italian player Matteo Arnaldi.

"I have been keeping an eye on him the last six months," Tsitsipas said. "He's a very good fighter."

Arnaldi advanced by eliminating sixth-seeded Andrey Rublev 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-

Rublev came as a contender after winning the Madrid Open this month but he showed frustration against Arnaldi for his lack of precision, committing 37 unforced errors and four double faults. After netting a forehand in the third set, Rublev smashed his racket on his knee four times.

"I am completely disappointed with myself, with the way I behaved, the way I performed, and I can't remember ever behaving worse in a Grand Slam tournament," he said. "It was the first time I ever behaved that badly.

Arnaldi disagreed.

"He does those things almost every match. Personally, I don't pay too much attention," Arnaldi said. "But it definitely does give me a little confidence, because it means I am giving him trouble, and what I was doing was working."

No. 2 Jannik Sinner of Italy progressed by down-



Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas signs autographs after winning his third round match of the French Open tennis tournament against China's Zhang Zhizhen at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday.

ing Pavel Kotov 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. The Australian Open champion next faces Frenchman Corentin Moutet.

Two-time major winner Carlos Alcaraz also advanced after beating 27th-seeded American Sebastian Korda 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3. Alcaraz was a semifinalist last year at Roland Garros, losing to Novak Djokovic.

On the women's side, top-ranked Iga Swiatek reached the fourth round by beating Marie Bouzkova 6-4, 6-2. The three-time French Open champion from Poland won on her fourth match point, celebrating another Roland Garros victory on the day she turned 23.

Former French player Fabrice Santoro did the post-match interview and got the crowd on Court Philippe Chatrier to join in with him as he sang "Happy Birthday." Swiatek put her head in her hands, shyly, then lifted it up and smiled broadly.

The match was not the thrill-a-minute contest she had with Naomi Osaka in the second round, when Swiatek saved a match point and grabbed the last five games.

Still, Bouzkova held on. She saved one match point with a forehand winner, and Swiatek hit a forehand wide on another. A crisp forehand down the line sealed Swiatek's win at the fourth attempt.

Next for Swiatek was unseeded Anastasia Potapova.

No. 3-seeded Coco Gauff beat Australian Open semifinalist Dayana Yastremska 6-2, 6-4 but fellow American Sofia Kenin was stopped.

Kenin lost 6-2, 7-5 to unseeded Danish player Clara Touson, who has lined up two-time Wimbledon runner-up Ons Jabeur. eighth-seeded Tunisian won against No. 31-seeded Canadian Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova defeated Frenchwoman Chloé Paquet 6-1, 6-3. The fifth-seeded Czech, a runner-up at Roland Garros in 2019, next faces qualifier Olga Danilovic, ranked 125th.

Danilovic beat Donna Vekic 0-6, 7-5, 7-6 (8) to make first fourth-round appearance at a Grand Slam tournament. Danilovic lay on her back and cried as she took in her victory.

Italy's Elisabetta Cocciaretto upset No. 17 Liudmila Samsonova 7-6 (4), 6-2 on Court Suzanne Lenglen to also reach the last 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time.

She has Gauff next.

For the fourth consecutive day, rain interrupted play. There was a delay of about 1 1/2 hours on Friday followed by another delay in the evening.

BIG 12 FROM PAGE B-1

conferences in 2024-25, generated \$603.9 million. The Big 12 was fifth at \$510.7 million, which was before distributions when it was still only a 10-member league. Like the other leagues,

the Big 12 is preparing for big changes after news of a landmark \$2.8 billion settlement that will transform how athletes are compensated. The power conferences last agreed to settle a host of antitrust claims that could start steering millions of dollars directly to athletes as soon as the 2025 fall

"I think we ended up in fair and reasonable place," Yormark said. "Obviously, it's going to be a changing landscape. But I also do see opportunities in that changing landscape, and the work really starts now. A lot of work to be done. I look at this as a bit of a reset for our industry. And we're prepared for that. The ADs, myself, the board, we've been discussing that reset for quite some time. So it's not coming as a surprise."

When he became the Big 12 commissioner two

Daytime Phone:



Big 12 commissioner Brett Yormark addresses the media during the NCAA college Big 12 women's basketball media day Oct. 17, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. Big 12 schools will share in a record 470 million in revenue distribution, which the conference announced Friday.

summers ago, Yormark was an executive with Jay-Z's Roc Nation and a former CEO of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. He spent almost 15 years with the Nets, overseeing the club's move from New Jersey and construction of the Barclays Center, and previously was with NASCAR, where he oversaw a \$750 million agreement with Nextel Communications for naming rights to the circuit's top racing series.

"Since I took this job,

you know, I said from day one, I was open for business. And I guess you could say we're open for business now more so than ever before," Yormark said. "When I think about my background, I certainly do believe that collegiate athletics is shifting, more closely to where I came from than where we are today."

Unlike when he first got to the Big 12, "open for business" this time isn't a reference to any further expansion plans.

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Ryan Fox, Robert MacIntyre share lead in the RBC Canadian Open

Associated Press

HAMILTON, Ontario — Ryan Fox closed with a 14foot birdie putt late Friday afternoon for a 6-under 64 and a share of the secondround lead with Robert MacIntyre in the RBC Canadian Open.

Finishing on the front nine at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Fox birdied the par-5 fourth and par-4 fifth, then rebounded from a bogey on the par-3 sixth with the birdie on the par-4 ninth. The 37-year-old New

Zealander is winless in 47 career PGA Tour starts.

"I drove it great, I hit may irons really well and had a few more putts drop today," said Fox, the the son of former New Zealand rugby star Grant Fox. "It could have been really silly, but I still had a lot of good putts."

MacIntyre had a 66 in the morning for his second straight bogey-free round. The 27-year-old Scottish left-hander is winless in 44 career PGA Tour starts.

"When I missed the green I've had a good short game," MacIntyre said. "To be honest, I think I've missed it in the right spots. I miss it fat side of the green, not short-sided and we can kind of run it. If not, we fly it over it."

The leaders were at 10under 130 on the traditional layout.

"Golf course kind of suits my eye," Fox said. "Similar grass to what we play at home. Similar kind of old style, tree-lined golf grew up on."

Joel Dahmen was third,

two strokes back after a 65. "I believe I should be here. It's where I'm supposed to be, so I'm excited to hit golf shots under the gun on the weekend," Dahmen said. "I haven't done that in

a long time, so I'm excited

Canadian Mackenzie Hughes had two eagles and two closing bogeys in a 64 to join first-round leader David Skinns and

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for that."

course, which is what I Andrew Novak at 7 under. "I've had a few minutes

to process the round and kind of the whole day, and while the finish was disappointing, I look at the whole body of work." Hughes said. "If you told me I was going to shoot 64, I would have taken it. It gets me into contention for the weekend and that's all I can ask for."

Defending champion Nick Taylor missed the cut with rounds of 72 and 71. Last year at Oakdale in

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Toronto, he made an 80-foot eagle putt in a playoff to become the first Canadian to win the event since

Two-time Canadian Open champion Rory McIlroy, was 2 under, following a 66 on Thursday with a 72 playing alongside Taylor. McIlroy won in 2019 the last time the tournament was in Hamilton and again in 2022 at George's in Toronto.

Skinns followed opening 62 with a 71.

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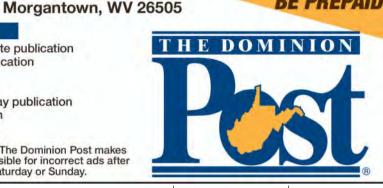
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Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — A climber from Malaysia who was stranded for three days near the top of North America's tallest mountain following a summit push was rescued Friday, but his partner was dead, officials said. A third member of their team had been rescued this week after descending lower on Denali in Alaska.

After days of cloudy, windy conditions, personnel from Denali National Park and Preserve on Friday morning were able to rescue the surviving climber at 19,600 feet, where he and his partner had been holed up in a snow cave since late Tuesday, according to the park.

Late Thursday, the park's high-altitude helicopter pilot was able to drop a bag with survival gear near the snow cave and saw a climber waving at him, but strong winds prevented a rescue at

that time, the park said.

It was not clear to rescuers whether one or both of the climbers was alive until Friday morning's rescue, park spokesperson Paul Ollig said by email. He noted in part limited communications with the climbers after rangers first received an SOS from the threemember team at 1 a.m. Tuesday indicating they were hypothermic and unable to descend after reaching Denali's 20,310-foot summit.

The climber rescued Friday was medevaced to an Anchorage hospital for additional care and "was in surprisingly strong condition, walking on his own even, considering what he endured," Ollig said, adding that additional information about him and the other survivor would not be released by the park.

Rangers planned to recover the body of the climber who died later.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0026-PSO-19A

GREATER PAW PAW SANITARY DISTRICT,

Rule 19-A application to increase sewer rates and charges.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES

On January 11, 2024, Greater Paw Paw Sanitary District (GPPSD) requested revised rates for providing sanitary sewer service in portions of Marion County under the Commission's ratemaking process for small utilities.

On May 10, 2024, Commission Staff recommended that the Commission establish revised rates in three steps including an increase generating an additional 8.89 percent or \$94,065 annually over existing rates for the first step. GPPSD shifts to a second rate step on July 1, 2025, with rates equal to the first rate step. That rate step continues until GPPSD eliminates its arrearage to the City of Fairmont or until November 1, 2025. After that point, GPPSD rates decrease by \$111,510 annually or 10.54 percent from current rates. Staff calculated revised leak adjustment rates and revised the phrasing of the security deposit provision.

The current tariff rates (effective July 1, 2024) are as follows:

RATES (Customers with metered water supply) \$18.71 per 1,000 gallons of water usage per month

FLAT RATE (Customers with non-metered water supply)

Equivalent of 4,500 gallons of water usage \$84.20 per month

MINIMUM CHARGE
No bill shall be rendered for less than \$37.42 per month

LEAK ADJUSTMENT \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate is used to calculate consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

The Staff-recommended rates are as follows:

STEP 1

Effective for all service rendered on and after the final order until July 1, 2025.

RATES (Customers with metered water supply) \$20.41 per 1,000 gallons of water usage per month

FLAT RATE (Customers with non-metered water supply) Equivalent of 4,500 gallons of water usage \$91.85 per month

MINIMUM CHARGE

shall be rendered for less than \$40.82 per month

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

ns is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above 200% of the customer's historical usage.

STEP 2

Effective for all service rendered on and after July 1,2025, until November 1, 2025, or until the arrearage with the

RATES (Customers with metered water supply) \$20.41 per 1,000 gallons of water usage per month

FLAT RATE (Customers with non-metered water supply) Equivalent of 4,500 gallons of water usage \$91.85 per month

No bill shall be rendered for less than \$40.82 per month

LEAK ADJUSTMENT\$6.07 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above 200% of the customer's historical usage.

STEP 3

Effective for all service rendered on and after November 1, 2025, or after the arrearage with the City of Fairmont is extinguished, whichever comes first.

RATES (Customers with metered water supply) \$16.76 per 1,000 gallons of water usage per month.

FLAT RATE (Customers with non-metered water supply) Equivalent of 4,500 gallons of water usage \$75.42 per month

MINIMUM CHARGE
No bill shall be rendered for less than \$33.52 per month

LEAK ADJUSTMENT\$6.07 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above 200% of the customer's historical usage.

The average increase for each rate step applicable to residential customers is summarized as follows:

	gal.	Increase	Residential Cust.
Existing Rate	\$18.71	N/A	N/A
Step 1 Proposed	\$20.41	9.09%	\$4.93
Step 2 Proposed	\$20.41	9.09%	\$4.93
Step 3 Proposed	\$16.76	-10.42%	-\$5.65

Anyone desiring to review the Staff Report may do so on the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to protest the changed rates and charges must do so in writing within ten days of the date of publication of this notice. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests must be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified. In addition, anyone desiring a hearing in this matter must demand a hearing in the written protest.

If no hearing is demanded, the Commission may affirm the proposed rates without hearing. The Commission may adopt rates and charges for GPPSD which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates

GREATER PAW PAW SANITARY DISTRICT

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ENVIRONMENT

Vermont enact laws requiring oil companies pay for climate change damage

Associated Press

Vermont has become the first state to enact a law requiring fossil fuel companies to pay a share of the damage caused by climate change after the state suffered catastrophic summer flooding and damage from other extreme weather.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott allowed the bill to become law without his signature late Thursday, saying he is very concerned about the costs and outcome of the small state taking on "Big Oil" alone in what will likely be a grueling legal fight. But he acknowledged that he understands something has to be done to address the toll of climate change.

The popular governor who recently announced that he's running for reelection to a fifth two-year term, has been at odds with the Democrat-controlled Legislature, which he has called out of balance. He was expected by environmental advocates to veto the bill but then allowed it to be

enacted. Scott wrote to lawmakers that he was comforted that the Agency of Natural Resources is required to report back to the Legislature on the feasibility of the effort.

Last July's flooding from torrential rains inundated Vermont's capital city of Montpelier, the nearby city Barre, some southern Vermont communities and ripped through homes and washed away roads around the rural state. Some saw it as the state's worst natural disaster since a 1927 flood that killed dozens of people and caused widespread destruction. It took months for businesses — from restaurants to $shops -- to \ rebuild, losing \ out$ on their summer and even fall seasons. Several have just recently reopened while scores of homeowners were left with flood-ravaged homes heading into the cold season.

Under the legislation, the Vermont state treasurer, in consultation with the Agency of Natural Resources, would provide a report by Jan. 15, 2026, on the total cost to Vermonters and the state from the emission of greenhouse gases from Jan. 1, 1995, to Dec. 31, 2024. The assessment would look at the effects on public health, natural resources, agriculture, economic development, housing and other areas. The state would use federal data to determine the amount of covered greenhouse gas emissions attributed to a fossil fuel company.

It's a polluter-pays model affecting companies engaged in the trade or business of extracting fossil fuel or refining crude oil attributable to more than 1 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions during the time period. The funds could be used by the state for such things as upgrading stormwater drainage systems; upgrading roads, bridges and railroads; relocating, elevating retrofitting sewage treatment plants; and making energy efficient weatherization upgrades to public and private buildings. It's modeled after the federal Superfund pollution cleanup program.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: MARIAH CATRIANA RONEY

TO: ALEX RONEY

Civil Action No.: 24-D-154

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

FAMILY COURT OF MONONGĀLIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of July, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Mariah Catriana Roney will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Monongalia County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by the Court changing the Petitioner's name from Mariah Catriana Roney to Alex Roney, at which time and place any interested person may appear and be heard, if they desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at: Monongalia County Justice Center, 75 High Street, Suite 12, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505.

Entered by the Clerk of the Court this 30 day of May, 2024.

/s/: <u>Donna Hidock</u> Donna Hidock, Circuit Clerk Monongalia Co., West Virginia

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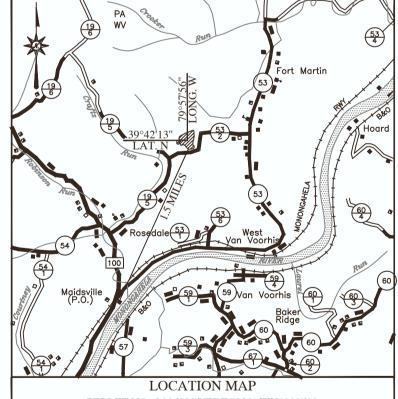
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Notice is hereby given that CORESCO, LLC, 966 CRAFTS RUN RD, MAIDSVILLE, WV 26541 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Phillippi, WV, 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 release on Permit Number 0006383 issued for 19.88

The permit is located in CASS District of Monongalia County, 1.50 miles Northeast of MAIDSVILLE on Unnamed Tributary of/Crafts Run of Robinson Run of Monongahela River.

CORESCO, LLC completed backfilling and regrading on March 26, 2024 and is requesting release of 60 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$56,000.00.

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until July 22, 2024, or thirty (30) days from date of <u>final publication</u>.



PERMIT NO. 0006383/NPDES NO. WV1002619 GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP SEE USGS - TOPO MAP (7.5' SERIES) MORGANTOWN NORTH QUADRANGLE CASS DISTRICT / MONONGALIA COUNTY NEAREST PO: MAIDSVILLE RECEIVING STREAM: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF / AND CRAFTS RUN OF ROBINSON RUN OF MONONGAHELA RIVER

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May 25, June 1

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until July 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s): <mark>Description</mark> PEDESTRIAN/BIKE FACILITIES Contract 2019000431

DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL. REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.



Mom at odds with family about sleepovers

DEAR HARRIETTE: I am a mother to a 9-year-old and a 12-year-old. We have a huge debate in our home about whether my children are allowed to go on sleepovers. I am fully opposed because I don't know or trust the adults in the homes they would possibly be staying in. My husband and my children, on the other hand, say that this is a crucial part of childhood and that I am overreacting.

Despite my reservations, I recognize the importance of socialization and the bonding experiences that sleepovers can provide. My husband believes that by denying our children this opportunity, I am isolating them from their peers. He argues that many parents allow their children to participate in sleepovers without incident. My children feel disappointed and left out when their friends host sleepovers and they are unable to join. They assure me that they would adhere to any rules or guidelines set by the hosting family and that they are responsible enough to handle themselves in unfamiliar situations. How can I set-

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tle this disagreement while ensuring that my children's safety remains a top priority?

- Overprotective

DEAR OVERPROTEC-TIVE: This is an age-old debate that is hard to resolve, especially when parents don't agree. What I did when my daughter was young and started getting invited to sleepovers was to talk to the parents in advance about what the children would be doing and where they would be sleeping. I asked lots of questions to learn about who would be in the house and what the house rules were. I also brought my daughter to the house and went inside and looked around to make sure I felt it was safe. Finally, I gave my daughter and the host parents my phone num-

emergency. It worked. You might also consider hosting a sleepover at your house. That way vou get to see how the kids behave together and how engaged their parents are. I guess my point is I agree with your husband that it's worth a try with precautions built in.

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Saturday, June 1, 2024

Socialize, participate and expand your mind. Honor your promises to yourself and others. Consider what's important to you and how you can make a difference. Reach out to organizations and individuals who share your beliefs, and you'll gain access to valuable information.

GEMINI (May 21-

June 20) — A positive attitude will help you attract new friends, interests and opportunities.

CANCER (June 21-

July 22) — Do whatever you can to avoid controversy. Do something that brings you peace and jov.

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Aug. 22) - Use your connections to gain information and access to something you desire. Romance and travel are in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Think before

you act. Size up a situation that can influence your position or reputation. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be receptive and

show interest in what others are doing. You'll discover lots

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BY RAY BILLINGSLEY

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Nov. 22) - Sign up for

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BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



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and stimulates your mind. Don't put undue pressure on yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't give up or give in because someone upsets you. Opportunity begins with you, so take the initiative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Change begins with you. Sign up for a chal-

lenge that stimulates your mind and gives you the chance to blow off steam. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Pay attention to

what's going on at home and find an opportunity to make a

positive move. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't make assumptions. Let your intu-

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power to finish what you start.

ARIES (March 21-**April 19)** — Test the water and find your comfort zone. If you play to win, you can increase your profile.

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May 20) — Focus on what you can accomplish, and distance yourself from anyone who tries to get in your way.

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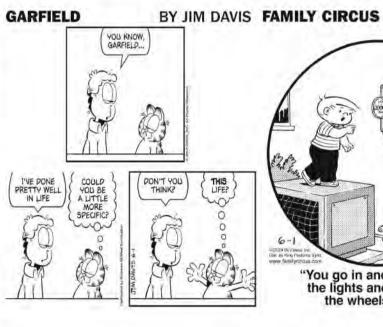














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