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City can help those unhoused

Previously homeless men share their stories

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People can and do move beyond homelessness. Daniel Lightner did. He was homeless for about five years.

Then he ended up in Morgantown, staying at the Bartlett House shelter with his girlfriend and their dog.

"It's the first time we ever stayed in a shelter. In [Pennsylvania], you can't go to a shelter

where it's male and female and you can bring your dog," he recently told Morgantown City Council. "It was very difficult to be homeless out in Pa. There were no tents or camps or anything like that. It dries you out to get better."

Lightner's comments before council were in support of

Councilor Louise Michael's request that the city explore the expansion of the city's sleeping and camping ban — which currently only pertains to city parks — to include residential properties, city streets, alleys and sidewalks.

In other words, downtown.

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COMMUNITY

July 4 fire victims starting over after loss

BY ERIN CLEAVENGER
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A local first responder and his family are still piecing their life back together following a fire that destroyed their Westover home on July 4.

After serving as a firefighter and 911 dispatcher in Monongalia County for more than a decade, Jacob Morgan and his family found themselves on the receiving end of firefighter and first responder services when a fire consumed their home, damaging or destroying all their possessions.

Jacob, his wife Samantha, who is expecting a baby soon, and their young son and daughter were not injured in the fire, but lost two pets, a cat and a dog. Firefighters were able to save some of the family's other pets.

The official cause of the fire has yet to be determined, but Jacob said it is believed to have started in the kitchen.

The family is now faced with starting over and needs almost everything, including all they had in preparation for their coming baby.

Jacob said they have received a lot of support from the local community since losing their home and they will have a better idea what they still need when they are able to find an apartment or house to rent. The family is currently in a hotel, making it difficult to sort through and see everything they have received so they can then determine specific necessities still needed.

In the meantime, Jacob's sister Taylor Hostutler started a GoFundMe for the family, titled "Help Jacob's Family Rebuild After Fire." It is currently raising monetary donations and is nearing the \$5,000 goal. Monetary donations can also be sent directly to the family via Venmo @Jason-Morgan-91.

Jacob's father, Jason Morgan,

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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT PROJECT



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Eve Faulkes, left, and Charlene Marshall look at one of the panels of The Freedom Movement For Civil Rights at the Morgantown Public Library.

Exhibit displayed at the Morgantown Public Library

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Al Anderson grew up in Osage. After some time away, he lives there still.

He recalls it being a place of diversity where "white, Black and brown worked together, played ball together and got along."

He was working in Washington, D.C., in 1963, and attended the March on Washington that August.

"The nonviolent March on Washington in 1963 was the most powerful act of peace I have every seen," Anderson said.

Anderson is among numerous storytellers featured in a graphic novel that accompanies the Community Coalition for Social Justice's exhibit "Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

The exhibit on the second floor of the Morgantown Public Library, 373 Spruce St., continues through July 30. It will then move to Multifest Aug. 1-4 in Charleston and to the Charleston YWCA.

Eve Faulkes designed the exhibit, including the graphic novel featuring the stories of civil rights activists in Morgantown and Monongalia County, as well as those around the state.

Faulkes, a retired professor emerita of graphic design at West Virginia University, has worked on other historical projects in Osage.

Local residents in the graphic novel include Charlene Marshall, the first African American woman mayor in the state; social justice activist Anderson; and West Virginia native the late Duane Nichols, who integrated restaurants in Newark, Del.

The Rev. Ron English, of Charleston, is one of eight featured in Chapter 2 of the graphic novel. He remembers Martin Luther King Jr. for more than his civil rights work.

"So much is already known and written about him that I will just add that he had a good sense of humor," English says in the novel.

King and his father were co-pastors and English remembers King Jr. inviting a church youth group he was in to Kings' home.

"He sat down at the piano, first doing little rhyming songs, then some Beethoven. Then he rolled out Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin just to

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EDUCATION

WVU professors warn about liability, health issues with raw milk

BY DAVID BEARD
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The sale of unpasteurized raw milk became legal in West Virginia in June.

But two WVU professors are working to get the word out that insurance and health issues remain factors that producers, sellers and consumers should take into account when they exercise their freedom to buy and sell raw milk.

The professors are Dee Singh-Knights, professor and agriculture economics specialist with WVU Extension; and Jesse Richardson, with the WVU College of Law.

The health issue has been debated for years — since at least 2014 when the state legislature took up a raw milk bill.

When the raw milk bill passed in early March (it became law a couple weeks later without the governor's signature), Richardson wondered if insurance companies would provide liability insurance to cover it, and he made some calls.

"I quickly found out that you can't get liability insurance for selling raw milk," he said. "If you sell raw milk, that violates the terms of your insurance contract and the entire contract is void, and nothing that you do is covered under your liability policy."

Singh-Knights confirmed that with an Extension colleague knowledgeable of the insurance industry. It's called a raw milk exclusion. "You cannot get insurance."

Her colleague told her of a case where the carrier saw the producer's Facebook reference to selling raw milk and voided their policy.

What about some under-the-table workarounds? Richardson nixed those, too. One is giving the milk away, and if the customer just happens to slip a \$5 in a box — or wherever.

Another is called community supported agriculture. A consumer pays a farmer for a share of the crops. The farmer doesn't advertise the raw milk, but everyone knows that when they stop by, they can visit the refrigerator at

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NATION

Trump holding first rally after assassination attempt with his new running mate, Vance, by his side

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Donald Trump is holding his first public campaign rally one week after he survived an attempted assassination, returning to the battleground state of Michigan alongside his new running mate.

The joint rally with Ohio Sen. JD Vance is the pair's first since they became the GOP's nominees at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Trump kicked off the gathering of Republicans by naming Vance his vice presidential pick, and concluded it with a speech urging unity following a July 13 shooting in Pennsylvania that left Trump with a bloodied ear, killed one man in the crowd and left two others injured.

Hours before he took the stage, Trump's supporters crowded the streets of downtown Grand Rapids in anticipation of the former president's



AP photo

Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump, left, and Republican vice presidential candidate Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, attend the Republican National Convention, July 15, 2024.

remarks. Supporters began lining up Friday morning, and by Saturday afternoon, the stretched close to a mile from the Van Andel Arena.

Many were seen wearing shirts featuring the image of Trump, on stage, after he was shot, pumping his fist in the air after

surviving the shooting.

Mike Gaydos, who traveled from Indiana with his three sons to attend the rally, said he didn't consider himself a "huge" Trump supporter in the past but wanted to show support for the former president following his attempted assassination.

"We can't allow something like that to collar us," he said. "Bravery is what I thought he showed that day and I want to show my sons about bravery as well."

Numerous streets, closed as an additional security precaution, were dotted with vendors selling food and apparel. Among them was a vendor from North Carolina who said he had spent the night making shirts featuring "Trump Vance '24."

Downtown Grand Rapids also saw a significant police presence, with officers stationed on nearly every block, while others patrolled on horseback and bicycles.

"This is the tightest I've ever seen the security," said Renee White, who said that she's been to 33 of Trump's rallies. "We usually can bring in some small bags but today I had to just leave stuff out there."

WORLD

Bangladesh imposes strict curfew with a 'shoot-on-sight-order' following deadly protests



AP photo

Students clash with riot police during a protest against a quota system for government jobs, in Dhaka, Bangladesh Thursday.

Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Police imposed a strict curfew with a "shoot-on-sight" order across Bangladesh as military forces patrolled parts of the capital Saturday after scores were killed and hundreds injured in clashes over the allocation of civil service jobs.

The curfew began at midnight and was relaxed from noon to 2 p.m. for people to run essential errands, and is expected to last until 10 a.m. Sunday, allowing officers to fire on mobs in extreme cases, said lawmaker Obaidul Quader, the general secretary of the ruling Awami League party.

The demonstrations — called for mainly by student groups — started weeks ago to protest a quota system that reserves up to 30% of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971. Violence erupted Tuesday, with the Daily Prothom Alo newspaper reporting the death of at least 103 people.

Friday was likely to be the deadliest day so far; Somoy TV reported 43 killed, while an Associated Press reporter saw 23 bodies at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, but it was not immediately clear whether they all died on Friday. On Thursday, 22 others were reported dead as protesting students attempted to "completely shut down" the country.

The United States Embassy in Dhaka said Friday that reports indicated "hundreds to possibly thousands" were injured across Bangladesh. It said the situation was "extremely volatile."

Bangladeshi authorities haven't shared any official numbers of those killed and injured.

Officials said the curfew was to quell further violence after police and protesters clashed in the streets and at university campuses in Dhaka and other cities across the South Asian country. Authorities blocked online communications by banning mobile and internet services. Several television news channels also went off the air, and the websites of most local newspapers were down. Meanwhile, some key government websites, including Bangladesh's central bank and the prime minister's office, appeared to have been hacked and defaced.

Local media also reported that some 800 inmates fled from a prison in Narsingdi, a district north of the capital, after protesters stormed the facility and set it on fire Friday.

The chaos highlights cracks in Bangladesh's governance and economy and the frustration of youths who lack good jobs upon graduation. They also represent the biggest challenge to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

DISASTER

11 dead and dozens missing after a highway bridge in China crumbles in flooding

Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Chinese authorities say at least 11 people have died and 30 are missing in the partial collapse of a highway bridge in the northwest of the country following heavy storms and flooding. A similar number are missing in the southwest after dozens of houses were destroyed by storms.

The official Xinhua News Agency said five vehicles that fell off the bridge have been recovered after the structure in Shaanxi province crumbled at around 8:40 p.m. Friday. A photo released by Xinhua showed a section of the bridge snapped and folded down at almost a 90-degree angle into the rushing brown water below.

It said rescue operations were still underway Saturday in the province's Zhashui county, with some 20 cars and 30 people still missing.

In Sichuan province to the southwest, an esti-

mated 30 people were missing and around 40 houses wrecked in flooding and storms, Xinhua reported. It said roads, bridges and communication networks in hardest hit Hanyuan county had been damaged or knocked out and that rescue teams had been working since before dawn to restore communications and transport connections.

As its economy boomed over recent decades, China built a huge network of highways, high-speed railways and airports, most of which have helped fuel further growth.

However, a dramatic decline in that economic expansion, the poor-quality infrastructure, poor safety supervision and a desire to cut corners by industries looking to save money have led to a steady stream of deadly accidents.

China's western and southwestern provinces are particularly prone to flooding and landslides.

DEFENSE

Indonesian women assert themselves with martial arts

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An emotionally and physically abusive marriage of 11 years led Rani Miranti to join a fight club that has trained her in martial arts, enabling her to stand up against violence.

Miranti is one of the growing number of Indonesian women who are taking self-defense classes as gender-based violence remains a challenge in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation.

"Government protection usually comes after violence has happened, while we never know when it will come," said the 38-year-old single parent of three children. "Unfortunately, when it suddenly comes, no one can help. So, we need to have self-defense capabilities."

The National Commission on Violence Against Women, known as Komnas Perempuan, recorded 289,111 cases last year, a decrease of around 12% from 339,782 in 2022, the year when a law on sexual violence was enacted.

However, the commission suggested the latest data represents "a tip of the iceberg" in gender-based violence. The true number of cases is suspected to be significantly higher, it said in the 2023 Komnas Perempuan annual report released in March.

A large number of cases went unreported because of several factors:

limited access for victims to complaint services, a weak case documentation system, and a high level of social stigma toward victims of violence, the report said.

Indonesia's Parliament approved a far-reaching law in 2022 that sets punishment for sexual violence and guarantees provisions, restitution or other remedies for victims and survivors.

The law was passed a week after an Indonesian high court sentenced an Islamic boarding school principal to death for raping at least 13 students over five years and impregnating some of them. The girls were between 11 and 14 years old and were raped over several years, drawing public outcry over why he wasn't caught earlier.

With cases growing, more Indonesian women and girls who feared physical violence turned to alternative ways of ensuring their safety, including self-defense classes and clubs.

For Miranti, whose husband repeatedly attacked and physically abused her, Muay Thai is the most suitable self-defense, as it helps her gain more skills, self-confidence and prevention techniques.

"Now, I have a way. ... I have the skill to fight back," Miranti said. "But even more importantly, I have learned to avoid situations by being more aware of my surroundings."

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HELP

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"It's starting to look a lot like Kensington in certain spots downtown — needles, homeless camps, nothing changing," Lightner said, comparing Morgantown to the infamous drug saturated Philadelphia neighborhood.

Lightner said he's been working with the local homeless community for a little over a year.

"I had a friend from California come out here because I thought I could help him get housed. He did good for the first month, then he met the people out here who stay on the street. It's hard," he said.

"It could be good for everybody, but it's a great place to be homeless out here with the benefits. If you want to add water fountains, bathrooms and s***, there's no need to go to a shelter then because everything you need will be on the street downtown."

He said allowing people to congregate in encampments may offer a sense of protection, but it's not helping anyone move forward.

"Their lives are on pause still," he said. "They're just surviving there."

Like Lightner, Jason

Gillespie found himself turning to the Bartlett House shelter.

This was in 2007. "I had addiction and alcohol problems," he said. "I had nowhere to go and no one to turn to. I was lost."

Gillespie said he considers his experience a testament to the idea that people struggling with addiction and without a place to lay down can turn things around with help.

He said additional laws are not the answer.

"The misery that those people experience out there is hard. They don't really have a choice in the matter if they're going to use, drink or steal because there is no option for them," he said. "If we don't present those options to them, it's kind of a moot point to try to kick them out of there to go into prison to come right back and do the same things."

Currently, Gillespie continued, there are no real alternatives for people to turn to.

"I've been out there meeting these people, too," he said. "Just a little compassion from everybody goes a long way. Just a little bit."

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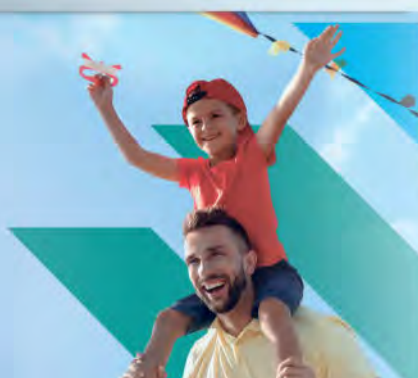
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WORLD

Turkish president Erdogan dampens hopes for restarting talks on Cyprus' 50-year ethnic split

Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus—Turkey's president on Saturday put a damper on hopes for a quick resumption of talks to heal a half-century of ethnic division on Cyprus, reaffirming his support for a two-state deal that Greek Cypriots dismiss as a non-starter.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ruled out a peace deal based on a United Nations-endorsed plan for federation, speaking ahead of a military parade to mark the 50th anniversary of a Turkish invasion that split

the island along ethnic lines.

Although Erdogan has previously rejected the federation plan, Greece and the Greek Cypriots had hoped he would soften his position.

The anniversary is a festive occasion for Turkish Cypriots in the island's northern third, who view the invasion as salvation from the Greek-speaking majority's domination. The invasion followed a coup that aimed at a union with Greece, which was backed by the junta then ruling in Athens.

In the south, the howl of

air raid sirens at daybreak began a solemn day marking what Greek Cypriots remember as a catastrophe that left thousands of people dead or missing and displaced a quarter of the Greek Cypriot population.

Erdogan's remarks may further complicate U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' effort to get both sides back to the negotiating table. His personal envoy, Maria Angela Holguin Cuellar, has spent the past six months scoping both sides out.

"We will continue to fight

with determination for the recognition of the TRNC (breakaway Turkish Cypriot state) and the implementation of a two-state solution," Erdogan told throngs of Turkish Cypriots lining the parade route in scorching heat in the northern half of the divided capital, Nicosia.

"A federal solution in Cyprus is not possible, this is what we believe," Erdogan said. "The Turkish Cypriot side, as equals with the Greek side, are willing to negotiate and are ready to sit down and negotiate. If you want a solution, you need to

recognize the rights of Turkish Cypriots."

Turkish Cypriot leader Ersin Tatar said Turkish Cypriots reject "domination" by the Greek Cypriot majority and seek "equal national status" for their breakaway state they unilaterally declared in 1983, which is only recognized by Turkey. He added that there's now "no common ground" for a return to peace negotiations.

Referring to a recent resolution in the Ankara parliament calling for a two-state solution, Tatar said it

"will help us and our cause incredibly."

The island's Greek Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides said he remains committed to resuming peace talks to reunify the island as a federation, despite obstacles or even "threats" from Erdogan.

But Christodoulides said he wouldn't sign up to any agreement that either foresees a two-state arrangement or is unworkable and doesn't guarantee rights afforded to any other European Union citizen.

SOFTWARE

Malicious actors trying to exploit global tech outage for their own gain

Associated Press

As the world continues to recover from massive business and travel disruptions caused by a faulty software update from cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike, malicious actors are trying to exploit the situation for their own gain.

Government cybersecurity agencies across the globe and CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz are warning businesses and individuals about new phishing schemes that involve malicious actors posing as CrowdStrike employees or other tech specialists offering to assist those recovering from the outage.

"We know that adversaries and bad actors will try to exploit events like this," Kurtz said in a statement. "I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and ensure that you're engaging with official CrowdStrike representatives."

The UK Cyber Security Center said they have noticed an increase in phishing attempts around this event.

Microsoft said 8.5 million devices running its Windows operating system were affected by the faulty cybersecurity update Friday that led to worldwide disruptions. That's less than 1% of all Windows-based machines, Microsoft cybersecurity executive David Weston said in a blog post on Saturday.

He also said such a



AP photo

Jose Angel Saavedra, left, and his wife Sara, of Johnston, Iowa, look at their cell phones while trying to book a flight after their original flight was cancelled Friday.

significant disturbance is rare but "demonstrates the interconnected nature of our broad ecosystem."

With their tightly timed, interwoven schedules and complex technology systems, many big airlines struggle to stay on time when everything goes well. It perhaps was not surprising that the industry was among the hardest hit by the outage, with crews and planes caught out of position.

By mid-afternoon Saturday on the U.S. East Coast, airlines around the world had canceled more than 2,000 flights, according to tracking service FlightAware. That was down from 5,100-plus cancellations on Friday.

About 1,600 of Saturday's canceled flights occurred in the United States, where carriers scrambled to get planes and crews back into posi-

tion after massive disruptions the day before. According to travel data provider Cirium, U.S. carriers canceled about 3.5% of their scheduled flights for Saturday. Only Australia was hit harder.

Canceled flights were running at about 1% in the United Kingdom, France and Brazil and about 2% in Canada, Italy and India among major air-travel markets.

Robert Mann, a former airline executive and now a consultant in the New York area, said it was unclear exactly why U.S. airlines were suffering disproportionate cancellations, but possible causes include a greater degree of outsourcing of technology and more exposure to Microsoft operating systems that received the faulty upgrade from CrowdStrike.

HERITAGE

In a Calif. gold rush town, some Black families are fighting for land taken from their ancestors

Associated Press

COLOMA, Calif. — In a tiny town where the California gold rush began, Black families are seeking restitution for land that was taken from their ancestors to make way for a state park now frequented by fourth graders learning about the state's history.

Their efforts in Coloma, a town of around 300 people that's located about 36 miles northeast of Sacramento, are one of the latest examples of Black Americans urging the government to atone for practices that have kept them from thriving long after chattel slavery was abolished.

Debates over reparations for African Americans often come back to land. That was at the center of a promise originally made — and later broken — by the U.S. government to formerly enslaved Black people in the mid-1800s: Give them up to 40 acres of land as restitution for their time enslaved. For some, the promise of reparations has been nothing more than Fool's gold, epitomized by a bill in Congress that's stalled since it was first introduced in the 1980s, even though it's aimed at studying reparations and named after the original promise.

The fight in Coloma is taking place in a state where the governor signed a first-in-the-nation law to study reparations. But

advocates are pushing for the state to go further.

Gold was found near Coloma in 1848 by James W. Marshall, a white carpenter, setting off the California gold rush that saw hundreds of thousands of people from across the nation and outside of the U.S. come — or be brought — to the state. Those who migrated included white, Asian, and free and enslaved Black people.

Decades later, Black and white families had their land taken by the government in the town before it was turned into the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, which opened in 1942. The park today is home to a museum, churches and cemeteries where residents were buried. A nearly 42-foot monument of Marshall stands on its grounds.

But the history of Black families who settled in Coloma only recently started getting increased recognition. California State Parks launched an initiative in 2020 to reexamine its past and to tell "a more thorough, inclusive, and complete history" of California, department spokesperson Adeline Yee said in an email to The Associated Press. The department created a webpage with information about properties owned by Black families at the park in Coloma.

Elmer Fonza, a retiree

who worked at a brewery in California before eventually relocating to Nevada, said he is the third-great grandson of Nelson Bell, a formerly enslaved Black man from Virginia who became a property owner in Coloma.

After Bell's death in 1869, a judge determined he had no heirs in the state, and his estate was sold at an auction, according to a probate document shared by the El Dorado County Historical Museum.

It is unclear what happened to Bell's property in the years that followed, Fonza said, adding that the land should be returned to his family.

"We rightfully believe that we have been denied the generational wealth that our family may have been entitled to if given our rightful inheritance — the land once owned by Nelson Bell," he said at the final meeting of a first-in-the-nation state reparations task force.

"We have to bring forth the truth, because that's reconciliation," said Jonathan Burgess, a Sacramento resident who co-owns a barbecue catering business, and who also is claiming land in Coloma was that of his descendants. "And then once we bring forth the truth, which I've been doing in speaking the whole time, we've got to make it right."

FIRE

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who is running for Monongalia County sheriff, was also actively collecting donations following Jacob and his family's loss.

Clothing sizes for the family's children include girls' size 4T tops and bottoms, toddler size 6 shoes,

size 6 diapers, boys' size 6 tops and bottoms and kids' size 13 shoes.

To help re-prepare for their newborn, any baby girl clothes or diapers size newborn or 3-6 months, as well as any baby supplies like bottles, washcloths, hooded towels and toys would also be appreciated.

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RATES

PSC orders utilities to pursue energy efficiency programs

Coal-cost task force report deemed inconclusive

BY DAVID BEARD
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Concluding a task force investigation that began in 2022, the state Public Service Commission has ordered the state's four electric utilities to "continue to pursue all reasonable fuel procurement methods and energy efficiency programs that may reduce energy costs for ratepayers."

And they must provide evidence, in future PSC cases that they're doing so.

The PSC issued the order about 10 months after the task force wrapped up its work and PSC staff

submitted its final report on the work.

The idea of the task force originated in March 2022, when the West Virginia Coal Association wrote to the PSC saying "traditional coal supply contracting terms offered by the state's utilities were insufficient to allow producers to supply the coal necessary to operate the power plants to the maximum benefit of state ratepayers."

WVCA followed up with an April 2022 letter to the PSC requesting the task force, noting that the PSC recognized the value of the coal-fired plants in its directive to the state's four

power companies — Mon Power; Potomac Edison, Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power — to operate their coal-fired plants at 69% capacity.

When the plants don't operate, WVCA said, West Virginians pay more for power purchased off the wholesale market (as much as 450% more during peak demand), and they lose the benefit of "off system" sales to the PJM regional market.

In June 2022, the PSC authorized the task force, expanding its scope to consider ways to decrease energy costs for West Virginia utility customers.

The task force included these members: WVCA; the four power companies; the PSC's Consumer Advocate Division; PSC staff; Longview Power; West Virginia Energy Users Group (industrial customers using high amounts of power); and West Virginians for Energy Freedom, which included West Virginia Citizen Action Group, Solar United Neighbors and Energy Efficient West Virginia; Sierra Club; and the WVU Center for Energy and Sustainable Development.

The final report was inconclusive, summarizing the issues: "Perhaps the one thing that all Task Force members agreed on is that the energy market

and fuel market are both changing in ways that have not traditionally occurred. All of these issues will ultimately have an effect on West Virginia ratepayers. What is beneficial in the short-term may not be beneficial in the long-term."

A coalition of consumer and energy-advocacy groups expressed disappointment with the report, saying it dismissed strategies such as competitive resource procurement processes and increased investment in energy efficiency, and doubled down on the state's overreliance on a single fuel.

In issuing the order quoted above, the PSC said this week, "The commission appreciates the efforts

of task force members to work together to reduce energy costs for ratepayers."

AEP sisters APCo and Wheeling Power offer energy efficiency programs in West Virginia. FirstEnergy subsidiaries in Maryland and Pennsylvania also do so, but not its West Virginia companies Mon Power and Potomac Edison.

Asked about this, FirstEnergy said on Friday, "We are reviewing the order and have no comment at this time."

A spokesman for the coalition said, "CAG, SUN, and EEWV applaud this requirement that utilities pursue and consider energy efficiency programs, as they are the best and most long-lasting way for energy utility customers to reduce bills."

EUROPE

Blow to Macron as far left keeps key French Parliament post

Associated Press

French lawmakers reelected a member of the far-left France Unbowed party to head the National Assembly's powerful finance committee, foiling a plan by President Emmanuel Macron's allies to team up with the center-right opposition and gain the post.

Eric Coquerel, who held the job in the previous legislature, got 29 votes on the commission, beating Veronique Louwagie, who had the support of her own Republican Right party and Macron's group, with 26 votes and Jean-Philippe Tanguy of the far-right National Rally with 18, Le Parisien reported Saturday.

The finance committee, traditionally led by a mem-

ber of an opposition party, has a key role in the adoption of the French budget in Parliament. It also oversees how the government spends public money. The committee can also block legislation if it deems that it puts too much pressure on public finances. Macron's party tried to choose the opposition that it preferred by teaming up with the center right, Coquerel said.

"I'm all the more proud to say that this attempt was thwarted," he said in televised comments after the vote. "It is totally contrary to the prevailing spirit: That the chairman of the finance committee should come from the opposition and therefore be the guarantor of control over the

budget that was intended."

Coquerel's win comes two days after Yael Braun-Pivet, a member of Macron's party, was reelected as the head of the National Assembly thanks to Republican Right legislators who rallied behind her in the third and final round of the vote. While formally registered as an opposition party in parliament, the Republicans have joined forces with Macron's bloc in order to face down lawmakers from the far left and the far right.

France was thrown into political disarray in June when Macron dissolved the National Assembly and called a snap election after his party was crushed in a vote for the European Parliament.

The power-sharing deal between Macron's political group and center-right lawmakers is another sign he may try to cobble together a centrist coalition government that excludes radical parties on the left and right. The deal between two groups that are traditionally rivals helped secure Braun-Pivet's reelection Thursday.

The snap election fragmented the lower house into three primary groups — the left-wing New Popular Front, which holds the most seats and includes France Unbowed and the center-left Socialists; the centrist Ensemble that is second; and Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally in third.

No group holds enough

seats to govern on its own, putting the country in the unprecedented situation of having to rely on several parties across the ideological spectrum to form a new government.

The agreement between Macron's Ensemble and the Republican Right failed to deliver enough votes to elect Louwagie. But each group got National Assembly vice president positions in balloting late Friday night that stretched into Saturday morning.

Details of the agreement have been laid out in discussions between Laurent Wauquiez, the Republican Right leader in the Assembly, and the head of Macron's group, former Prime Minister Gabriel Attal.

While the Republican

Right — the fifth-strongest faction in the assembly — is working with Macron's bloc to face down lawmakers from both ends of the political spectrum, the main target is now the left, since it won the most seats while Le Pen's party came in third.

Top jobs in the lower house aren't directly related to the appointment of a prime minister or the formation of a government, though they could give an indication about which coalitions are able to unite behind a single candidate in sufficient numbers.

Macron is constitutionally empowered to pick a new prime minister and it's been accepted practice to appoint someone from the biggest group in the National Assembly.



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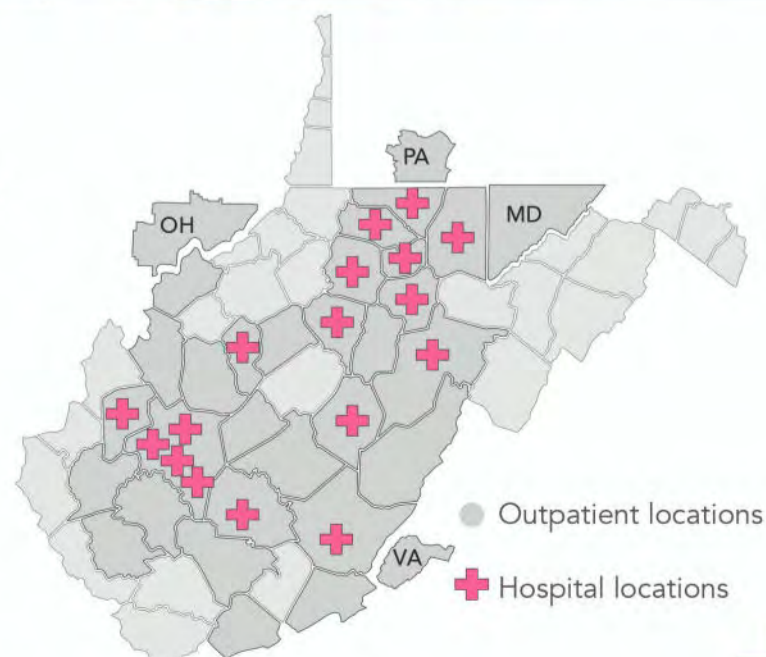
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CRIME

A French alleged neo-Nazi sympathizer, suspected of targeting Olympic torch, sentenced to 2 years

Associated Press

PARIS — A French alleged neo-Nazi sympathizer was sentenced to two years in prison after making threats online and was suspected of wanting to target the Olympic torch relay, authorities said Saturday.

The Paris public prosecutor's office said in a statement the 19-year-old man was convicted after a swift trial overnight Friday on charges of sharing bomb-making instructions on social media, posts inciting hate and death threats as well as posts

with personal information that put people at risk.

The man — detained on Wednesday morning at his home in the Alsace region of eastern France — ran a group called "French Aryan division" on the social media channel Telegram, the statement said.

The prosecutor's office said his alleged comments that triggered the probe by its unit, dedicated to fighting online hate, didn't specifically target the Paris Olympics, which kick off with a high-security opening ceremony on Friday.

France's Interior Min-

ister Gerald Darmanin said Wednesday anti-terror police detained the man and that he was an alleged neo-Nazi sympathizer suspected of "a willingness to intervene during a stage, evidently, of the torch relay."

The relay is nearing the end of its months-long trip around France and overseas French territories before the Games' opening.

Darmanin, who is staying on in a caretaker role at the interior ministry until a new government is formed in the wake of legislative elections earlier

this month, said the suspect has previously been flagged by police "for ultraright ideas, which can be termed neo-Nazi."

"We know that he had, a priori, a desire to hit political targets or people with immigrant backgrounds," he said.

The French capital's security operation for its first Olympic Games in a century involves up to 45,000 police and gendarmes, plus a 10,000-strong military force that is patrolling streets and sites in the Paris region and carrying out other security missions.

WARFARE

Ukrainian former lawmaker killed in suspected assassination as civilians die in Russian airstrikes

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — A Ukrainian former lawmaker best known for her crusade to promote the Ukrainian language has died after being shot in the street by an unknown assailant.

Iryna Farion, 60, initially survived the assault in the western city of Lviv on Friday, but later died from her wounds in a hospital. A manhunt is currently underway for her attacker, who fled from the scene. Ukrainian officials said an investigation is being carried out and that the attack is being treated as an assassination.

"All available surveillance cameras are being worked on, witness interviews are ongoing and several districts are being surveyed. All leads are being investigated, including the one that leads to Russia," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on his official Telegram channel Saturday.

"All necessary forces from the National Police of Ukraine and the

Ukrainian Security Service have been deployed to search for the criminal."

Farion served as a member of the Ukrainian parliament between 2012 and 2014, and was best known for her campaigns to promote the use of the Ukrainian language by Ukrainian officials who spoke Russian. She controversially criticized Russian-speaking members of Ukraine's Azov regiment who defended the port city of Mariupol in the first days of the full-scale invasion.

Police are considering "personal animosity" toward the former MP due to her social and political activities as a likely motive behind the attack, said Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko, who will oversee the investigation in Lviv.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, at least two people were killed and three more injured after a Russian missile strike on infrastructure in the country's northeastern Kharkiv region, Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said Saturday.

Ukrainian officials also confirmed that the death toll following a Russian strike Friday on the city of Mykolaiv, had risen to four. A child was among the victims, said the city's mayor, Oleksandr Sienkevych.

Writing about the Mykolaiv strike on social media, Zelenskyy said that a projectile had hit a playground next to an apartment block.

"Russia proves every day with its terror that 'pressure' is not enough," he said. "This destruction of life must be stopped. We need new solutions to support our defenses. Russia must feel the power of the world."

Ukraine's air force said Saturday that Russia had launched four missiles and 17 drones overnight, of which 13 drones had been shot down.

The attacks have left thousands of people without power or running water in the Poltava region of central Ukraine, Gov. Filip Pronin said. Russia has continuously targeted Ukraine's energy infras-

tructure, leading to blackouts across the country.

A pulverizing Russian onslaught in recent months has forced Kyiv's troops to withdraw from some towns and villages in the eastern Donetsk region,

The latest targets are the mining town of Toretsk and the city of Pokrovsk, where Russia is stepping up its assaults. Ukrainian forces repelled 20 and 27 attacks on those areas respectively over 24 hours, Ukraine's General Staff said Friday. That was almost double the number of assaults recorded at other hot spots along the front line, it said.

Russia's Defense Ministry also announced Saturday that it had shot down 26 Ukrainian drones over Russia's southern Rostov region, several hundred miles from the front line. Three more drones were destroyed over the Belgorod region, as well as one over the Smolensk region, it said. No casualties were reported.

EDUCATION

Myanmar's civil war has seen a devastating increase in attacks on schools, researchers say

Associated Press

BANGKOK — An intensification of fighting in Myanmar's civil war has brought a sharp increase in destructive attacks on schools, a group that monitors armed conflict in the Southeast Asian nation said in a report Saturday.

Myanmar Witness said the attacks have further strained Myanmar's already fractured school system, taking away education for millions of children who have also been forced to flee their homes, miss vaccinations and suffer from inadequate nutrition.

The group, a project of the United Kingdom-based Center for Information Resilience, identified a total of 174 attacks on Myanmar schools and universities since the military seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi three years ago. It said the count came from evidence in social media and news reports.

Other groups have sug-

gested higher numbers of attacks. The Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack, an advocacy group based in New York, counted over 245 reports of attacks on schools and 190 reports of military use of educational facilities in 2022-23.

The 2021 military takeover was met with widespread nonviolent demonstrations for democracy, but those were crushed with lethal force. Many opponents of military rule then took up arms, and large parts of the country are now embroiled in conflict. The military government is estimated to control less than half the country.

Student enrollment in Myanmar dropped 80% from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 through 2022, a year after the army's takeover, according to the humanitarian group Save the Children. By mid-2022, about half the country's children, or 7.8 million, were not attending schools, it said.



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Eve Faulkes, compiled and illustrated sketches in 4 volumes of the West Virginia Experiences in Civil Rights

RIGHTS

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show us he knew what was going on."

Chapter 3 focuses on the historical importance of and issues with Black hair, including the Crown Act, a failed a bill that would have banned discrimination against Black hairstyles in West Virginia.

Former Morgantown mayor, Marshall also grew up in Osage. In Chapter 4 of the graphic novel, she remembers how different things were in Osage compared to Morgantown in the 1930s and 40s and even into the 1960s.

"People from 23 or more nationalities came to Osage to work the mines along with Blacks in the great migration," she remembers. "Our norm was for Black, white and different ethnicities to mingle in the community. Kids could pro-

nounce foreign names with lots of letters. Blacks sat beside whites in two Osage movie theaters, but only in the balcony in Morgantown ones."

In addition to the graphic novel, human rights and civil rights posters are part of the exhibit.

The exhibit is open during regular library hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The City of Morgantown provided financial support for the exhibit. The First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP and Morgantown Human Rights Commission also supported the exhibit.

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HEALTH

Here's what to do with deli meats as the CDC investigates a listeria outbreak across the U.S.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As U.S. health officials investigate a fatal outbreak of listeria food poisoning, they're advising people who are pregnant, elderly or have compromised immune systems to avoid eating sliced deli meat unless it's recooked at home to be steaming hot.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention didn't mandate a food recall as of early Saturday, because it remains unclear what specific products have been contaminated with the bacteria now blamed for two deaths and 28 hospitalizations across 12 states. This means the contaminated food may still be in circulation, and consumers should consider their personal risk level when consuming deli meats.

What investigators have learned

Of the people investigators have been able to interview, "89% reported eating meats sliced at a deli, most commonly deli-sliced turkey, liverwurst, and ham. Meats were sliced at a

variety of supermarket and grocery store delis," the CDC said.

And samples collected from victims from May 29 to July 5 show the bacteria is closely related genetically.

"This information suggests that meats sliced at the deli are a likely source of this outbreak. However, at this time CDC doesn't have enough information to say which deli meats are the source of this outbreak," the agency said in a statement published on its website Friday.

What to expect if you're infected

Listeria infections typically cause fever, muscle aches and tiredness and may cause stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions. Symptoms can occur quickly or to up to 10 weeks after eating contaminated food.

It can be diagnosed by testing bodily fluids, usually blood, and sometimes urine or spinal fluid, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Listeria infections are especially dangerous for

people older than 65 and those with weakened immune systems, according to the CDC. Victims of this outbreak ranged in age from 32 to 94, with a median age of 75.

For pregnant people, listeria can increase the risk of miscarriages. One of the victims of the current outbreak was pregnant, but did not have a miscarriage, officials said.

What about the meat in your fridge

So far there's no sign that people are getting sick from prepackaged deli meats. And for at-risk people who already have deli slices in their refrigerator, they can be sanitized by being recooked. "Refrigeration does not kill Listeria, but reheating before eating will kill any germs that may be on these meats," the CDC says.

This isn't new advice: The CDC says it always recommends that people at higher risk for listeriosis avoid eating meats sliced at the deli, or heat them to an internal temperature of 165 Fahrenheit or until it's steaming hot before eating.

human handlers may be not up to snuff. "There are a lot of ways that these microorganisms can actually enter your milk supply." And if a farmer has several cows and just one has some pathogens in its milk, they get mixed into everything when the milk is blended.

Singh-Knights said some producers and sellers might want to offer raw milk because of the price premiums and profitability of a niche market (locally, a half gallon from a local vendor cost \$6.50, while a gallon of pasteurized whole milk was selling nearby for \$2.99).

But, she said, "the risks are so much more than the benefits of a small price premium."

And for those who simply want the freedom of their food choices? "It's a big price to pay. ... I would strongly advise against raw milk sales."

But what if you still want to sell it? Singh-Knights said talk to your insurance company first to find out if you are or will be protected. And make sure everything is properly sanitized and chilled.

"We have the lowest cost food in the world," she said. "We also have the safest food system in the world. And that we can be proud of. And it's because of innovation and technology and things like pasteurization."

Other sources

A 2013 raw milk exclusion written by the Underwriters Rating Board, a nonprofit insurance rate service organization, says, in summary, that your insurance, and any duty to defend you from an injury suit does not apply if you produce, handle, process, package, bottle, distribute, exchange, sell or intend to sell, transport or deliver raw milk.

It says the exclusion applies whether the excluded activity takes place on a farm, an insured premises or elsewhere.

On health matters, the FDA says, "While the perceived nutritional and health benefits of raw milk

consumption have not been scientifically substantiated, the health risks are clear." Since 1987, there had been 143 illness outbreaks — including miscarriages, still births, kidney failure and death — associated with consuming contaminated raw milk.

The CDC offers this statistic: From 1998-2018, there were 202 outbreaks causing 2,645 illnesses and 228 hospitalizations.

The elderly, immunocompromised, children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable, FDA said.

FDA also addresses a number of so-called health benefits that haven't been proven. Raw milk doesn't cure lactose intolerance or treat asthma or allergy or do more to prevent osteoporosis than pasteurized milk.

And it's not probiotic, though at least some bottles tout that. Probiotic organisms must be non-pathogenic. Raw milk can host a wide variety of pathogenic bacteria acquired from infected udders, the dairy environment and milking equipment. "High bacteria counts in raw milk only indicate poor animal health and poor farm hygiene."

FDA points out that it prohibits interstate sale and distribution of raw milk, but it doesn't take enforcement action against a person who crosses state lines to buy raw milk for personal consumption.

The FDA said it does not regulate intrastate sale and distribution of raw milk. That's up to each state.

According to the most recent data readily available, 31 states besides West Virginia allow some form of sale and distribution of raw milk. Two others allow herd sharing, as West Virginia did from 2016 through this May. Three neighbor states — Kentucky, Maryland and Virginia — prohibit it. In Ohio, it's technically legal for anyone who's been continuously doing it since 1965, which rules out every producer in the state.

INFORMATION

Do you really have to wait to go swimming after eating?

Associated Press

Did your parents warn you against jumping in the pool right after eating? They were misguided.

In most cases, there's no need to wait at least 30 minutes after eating to go for a swim, doctors say.

That old warning stems from worry that people might drown or struggle because blood will be diverted to their full stomachs instead of their muscles.

In reality, people still have plenty of blood flowing to their muscles after eating, said Dr. Matthew Badgett of the Cleveland Clinic. A former high school swimmer, Badgett used to eat a couple of bananas and drink some water or Gatorade before he raced.

He worries that the old warning can actually cause complications. It's important to quench your thirst before swimming,



AP file photo

Children cool off at the Hamilton Fish pool, July 18, 2017, in Manhattan.

especially on sunny days. People often don't realize they can still get dehydrated, which can lead to muscle cramps.

"We sweat when we are in the water, we just don't appreciate the water loss," he said.

So, jumping in the pool or ocean after eating is no big deal for recreational swimming. But people planning to swim laps or exercise may want to let their food digest to avoid cramps, just like they'd

wait before jogging.

Also, swimming after tossing back a few beers is risky. People tend to be more aggressive, less coordinated and prone to bad choices when they swim after consuming alcohol. Those factors all can cause problems when dealing with strong currents or ocean tides at the beach this summer.

"You're just not going to be as sharp," Badgett said.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #6 TO THE FY2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED) and the West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) are providing a public comment period concerning a proposed substantial amendment #6 to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for funding provided to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The AAP summarizes the actions, activities, and the resources that will be used each year for the following housing and community development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), CDBG CARES Act (CDBG-CV), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Emergency Solutions Grants – CARES Act (ESG-CV), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Care Act (HOPWA-CV).

DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #6: This amendment will increase the CDBG funding cap for Infrastructure (stormwater, water, wastewater projects) from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000. This modification is being made due to the elevated costs of construction materials and supplies. As this amendment is a change to CDBG the Method of Distribution (AP-30), it is considered a substantial amendment and requires a 30-day comment period.

PUBLIC REVIEW: A comment period will begin on Monday July 22nd, 2024 and will continue until close of business on Wednesday August 21st, 2024. The proposed amendment #6 of the FY2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) will be available on the West Virginia Community Advancement and Development (WVCAD) website at <https://wvcad.org/resources> or by calling WVCAD at 304-558-2234. To be considered in the plans, written comments will be received in the WVDED at the address below, attention Ryan Halsey, or submitted via email to Ryan.J.Halsey@wv.gov until the close of business on Wednesday, August 21st, 2024.

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RAW

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the back of the building and grab some bottles.

"It doesn't work," he said.

Neither do liability waivers, he said. They're ineffective in general, and more so with raw milk. Mom signs the waiver but feeds it to her child, who gets sick. The child didn't sign the waiver and here comes the lawsuit.

"As a lawyer," he said, "I wouldn't tell people not to do it. I would just say, 'If you're going to do it, be aware. ... If an accident happens all the assets you own are on the block. You might lose it. You're taking a big risk by doing that.'"

Richardson said he has an economics background and supports freedom. But, "if insurance companies thought they could insure against the risks of raw milk and make money, they would do it." He hasn't found one yet that will. "That says something."

Health risks

Singh-Knights said pasteurization gets rid of the pathogens in milk and increases the shelf life.

People might say, "I want my food to be natural," but research has shown that pasteurization does prevent food-borne illness and increases the shelf life. No research shows that pasteurization reduces the health benefits.

What about all the folks over the centuries who drank raw milk and lived? And small farmers who now milk their cows or sheep or goats and bring it to the table?

Both professors said they're conditioned to it. Their gut bacteria provide natural immunity, Singh-Knights said. But 30% of the population is immune compromised.

How do pathogens get into the milk? Singh-Knights said an animal might have a mild bacterial infection; the animal is fine but the bacteria are in the milk and gets passed to humans.

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POLITICS

Beyond Biden, Democrats are split over who would be next —VP Harris or launch a ‘mini primary’

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Democrats churn over whether President Joe Biden should stay in the 2024 race, the party turmoil is deepening over whether his Vice President Kamala Harris is next in line for the job or if a “mini primary” should be quickly launched to choose a new nominee before the party’s August convention.

Harris hit the campaign fundraising circuit Saturday in breezy Provincetown, Massachusetts, and picked up a nod from the state’s prominent Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who said before the visit that if Biden were to

step aside, his vice president is “ready to step up.”

At the event, which organizers said raised \$2 million and was attended by 1,000 guests, Harris did not mention the calls for Biden to leave the race or for her to replace him, instead repeating one of her regular campaign lines: “We’re going to win this election,” she said.

“Do we believe in freedom? Do we believe in equality? Do we believe in the promise of America? Then are we ready to fight for it?” she called to a cheering crowd. “When we fight, we win.”

But installing Harris to the top of the ticket, which

would be a history-making moment for the party elevating the first woman, Black person and person of South Asian descent as its presidential nominee, is not at all certain. Officials from the highest ranks, including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, prefer an open process, some believing it would strengthen any Democratic nominee to confront Republican Donald Trump.

“If you think that there is consensus among the people who want Joe Biden to leave... that they will support Kamala, Vice President Harris, you would be mistaken,” Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said



AP photo

President Joe Biden walks on stage to speak during the NAACP national convention on Tuesday in Las Vegas.

this week on a widely discussed social media post.

With the publicly aired deliberations, Democrats

are prolonging an extraordinary moment of uncertainty and upheaval. Biden has weighty options before him this weekend that

could set the direction of the country and his party as the nation heads toward the November election.

It’s creating a stark juxtaposition with Republicans, who, after years of bitter and chaotic infighting over Trump, are energized and embracing the former president’s far-right takeover of the GOP, despite his criminal conviction in a hush money case and pending federal criminal indictment for trying to overturn the 2020 election before the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol.

Biden, despite a week of campaign stops, interviews and insistence that he is the best candidate to take on Trump in a rematch, hasn’t been able to quell the uproar. Skeptical Democrats doubt he can keep the White House after his stumbled debate performance last month, and worry he will take hopes for party control of Congress down with him.

HISTORY

How Secret Service protection has changed for presidents over the years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — During Abraham Lincoln’s presidency, anyone could come to the White House and see him. Come they did: mothers looking to have their sons released from military service, wives urging that their husbands be freed from prison after resisting the draft, others who simply wanted to meet the president.

“Some only wanted comfort in a terrible time, and that he freely gave,” James B. Conroy wrote in his book “Lincoln’s White House: The People’s House in Wartime.”

The world has vastly changed since the 1860s, and so has protection for presidents. Protective details have grown in size, responsibility and technology over more than a century of the Secret Service protecting presidents.

When presidents leave the White House, they are accompanied by a phalanx of Secret Service officers and agents. Cars can no longer drive past what is often dubbed “the people’s house” at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. The fence has been raised, and don’t even try to

get past the gate without an appointment or badge.

The number of people under guard also has grown as vice presidents, former presidents, candidates, family members and more get protection.

During the Civil War, Lincoln was hesitant to make the White House look like an armed camp, but in late 1864 several police officers were assigned to guard him, the White House Historical Association said. President Franklin Pierce was the first to have a full-time bodyguard, in 1853.

It wasn’t until 1901, after President William McKinley was assassinated, that Congress asked the Secret Service — originally a Treasury Department division that went after counterfeiters — to take up the charge of protecting the commander in chief.

Since then, protective details have grown and evolved, often in response to assassinations, close calls or other major security events. Former Secret Service agents say the agency is studying the attempt on former President Donald Trump’s life at a rally in Pennsylvania a week ago and making

changes to adjust to it.

The attempt to kill President Ronald Reagan in 1981 is often cited as a turning point in how the Secret Service operates.

Reagan was coming out of the Washington Hilton hotel when John Hinckley Jr. opened fire from a crowd of onlookers and journalists just 15 feet or under under 5 meters away. Hinckley got off six shots before Secret Service officers tackled him. The last shot ricocheted off a limo and into Reagan.

Some of the changes that followed aren’t so obvious to the outside observer but still critical. For example, the Secret Service started assigning an agent to the small group of reporters who travel with the president so they would know whether someone was infiltrating the group.

Changes also followed the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 as he drove through Dallas in a convertible, former agents say. Presidents no longer sit in open vehicles but wave to onlookers through the thick glass of a heavily armored limousine nicknamed “the beast.”

REUNIONS

HALL

The annual Hall Homecoming will be July 28 at Reedsville Park. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish, beverages and pictures. Guests welcome. Plates, cups and silverware will be provided. Contact Diane Hall at 304-292-2751 for more information.

LINTON

The Linton family reunion will be Saturday. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. at the Gladesville Community Building. Bring your favorite covered dish. Everyone always welcome. Any questions, contact Lucy Mohr at 304-379-3516 or 304-216-8901.

CHRISTOPHER

The 95th Christopher reunion will be July 28 at the Mount Moriah United Methodist Church, 8921 N. Preston Highway, Albright. Social hour and sharing of memorabilia begins at noon and dinner at 1 p.m. Bring a

covered dish. You are also encouraged to bring memorabilia, quilts, or photographs. You may email David Galloway at dgallo67@aol.com with any questions.

BRUCETON HIGH

The 40th Bruceton High School Alumni Day will be today in the Bruceton School Cafeteria, Bruceton Mills. Registration begins at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

SHAY

The Shay family reunion will be Aug. 4 at Shay’s Chapel, Yorks Road, Newburg. Bring a covered dish, memorabilia to share and a little something to auction. Lunch will be around noon or 1 p.m. For questions, contact Maxine Shay Stalnaker at 304-329-2074, and leave a message if necessary.

WILSON

The descendants of George and Mary Wilson of Daybrook (Sons — Lodd, Enos, Willie and Kelly; Daughters — Cinda Simpson, Emma

Emery, Eunice Michael, and Etta Moore) are holding their annual family reunion July 28 at the Wilson Moore Farm, 931 Robinson Run Road, Rivesville. Start gathering at 12:30 p.m., plan to eat at 1 p.m. Beverages and table service will be provided. Bring covered dishes to share with family and friends. Any family memorabilia you’d like to share is much appreciated. Help get the information to family and friends. If you need directions, or have questions call or text Kerry 304-216-2939 or Joyce 304-290-1879.

SHAFFER/WILLIAMS

Descendants of Samuel Moses and Roberta Koontz Shaffer and William Washington and Beersheba Miller Williams invite all family and friends to join them for their annual reunion Aug. 3 at the Camp Chapel United Methodist Church Pavilion on Campground Road, near Tunnelton. A covered-dish meal will be shared by all beginning at 1 p.m.

GOVERNMENT

Abortion rights supporters report to have enough signatures for Mont. ballot

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — An initiative to ask voters if they want to protect the right to a pre-viability abortion in Montana’s constitution has enough signatures to appear on the November ballot, supporters said Friday.

County election officials have verified 74,186 voter signatures, more than the 60,359 needed for the constitutional initiative to go before voters. It has also met the threshold of 10% of voters in 51 House Districts — more than the required 40 districts, Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights said.

“We’re excited to have met the valid signature threshold and the House District threshold

required to qualify this critical initiative for the ballot,” Kiersten Iwai, executive director of Forward Montana and spokesperson for Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights said in a statement.

Still pending is whether the signatures of inactive voters should count toward the total.

Montana’s secretary of state said they shouldn’t, but it didn’t make that statement until after the signatures were gathered and after some counties had begun verifying them.

A Helena judge ruled Tuesday that the qualifications shouldn’t have been changed midstream and said the signatures of inactive voters that had

been rejected should be verified and counted. District Judge Mike Menahan said those signatures could be accepted through next Wednesday.

The state has asked the Montana Supreme Court to overturn Menahan’s order, but it will have no effect on the initiative qualifying for the ballot.

“We will not stop fighting to ensure that every Montana voter who signed the petition has their signature counted,” Iwai said.

Republican Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen must review and tabulate the petitions and is allowed to reject any petition that does not meet statutory requirements. Jacobsen must certify the general election ballots by Aug. 22.

EXTREME WEATHER

Heavy rain collapses part of Michigan cave where ‘The Great Train Robbery’ was filmed

Associated Press

BERRIEN COUNTY, Mich. — Part of an ancient Michigan cave where “The Great Train Robbery” was filmed has collapsed under heavy rain.

A wall of Bear Cave in Buchanan collapsed this week, Adam Morris, the property manager at a campground that operates near the cave, told MLive.com. The wall collapsed at night and was already closed to the public due to flooding, Morris

said. He didn’t clarify what night the collapse happened.

The cave will remain closed pending an inspection, Morris said. It was unclear how soon the inspection might take place.

Storms on July 9, 10 and 15 dumped up to 7 inches of rain across Berrien County. Michigan’s average July rainfall is between 3 inches and 4 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

The Bear Cave formed more than 25,000 years ago, according to the campground. It served as an Underground Railroad stop for escaped slaves and bandits hid there in 1895 after robbing an Ohio bank, according to the campground. That story led producers to film part of the 1903 silent film “The Great Train Robbery” in the cave.

A large population of Eastern Pipistrelle bats make their home in the cave.

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OBITUARIES

Rashad Malika Alton, 21, was born on October 10, 2002, in Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, and was called home on July 11, 2024.



Rashad was the son of Ashley Moman-Carr, of Morgantown, the late Brandon Vann Alton, of Pittsburgh, and stepfather, Latrell Carr, of Morgantown.

Rashad was a graduate of Morgantown High, class of 2021. He loved basketball and was the MVP of all sports he participated in. He was in

the process of starting his own car detailing business.

In addition to his parents, Ashley Moman-Carr and Latrell Carr; Rashad is survived by his siblings, Andre Moman, Nyssa Gracie Baker and Unique Alton; his soon-to-be nephew; his grandmother, Vickie McCray; his grandfather, Kenneth Baker; his godfather, Devon Madden; his aunts, LaVaughn Moman, Hilary Collier, Kenethia Baker and Natalie Alton; his uncles, Kevin Alton (Charis Alton), Stanley Alton, DeShawn Henderson (Yonna Henderson), Devon Peek; and a host of extended aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends.

Rashad Alton

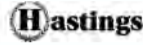
Rashad was preceded in death by his father, Brandon Alton; grandparents, Renee and Stanley Alton; great-grandmother, Arlene Williams; great-uncle, Mark Williams; and uncle, Dontay Stanley.

Rashad was born with a smile on his face that would light up a room, and there was never a dull moment in the arms of his presence. He was a protector and touched everyone he met. Rashad was a rare breed who had an infectious aura from God and brought nothing but love. Rashad was a fly-smooth guy, just as conceited as his father, the life of the party, a comedian and an entertainer who loved to

sing, doing karaoke to his favorite song, "Can We Talk?" Rashad loved to do the latest dance moves, trying to get his mom to do TikTok dances.

Friends and family will be received for Rashad's homegoing at Kingdom EMC, 540 Fairmont Road, Westover, WV 26501, from 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, until the time of the funeral service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Jeremy Thomas officiating. Following the funeral service, cremation services will be provided by Hastings Funeral Home.

Condolences: hastingsfuneralhome.com



Betty Mansberger

Betty Lou Shoemaker Mansberger, 86, of Morgantown, passed away at Morgantown Health & Rehabilitation Center in Morgantown on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.



She was born Aug. 25, 1937, in Morgantown, a daughter of the late Brooks Earl Shoemaker and the late Eunice Glover Shoemaker.

Betty is survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; her "adopted daughter," Melody Mancini; and a brother-in-law, Daniel Mansberger.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death five short weeks ago on June 12, 2024, by her husband of 63 years, Paul Leroy Mansberger; her siblings, Thelma Louise Lynch, Helen Costello, Brooks Earl Shoemaker and Charles Shoemaker; and a brother-in-law, Gary Mansberger.

Betty worked at McCrory's 5 & 10 on High Street from the late 1950s until 1970 when she retired. After she retired, she took care of family members, including her niece, Rachel, who lived with Betty and her husband, Leroy, for several years between the ages of eight and 12. Rachel was like a daughter to her, and Betty was like a second mother to Rachel. She was a fantastic cook, loved to crochet and quilt and enjoyed canning the vegetables from her garden.

There will be no funeral home visitation. A graveside service will be held at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on South Pierpont Road in Morgantown at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 22. Those wishing to attend the service are asked to gather at the cemetery by 10:50 a.m.

Smith Funeral & Cremation Care of Westover/Morgantown is providing compassionate, professional services to the family.

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Marlene Kay (DeSicy) Frankenberg, 81, a lifelong resident of Point Marion, Pa., died at her home following a lengthy illness on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Born in Point Marion, Pa. on Jan. 17, 1943, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Maxine (Murray) DeSicy.

A 1961 graduate of Albert Gallatin High School, Mar-

lene worked for the school district in the high school cafeteria and was later employed at Apple Annie's in Point Marion, Pa. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Point Marion for many years.

Surviving are her two daughters and their husbands, Stacy and Jim Moats, of Point Marion, Pa., and Kelly and Stephen

Leonard, of Morgantown; four grandchildren, Rachel Frankenberg (her caregiver for the past two years), Kimberly Frankenberg, Logan Moats and Emma Moats; and one sister, Sheila Ansel, of Cortland, Ohio.

She was preceded in death on Jan. 27, 2022, by her husband of 59 years, Kenneth A. Frankenberg;

a son, Kenny, in 2008; and a sister, Alberta Balsega.

Honoring her wishes, there will be no public services at this time. A private interment service will be in Evergreen Memorial Park. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa.

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Marlene Frankenberg

POLITICIAN DEATH

Biden praises U.S. Rep Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas, who died of cancer

Associated Press

Longtime U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas, who helped lead federal efforts to protect women from domestic violence and recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday, has died. She was 74.

Lillie Conley, her chief of staff, confirmed that Jackson Lee, who had pancreatic cancer, died in Houston Friday night with her family around her.

The Democrat had represented her Houston-based district and the nation's fourth-largest city since 1995. She had previously had breast cancer and announced the pancreatic cancer diagnosis on June 2.

"The road ahead will not be easy, but I stand in faith that God will strengthen me," Jackson Lee said in a statement then.

Jackson Lee was "a towering figure in our politics," President Joe Biden said in a

statement Saturday. "Always fearless, she spoke truth to power and represented the power of the people of her district in Houston with dignity and grace."

Biden said Jackson Lee's spirit was unbreakable.

"I had the honor of working with her during her nearly 30 years in Congress," Biden said. "No matter the issue — from delivering racial justice to building an economy for working people — she was unrelenting in her leadership."

Vice President Kamala Harris called her a dear friend for many years, as well as a fellow member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Congressional Black Caucus.

"She was relentless—one of our nation's fiercest, smartest, and most strategic leaders in the way she thought about how to make progress happen. There was

never a trite or trivial conversation with the Congresswoman. She was always fighting for the people of Houston and the people of America," her statement said.

Bishop James Dixon, a longtime friend in Houston who visited Jackson Lee earlier this week, said he will remember her as a fighter.

"She was just a rare, rare jewel of a person who relentlessly gave everything she had to make sure others had what they needed. That was Sheila," he said.

Jackson Lee had just been elected to the Houston district once represented by Barbara Jordan, the first Black woman elected to Congress from a Southern state since Reconstruction, when she was immediately placed on the high-profile House Judiciary Committee in 1995.

"They just saw me, I

guess through my profile, through Barbara Jordan's work," Jackson Lee told the Houston Chronicle in 2022. "I thought it was an honor because they assumed I was going to be the person they needed."

Jackson Lee quickly established herself as fierce advocate for women and minorities, and a leader for House Democrats on many social justice issues, from policing reform to reparations for descendants of enslaved people. She led the first rewrite of the Violence Against Women Act in nearly a decade, which included protections for Native American, transgender and immigrant women.

Jackson Lee was also among the lead lawmakers behind the effort in 2021 to have Juneteenth recognized as the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established in 1986. The holiday marks the day in 1865 that the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally learned of their freedom.

WORLD

Lightning strikes kill cattle, start fires in Greece

Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece — Lightning strikes in northern Greece killed cattle and started fires during a dayslong heat wave affecting most of southern Europe.

Several fires were reported near the city of Kozani, 280 miles north of Athens following a dry thunderstorm in the area, authorities said Saturday.

Further north, near the Greek town of Florina, officials from a public agricultural insurance

organization said nine cows were killed by lightning strikes at a cattle farm and several other animals were injured.

Cattle farm owner Alexandros Tsikos told The Associated Press that he found the animals dead in a grazing area next to the cattle barn.

Temperatures eased slightly Saturday but remained as high as 104 Fahrenheit in parts of the country, while the risk of wildfires was very high outside Athens and in much of southern Greece.

FINANCE

U.S. agency says apps that let workers access paychecks before payday are providing loans

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Thursday that apps that allow workers to access their paychecks in advance, often for a fee, are providing loans and therefore subject to the Truth in Lending Act, a 1968 law that requires lenders disclose all loan costs and fees.

If enacted, the proposed rule would provide clarity to a fast-growing industry known as Earned Wage Access, which has been compared to payday lending. The agency wants borrowers to be able to "easily compare products" and to prevent "race-to-the-bottom business practices," CFPB Director Rohit Chopra said

on a call with reporters.

Earned Wage Access apps have been around for more than a decade, but they gained popularity in the years prior to the pandemic and since. The apps extend small short-term loans to workers in between paychecks so they can pay bills and meet everyday needs. On payday, the user repays the money out of their wages, along with any fees.

According to its report, the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau found that, in 2022, at least 5% of American workers used an earned wage product at least once. They estimate that 7 million workers were advanced \$22 billion through apps that worked with their employers, and 3 million workers

were advanced \$9.1 billion through direct-to-consumer apps.

The agency's research shows the average worker who uses Earned Wage Access takes out 27 of these loans a year, meaning one loan for almost every biweekly paycheck. This can look similar to a revolving credit card balance. But with fees that would equal an average Annual Percentage Rate (APR) of over 100%, the loans have interest rates higher than the most expensive subprime credit card. Most of this interest comes from fees to expedite access to paychecks, the CFPB found.

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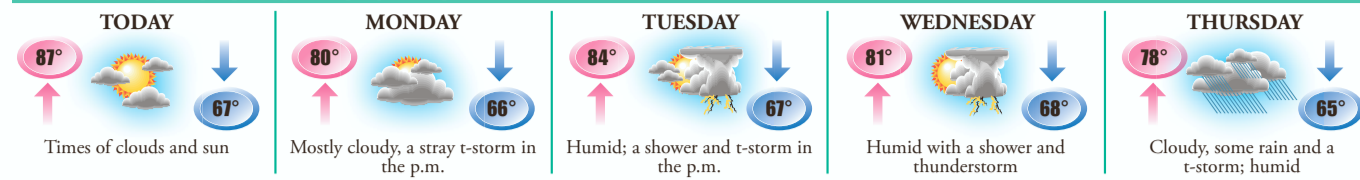
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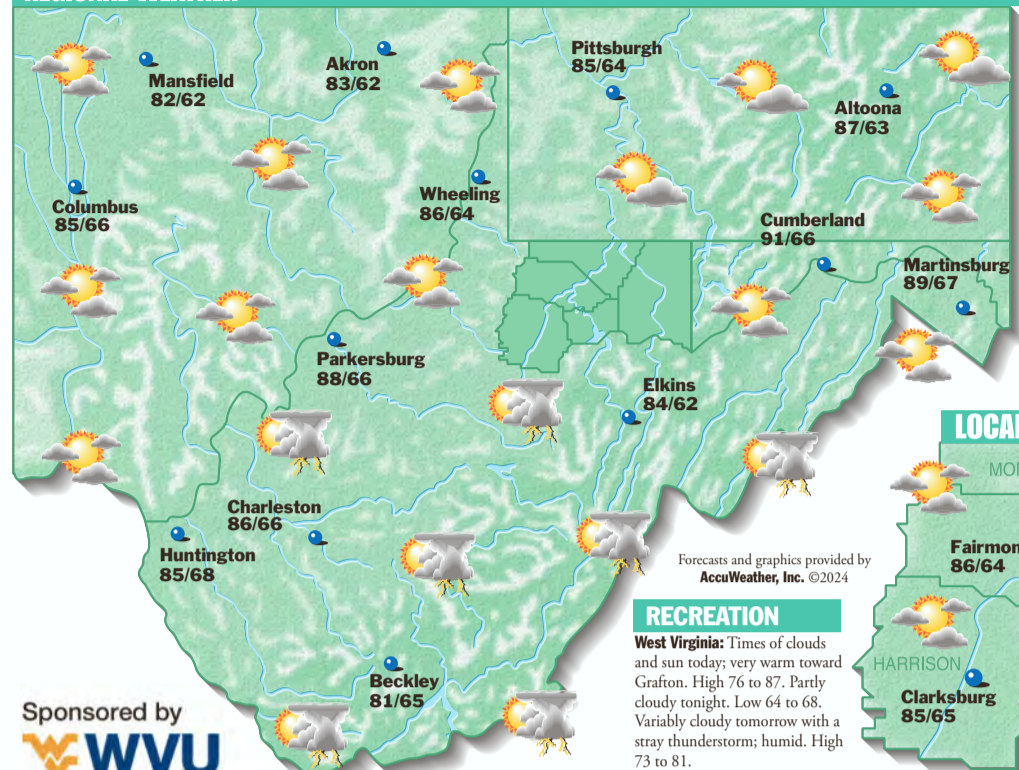
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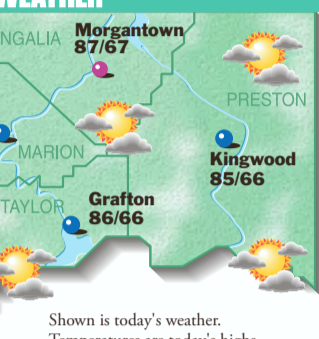
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Table containing temperature records, precipitation, and sun/moon data for Morgantown.

SUN AND MOON



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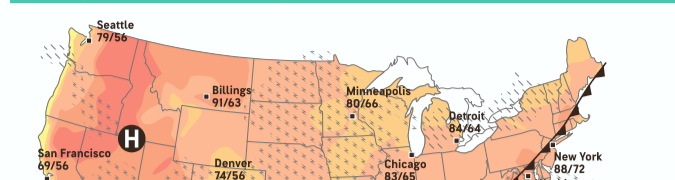


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UV INDEX

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REGIONAL CITIES

Table showing sun and moon data for various regional cities.

SOLUNAR TABLES

Table showing five-day forecast peak feeding times for fish and game.

LAKES AND RIVERS

Table showing lake and river stages, including water levels and 24-hour changes.

ALMANAC

Associated Press Today is Sunday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2024. There are 163 days left in the year.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had a baby right around the time my father remarried. I didn't know my new stepmother very well when she started giving me parenting advice.

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DEAR OPPOSED: Because Dad refuses to accept that his bride has misrepresented herself, pray he stays in good health and doesn't give her his power of attorney for health care. As to her unwanted and incorrect advice on child-care, listen, smile sweetly and exercise your option as a mother not to follow it. Continue breastfeeding, position your little one in the crib as you have been instructed by reliable sources and never, EVER, let her hold the baby while she's in the car. It's against the law and it could be fatal.

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Today's birthdays: Singer Yusuf Islam (also known as Cat Stevens) is 76. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 76. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 67. Rock-soul singer Michael Fitzpatrick (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Tamika Catchings is 45. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 43. Actor Rory Culkin is 35. Manchester City soccer star Erling Haaland is 24.

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Dad's new wife offers sketchy advice about parenting



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COMMUNITY

Christian Help to showcase support services with tours

BY KAITLYN EICHELBERGER
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Upon consulting with the community and discovering that many aren't aware of the true expanse of its many services, local support hub Christian Help will host a series of open house tours Saturday and again Sept. 13. Through these events, the nonprofit will highlight the ways it is available to serve the community and can be supported by the community in turn.

Since 1975, Christian Help has strived to uplift individuals and families in need through a variety of services and programs that offer clothing, housewares, financial assistance, food, pet supplies, holiday meals and financial, nutritional and career coaching — all of which and more will be discussed during the upcoming open house events.

"From talking to various members of our community, just asking 'What do you know about Christian Help?' and the majority

of answers were either 'Not much,' or the fact that we offer free clothes," said event coordinator Jesse Vermette. "We decided it was a good idea if we had some open house tours so people could get more of an in-depth look at what we have to offer the community."

Although these tours are a great opportunity for those interested in Christian Help's assistance, they're also intended as an educational event for Morgantown residents to learn

about an organization making an impact in their neighborhood, potential volunteers to discover a new opportunity and preparation for those who might one day require the nonprofit's services. Understanding the organization's programs also provides attendees with knowledge to be shared with friends or family who could benefit from Christian Help's aid.

"We're hoping that people will realize everything that Christian Help has to offer for making a

difference in the lives of our community members and neighbors who might be facing difficult times," said Vermette.

Tours will be available from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christian Help's 219 Walnut St. location, and attendees are welcome to visit anytime during those hours for free tours lasting approximately 30 minutes. Staff members will guide guests through the expansive facility, showcasing its amenities, discussing its services and answering questions.

Going forward, the nonprofit hopes to hold tours quarterly.

For more information, visit MotownChristianHelp.com.

Neighborhood comeback?



Submitted rendering

Fairmont's Beltline neighborhood may be re-imagined much like Morgantown's Wharf District was, if Fairmont's city manager and city planner have anything to do with it.

Fairmont wants to re-imagine the Beltline

BY JIM BISSETT
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FAIRMONT — You don't have to look very hard to see what Fairmont's Beltline neighborhood once was.

For decades, the Beltline was an industrial and community destination for the Marion County city that was always on the clock.

Day and night, from the early 1900s on, the Beltline jumped like a Louis Jordan bandstand.

Factories lined up like LEGOs behind 12th Street, including the Monongah Glass Co., known across the region and nation for its decorative lamps, goblets, plates and other fine glassware.

Tightly packed duplexes for those workers did the same on Virginia Avenue.

Coal cars from the B&O Railroad clanked and banged 24 hours a day, fully laden with West Virginia's chief export, as they were.

You had breweries, eateries, a municipal pool and East-West Stadium, a masonry marvel built with Works Progress Administration money that was the big football venue for a county that boasted seven high schools through the late 1970s.

These days, the stadium hosts even more soccer and lacrosse games — which, as Fairmont City Manager Travis Blosser said recently, just might make a good marketing metaphor for the Beltline these days.

"We can't bring it back to what it was," he said of the neighborhood, "but we can reinvent it, for its time."

Beltline 2.0?

Much like the revisioning of Morgantown's once-dilapidated Wharf District, Blosser sees a 21st century Beltline dealing in the commerce of community, with a proposed network of recreational facilities and playing fields — and the planned extension of the West Fork Rail-Trail — as the start.

Visit fairmontwv.gov and type "Beltline" in the search field for a full rundown on the project, which includes computer renderings and an extensive "frequently asked" questions section.

Meanwhile, the hearts-and-minds phase began in earnest a couple of years ago, City Planner Shae Strait said, with a series of community forums.

Said forums were well-attended, to the relief of the city planner.

That is, the attendees went beyond the core group of citizens who attend every city council meeting and county commission meeting, no matter what.

"We saw a lot of unfamiliar faces and that's good," Strait said, "because we have to start from somewhere."

Make that, climb up from somewhere, he said.

For decades, Fairmont saw its economic fortunes wax and wane, as Clarksburg to the south and Morgantown to the north both prospered.

In 1969, the Middletown Mall, then West Virginia's first enclosed shopping mall, opened outside of the city, in the now-incorporated town of White Hall.

It didn't take long for all those shops on Fairmont's once-bustling Adams Street business district to relocate.

More often than not, the venerable "Miner's Bulletin Board" on local radio gave the repeating "Will not work-will not work," refrain for shifts to stay home — as the demand for coal fluctuated and the mines began to tap out, anyway.

Westinghouse and Owen-Illinois on the East Side? Both shuttered.

All in the marketing ...

Why the Beltline as a marketing catalyst?

Because it's still a bustling place, relatively speaking, Strait said.

A handful of companies remain, he said. People still fill the bleachers at East-West Stadium and the neighborhood is now home to West Fairmont Middle School.

Even better, he said, the Beltline was zoned for mixed-use development years ago.

For Strait, it's Civic Marketing 101.

"If you're a company or a family moving in, or considering a move anywhere, what are the first things you look at?" he said.

"Well, you look at the first things people always say you look at. You look at roads and schools. And housing. You look at medical facilities and recreational facilities."

"The Beltline's already here," Blosser said. As he said, it's a lot easier to redevelop than it is to build anew.

For now, the city is working out eminent domain particulars concerning a now-empty box factory behind East-West Stadium built in 1902 as part of the Monongah Glass

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SCIENCE

Why do we care so much about automation?

HUMANS HAVE TRIED TO USE TOOLS TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF PHYSICAL LABOR WE DO FOR MOST OF THE TIME WE'VE BEEN A SPECIES ON THIS PLANET. This includes building tools to ease gardening, creating pulleys and inventing the wheel. And as things have become more digital, we have turned to machines to decrease the amount of manual labor we have to go through. Automation is using technology, with lessened human involvement, to complete some sort of action. This leads to increased efficiency and higher accuracy (due to the lack of human error).

Basic automation is the automation of simple tasks. This can include automating sending materials to a group of people and forwarding files. Process automation is the automation of more complex/multi-step tasks. For example, it can be used with process mining, business process management and robotic process management.



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Process mining is the combination of data mining and process analytics. It can help reveal patterns within a process. Organizations that may not have artificial intelligence implemented yet can turn to process mining as a tool to help answer some questions. Typically, process mining molds the data into a graph model through which patterns can be detected. Process mining looks at control flow and timestamps.

Process mining has three types: discovery, conformance and enhancement. Process discovery is when the process model is

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Twisters' is fun on the surface but misses the mark

WHEN "TWISTER" RELEASED IN 1996, I WENT TO MY LOCAL THEATER TO SEE IT. I got a popcorn and a Coke and sat one row from the back so I could really enjoy the surround sound that had recently been upgraded.

I had an amazing time, so much so that I went to see it again the very next day. Unfortunately, maybe back-to-back viewings weren't great for an eventual critic because, on a rewatch, it didn't hold up particularly well.

Still, the movie was fun, and despite some of my problems with it, I still think it was a good time. But that did leave me slightly wary about Lee Isaac Chung's "Twisters."

Kate (Daisy Edgar-Jones) is a natural-born storm chaser until tragedy makes her step away from it. But when her friend Javi (Anthony Ramos) urges her to help him with a new system to help stop storms, she decides to return to it one last time. While working with Javi's team, she also



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meets a group of YouTubers led by Tyler Owens (Glen Powell). However, when a series of increasingly major storms hit Oklahoma, the two must put aside their differences to figure out how to save lives.

One of the hallmarks of this kind of movie is the image of a hand reaching out to grasp someone and the other person just slipping through their fingers to be swallowed by the storm. That felt like a metaphor for "Twisters." It reaches out at the fun that was harnessed in the original movie and just missed.

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COMMUNITY

Lifelong connection drives Morgantown couple to support scholarships at WVU

WVU Foundation

A lifelong connection to West Virginia University inspired alumnus John Muffly and his wife, Irene, to boost scholarship support via an estate gift worth more than \$2 million.

The planned gift made in the Morgantown couple's wills supports their existing John and Irene Muffly Football Scholarship and establishes a new scholarship to aid West Virginia students at the John Chambers College of Business and Economics.

As he reflected on WVU's impact in his life, Muffly and his wife decided to give back for the great experiences he had at the university.

"This has always been home, and I'm extremely close to the university. I always have been," John Muffly said. "It's just a thing about being from Morgantown that the university becomes a part of your life because you grow

up with it. You're seeing it all the time and you're supporting the athletics, going to events and getting to know people. It is just a great experience all in all."

During his time at WVU, Muffly was in the fraternity Beta Theta Pi and a Mountaineer Marching Band member. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1969.

"The John Chambers College of Business and Economics has grown substantially since I was in school," he said. "Everything we had at the B&E back in the 60s was in one building, Armstrong Hall. Now the college is one of the biggest at the university. Supporting its efforts will hopefully also help us grow as a state."

Josh Hall, Milan Puskar Dean of the Chambers College, is grateful for the Mufflys' gift to support future

business Mountaineers.

"Generosity from West Virginians like John and Irene Muffly is essential to the access mission of WVU," Hall said. "Support for West Virginia students, when combined with the Promise Scholarship and our merit scholarships, allows us to keep our best and brightest high school students right here in West Virginia. It is an incredible legacy for them to leave behind and the Chambers College is honored to be part of it."

Following graduation, Muffly moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where he worked in the operations department for Cedar Point. After six years, Muffly moved to Gurnee, Ill., where he continued his career in business operations. Eventually, he transferred to maintenance and construction, serving as buildings and grounds manager and later as vice president.

He met Irene in Illinois,

and she continues to support him and his wishes. After retiring and being away for almost 30 years, country roads brought Muffly home to Morgantown.

Although Muffly never received any scholarships during his education at WVU, he and Irene have made it a tradition to help the newest Mountaineers get their education. The Mufflys enjoy a lot of WVU sports, especially football. In essence, the team, players, coaches and staff have become a part of the Muffly family, so he said supporting them and his alma mater seemed like the right thing to do.

"John and Irene Muffly's loyalty to West Virginia University and Mountaineer athletics extends more than 50 years. Their appreciation for the student-athletes and what they mean to the overall success of WVU is greatly appreciated," Vice President and



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John and Irene Muffly add to existing scholarship fund.

Director of Athletics Wren Baker said. "With this continued commitment to their scholarship fund, the Mufflys' generosity will benefit WVU student-athletes for years to come."

Muffly said the purpose of his family's estate gift is to help students obtain a good education and encourage them to stay local for their careers or follow in his footsteps by coming

back. The couple hopes that recipients of their scholarships will also follow their example by providing continued support for the state and WVU.

The couple's gift was made through the WVU Foundation, the nonprofit organization that receives and administers private donations on behalf of the university.

AUTOMATION

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created without anything external influencing it. This is to set the foundation for a future process model. Conformance is testing the process model: Does it have any deviations from what's intended? Enhancement is when more information is used to improve a process model. This is the optimization aspect.

Business process management looks at business strategies and processes as a whole. It also specifically looks at processes that are repeatable. It combines analytics, activity monitoring and decision management to result in actions that help businesses.

Robotic process automation (RPA) aids with

performing repetitive tasks through scripts (pieces of code). RPA tools autonomously execute different tasks across software systems and can be done at a high volume. Thus, it can help higher-ups accelerate the pace at which they're going.

Intelligent automation is the type of automation that combines AI, business process management and robotic process management. This furthers the decision-making that occurs throughout the organization. With tools like natural language processing and RPA, costs can be lowered while increasing efficiency and productivity.

Within businesses, automation can be used for content management, document processing, document management,

workflow automation, decision management and process mapping.

Automation is so emphasized due to how much more can be done accurately with less money spent. The idea is that as processes become more automated, humans can use their creativity to dive into more innovative and strategic endeavors. Technology's advancements mean that industries will transform through the adoption of those tools. The overarching goal with automation is to unlock new avenues for growth.

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TWISTERS

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A lot of this can be attributed to the way that the movie cuts off character development to chase the next storm. There's a moment at a rodeo where Kate and Tyler are having a legitimate conversation, and then a massive tornado rips through, and it's never fully picked up again.

This movie has a truly evil villain (way worse than a scientist who got financial backing, like Cary Elwes,) but his work is all told to us through a way more likable character,

blunting the impact. It also toys with making a statement about increased extreme weather events but neglects to go in on it.

The cast is mostly fine. Lots of fantastic actors, but it never feels like most of them get enough screen time to shine. Most of the characters could have been played by anyone to the same effect.

Fortunately, the whole movie is buoyed by Glen Powell's involvement. He is one of the most charismatic actors working right now, and it is tough not to be entertained when he shows up. That, combined with some gorgeous shots of the Oklahoma landscape,

keeps this from being a bad movie experience.

For all of its flaws, I saw this movie on a Thursday afternoon in a pretty full theater, and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Maybe if you grab a popcorn and a Coke and allow yourself to be lost in the spectacle of it all, "Twisters" will carry you away for at least a couple hours.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Nashville singer-songwriter makes stop at The Village

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The Village at Heritage Point held a special concert starring Nashville singer-songwriter, Kevin Major, earlier this month.

Major originally hails from Morgantown, but moved 25 year ago to Nashville, Tenn., to hone his skills. He is best known for his storytelling that authentically weaves his heart and his home into his songs.

While in town for another show, Major planned a concert for the residents at The Village to visit his former high school English teacher, Gwen Rosenbluth.

“What I remember from English class most of all is that all good stories have a beginning, middle and an

end, and help set the stage with some background, have some conflict and tension, have some heart and make a point,” said Major. “This is also true in songwriting, plus you have to do it all in about three minutes or less. I am very grateful for what Mrs. Rosenbluth taught me at Morgantown High School and I was glad to share some of my songs with her and the residents at The Village.”

Major is still pursuing the elusive No. 1 hit as a songwriter in Nashville but stays connected to his Morgantown roots through songs about his hometown and state. Major’s well-received anthem “West by God Virginia” pays homage to his home state and its people, and now has over



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Kevin Major and Gwen Rosenbluth visit while the singer-songwriter plays a concert at The Village at Heritage Point.

30,000 streams on YouTube.

“I enjoy sharing my songs and stories with other people and the Morgantown community has

always been very good to me,” said Major. “I like to give back when I can and know that music is often a big part of people’s lives, regardless of their age.”

PRESTON COUNTY

Appalachian Youth Livestock Showcase had over 250 exhibitors this year from all over the East Coast

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

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KINGWOOD — The third annual Appalachian Youth Livestock Showcase (AYLS), a four-species jackpot show, had an estimated 250 exhibitors this year — all showing off their pigs, goats, lambs and cattle.

The show is hosted by the Preston County Livestock Association and chaired by Natalie Phillips and Samantha Stone. There is an extensive committee that works all year to ensure all details are covered.

Stone said the event takes many volunteers and much manpower to pull off turning the Craig Civic Center into a top-notch indoor show arena. She said the show attracts participants from all over the East Coast.

“We are very thankful for the opportunity to bring a show of this caliber to the community and the Preston County Livestock Association youth,” Stone said. “The show would not be possible without partnering with Kingwood Parks & Recreation, the City of

Kingwood, the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and our extensive list of sponsors.”

Stone said the Crites family traveled from Maysville to help in coordinating the Mutton Bustin’ for the AYLS. She said the family does this at their local fair to raise money in memory of their late daughter, Derika Crites.

“The money that is raised goes towards a scholarship in their daughter’s memory. AYLS

donated a portion of the admission money to their scholarship fund in Derika’s memory as a thank you for their help us with the Mutton Bustin’ part of our week activities. We hope the Crites family will consider coming back next year,” Stone said.

She said the organizers look forward to the program continuing to grow.

“It takes a lot of work to put on a show of this caliber,” she said. “But it provides an opportunity for our local 4-H and FFA kids to show their animals.”

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

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Laurel College to add HVAC program

Laurel College of Technology is adding an 18-month HVAC Technician program this fall.

The curriculum includes courses in HVAC-R and Heating Systems, Ductwork Fabrication, Plumbing Basics, HVAC Maintenance, Electrical Motors, Boiler Systems, Pump Systems.

The 18-month specialized associate degree program will provide education and training for future industry trade professionals in Morgantown and

surrounding areas. Students will learn about the latest HVAC technologies available, develop installation and maintenance skills, and be equipped to provide valuable equipment repair knowledge in both residential and commercial sectors.

Classes for this program will begin Oct. 24. Contact Greg in Admissions at 724-550-5492 or contactform@laurel.edu to set up a tour.

Mon Board of Health to meet Thursday

The Monongalia County Board of Health will hold a regular meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday in the

Monongalia County Health Department Training Center.

The tentative agenda includes reports from health officer Dr. Brian Huggins, Executive Director Anthony DeFelice and the business office.

MUB plans to collect hazardous waste

The Morgantown Utility Board will host Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHWC) Day 8-11 a.m. Aug. 3.

The event is being held at MUB’s main office location, 278 Green Bag Road in Morgantown.

HHWC Day provides an opportunity for Monon-

galia County residents to safely dispose of oil-based paints, batteries, cleaners, lawn chemicals, pesticides and more. A complete list of what is being accepted, as well as what is not, is available at mub.org/hhwc.

The event is free to all Monongalia County residents. No businesses permitted.

HHWC Day is a community partnership between Morgantown Utility Board, the City of Morgantown, the Monongalia County Commission, Republic Services, Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority and the City of Westover.

BELTLINE

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Co. complex.

Once that happens, Blosser said, that structure could be leveled, and the first shovels of earth could be turned, for the re-imagining of the Beltline.

Right now, he doesn’t want to assign timelines or budget lines to the project, he said.

“We’re still in the beginning of the beginning,” he said, “but there are still also some things we can do.”

That includes temporary reassigning of current two-way streets to one-way affairs with other traffic-calming measures added — again, temporarily, he stressed.

“We can field test a lot of it,” he said. “We say to our residents, ‘OK, here’s what it might look like, if you guys really want this stuff.’”

Beyond the Beltline

For now, Blosser and

Strait are both optimistic for the Beltline.

Blosser grew up in Fairmont and Strait hails from Shinnston, a once-and-former coal camp in Harrison County that held on, despite downturns in the coal industry and its flat-out destruction by a devastating tornado in 1944.

As north-central West Virginia natives they also know where Fairmont is now, economically.

The city’s Gateway Connector is making for easier access to the city from Interstate 79.

WVU Medicine took over Fairmont General Hospital, which closed at the height of the pandemic after years of languishing under absentee landlords.

Mon Health Medical Center also opened a hospital in Middletown Commons, the site of the former Middletown Mall, which was re-imagined by Morgantown developers Richard and David Biafora. Add in Fairmont State

University, Pierpont Community and Technical College and the I-79 Technology Park in South Fairmont, which is home to the region’s burgeoning high-tech industry, the city manager said, name-checking other civic attributes.

And, he said, there’s the Beltline, which could be Fairmont’s version of Morgantown’s Wharf District.

“Could be,” as the optimum qualifier, he said.

“The potential is almost limitless,” Blosser said, “if people want it.”

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KINGWOOD

Preston County Board of Health approved Kendra Barker as chairperson

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

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KINGWOOD — The Preston County Board of Health unanimously approved Kendra Barker as chairperson after she was chosen to replace Jim Fields who was recently appointed to fill Sheriff Paul Pritt’s term.

Fields will continue to serve as a member of the board.

Preston County Health Department Director V.J. Davis said the health department’s Diabetes Education and Support Group Program is growing. He said registered nurse Jennifer R. Nestor, who runs the program, was recently selected as one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of West Virginia for 2024 By Women We Admire.

Nestor is the chief nursing officer of Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital. She is also serving as the president-elect for the West Virginia Organization for Nursing Leadership.

Nestor recently earned credentials to become a certified diabetes care and education specialist. She said now that she is certified, future program expansion and growth could involve additional diabetes care team members and developing a curriculum, quality metrics and program requirements to achieve a certified Diabetes Care Program.

“We recently began partnering with Vandalia/Mon Health System to offer a program called Pharmacy. This grant-funded program targets diabetic patients with an allowed enrollment of

15 patients that meet weekly for 15 weeks. Topics include a variety of diabetes education and healthy cooking topics. Farm fresh vegetables and fruits are provided to participants every week, which helps those with food insecurity issues,” she said. “We participated in the first class this past year and just started the second class beginning the end of June.”

Nestor said the WVU Extension Service is partnering to provide educational topics. She said regular diabetes classes are held at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Preston Memorial Hospital. For more information about diabetes meetings call 304-542-7950 or email jennifer.nestor@vandaliahealth.org.

In other business, board members voted to put \$15,000 aside designated for the septic system revolving loan. Davis said the money would be used for septic system repair or to install new systems. He said to qualify for the loan the individual must be denied a loan by all other sources.

“This program is modeled over Mon County that has been doing this for years, and are self-sufficient,” Davis said. “It’s difficult to get a loan on a surface discharge septic system.”

He said the borrower has 10 years to pay back the loan. If it isn’t paid, a lien can be placed on the property.

The next meeting of the Preston County Board of Health will be 1 p.m. Sept. 12 at the WVU Extension Services office.

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GOLF

Horschel leads British Open on wild day of rain and big numbers at Royal Troon

Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Billy Horschel with his short sleeves in the chill and his brilliant short game at Royal Troon somehow held on for a 2-under 69 and a one-shot lead in a British Open that got turned upside down and every other possible way Saturday.

The rain started before the leading players teed off and only got stronger. The wind was relentless and into the players' faces on the brute of a back nine, leaving the world's best to hit fairway metals into par 4s — and they still couldn't reach the green.

"That's the hardest nine holes I

think you could ever play in golf right now," said Dustin Johnson, a former world No. 1 with two majors. He shot 72 and was five behind.

It was as tough as it gets and Horschel was up to the task with a series of marvellous par saves down the stretch from the rough and from pot bunkers.

Shane Lowry couldn't say the same, and the frustration was evident.

Lowry, who showed his game is built for links golf when he won at Royal Portrush five years ago, had a three-shot lead early and then fell apart. He played the final

11 holes in 7 over, starting with a double bogey from the Coffin bunker on the 123-yard "Postage Stamp" eighth hole. One last bogey gave him a 77 and left him three behind.

"There's no doubt I'm going to go out there tomorrow thinking I can win the tournament," Lowry said. "But it's just hard right now. Ten minutes ago I had to putt for par on the 18th green, and I'm here talking to you guys now trying to figure out how I shot 77 in my own head."

It was like that for everyone, at least those who faced four-plus

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AP photo

Billy Horschel of the United States reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 12th green during his third round of the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland, Saturday.

A HOT START



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Best Virginia's Tarik Phillip (22) dunks the ball against Brotherly Love in the TBT at the Peterson Event Center in Pittsburgh, on Saturday.

Best Virginia handles Brotherly Love in opening round of TBT tournament

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PITTSBURGH — Best Virginia kicked off the 2024 TBT basketball tournament off with a bang in Pittsburgh with a dominant 94-69 victory over 6-seed Brotherly Love in the opening round inside the Petersen Events Center on Saturday afternoon.

The 3-seed WVU men's basketball alumni team got off to a hot start from the opening tip and didn't look back en route to an opening-round win. BV will advance to play in the Regional Semifinals on Monday night against (Zoo Crew/Millions Worth Of Game) at 8:00 p.m. inside The Pete.

Every player touched the floor and scored for Best Virginia, led by Wesley Harris with 15 points. Three other players reached double-figures for head coach Chase Harler's squad to the tune of 14 triples as a team.



Best Virginia's head coach Chase Harler talks with his team in the TBT at the Peterson Event Center in Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Indiana State's and Best Virginia newcomer Xavier Bledson shot 4 for 6 from deep while BV shot 48.7% from the floor in the contest.

"Good effort for us today, we have some

new guys on the roster this summer that came in and fit perfectly with us," Harler said. "Marcus Keene and Xavier Bledson are non-WVU guys and since the first day they've been here it's felt natural. Having a deep roster helps when everyone has the ability to come in and impact the game. The score may not reflect how much preparation went into that game, we felt ready and we will turn around and get ready for Monday."

It took little time for Best Virginia to open the scoring and extend an early lead with a swift 8-0 run to begin the opening quarter. Brotherly Love called an early timeout but the Mountaineer Men didn't ease up the pressure as the run extended to 14-3 after the first two minutes of play.

Keene's third triple of the first quarter gave BV a 22-8 lead at the 5:15 mark, and grew to 35-13 at the end of the frame as every player on the roster touched the floor.

"We have no liabilities on this team, everyone is a professional and brings something different to the table," Harler said. "Today we did a good job of rotating guys in and out and we also try to play for the hot hand; Marcus

SEE TBT, B-5

MLB

Cruz has 3 RBIs as Pirates win 6th straight, 4-1 over Phillies

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Luis Ortiz pitched seven shutout innings, Oneil Cruz had a home run and three RBIs, and the Pittsburgh Pirates stretched their winning streak to six games with a 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday night.

Ortiz (5-2), who had not gone more than six innings this season, gave up three hits and two walks with two strikeouts to lower his ERA to 2.57.

Andrew McCutchen led off the sixth inning by hitting a 3-1 sinker from Cristopher Sánchez (7-5) 431 feet into the bullpen in left-center field. Nick Gonzales, who hit the winning RBI single in the ninth inning of an 8-7 win Friday night, got on with a two-out single and scored on Cruz's double off the wall in right.

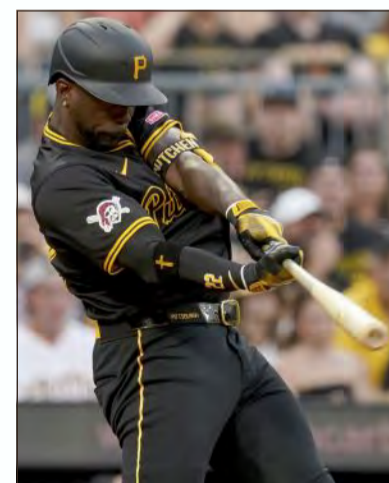
Cruz hit a two-out, two-run home run 422 feet off a fastball from Matt Strahm to make it 4-0 in the eighth. He also had three RBIs on Friday.

Bryce Harper hit his 22nd homer off Pirates closer David Bednar with one out in the ninth.

Sánchez was pulled after allowing two runs on eight hits in 5 2/3 innings for the Phillies, who have lost three games in a row and four of their last five.

Gonzales came close to putting Pittsburgh ahead in the first

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AP photo

Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen hits a home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies Saturday.

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CYCLING

Pogacar edges Vingegaard to add more seconds to Tour de France lead

Associated Press

COL DE LA COUILLOLE, France — Tadej Pogacar equalled one Tour de France mark on Saturday and will likely match another today.

Yellow jersey-holder Pogacar edged defending champion Jonas Vingegaard at the top of Col De La Couillole to win the 20th and penultimate stage and add even more seconds to his considerable lead.

It was a fifth stage victory this month for the two-time champion, who stretched out his arms as he crossed the line before holding up his fingers to signal his number of wins.

The only other man to have won five mountain stages in one Tour was Gino Bartali in 1948.

"If you told me this before the Tour I would not have believed you," Pogacar said. "It's out of this world actually. I'm so happy."

"(Five stages) is more than enough. One would be enough. Just the yellow jersey would be enough. But it is how it is, you don't brake in cycling."

Pogacar attacked from the leading duo with 150 meters remaining and beat Vingegaard by seven seconds.

It will likely be the same positions on the final podium today after Pogacar extended his lead to 5 minutes, 14 seconds, over two-time defending champ Vingegaard, his closest rival.

Third-placed Remco Evenepoel lost even more time. He crossed the line in fourth — behind Richard Carapaz — and lost 53 seconds to Pogacar to fall 8:04 behind the Slovenian star.

The Tour ends today on the French Riviera with a 34-kilometer time trial from Monaco to Nice, and



AP photo

Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, flashes five fingers for his fifth stage victory as he crosses the finish line to win the twentieth stage of the Tour de France.

not in Paris as it usually does because of the Olympic Games.

Barring incident, Pogacar is almost certain to reclaim the Tour crown from Vingegaard and in doing so secure a rare Giro d'Italia and Tour de France double. The last rider to win both in the same year was the late Marco Pantani in 1998.

"I enjoyed (the stage) very much," Pogacar said. "It didn't go as we planned, but I couldn't be happier with that, another stage win. Just one more day ... and tomorrow I think I'm going to enjoy it as well."

After his explosive attack the previous day, Pogacar said he would not try to win Saturday's stage, a short but brutal 133-kilometer route from Nice that featured three hard category 1 ascents.

Indeed, the UAE Emirates rider just stayed with the rest of the reduced group of title contenders on the daunting 16-kilometer (10-mile) ramp up the Col de la Couillole until Vingegaard made his move and Pogacar sat on the Dane's wheel.

They then swept up the

remnants of the breakaway and caught up to the front two of Carapaz and Enric Mas with 2.5 kilometers remaining.

First Mas and then Carapaz were dropped, setting up an intriguing battle in the final kilometer between the two cycling stars but it was only a matter of time before Pogacar launched his sprint.

Moments after crossing the line, Pogacar pulled up and waited for Vingegaard to embrace him.

Vingegaard was hospitalized for nearly two weeks in April following a high-speed crash in the Tour of the Basque Country. He resumed competitive racing only on this Tour.

"In some kind of way I was hoping he would give it to me," Vingegaard said. "But I knew already that I had been riding so hard, if he would sprint I would have no chance as I was already on my limit."

"But you can always hope. But it's cycling, that's how it is. I don't blame him at all, I would do probably the same. I'm just happy with how I performed today and how I could come back from yesterday."

OLYMPIC BASKETBALL

James hits game winner with 8 seconds left, U.S. avoids upset against South Sudan

Associated Press

LeBron James saved the U.S. from what would have been a stunning loss.

James' layup with 8 seconds left was the go-ahead basket Saturday, and the U.S. Olympic team that'll soon head to the Paris Games escaped with a 101-100 win over South Sudan in London, rallying from a 16-point deficit to avoid perhaps the biggest upset in the program's history.

South Sudan, the African nation that gained its independence just 13 years ago and is about to play in the Olympics for the first time, led for more than half the game and had a chance to win at the end. But Carlík Jones' runner off the glass missed with about 4 seconds left, and the Americans survived.

"I'm going to be honest: I like those better than the blowouts," James said as he walked off the court. "At least we get tested."

Oh, they got tested — by a team that came into the game as 43.5-point underdogs, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

"A good reminder that when we play against teams, it's the biggest game of their lives," U.S. coach Steve Kerr said. "We have to expect everyone to play like that."

Down by 16 at one point, the Americans dug out of that hole with an 18-0 run in the second half — then needed heroics at the end anyway. JT Thor's 3-pointer with 20 seconds left gave South Sudan a 100-99 lead, then the Americans called timeout and put the ball in James' hands.

He made it look easy: He waited, waited, waited, then drove and laid it in with ease to put the U.S. back on top, and the Amer-



AP photo

United States' forward LeBron James bumps fists with teammates after the end of an exhibition basketball game between the United States and South Sudan, at the o2 Arena in London, Saturday.

icans got the stop they needed at the end.

James finished with a game-high 25 points, six rebounds and seven assists for the U.S., which improved to 4-0 with one game left — Monday vs. World Cup champion Germany — on its pre-Olympic exhibition tour. Anthony Davis added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Americans.

Marial Shayok had 24 points for South Sudan and Jones had a triple-double — 15 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

The teams will meet in group play in the Paris Olympics on July 31.

"It's basketball. It happens," U.S. guard Stephen Curry said. "You want to play perfect every game; it doesn't happen. But can you dig deep and do the little things that help you win? Offense can come and go, but defense is the thing that helps you win championships, medals, all that stuff."

It should have been a mismatch, and for the first half, it was — just not in the way anyone would have expected.

The U.S. roster has 12 players, all of them All-Stars or NBA champions or both, with a total of 189,038 points in their regular-season careers, with 7,832 combined starts. South Sudan has four players who have appeared in an NBA game. They've scored a combined 1,228 points and started 19 games.

Didn't matter. It was 8-0 U.S. after 2 1/2 minutes. The rest of the half: South Sudan 58, U.S. 34. The Americans allowed South Sudan to shoot 61% in the first half and got outscored 21-3 from 3-point range in the first 20 minutes.

"I did not do a great job preparing our team," Kerr said. "We did not focus enough on what they're capable of, and that's on me. I think that really allowed South Sudan to gain confidence early. ... They were great. They played a wonderful game and the ending was good for us, just to feel that, to feel what it's going to be like in Paris and Lille."



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AUTO RACING

Brickyard 400 gives drivers on bubble another chance to win and make it in to the playoffs

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Chase Briscoe looks at the NASCAR schedule and sees five more chances to lock up a playoff spot.

He heads into the Brickyard 400 squarely on the bubble at No. 16 and fully aware of the stakes.

If he wins, he's in. Anything less will only cause more consternation during the series' two-week Olympic break, so the 29-year-old Briscoe won't play it safe on his home track.

"We're in that weird spot where we could potentially point our way in, but realistically, we probably have to win, which, at a place like this, I think is nice to know you're in that must-win situation," he said. "You can just get super aggressive with strategy. If we were 20 points off the cut line or something, we would probably have to play it a little more conservative."

Briscoe certainly isn't the only one facing this predicament. He's one of six drivers sitting in playoff

position with no wins this season, potentially putting their postseason hopes in jeopardy. Martin Truex Jr., Bubba Wallace and Ty Gibbs are all among the group — and all will likely go all out to win one of the Cup's crown jewel races.

Their strategies also could complicate matters for the group trying to stay up front.

Chase Elliott begins this weekend three points ahead of Kyle Larson. Tyler Reddick, the Brickyard pole winner, trails by just 15 points while Danny Hamlin is down 20 with William Byron sitting 57 points behind Elliott.

Each qualified among the top five Saturday. Hamlin starts on the outside of Reddick with the three Hendrick Motorsports teammates — Elliott, Larson and Byron — lining up next.

While fans may be watching the unusually tight the regular-season title chase, Elliott, the 2020 Cup champ, just wants to

steer clear of trouble and collect postseason points.



AP photo

Chase Briscoe drives into a turn during a practice session for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Friday, in Indianapolis.

But for those lining up behind the leaders, they need to take advantage of every remaining opportunity — adding points or getting a win — especially with the Brickyard returning to Indy's 2.5-mile oval after three years on the 14-turn road course.

"We've got to figure out what we need to do to be better as a whole," Wallace said after qualifying 17th.

The bottom line
Longtime driver Ricky Stenhouse Jr. learned one

lesson from last week's final stage crash in Pocono: Follow the bottom line on restarts.

The 36-year-old driver was collected in a crash involving Kyle Busch and Corey LaJoie, ending what had been a promising race day. Stenhouse thought he was in ideal before the crash — racing on four fresh tires and taking the high line for what proved to be the final restart of the day.

He doesn't intend to make the same mistake this weekend.

"Here, the track is obviously a lot narrower than at Pocono, so I think you'll see people go three wide for sure," Stenhouse said. "But I feel like between the corners and the way everything plays out, you can't really go three wide so somebody's going to have to give and generally it's the car on top — unless they're really confident."

He may employ a similar strategy when racing resumes Aug. xx, too.

"You can't say it's the back of the field. I mean

it's happening on the front row, it's happening all over the place," Stenhouse said. "It's just, it's tough. It's gotten to where, toward the end of each restart, I definitely might pick the bottom."

Still upset

Busch held nothing back when he was asked about the LaJoie incident during Friday's "Pat McAfee Show." The two-time Cup champ called LaJoie a "liar" and promised "payback is coming."

On Saturday, a still angry Busch toned down his comments.

"I don't feel like I'm being backed into a corner where I have to respond," said Busch, a two-time Brickyard winner. "Just racing's racing and stuff happens."

LaJoie will start 19th in the 39-car field. Busch qualified 34th.

Odds and ends

Reddick is the BETMG Sportsbook favorite to win Sunday.

BASEBALL

Bears' offense stifled in 3-0 loss to Thunder

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TRENTON, N.J. — The West Virginia Black Bears lost the third game of the four-game series to the Trenton Thunder 3-0 on Saturday evening. The Black Bears bats struggled to make contact, recording a meager three hits in the shut out. Trenton starter Luke Rettig picked up his first win of the season after throwing five scoreless innings with five strikeouts.

It looked to be another night of intense offense after Trenton took a three-run lead in the bottom of the second. Right fielder Pete Durocher scored on a passed ball off the glove of Bears' catcher Ryan Grabosch. Ian Battipaglia singled to left field, scoring Chris Reeder for the second Thunder run. A pop fly fielded by Jeff Liquori put two away with the bases loaded, but Jesse

Fonteboa tagged up from third to add a run. The West Virginia defense pulled it together to halt Trenton's momentum, ending the inning on a groundout fielded by second baseman Kasten Furr. Heading into the third, the Bears trailed 3-0.

Any indication of a high-scoring affair was erased after the second inning as both teams struggled to plate a runner. Trenton starter and 2023 member Luke Rettig allowed West Virginia just two hits through the fifth inning. Fighting to keep the lead at three, the Bears' defense held the Thunder scoreless despite seven hits and runners in scoring position in the fifth and sixth innings. Relievers Sayer Diederich and Noah Manning combined for five scoreless innings, with Manning allowing two hits.

After seven innings of little to no offense, Bears'

third baseman Trace Willhoite struck out swinging to end the game.

Managing a paltry three hits through nine innings, West Virginia batters struck out ten times, only reaching base on five occasions. Morehead State graduate Ryan Grabosch recorded two of West Virginia's three hits with centerfielder Alex Vergara notching the third.

Anthony Abbatine, another returner from the 2023 Trenton squad, went two-for-two in his season debut with one RBI.

The Black Bears look to even the series in the fourth and final game against the Thunder on Sunday afternoon at Trenton Thunder Ballpark. First pitch is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. West Virginia returns to Kendrick Family Ballpark for the first home game of the second half on Tuesday, July 23.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert excited about league's new media rights deal

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The WNBA has the framework in place for a \$2.2 billion, 11-year media rights deal as part of the NBA's massive, recently approved deal.

WNBA players union executive director Terri Jackson has expressed concerns about the league being undervalued in the NBA's \$76 billion deal approved by its board of governors earlier this week, but Commissioner Cathy Engelbert believes all sides will be happy once it's completed.

"I think we're going to do something historic," Engelbert said just before the WNBA All-Star Game on Saturday night. "Once we're able to finalize those media deals, I think everybody is going to understand that this is a historic time for women's sports and the WNBA will be leading that."

The players union may not be thrilled with the valuation of the WNBA's next media rights deal, but it is a huge leap from the previous package.

The WNBA's current media deal is valued at about \$60 million per year and is set to expire after the 2025 season. The NBA, which owns about 60% of

the WNBA, has negotiated the new deals.

The WNBA has seen strong growth in recent years and it has skyrocketed this year with the additions of rookies Caitlin Clark, Angel Reese and Cameron Brink.

"We've been preparing for this for several years," Engelbert said. "We did a lot of work leading up to this on what media partners were looking for, what we needed to do three years ago, two years ago, last year to get our eyes on our game and fans in our seats in order to have the narrative around being a historic league at this time."

Schedule expansion

The addition of the Golden State Valkyries will give the WNBA 13 teams and a chance to expand the league schedule.

The collective bargaining agreement allows the WNBA to stretch its schedule to 44 games per game and Engelbert said the league is looking at its

options for next season with the Valkyries coming onboard.

"We're looking at the footprint for next year," she said. "One of the reasons we're looking at that footprint is we don't have an international competition like the FIBA World Cup or the Olympics next year. So we'll be able to look at our footprint without any now any interruption or break, like we're breaking this year."

Expansion draft

The addition of Golden State to the league also means there will be an expansion draft, though Engelbert said the league is still working out the details.

"It'll occur most likely in December of this year because we need to do it," she said. "And then we have the draft lottery and then the NCAA season concludes and then we have our draft. Our teams are aware. We'll make final decisions and make those announcements in the coming months."

HORSE RACING

Belmont winner Dornoch wins \$1M Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park

Associated Press

OCEANPORT, N.J. — Belmont Stakes winner Dornoch captured the \$1 million Haskell Stakes Saturday at Monmouth Park to take charge of what had been a wide-open 3-year-old division.

A second straight Grade 1 victory removed any doubt as to leader of the pack.

The Haskell featured a renewal of the budding rivalry between Dornoch and Mindframe. They clashed in the Belmont Stakes last month, with Dornoch prevailing by a half length.

The Haskell victory was more emphatic. Mindframe, the 4-5 favorite, took dead aim at Dornoch at the top of the lane and grabbed a narrow lead. Dornoch wasn't finished, as he repelled the challenge and widened his advantage in deep stretch before a roaring crowd of 38,976.

Dornoch, ridden by Luis Saez, prevailed by 1 1/4 lengths in 1:50.31 for the 1 1/8 miles.

Mindframe settled for second, five lengths better than third-place finisher Timberlake.

The Dornoch ownership group includes former Philadelphia Phillies star Jason Werth who was overcome by the win.

"He's awesome," Werth said. "He's a cool dude. We love this guy. He's like a family member."

Trainer Danny Gargan was worried when Dornoch drew the rail for the Haskell. He had flashbacks to the Kentucky Derby where Dornoch also had No. 1 post and lost all chance when he got jammed up at the break.

Dornoch calmed all fears as he blasted to front and dictated the pace.

"I was nervous all day," Gargan said. "I saw speed was really not winning. He ran big today. It looked like Mindframe, when he ran up to us, was going to get by. He dug back in. I couldn't be more proud of him."

Dornoch paid \$8.80, \$3 and \$2.40. Mindframe returned \$2.40 and \$2.10. Timberlake paid \$2.60 to show.

Just Step On It was fourth followed by Sea Streak, Tuscan Sky and Jasper's Pride.

Owner Mike Repole opted to scratch Fierceness from the Haskell on Saturday morning in favor of the Jim Dandy Stakes on July 27 at Saratoga Race Course. Last season's Juvenile Champion, Fierceness has not run since finishing 15th in the Kentucky Derby as the 3-1 favorite.

Repole was still represented in Haskell by a 50 percent share of Mindframe in partnership with Vinnie Viola, the owner of the Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers.

The Haskell was a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" challenge stakes. Dornoch is now guaranteed an expenses-paid berth in the \$7 million Classic on Nov. 2 at Del Mar.

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OLYMPICS

For Palestinian athletes, the Olympics is about more than sports

Associated Press

PARIS — Most of the athletes representing the Palestinian territories at the Paris Olympics were born elsewhere — Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Germany, Chile and the United States — yet they care deeply about the politics of their parents' and grandparents' homeland.

They are eager to compete but say their presence at the Games isn't only, or even primarily, about sports. With Israel and Hamas locked in a brutal war that has killed tens of thousands in Gaza, these eight athletes — two of whom hail from the West Bank — carry heavier burdens.

Yazan Al Bawwab, a 24-year-old swimmer who was born in Saudi Arabia and lives in Dubai, said he doesn't expect recognition for his performance in the pool. He uses swimming, he said, as a "tool for Palestine."

"Unfortunately, nobody has ever asked me about my races. Nobody cares," said al Bawwab, whose parents come from Jerusalem and Lod, a city that today is in central Israel. "I'm going to be plain and honest: France does not recognize Palestine as a country. But I'm over there, raising my flag. That's my role."

Omar Ismail, who was born in Dubai to parents who come from the West Bank town of Jenin, has loftier athletic ambitions. Shortly after earning his spot on the team at a taekwondo qualification tournament in China, the 18-year-old said he aims to win a gold medal in Paris.

But even if he does not earn a medal, Ismail — who has visited relatives in Jenin — believes his mere participation symbolizes

something larger than himself.

"I represent the identity of the people in Palestine, their steadfastness," Ismail said. "I'd like to inspire the children of Palestine, show them that each of them can achieve their goals, give them hope."

Even under the best of circumstances, it is difficult to maintain a vibrant Olympics training program in Gaza, the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Nine months of war between Israel and Hamas has made that challenge next to impossible.

Much of the country's sporting infrastructure, clubs and institutions have been demolished, said Nader Jayousi, the technical director at the Palestine Olympic Committee.

"Do you know how many approved pools there are in Palestine? Zero," said al Bawaab, who noted that the Palestinian economy is too small and fragile to consistently support the development of elite athletes. "There is no sports in Palestine. We are a country right now that does not have enough food or shelter, and we are trying to figure out how to stay alive. We are not a sports country yet."

The Palestinian diaspora has always played an important role at the Olympics and other international competitions, Jayousi said.

Jayousi said it's not the first time that most of the athletes representing the POC come from abroad. He said the Palestinian diaspora is always represented at any big international sporting competition and Olympics.

More than 38,000 people have been killed in Gaza since the war between Israel and Hamas began,

according to local health officials. Among those who died were about 300 athletes, referees, coaches and others working in Gaza's sports sector, according to Jayousi.

Perhaps the most prominent Palestinian athlete to die in the war was long-distance runner Majed Abu Maraheel, who in 1996 in Atlanta became the first Palestinian to compete in the Olympics. He died of kidney failure earlier this year after he was unable to be treated in Gaza and could not be evacuated to Egypt, Palestinian officials said.

Only one Palestinian athlete, Ismail, qualified for the Paris Games in his own right. The seven others gained their spots under a wild-card system delivered as part of the universality quota places. Backed by the International Olympic Committee, it allows athletes who represent poorer nations with less-established sports programs to compete, even though they did not meet the sporting criteria.

"We had very high hopes that we would go to Paris 2024 with qualified athletes," Jayousi, the team's technical director, said. "We lost lots of these chances because of the complete stoppage of every single activity in the country."

Palestinian athletes will compete in boxing, judo, swimming, shooting, track and field and taekwondo.

There is a chance Palestinian athletes could compete against Israelis in Paris. The Israel Olympic Committee said it is sending 88 athletes to Paris, and that they would compete against athletes from anywhere.

Jayousi declined to say whether clear guidelines



AP photo

Omar Ismail, who was born in Dubai and will be competing for the Palestinian territories at the Paris Olympics, practices taekwondo in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, on Thursday.

have been issued to Palestinian athletes about whether they would be expected — as a form of protest against the war in Gaza — to drop out of competition rather than face Israelis.

"Let's see what the draws will put our athletes against," he said. "We know what we want to do, but we don't have to say everything that we want to do."

One Olympic hopeful who did not make the cut was Gaza-born weightlifter Mohammed Hamada, a flag bearer at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. When the war began, Hamada moved to Gaza's southernmost city

of Rafah and trained there for 25 days. But because of the shortage of food, Hamada — who competed in the 225 pounds weight class — gradually lost about 40 pounds.

Hamada eventually secured a visa to leave Gaza and moved to Qatar to continue his training. But, Jayousi said, he just couldn't get his body back to Olympic-level condition.

Jayousi said winning medals is not the top priority for the athletes who made it to Paris. (No Palestinian athlete has ever won an Olympic medal).

"We are going here to show our Palestinianism," he said. "We are focused on

fighting until the last second, which we have been doing as a nation for the last 80 years."

Al Bawaab said he wants to empower the next generation of Palestinian athletes, in part by providing them with greater financial resources. He founded the Palestinian Olympians Association to help athletes prepare for sports and life beyond, including by providing them with mental-health support.

"We don't have that sports culture yet," al Bawaab said. "When I'm done swimming, we'll hopefully get that rolling in the country. But you have to be safe first."

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TRANSPORTATION

How NASA and SpaceX will bring down the space station when it's retired

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX will use a powerful, souped-up capsule to shove the International Space Station out of orbit once time is up for the sprawling lab.

NASA and Elon Musk's company on Wednesday outlined the plan to burn the space station up on reentry and plunge what's left into the ocean, ideally at the beginning of 2031 when it hits the 32-year mark. The space agency rejected other options, like taking the station apart and bringing everything home or handing the keys to someone else.

Here's a rundown on the work and challenges ahead:

Why get rid of the space station?

The space station is already showing signs of age. Russia and the U.S. launched the first pieces in late 1998, and astronauts

moved in two years later. Europe and Japan added their own segments, and Canada provided robotic arms. By the time NASA's shuttles retired in 2011, the station had grown to the size of a football field, with a mass of nearly 1 million pounds. NASA figures the station will last until at least 2030. The goal is for private companies to launch their own space stations by then, with NASA serving as one of many customers. That strategy — already in place for station cargo and crew deliveries — will free NASA up to focus on moon and Mars travel. NASA could decide to extend the station's life, too, if no commercial outposts are up there yet. The aim is to have an overlap so scientific research is not interrupted.

Why not bring it back to Earth?

NASA considered dis-

mantling the space station and hauling the pieces back to Earth, or letting private companies salvage the parts for their own planned outposts. But the station was never intended to be taken apart in orbit, according to NASA, and any such effort would be expensive and also risky to the astronauts who would handle the disassembly. Besides, there's no spacecraft as big as NASA's old shuttles to bring everything down. Another option would be to boost the empty station to a higher, more stable orbit. But that, too, was dismissed given the logistical issues and the increased risk of space junk.

How will it be brought down?

Visiting spacecraft periodically boost the space station so it remains in an orbit approximately 260 miles high. Otherwise, it would keep getting lower and lower

until it plunged, uncontrolled, from orbit. NASA wants to ensure a safe reentry over a remote section of the South Pacific or possibly the Indian Ocean, so that means launching a spacecraft that will dock to the station and steer it toward a watery grave. NASA expects some denser pieces to survive, ranging in size from a microwave oven to a sedan, in a narrow debris field 1,200 miles long. NASA and its partners considered using three Russian supply ships for the job, but a more robust craft was needed. The call went out to industry and, in June, SpaceX won the contract for a deorbit vehicle.

What will the deorbit spacecraft look like?

SpaceX plans to use an ordinary Dragon capsule — the kind that carries supplies and astronauts to the space station — but with a much bigger trunk housing



SpaceX via AP

This image provided by SpaceX shows an artistic rendering of the powerful capsule that will be used, once developed, to bring the International Space Station down through the atmosphere in January 2031.

a record 46 engines and more than 35,000 pounds of fuel. SpaceX's Sarah Walker said the challenge will be creating a spacecraft powerful enough to guide the space station while resisting the tugs and forces from increased atmospheric drag during final descent. This spacecraft will require an especially powerful rocket just to get to orbit, according to

NASA. The capsule would be launched 1 1/2 years before the station's planned demise. Astronauts still would be aboard as it's gradually lowered. Six months before the station's destruction, the crew would abandon ship and return home. Once the station is down to about 137 miles, the Dragon would bring it down four days later.

COURT

New judge sets ground rules for case against rapper Young Thug

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The new judge presiding over the racketeering and gang prosecution of rapper Young Thug and several other defendants said Friday she plans to move forward expeditiously with the trial, which has already dragged on for more than a year.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Paige Reese Whitaker held a hearing with prosecutors and defense attorneys to understand any pending issues she needed to address and lay down some ground rules.

Whitaker received the case after the first judge overseeing it, Chief Judge Ural Glanville, was removed. Two defendants had sought his recusal, citing a meeting the judge held with prosecutors and a state witness.

Jury selection began in January 2023 and took nearly 10 months. Opening statements were in November, and the prosecution has been presenting its case since then, calling dozens of witnesses.

Whitaker said she was "parachuting in" and had not been following the case.



Arvin Temkar

Young Thug, whose real name is Jeffery Williams, appears at a hearing, Dec. 22, 2022, in Atlanta.

The case is currently on hold, with jurors due back in August. Whitaker said she plans to start court promptly at 8:45 a.m. She also asked for a "realistic" witness list from attorneys, including what they expect those witnesses to say.

She noted she had the authority to exclude evidence and said she could use it.

"I need for us to try to be efficient with the jury's time," she said.

Young Thug, a Grammy winner whose

given name is Jeffery Williams, was charged two years ago in a sprawling indictment accusing him and more than two dozen others of conspiring to violate Georgia's anti-racketeering law. He also is charged with gang, drug and gun crimes.

He is standing trial with five other people indicted with him.

Brian Steel, a lawyer for Young Thug, has said his client is innocent and seeks to clear his name through a fair trial.

ENTERTAINMENT

Disneyland workers authorize strike ahead of contract negotiations

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Thousands of workers at Disney's theme park and resort properties in California voted late Friday to authorize a potential strike, as contract negotiations drag on over wages, sick leave and other benefits.

The strike authorization was approved by an overwhelming margin, nearly 99% of the members who cast votes, according to a union statement. The election was held by a coalition of four unions, which represents 14,000 Disney ride operators, store clerks, custodians, candy makers, ticket takers, parking atten-

dants and other employees.

The vote does not mean a strike will happen, only that union leaders now have the option to call a strike in the event that they are unable to negotiate a new contract deal with Disney. Leaders from both sides return to the bargaining table starting Monday.

"We greatly appreciate the important roles our cast members play in creating memorable experiences for our guests, and we remain committed to reaching an agreement that focuses on what matters most to them while positioning Disneyland Resort for growth and job creation," the company said in

a statement. Elizabeth Gonzalez, a day custodial cast member at Disney California Adventure, said in the union statement that she knows colleagues who work two and even three jobs or live in a car to make ends meet.

"I am worried as a future mom for the family I'm creating right now," she said. "Disney can't call themselves a family friendly company while so many cast members and their families are struggling."

Union members have been in talks with Disney over wage increases, safety measures, attendance policies and other benefits since April.

NATION

89-year-old comedian recovering after she was randomly punched on New York street

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An 89-year-old comedian is recovering after being randomly punched and knocked to the ground while waiting to cross a street in New York earlier

this month. D'yan Forest said she had just stopped at a coffee shop and was heading to a swimming pool when someone came up to her from behind and hit her in the eye.

Police on Saturday said the female suspect in the

July 10 incident had a medium complexion and cornrow braids and was last seen wearing a tank top and shorts with a Jurassic Park logo. Forest holds the Guinness World Record for being the oldest working female comedian.

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EDITORIAL

Different ideas about 'affordable' housing

Part of the reason Morgantown's real estate market is so hot is because there's a lack of available and affordable housing. So we're not going to object to the premise of building more housing. However, we do object to the description of the potential Metro Properties development as "affordable."

As Ben Conley reported, the City of Morgantown is considering a zoning amendment that would allow Metro to build roughly 27 townhouses between Evans Street and Metro Towers (University Avenue). David Biafora described the development as separate from Metro Towers, with individual owners. His nephew, Richard Biafora, said the townhomes would be "providing clean, safe, reasonably affordable housing to own for law students, med students or professionals in the area" — at \$288,000 to \$300,000 apiece.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development defines housing as "affordable" when occupants spend 30% or less of their income on housing-related costs, including utilities. According to the census, Morgantown's 2022 median income was about \$41,000; to account for inflation, we'll say the 2024 median income is \$45,000. (The census also reported roughly 34% of the city's populace lived in poverty — \$30,000 or less per year for a family of four.)

For a household making \$45,000 per year, monthly housing-related costs — including utilities — should be no more than \$1,125 per month. The mortgage alone for a \$288,000 townhouse, at current rates and with 20% down payment, is \$1,824 per month; for a \$300,000 townhouse, it's almost \$1,900 per month. So the median household would spend almost half its yearly income just on mortgage.

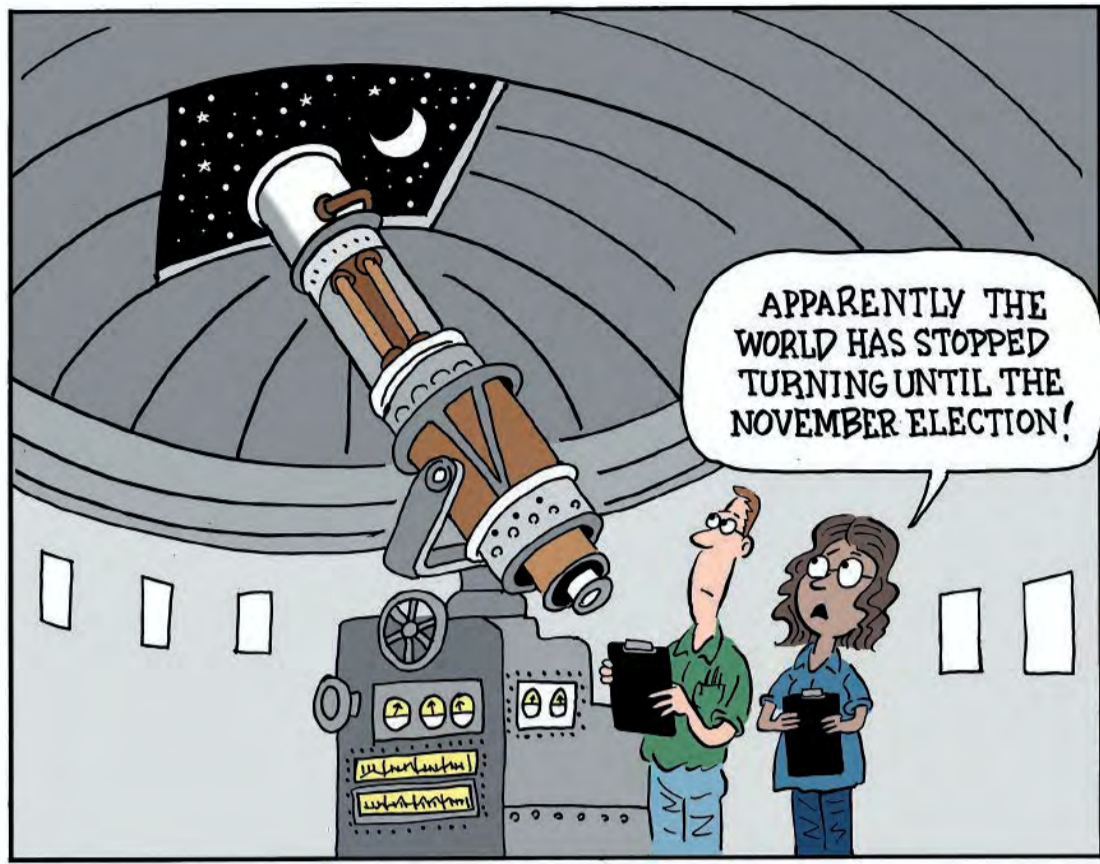
Already, the proposed townhouses are unaffordable for half of Morgantown's households to buy.

The counterpoint, of course, is the new development targets "law students, med students or professionals." Yes, when those individuals find work, they make \$50,000 or more a year and can supposedly afford more — but they also tend to carry school-related debt that chips away at their spending power. While they may be the intended consumer, that doesn't mean they will be.

We also worry, despite the intention for these townhouses to be owner-occupied, they will become part of Morgantown's ubiquitous rental landscape that has made purchasing a home difficult for first-time homebuyers.

As we said at the start of this editorial, we do not object to Metro building the townhouses. It's proposal, however, is the perfect example of the vast chasm between what developers consider "affordable" housing and the reality of what half the city's population can actually afford. And what we need is more housing designed for the median-income earner and below.

Unfortunately, though, such development isn't as profitable for developers. So roughly half of Morgantown's households will continue to watch as the area's real estate is dominated by luxury builds and the dream of homeownership slips further and further away.



Israeli-Palestinian conflict a modern one

In a recent letter to the editor, it is implied that the history of this conflict stems back to ancient, biblical times. However, this conflict is a modern one that is about territory, power and control.

Certainly, religious identities are a factor, and Zionism uses the Jewish Bible to legitimize Israel's territorial control today, but this is not a fight about religion or Jesus; it is about the domination of land and people.

What is known as Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories today was under the Ottoman Empire from 1516 to 1918. During that 402-year period, it was inhabited almost exclusively by Arab Palestinians. It was after

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the editor will be published the weekend of July 28. The publishing schedule will return to normal the following week.

the fall of the Ottoman Empire, when competing claims over this area evolved, that the modern conflict arose.

The letter also ponders why Jordan is not the home for Palestinians. This is a simple answer: No one wants to be forcibly removed from their homes and the land in which their families have lived for countless generations so that another people can take control.

Jordan has a population

that is just over half Palestinian (not 80% as the letter cites). These Palestinians are, in general, incredibly grateful that Jordan has given them a place to remake their lives. But they live in Jordan because they were forcibly displaced from Palestine (its official name was the Mandate of Palestine from 1923-48) after Israel was created in 1948. Israel's subsequent military aggression displaced 750,000 Palestinians in 1948 and another 250,000 in 1967, many of whom went to Jordan.

Palestinians in Jordan are refugees. Refugees whom I have researched for over 10 years, and who, for the most part, still long to return to what they know as their home in Palestine.

Karen Culcasi
Morgantown

IMMIGRATION

America's definition of 'refugee' needs an update

AMERICAN LEADERS OF ALL POLITICAL STRIPES LAMENT THE NATION'S BROKEN ASYLUM SYSTEM, BUT THEY ALSO FALL LOCKSTEP INTO SHORT-SIGHTED, REACTIVE FIXES THAT DON'T SOLVE THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM: an outdated and unresponsive refugee definition that fails to address the actual threats that refugees face in the 21st century.

Faced with rising numbers of asylum seekers, policymakers' first instinct is to limit who and how many can be granted asylum. President Joe Biden recently followed that pattern when he imposed unprecedented restrictions on the right to seek asylum, including setting arbitrary cutoffs for the number of "encounters" at the border that triggered a complete shutdown of the asylum system. Nonetheless, he still faces criticism for not creating even higher hurdles to block access and narrow eligibility.

What the United States needs to do is something close to the opposite. As surprising as it sounds, expanding the definition of who is a refugee would be a formula for less chaos, illegality and inequity at our borders and less paralysis in our immigration courts.

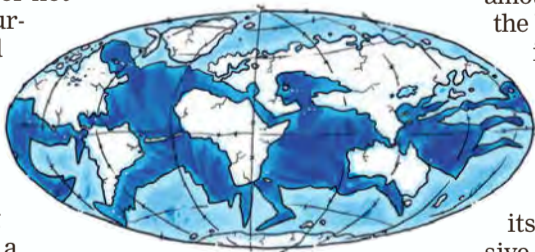
It might not reduce the number of people seeking refuge here, but it would help clear the backlog of asylum cases — more than 1.5 million now pending before immigration judges and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officers — and allow U.S. officials to determine much more quickly which new arrivals need protection.

In 1980 the United States incorporated into U.S. law the definition of "refugee" contained in the U.N.'s 1951 Refugee Convention. It rightly recognizes that people who have a "well-founded fear of persecution" should not be returned to places where they would be harmed because of

their identity or beliefs. But judging asylum claims on this standard has often been an exhaustive, slow and punctilious process, ascertaining the persecutor's intent, verifying the claimant's beliefs or identity at the root of the persecution and so on.

At the same time, the 1951 standard fails to explicitly recognize as refugees people fleeing war and other clear threats to life and physical integrity.

In 2015, Germany was faced with a mass influx of about 890,000 asylum seekers. It too used the 1951 Refugee Convention definition as its primary criterion for protection. But by broadening the standard to include those suffering from "inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" and "indiscrimi-



nate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict," it eliminated its backlog and was keeping current with new applications by September 2017.

The expanded definition resulted in quick and fair decisions. About 725,000 asylum seekers from Eritrea, Iran, Iraq and Syria had approval rates of more than 50%. Meanwhile, 99% of the more than 275,000 nationals from countries in the Western Balkans — where many of the gravest human rights abuses have declined — were rejected. Germany currently has less than a quarter-million pending cases.

Forty years ago, Latin American governments agreed to the Cartagena Declaration, a regional instrument in the Americas that

also remedies limitations in the Refugee Convention, expanding it to include "persons who have fled their country because their lives, safety, or freedom have been threatened by generalized violence, foreign aggression, internal conflicts, massive violation of human rights or other circumstances which have seriously disturbed public order."

The Cartagena language — in combination with the Refugee Convention definition, grants of temporary protected status and other relaxed visa requirements — has enabled Latin American countries to provide residency permits and other legal statuses relatively quickly and flexibly to most of the 6.8 million people who have been uprooted by violence and unrest in Venezuela, all without expending the huge amount of time and resources the U.S. employs simply trying to determine asylum seekers' eligibility for protection.

As a matter of principle and international law, the U.S. should make its asylum standard responsive to the actual threats faced by individuals fleeing foreign invasions, civil war, gang violence and even rising sea levels and other climate disasters.

An expanded refugee definition is not the same as an open invitation to migrate. It would require applicants to demonstrate that they face inhuman and degrading treatment or serious threats to life or physical integrity because of a real risk of violence, or because of exceptional situations, such as natural or human-made disasters, for which there is no adequate remedy at home. Those criteria are more straightforward to assess than a "well-founded fear of persecution." Applicants whose asylum claims rest on economic grounds also would

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HOPPY KERCHEVAL

Pig roast cooks up aid for college

IN 1987, A FEW FOLKS IN BOONE COUNTY GOT TOGETHER TO SEE IF THEY COULD RAISE SOME MONEY TO HELP ONE OF THEIR LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY. The story goes that 10 people put in \$100 each and they gave away one \$1,000 scholarship. The money also helped buy a trumpet so the student could join the WVU marching band.

That was the origin of what has become one of the WVU Alumni Association's most unique and successful fundraisers — the annual Boone County Alumni and Friends Pig Roast and Mountaineer Music Frolic. The WVU Alumni Association describes the pig roast as one of its longest running signature chapter events.

The 37th event was held two Saturdays ago at the Water Ways Outdoor Amphitheater in Julian. The big crowd included alumni and friends of the university, past scholarship recipients and folks who just wanted to take in the festivities. They raised somewhere between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Consider these numbers from the Boone County Alumni and Friends chapter:

Since the first event, the organization has raised more than \$1 million, mostly from the annual pig roast, and that money has funded about 500 student scholarships. The association is funding more than \$40,000 in scholarships for 25 students for the coming school year. That makes the Boone County alumni group the top provider of scholarships among all WVU Alumni chapters.

In a story about the Boone County Alumni and Friends chapter by WVU Today, past president Denise Workman said, "You want kids with potential to have the opportunity to get that education and, if they choose to come home, that's great, or if they choose something else — they've seen a new horizon. We are seeing the difference it's making for so many students."

With the many challenges in today's world, I often hear people wonder how they can make a difference. Some of the problems are just so overwhelming. In addition, we are bombarded with national news coverage that often focuses on conflict and issues that seem intractable.

It is easy to get discouraged and lose sight of what's possible. That is why what Boone County Alumni and Friends association does is so important. Writer and teacher Margaret J. Wheatley said, "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

Nearly four decades ago, Boone County decided it was important to help local students who wanted to attend West Virginia University. Their pig roast last weekend was not only a fundraiser for those scholarships, but it was also illustrative of what a community can accomplish when it pulls together.

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GUEST ESSAY

GOP: The Party of Labor

BY DELEGATE EVAN WORRELL

PRESIDENT TRUMP INVITED THE LEADER OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS TO SPEAK AT THE 2024 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. As a party, Republicans should fully support President Trump's endorsement of organized labor unions.

Three years ago, I created the West Virginia Republican Labor Caucus and was rebuked by some fellow members of my party.

Now, we are all witnessing a realignment of American politics after events at the 2024 RNC, with an emphasis on organized labor unions.

The Republican Party, an organization historically supportive of the corporate elite, is now seeing those same corporations work against them on the national level through campaign fundraising and at the ballot box.

Because of this, the Republican Party is now raising up leaders from the labor movement in a seismic shift toward populist ideals that support working families.

During the Republican National Convention, keynote speaker Sean O'Brien, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, became the first Teamsters leader in history to address the RNC.

During O'Brien's remarks, he slammed corporations and big business for their treatment of working families and praised Republicans with the courage to speak out against anti-labor policies.

He even called out radicals on both sides of the aisle, encouraging true Republicans to support Americans who are simply trying to make a living.

O'Brien's comments should empower our Republican leaders on the state level who have taken up the mantle of organized labor, helping the movement to grow in local conservative circles that may have been traditionally opposed to such ideas.

In 2021, the West Virginia Republican Party chairman of that time renounced the West Virginia Republican Labor Caucus, claiming the ideas of supporting working-class men and women went against the party line.

In reality, the values and ideals of working-class families often align with the core fundamentals of the Republican Party.

Since that time, not only have our numbers grown, but the West Virginia Republican Labor Caucus has been successful in passing worker-friendly legislation such as the STAND Act, which provides an avenue for apprentices in the construction trades to receive an associate's degree from local community and technical colleges.

With all of this in mind, I truly hope the response from our current state party would be different today, after President Trump presented Sean O'Brien as a keynote speaker at this year's Republican Convention.

If Republican leaders hope to connect with working-class voters in the years to come, we would be wise to continue this new path of supporting working-class families and organized labor unions.

DELEGATE EVAN WORRELL (R-23) is the chairman of the West Virginia Republican Labor Caucus.

REFUGEE

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be easier to identify, more quickly rejected and subject to deportation.

The U.S. should do what Germany, the 26 other European Union member states and 16 Latin American countries have done: Update its understanding of who deserves refugee protection to match the forces uprooting people today. By expanding its arbitrary definition of "refugee," the U.S. could better manage the influx of those seeking protection at the border and make its broader asylum system more efficient and humane.

BILL FRELICK is refugee and migrant rights director at Human Rights Watch.

Don't cut taxes; invest in our kids instead

I would like a little extra walking around money in my pocket as much as the next guy. Gov. Justice wants to cut the state income tax rate by 5%, at a price of around \$100 million. The governor said that the state has accumulated a large budget surplus because it has reduced the cost of government by operating under flat budgets. But at what cost?

Child Protective Services received around 40,000 referrals last year. The June 30 West Virginia Child Welfare Dashboard suggests that CPS has 378 filled CPS positions and 91 vacancies. So, if every position were filled, each CPS worker would have a caseload of 85 children. That is a number designed for failure — the failure of providing quality services to our most vulnerable children. So, the West Virginia Legislature should take, say, \$5 million to hire an extra 100 CPS workers in order to bring the caseload of each CPS worker down to a manageable level.

Everyone agrees that the West Virginia public schools are functioning with 1,000 or so noncertified teachers. But no extraordinary steps are being taken to convince existing teachers to become certified or in recruiting certified teachers into the state. Both WVU Hospitals and Mon Health are taking extraordinary steps to train and recruit nurses. The State Board of Education should learn from the hospitals and the Legislature should take some of my walking around money and spend it on the recruitment and training of certified teachers.

I suggest that the governor and the Legislature invest my walking around money in the area that they always suggest is the future of our state: our children. This really is a no-brainer, isn't it.

Dennis Poluga
Morgantown

Spend taxayer money where it really counts

First, I would like to comment on spending more money at Mylan Park. It is all well and good to build a new ice arena, but you would think the county would want the main highway leading to Mylan Park to be in excellent con-



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the editor will be published the weekend of July 28. The publishing schedule will return to normal the following week.

dition instead of broken seams in the concrete and potholes.

Now, I know this is a state highway, but getting the state to do something is like pulling teeth. The state wants tourists and visitors to come to Morgantown for Mountaineer games but expects them to drive their expensive automobiles over roads in such deplorable condition. Chaplin Road would seem to be a top priority to be fixed just because of all the visitors who bring more money into our state, town and county.

Second, to expand the encampment ban is not a solution to the problem. The solution goes further than the city. The city can come up with a local solution to the problem of homelessness, but the bigger problem that goes nationwide falls on the desks of our Congress and the president. Every person needs to write

or call their congressman and senators and insist that they and the president quit sending millions and millions of taxpayer dollars to other countries and instead spend it on fixing the problem of homelessness all over America and on the local level. It is more important to take care of our own people first before we worry about other countries.

Ralph Correll
Morgantown

Abandoned trees along roadside are dangerous

There are several trees that have fallen along the roadside in the area, and I don't believe that the Division of Highways has attempted to remove them in the past several months.

I assume local residents have cut them up and left them lying in the ditches, and some are protruding into the roadway where they are not always visible after dark or in the fog.

It is extremely dangerous for local residents to attempt to remove the trees without some traffic control assistance. How are the ditches cleaned and the roadsides mowed with trees preventing access? Neither is accomplished successfully.

I cannot fathom how any offi-

cial from the DOH can be so derelict as to allow such a dangerous situation to exist. Complaints by local citizens to the DOH are often ignored. I am very familiar with the process from Morgantown to Charleston. If someone does respond, they don't take the complaint seriously. Most of the time we only receive frivolous excuses.

The roads I am referring to are Bakers Ridge Road, West Run Road and, the most obvious, Hartman Run Road at the intersection of Airport Boulevard. A large log is protruding into the roadway where it is so obvious that not to see it is a total disgrace. Apparently, this huge log is invisible to all highway department employees who pass by daily. Willing contractors could eliminate these hazardous situations in a few days. Hire contractors to do the job that the DOH will not do.

I don't expect streets of gold in Almost Heaven West Virginia — just smooth asphalt with clean ditches and no roadside brush.

Focus your energy on answers, not excuses and not wasting tax dollars. Dereliction and neglect cost lives.

Ron Lemley
Morgantown

GUEST ESSAY

Rejection is redirection: Finding purpose through setbacks

BY ALICIA KALKA

REJECTION IS ONE OF THE MOST PAINFUL EXPERIENCES WE FACE IN LIFE. IT STINGS, LINGERS AND CAN SHAKE OUR CONFIDENCE TO ITS CORE. YET, WITH THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE, REJECTION CAN BE A POWERFUL TOOL FOR REDIRECTION, leading us to paths we never imagined and opportunities we never thought possible. As I reflect on my journey, I realize how moments of rejection (or events I perceived as rejection) were pivotal in shaping my career and life. This perspective is particularly relevant for families and students in West Virginia, where the challenges of completing a college degree can often feel insurmountable.

Growing up in West Virginia, I've always loved the vibrant energy of summer, especially in July. What was a barren landscape with winter-shortened days is now lush and green, and the long sunny days beckon us to explore and embrace the warmth and vitality of the new season. I think this is how we should view rejection — as a call to a new season.

In my own life, there have been numerous instances where I have faced rejection. One experience stands out vividly: I was 18 and graduated from Capital High School with an average high school GPA. While I received some scholarships to attend multiple universities, they were not significant — less than \$500. To 18-year-old me, I had to fight the feeling that I "wasn't good enough."

Many students in West Virginia face similar feelings of "rejection." Whether they fail a class, don't get into a desired program, struggle with the financial burden of college, or come from nontraditional family situations. These situations can feel like barriers and, too often, derail academic careers before they even get started. However, I want these students to embrace the notion that these moments of perceived rejection can serve as crucial turning points and opportunities for redirection and reflection.

Reflection is a crucial component of this process. When faced with rejection, reflecting allows

us to understand what went wrong, what could have been done differently and how we can improve. It provides a moment to pause, reassess our goals and make informed decisions about our next steps. We gain clarity and insight through reflection, which can lead to personal and professional growth.

I think about the many families and students in our state who feel disheartened when they don't finish their degrees. Maybe they failed a class or two or had to drop out for personal reasons. Maybe they didn't have the money to complete their degree, or maybe "life" simply got in the way. It's easy to view these experiences as failures, but what if we used these moments to reassess our goals, explore new paths and find alternative ways to achieve success?

The statistics are telling. Nearly 80% of high school students in West Virginia consider going to college, yet less than 50% do. Many cite the expense, the perceived lack of value and uncertainty about where to start. Many are side-

tracked by perceived rejection. This is where the concept of redirection becomes vital. If financial burdens are the issue, many ways exist to make college more affordable. West Virginia has numerous programs and scholarships designed to help students manage costs. Fairmont State University, where I work, has strategically kept tuition rates affordable and even lowered residence hall rates to support our students.

For families and students reading this, I urge you to embrace the concept of rejection as redirection. Don't let setbacks define you. Use them as steppingstones to explore new avenues, discover what truly drives you and build resilience. The future of West Virginia depends on our ability to adapt and persevere and this West Virginia woman believes you can achieve anything you want!

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Lego was my son's world. It took me decades to see why

SIX DECADES AFTER THE AGE WHEN MOST PEOPLE DO, I'VE BECOME OBSESSED WITH LEGO. My gateway drug was a set reminiscent of an ice cream truck. Like many parents, I was trying something new as a way to connect with one of my kids. Unlike many parents, in my case the kid in question was an adult, and I was building a set that he had designed.

My three boys were infatuated with building blocks as children, and my husband would play with them, teaching the concept of a "stable base." But I was the one alone with the kids day after day, enduring interminable and soul-crushing afternoons on the floor of the playroom. I remember when the boys were about 3, 7 and 8, feeling like it was an eternity until my husband would get home. Those hours seemed to go on forever, but one day, impossibly, I blinked, and they were suddenly driving, procuring fake IDs and heading off to college.

Of the three, my middle child, Aaron, was the enigmatic one, the one I couldn't always understand.

We moved from Ohio to the Bay Area when Aaron was in fifth grade, and the transition was almost too much for him. He'd always been change-averse; when I rearranged the furniture in our Ohio family room when Aaron was about 6, he was disconsolate, wailing for days like King Lear in the storm: "Why is everything different?"

The move to California caused him terrible angst; like a sad old turtle retreating into his shell, Aaron lived 24/7 in hoodies with the hoods pulled up for almost a year. I look back at family photos from this time and my heart breaks to see his face often filled with consternation rather than joy.

So how did Aaron find his equilibrium?

First of all, he discovered musical theater. As a teenager, he was in a dozen musicals at our local community theater. He and I saw Broadway shows together whenever we could. To see Aaron discovering joy through musical theater was a delight (and a relief).

Secondly, Aaron continued

building with Lego even as other kids his age outgrew it. During middle school, he found a group of similarly infatuated enthusiasts online who shared original designs with each other. By the time he was in high school, he had discovered the "adult fans of Lego" community, and that was it for him: He'd found his people.

During college, he started accepting commission work. After graduating, he continued with larger and better-paying commissions, cobbling together a burgeoning career.

Aaron's dream, pretty much ever since he developed fine motor skills, was to work for Lego as a designer. But that would also mean moving to Denmark. After college, he'd begun to teach himself Danish and, a few years after he graduated, he was hired by Lego.

Last fall, through a fluke of timing, Aaron and I got to spend a few special days together in New York, going to Broadway shows and to a bar in Greenwich Village for a drunken show-tunes sing-along. But it was when we went to the Lego store at Rockefeller Center that I felt like I got a glimpse into the center of his soul. We saw sets he'd designed, and he told me about fellow designers when we

checked out their sets. This was his place, these were his people, this was his life — or, at least, it was his foundation.

Thinking about it now, I realize the concept of the "stable base" that my husband taught him all those years ago has become a metaphor for Aaron's life: This world of interlocking bricks is where he feels the most calm, happy and competent. He needs things to make sense in the way Lego makes sense.

As much as those after-school hours all those years ago felt monotonous, I'd love to go back in time to when we all lived under one roof and when I, the boys' mom, was the big love of their lives, sitting on the floor of that playroom. Not forever, but just for a little while, armed with the insights I have now.

The time has gone too fast. In the meantime, I have a new and profound connection to Aaron. When I dump out a bag of the little plastic bricks and start sorting through them, just the mere sound brings me back, to remember and to feel the essence of my son, however far away he might be.

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is on vacation and will return next week.

Reviving Hollywood glamor



AP photos

Carlton Smith (left) and Justin Nimmo pose July 2 in front of the console of the Barton Opus 234 theater organ that is undergoing restoration at Carlton Smith Pipe Organ Restorations in Indianapolis. The massive pipe organ, built nearly a century ago for an extravagant movie house in Detroit, is expected to be the centerpiece of a performing arts center at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Experts piece together a century-old pipe organ of the silent movie era

BY COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — A massive pipe organ that underscored the drama and comedy of silent movies with live music in Detroit's ornate Hollywood Theatre nearly a century ago was dismantled into thousands of pieces and stashed away.

The Barton Opus, built in 1927, spent four decades stored in a garage, attic and basement in suburban Detroit. But the towering musical curiosity is being lovingly restored in Indianapolis and eventually will be trucked, piece by piece, to the Rochester Institute of Technology in western New York, to be reassembled and rehoused in a theater specifically designed to accommodate it.

In its heyday, the Barton Opus was able to recreate the sounds of many instruments, including strings, flutes and tubas, says Carlton Smith, who has been restoring the organ since 2020. It also contained real percussion instruments such as a piano, xylophone, glockenspiel, cymbals and drums and could produce sound effects including steamboat and bird whistles, Smith says.

For many moviegoers, the organs — and the organists — were the stars.

"One guy could do it all," Smith says. "In the big cities, they were literally filling the theaters' thousands of seats multiple times during the day. They were showing live shows along with the

films. It was a big production."

The Barton Opus enjoyed good acoustics at the Hollywood Theatre, according to the Detroit Theatre Organ Society. The theaters in Detroit at that time, the golden age of the city's auto industry, were as glamorous as any in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, according to John Lauter, an organist and organ technician.

"We were such a rich market for moviegoers that the theater owners built these palatial places," Lauter says. "There were no plain Jane movie houses back then."

Lauter, who also is the director of the Detroit Theatre Organ Society and president of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, says the Hollywood Theatre organ was one of the largest made by the Bartola Musical Instrument Co. of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Only three were sold, while the other two were installed in the Highland Theatre in Chicago and the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet, Illinois.

Of the three, this is "the last one left that hasn't been altered," Smith says.

In the decades that followed, televisions began to appear in living rooms across the nation and silent movie houses fell out of favor. The Hollywood Theatre closed in the 1950s, its fixtures were sold and its famed Barton Opus was on the verge of being lost to history.

But in the early 1960s, Lauter's friend, Henry Przybylski, bought



Nimmo removes the reed from one of the hundreds of pipes that are part of the Barton Opus 234 theater organ.

it at auction for about \$3,500. Przybylski scrambled to remove the massive instrument, parts of which stood two stories tall, before the theater was demolished.

"He pulled together all of his friends in the winter of 1963," Lauter says. "The building had no electricity and no heat. They came in with Coleman lanterns and block and tackle."

They took the organ apart and Przybylski — an engineer and organ buff — transported the thousands of pieces back to his Dearborn Heights home where it would remain, unassembled, for

about 40 years.

"He never heard or played that instrument ever," Lauter says. "He lived a majority of his life owning that thing. He'd roll up the garage door and there would be that console in there. He made it known it was the very best there was."

Przybylski died in 2000, but that did not spell the end of the Barton Opus' odyssey.

Steven Ball, a professional organist who taught at the University of Michigan's Organ Department, asked Przybylski's widow in 2003 if the pipe organ was for sale.

"I came up with every last bit of cash I could," Ball says.

But he also put the pipe organ straight into storage.

"This whole project was to see this organ through to safety, until I could find an institution to restore it to what it was," Ball says, adding that he had always hoped the Barton Opus would end up in a theater mirroring its original home.

In 2019, Rochester Institute of Technology President David C. Munson reached out to Ball, whom he had known since Munson served as the dean of engi-

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Sometimes Mother Nature's creatures force retaliation

"The smallest insect is as important as the largest bear."

Tom Brown Jr.

FOR ME THERE IS NOTHING THAT SOOTHES THE SOUL MORE THAN A FULL IMMERSION into the natural world of woods and meadows. Somehow the problems and commitments that drag me down with unbreakable cords, loosen and fall away the deeper I wander into Mother Nature's realm. This has always been true for me and perhaps for this reason I honor and respect all her creatures and creations. Having said this, I must confess I have killed, squashed, flushed and destroyed some of her little creatures, but with what I



IRENE MARINELLI

consider good reason. One evening, after showering, I reached for a towel to dry my hair. When I grabbed the towel from its hook, I discovered a fat, black spider had come riding along with it. I'm not quite arachnophobic, but I'm not at all fond of spiders. Their bite can go from painful to very itchy and uncomfortable. The spider stared at me with

all eight eyes, while I tried to decide how to deal with my bathroom guest. In the back of my mind I knew this creature of Mother Nature's would end up flushed down the toilet. This was not my first nor will it be my last encounter with her little creatures. Some time ago I was happily floating around in the pool, enjoying the sunshine of a blue and gold day. Without my notice, a large wasp zoomed onto my shoulder and delivered a painful sting. On another occasion a relative of that wasp stung me several times as Rob and I were enjoying dinner outside on a restaurant's patio. I've

been stung by wasps walking around my own back yard. I sometimes wonder why wasps seem to gravitate to me with their stingers at the ready. Is it my scent or do they have a vendetta against me? Borer bees are an annoyance, but at least they stick to boring holes in wood and not in me. Every summer they come in droves to attack the wooden roof over our back yard patio. This is the only harm they do, but even though they stay away from anyone on the patio, these little carpenters are bent on eventually crumbling our wooden roof. Unfortunately and sadly,

Rob must go after them with a deadly spray. Some of the tiniest creatures are interesting to watch. One day I walked up to my small greenhouse to get some seeds. When I opened the basket containing a bunch of seed packets I discovered a whole colony of ants had made a cozy home in there. When I dumped the basket onto a bench the ants scurried in all directions. Some of them were carrying their tiny white eggs to safety. As I watched them scurry around in panic, I felt like an ogre for devastating their home. Although I hated to rout the ant community, I needed those

seeds and, once again, the tiny creatures had invaded my territory. When it comes to small, annoying, biting, stinging creatures, I have a rule to live by: If they invade my territory, they do so at their peril. Creatures that stay in their own environment and go about their business have nothing to fear from me. It's when they cause unnecessary pain or damage that they must be routed one way or another. All Mother Nature's little creatures have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of other little creatures, unless they decide to invade my house, my patio or dive-bomb me in the pool.

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Our transportation program will provide seniors, who can't drive or live too far from a bus route, transportation from their homes to our senior center. This will afford

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LUNCH IN CENTER
We invite you to join us for a hot meal, served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults aged 60 or older eat for a suggested donation rate of \$2. Menus can be found on our website, Facebook page, or at our agency. Lunch is on a first-come first-serve basis.
Monday: Chicken a l'orange, egg noodles, green beans, fruit
Tuesday: Soup beans, cornbread, spinach, beets,

crackers, fruit
Wednesday: Beef fajitas, tortilla, tomato and corn, salsa, rice, fruit
Thursday: Broccoli-chicken casserole, carrots, kale salad, garlic knot, fruit
Friday: Popcorn shrimp, fries, hushpuppies, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit
All meals are served with 2% white milk.
DAILY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE (These are subject to change.)
POOL TABLES:
Monday — 8-11 a.m. and 12:30-3:45 p.m.
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Wednesday — 8-11 a.m. and 12:30-3:45 p.m.
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Friday — 12:30-3:45 p.m.
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DOMINOES:
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Nutrition room MAHJONG:
Monday and Wednesday — 12:30-3:45 p.m.,
Nutrition Room SPONSORED BINGO:
Friday — 10-11 a.m.
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Tuesday — 1-3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Thursday — 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-3:45 p.m.
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Thursday, 10-11 a.m.,
Nutrition Room. One of our registered nurses will be available to check your blood pressure, pulse, and weight. These levels are monitored and recorded for your convenience to share with your doctor or for your personal monitoring.

GROUP EXERCISE
Tuesday and Thursday — 10-11 a.m.
The exercises focus on promoting range of motion, flexibility, and balance. They can be done standing or sitting in a chair.
Please bring your own equipment — hand weights, ball and stretch strap.
BINGOCISE
Monday and Wednesday — 10-11 a.m. Combine the fun of winning a prize by playing bingo with a little exercise. The class will focus helping with your balance, falls prevention, range of motion, and overall well being.
CHAIR EXERCISE WITH NATHAN
10:30-11:15 a.m. second Tuesday of the month. Nathan from Personal Touch will lead seniors through a range of exercises that are done while sitting in a chair. This is a class that is great for all fitness levels.
TAI CHI
12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday. Join Ryan for this fun class that utilizes the slow easy movements of Tai Chi to help your balance, stability, range of motion, overall health. These exercises can be done sitting or standing. Classes are free to seniors.
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THE SENIOR PANTRY
This pantry helps fulfill the needs of our home delivered meals clients. If a home bound client has a need, they fill out a request form and return to our home delivered meals driver. Once we can fulfill the request, the driver will deliver the item during their next delivery.
Donations of items or money to purchase items for the pantry are greatly appreciated. The most requested items include: mops, brooms, buckets, bathtub grab bars, cleaning products, and more. If you would like to donate to the Senior Pantry, please call 304-296-9812.
HOME DELIVERED MEALS
The Home Delivered Meals program was designed to offer a delicious and nutritious meal to older adults who are homebound due to age, illness, and/or circumstance. Drivers not only deliver the meal, but they make well-checks as they speak to the clients. Deliveries will be made Tuesday through Friday. Clients will receive a hot or cold meal on each of these days. They will also receive a frozen meal on Fridays to be used for Mondays.
Who is eligible to receive meals? Monogalia county residents at least 60 years of age or older and meet other requirements. This service can be used on a long-term or a temporary basis. To make sure that seniors don't go hungry, our HDM program is available to the client for a suggested donation.
If you have questions or are interested in the Home Delivered Meals program, call 304-296-9812.
Monetary donations to help support this crucial

program are greatly appreciated. Send your tax-deductible donation to Senior Monogalians, P.O. Box 653, Morgantown, WV 26505.
Westside Senior Center
500 Dupont Road, West-over
Phone: 304-296-6583
HOURS: 9 a.m. - Noon Monday through Friday (winter hours)
The large pavilion is available for rent. The pavilion has six 12-foot picnic tables and can easily accommodate a large crowd. Other tables are available for food service and there are several benches in the pavilion area. There is also a corn-hole area available. There is a stage area and restrooms nearby. Call 304-296-6583. Now booking for 2024 and dates are filling up fast. Call soon.
Exercise room available when the center is open.
BINGO: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Doors and kitchen open at 5 p.m. with the first game starting promptly at 6 p.m. Food is available for sale including chili dogs, nachos, soft pretzels, chips, candy, soda, and usually another sandwich. We use paper cards and daubers. Join in the fun.
CARDS AND GAMES: Tuesday and Thursday mornings are especially active for our card plays and anyone is invited to join in. Playing usually starts around 9:30 a.m. On Tuesday evening there is Pinochle and other cards players are also welcome. If you are interested in other days of the week, get a group together and stop in.
DULCIMERS: They get together on Tuesday mornings to play and practice. They welcome anyone who would like to learn also. Judy Werner leads this group, and it is enjoyable to just sit and listen.
TAI CHI: We will be hosting Tai Chi for Arthritis classes at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. These will be taught every Friday morning in conjunction with WVU School of Public Health. The classes are designed to help those with arthritis move but it is also great for those who have balance issues and even those who just need a low impact workout.
MOUNTAINEER WATCH PARTIES: Join us whenever the Moun-

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SPIRITUALITY

A song from Heaven?

Q: TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO MY SECRETARY INTRODUCED ME TO A WOMAN at a line dancing bar and I immediately fell in love. I realized immediately that if I wanted to win this woman's hand, I would have to learn to line dance. I didn't even know country music.



RABBI MARC GELLMAN
THE GOD SQUAD

For weeks I practiced line dancing with this woman in my condo using only one dance and one song. That song, "Neon Moon" by Brooks & Dunn, became our forever song. We were married two years later. Shortly thereafter, my wife was diagnosed with a form of lymphoma which she fought bravely for more than 20 years. Last year the lymphoma turned aggressive and began to consume her. She entered the hospital where she remained for three years, then a skilled nursing facility, back to the hospital and ultimately

to hospice.

When she became unresponsive, I played all of our songs on my phone softly in her ear and noticed her lips quivering as she squeezed my hand. She passed away on March 9. I forced myself to process my grief and seek the light. Refusing to allow myself to be dragged down by my grief. Then weeks later I went to a country music venue to listen to the music that had drawn us together and played a major role in our lives.

After the band finished its third set, the audience requested two encores. The second encore was our forever song, "Neon Moon." In 27 years I had never seen a live band, other than Brooks & Dunn, play that song live. I had no doubt that she was in the room watching over me.

The following week, I went to the country dance hall where we had line danced over the years. The third song played by the band was "Neon Moon". Once again, I had no doubt she was in the room. The lyrics grabbed my heart and were written for a man sitting alone in a bar, having lost his one and only, and they heal my heart now. — (From B)

A: Thank you, dear B, for your tender-hearted country and western memories. May God comfort you in your loss and may

your grief lead you to gratitude and to the hope that someday you will dance again with your chosen one the way souls dance when they are together, and which I do not believe includes cowboy boots.

The interesting theological point of your remembrance is the question of when something is just a coincidence and when it is actually a sign from the other side? There are two issues: the sign and the timing of the sign.

The song is the sign and taken alone it does not seem to be so rare as to suggest that it was a sign from beyond. However, the timing of the sign – the fact that it was played live for you and that it was played at your favorite dance hall – those facts are lovingly suggestive that you have been given a loving message that your dance partner is all right and that she is waiting for you to take her hand and heart again.

Q: Thanks again, Rabbi Gellman, for your interest-

ing column in our paper today. I wouldn't want to be reincarnated. There are too many loved ones waiting with whom I want to join and love more fully than I could in this life. I especially appreciated your quoting Mary Oliver. I'm delighted to hear of people like me who have discovered her. I wish I had her insights into life and her ability to express them, but we all have our own gifts.

My favorite Oliver poem, which is part of a small handout I plan for people who attend my visitation or funeral, is "In Blackwater Woods," particularly the final lines:

To live in this world you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to love it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.

Thank you from a faithful reader in Wisconsin! —

(From M. Kenosha, Wisc.)

A: Thank you, dear M, for your wise and tender note and tribute to Mary Oliver. I love your point that reincarnation would rob you of time spent with those you have loved in this life who have passed away. However, if reincarnation is the destiny of all, then those dear souls would not be there to greet you. They would already be gone and living their new incarnated lives. Also, being reincarnated would give you a chance to meet new people and love them too. Either way, the journey of our souls after death seems to me to be filled with excitement and new possibilities to bring our divinely bestowed gifts into the world.

(SEND ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS to The God Squad via email at godssquadquestion@aol.com. Rabbi Gellman is the author of several books, including "Religion for Dummies," co-written with Fr. Tom Hartman. Also, the new God Squad podcast is now available.)

SENIOR

FROM PAGE C-4

tainers play. We have a big screen TV and ESPN+ so that we have you covered whether they are home or away.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES: We are excited to announce the line-up for our Concert in the Park Series.

■ Aug. 2 — Copper Crossing

■ Sept. 6 — Pam & Barry

■ Oct. 4 — Brandon Howdershelt

UPCOMING:

■ Thursday — Hand and Foot Tournament. Teams drawn at 9:45 a.m. and play begins at 10. Lunch will be served between rounds.

Clay-Battelle Senior Center

5977 Mason-Dixon High-

way, Blacksville. Phone:304-432-8177. New members welcome. Dues are \$2 annually or \$20 For a lifetime membership.

Hours: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday (closed most holidays). Closed when schools are closed due to inclement weather.

The exercise room is open when center is open. Cards, magazines, puzzles and pool table available, or just come and socialize.

HOME-COOKED MEALS: served in dining area at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Suggested donation \$5 for all ages. Carry-outs available. Call between 8:30-10 a.m. to reserve your carry-out.

The center has formed a sewing circle/quilting bee and meet at 10 a.m. each Wednesday. If you like to sew or quilt, or are inter-

ested in learning to quilt, please bring your thimble and needle and join us. (The center has two or three portable sewing machines on site for sewing). Questions: Diana Dittman @304-685-8913.

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phy and religion, science, technology, travel, and more. With no tests and no grades, this is learning simply for the fun of it.

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Schedule for the week of July 21:

■ Sunday — OLLI Virtual Happy Hour

■ Monday

— The Ins and Outs of Cyber Scams: How to Stay Safe

— Yarn Arts

— Dining with Diabetes

— Afternoon Walking Group

— Bugs and Their Bizarre Biology

— Contemporary Economic Policy Issues

— Mon River New Horizons Band

■ Tuesday

— Factories in the Fields: an Experiment in Agriculture & Rural Industry

— Yoga for Enjoyment & Health

— World Religions

— A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Masterpiece

— Pathways to the Olympics

— The Great Films from the 1920s to the 1960s

— Women Psychoana-

lysts: Stories and Theories

■ Wednesday

— Dining with Diabetes

— Gary, WV: Once the Largest Coal Operation in the World

— An Introduction to the National Park System

— Contemporary Economic Policy Issues

■ Thursday

— Walking Outdoors with Campus Club

— American POWs in Vietnam

— Film Forum: Summer Musicals

— James Baldwin: Speaking to Us at 100

— Afternoon Walking Group

■ Saturday

— Intermediate T'ai Chi

— Introduction to T'ai Chi

— The World's Fascination with the Automobile

Answers to puzzles from the Amusement page, Page C-6

Answer to Sunday Crossword Puzzle No. 2,204 published today.

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Answer to Sunday, July 21, 2024 Cryptoquip: SITUATION WHEN SOMEBODY CAN'T FIND ANY LUMBERJACKS WHO ARE FREE TO WORK ON A JOB: "NO LOGGER AVAILABLE."

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7	9	1	8	6	2	3	5	4

Difficulty: ★★★

ORGAN

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neering at the University of Michigan years earlier.

"I contacted Steven and asked where we could acquire the best theater organ," Munson says. "Steven said, 'Well that would be mine.'"

Ball will donate his Barton Opus to the school, where it will be the centerpiece of the new performing arts center. The theater that will house the organ is expected to open by January 2026. Restoration work on the organ is a little over two-thirds complete, according to Smith.

"The theater is designed to accommodate exactly this organ," Munson says, adding that the architect, Michael Maltzan,

"designed the pipe chambers to have the same dimension as in the Hollywood Theatre. We have all the original plans for that organ and how the pipes were laid out."

The exact cost of the



AP photo

Carlton Smith installs the reed into one of the horns that are part of the Barton Opus 234 theater organ undergoing restoration.

work hasn't yet been determined, Munson says, adding, "It's an investment we're making, but I think the results are going to be remarkable."

IN ITS HEYDAY, THE BARTON OPUS WAS ABLE TO RECREATE THE SOUNDS OF MANY INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING STRINGS, FLUTES AND TUBAS.

July 26, 2024 – August 11, 2024

2024 Summer Olympics

Welcome to Paris, France!

The Olympic Symbols – A Pop Quiz!

The 2 false statements are number 2 on top and number 3 on the bottom:

Rings -

2. The five colors were chosen so that each nation has at least **one** of its colors in the rings.

Torch -

3. The Olympic Torch is carried from **Olympia**, Greece which was the first site of the Games.

1 ATHLETES

2 FOOTRACE

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6 PARADE

7 VILLAGES

8 METAL

9 TRAVEL

10 SCORES

11 ITALY

12 SWIMMING

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14 METAL

15 YOUNGEST

16 PARTMENTS

17 ITALY

18 APARTMENTS

19 TRAVEL

20 ATHLETES

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Let your creative side flourish, and you'll discover a path that brings you joy. Follow your heart and initiate changes that resonate with you. The people you meet through the endeavors you pursue will broaden your horizons and give you a new lease on life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Engage in something that will help you live a richer, fuller life. Don't miss out on something because you are too lazy to make an effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Juggle your schedule to ensure that you have time for fun. The opportunity to learn, enhance your skills or discover a unique pastime will enrich your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Simplify your life. Too much of anything will cost you more than you want to pay financially, emotionally or physically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Time spent at home or with family or friends will help you realize what's important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Observation is your ticket to avoiding emotional manipulation and interference. Take a ride down memory lane and discover something you may have overlooked.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll gain momentum if you take care of unfinished business. Personal gain, love and opportunity will lead to new beginnings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Address sensitive



EUGENIA LAST

issues and clear your head of anything standing between you and your heart's desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Stop procrastinating and start doing. Don't be a follower. Surround yourself with supportive people.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep your plans simple and within budget. A social or creative idea will encourage you to make a positive lifestyle change that will ease stress. Take better care of your health and finances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Set your sights on your goal and follow through. Be resourceful, call on people with something to contribute and broaden your perspective regarding possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Rely on your instincts to get you through the day. Be patient with people who don't share your opinions. An attitude change may be necessary if you're forced to deal with authority figures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Engage in events that lead to physical fitness, love or travel. New surroundings will give you a different perspective regarding your lifestyle. Learn to channel your energy wisely.

WORD SLEUTH

ASSOCIATED WITH INDEPENDENCE DAY

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 Q P O M L K I H G M E D P P S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Anthem: Democracy, Fireworks
- Flag: Food, Liberty, Loyalty
- Music: Parades, Patriotism, Picnics
- Pride: Sacrifice, Unity

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King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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CRYPTOQUIP

Y U O G R O U B M X K N M Y B T N C B V P L R M ' O A U M V R M P
 E G T C N J F R L W Y X K B R J N A J N N O B X B J W B M R F B C :

"MB EBZZNJ RIRUEREN."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals W

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Some puzzle answers are found on Page C-5 in today's The Dominion Post.

SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

SUBJECT: HYPHENATED WORDS

Each answer is a word that begins with a single letter followed by a hyphen. (e.g., One was dropped on Hiroshima. Answer: A-bomb.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. A German submarine. Answer
2. A special law-enforcement agent of the FBI. Answer
3. A day on which an operation or offensive is to be launched. Answer

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. A house with very steep sides that meet at the top. Answer
5. A cotton-tipped swab. Answer

6. It's both a bomber and a cocktail. Answer

PH.D. LEVEL

7. A medical operation to remove a baby from the mother's body. Answer

8. A type of steel joist or girder with short flanges. Answer

9. A complete reversal of direction of travel by a car. Answer

ANSWERS: 1. U-boat. 2. G-man. 3. D-day. 4. A-frame. 5. Q-tip. 6. B-52. 7. C-section. 8. I-beam. 9. U-turn.

SCORING: 18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

TRAPPED WATER

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| ACROSS | 47 Dropped a bit | 120 That woman | 10 Implore | 55 Carter of sitcomdom | 94 Baby foxes |
| 1 Spot's foot | 50 Actor Davis | 121 Copious | 11 Latin "that is" | 97 Makes ready, informally | 101 Fictional belle |
| 4 Motorcycle maker | 53 Focal point | 122 Talks shrilly | 12 Nutlike Chinese fruit | 57 Mongrel | Scarlett |
| 10 ATM output | 54 Pull back (in) | 123 Hamm on a soccer field | 13 The, in Tours | 58 Hard hit | 102 Disallow |
| 14 Baffle | 56 Disney lion | 60 Insulated drink cup | 14 Tolerate | 59 Rival of lams | 104 Pudgy |
| 19 Driving hazard | 63 Bovine captured by Hercules | 126 Make — in (do some work on) | 15 Tease | 61 Special glows | 105 Educ. inst. |
| 20 Region in Spain | 66 Actor Erwin | 130 Not educated by others | 16 Detach by dissolving an adhesive | 62 Needlefish | 107 Coils |
| 21 Actress Falco | 67 Chou En- — singer Tucker | 132 Downs an omelet, maybe | 17 Cry to a rescuer (equally undesirable) | 64 Sorority "T" | 108 Biological subdivisions |
| 22 Country | 69 Railroad or bus terminus | 134 Subway unit | 18 Eucharist-holding plates | 65 Just — (equally undesirable) | 109 Like live balls |
| 23 Kiting, e.g. | 70 Clean air org. | 135 Ark builder | 24 Bistro's kin | 66 Wedding vow | 111 Deity ruling the heavens |
| 25 Is discovered doing a misdeed | 73 Loyalty program | 136 "Will do, cap'n!" | 26 Gondola path | 70 Nervous | 113 Brought up |
| 27 Romy auto | 78 Duet number | 137 Subway unit | 29 "The View" co-host Joy | 71 Sweet source | 114 Language of Islamabad |
| 28 Bungle | 79 Rover's rope | 138 Direct at, as a remark | 32 Comic's joke | 72 Ripens | 116 How clothes are tailored |
| 29 Kind of pear | 82 Hugs, in texts | 139 Be inactive | 33 Certain PC readout | 74 "C" — la vie" | 117 Follower of "You'd think so ..." |
| 30 U.S. Shakers founder | 83 "Carte" start | 140 Frolicked | 34 Paid spots | 75 Pummel | 118 1986 Indy 500 winner |
| 31 Driving hazard | 86 "Super work!" | 141 What remains if you remove all the consonants from 13 long answers in this puzzle | 35 Horn honk | 76 Distress call | Bobby |
| 33 What a cyclist signals with an arm extended straight out | 89 1985 Kentucky Derby winner | | 36 "Be silent!" | 77 Xerox product | 119 Pick — pace |
| 35 Attacked boxer-style | 95 Like some questions | | 37 Escalate | 81 Alma mater of Wills | 123 BLT addition |
| 41 Boise is its cap. | 96 Bug's feeler | | 38 Sci-fi writer Frederik | 84 "Deck the Halls" the Halls" | 124 Bit of news |
| 42 Canon camera line | 98 "— found it!" | | 39 "E pluribus —" | 85 — Dhabi | 125 "PDQ!" |
| 43 French assent | 99 Japanese fish dish | | 40 Cosmic cloud | 87 "Deck the Halls" syllables | 127 Suffix with exist or differ |
| 44 Been shut down, as a theater | 100 Door fixture | | 45 Fun activities, in brief | 88 Winter illness | 128 Final Four gp. |
| | 103 Overindulges | | 46 White wine aperitif | 90 Dastardly | 129 By way of, informally |
| | 106 Director's cry | | 48 Lacks being | 91 Ensnared | 131 Lead-in to cycle |
| | 107 — Fridays | | 49 "I call that as mine!" | 92 Maritime rescue gp. | 132 Cochlea site |
| | 110 Partakes of | | 51 Taxing gp. | 93 Drink quickly | 133 "See ya!" |
| | 112 Bluegrass banjo pioneer | | 52 Lifesaving pro | | |
| | 115 Was ruined financially | | | | |

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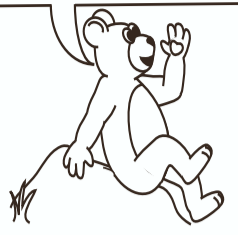
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Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

2024 Summer Olympics

Welcome to Paris, France!

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, _____.
- The games' first competition was a _____, which was run barefoot.
- Our modern winter or summer _____ are held every two years.
- The Olympic _____ is being carried from Olympia, Greece across the Mediterranean Sea to Marseille, France. Runners will carry the torch throughout France for 68 days before the final runner arrives in Paris on Friday, July 26, 2024, for the games' opening ceremony!
- This year, the host city of the summer games is _____, France.
- Over 10,000 athletes will be on boats for the opening ceremony _____!
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic _____ during the games.
- About 10 million _____ may be sold for people to watch the games.
- People all over the _____ watch T.V. and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the _____.
- _____ cross and breakdancing will be part of the Olympics for the first time.
- _____ will be one of the most watched sports this summer.
- Paris will feature _____, a sport that first appeared at the 2020 Olympics in Japan.
- This year's Olympic medals will have a piece of the original _____ – a special kind of wrought *iron* – that was used to build the famous Eiffel Tower 135 years ago.
- The _____ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.
- Michael Phelps, a U.S. swimmer, has won 28 Olympic _____, more than any other athlete.
- Look for the 2026 Winter Games to be held in Milan-Cortina, _____!

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Paris

skateboarding

parade

youngest

medals

footrace

tickets

village

Over here. I've got it!

Hey! Where's the fifth ring for the floating Olympic Rings barge?



Olympic Sports

The Olympic motto is 'Faster, Higher, Stronger.' Watch the games to see why!

Find and circle these great Olympic sports:

- shooting
- archery
- swimming
- gymnastics
- fencing
- table tennis
- track and field
- boxing
- wrestling
- canoeing
- trampoline
- judo
- soccer
- diving
- sailing

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Olympic Symbols - A Pop Quiz!

Do **you** know the three main symbols used for the Olympic Games? The Olympic Rings and the Olympic Torch are the first two and are very well known around the world. There also is a motto that is in Latin which means "faster-higher-stronger" and refers to the competing athletes.

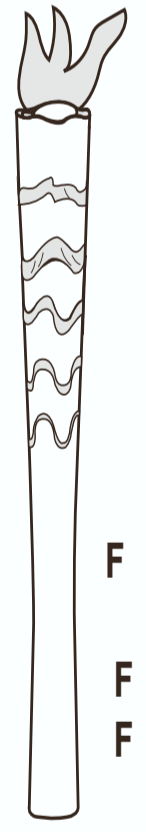
Read each statement about the symbols, and then circle "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

The 5 Olympic Rings:

- stand for the five major areas of the world: Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. **T** **F**
- are colored red, blue, green, yellow and black – chosen so that each nation has at least six of its colors in the rings. **T** **F**
- are linked on a flag of white to show harmony in the world. **T** **F**

The Olympic Torch:

- design is a new one chosen for each Olympics. **T** **F**
- if it is sunny, is lit by the sun using a special mirror. **T** **F**
- is carried from Athens, Greece (the first site of the games) to the city where the games are being held. **T** **F**
- is a symbol of peace and friendship. **T** **F**



The Olympic Village:

Paris, France, is welcoming Olympic athletes from around the world. They will live in a village created just for them.

- will house more than 20,000 _____ and staff for all of the Olympic Games.
- will convert the rooms into _____ and offices at the end of the Games.
- is a mini _____ with a medical center, hair salons, shops and a post office too.
- has parks, pools and 24-hour fitness centers to help the athletes exercise and _____.
- kitchen will have foods from around the world and serve up to 60,000 _____ each day.
- rooftops are built to encourage birds and _____ to live there (biodiversity).
- works to be carbon neutral by using geothermal energy – a system that draws cool _____ from below the surface of the earth – to cool the air in the buildings.
- is using _____ fishing nets for mattresses and cutting single-use plastics in half.
- is closer to areas where athletes compete so there is less _____ and fewer vehicles needed.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

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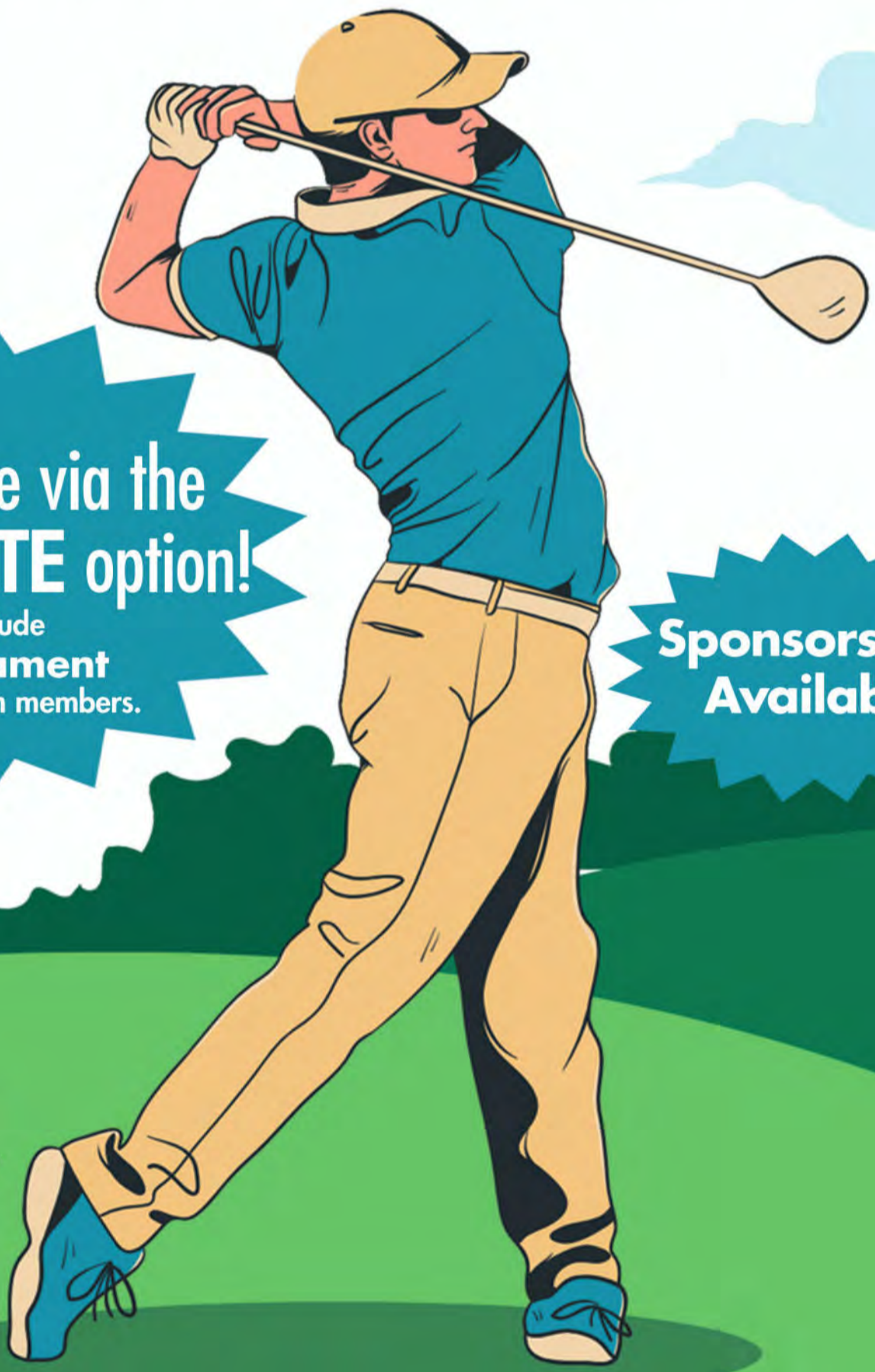
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Role of deeds in real estate transactions

A PROPERTY DEED IS A CRITICAL LEGAL DOCUMENT IN A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION THAT SERVES AS THE RECORD FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FROM THE SELLER TO THE BUYER. The seller and buyer are referred to as the grantor and grantee, respectively. Deeds are prepared by attorneys and include the legal details of the property in question. (Your Realtor will help you secure the services of a quality local attorney.) The varying types of deeds provide varying levels of legal protection in addition to serving as proof of ownership.

1. A General Warranty Deed provides the highest level of protection to the buyer/grantee. The seller/grantor guarantees that he or she holds clear title and has the right to transfer the property.

2. In a Special Warranty Deed, the seller/grantor only guarantees the title against defects that arose during their ownership. It does not provide protection for an improper transfer years before they owned the property. Many years ago, there sometimes wasn't the same attention to detail when transferring property. For example, it's possible that four adult children inherited a home from a deceased parent; upon attempting to settle the estate, the heirs may have sold their parent's home, but it's possible that one of the siblings didn't actually sign. This could lead to that person, or someone connected to them, making a claim to rights on that property.

3. A Quitclaim Deed offers less protection. The seller/grantor transfers whatever interest they have in the property without making any guarantees pertaining to the title's validity. This is sometimes used in a divorce scenario when the couple previously had "joint tenancy," which is an arrangement in which more than one person jointly owns 100% of a property, as opposed to "tenants in common," which divides ownership by a percentage. An example would be each owning 50%.

4. A Bargain and Sale Deed is less common. I happen to have experience with these from my days selling foreclosures. This deed implies that the seller/grantor has the right to transfer the property but does not offer any warranties against encumbrances, such as a lien. In many cases, this grantor is a bank or foreclosure company.

After the closing of a transaction in West Virginia, it's the responsibility of the attorney or title agent to record the transfer of ownership with the county. Most will do so within a day or two, but the effective date of transfer is the day the parties signed with the attorney or title agent. The grantee, aka new owner, receives the keys and can move in right away.

Property deeds are vital in establishing and protecting the rights of property ownership, and they serve as the official record of ownership transfer. Documents one signs with one's Realtors, such as a purchase agreement, are preliminary, yet still quite vital. You may actually sign numerous documents to include addendums as issues arise during the transaction, but all of these documents play a role as the attorney or title agent prepares your deed.

BRIAN McCOMMON, MBOR President 2024.

Ask Angi: How can I minimize indoor allergens?



MetroCreative photos

Pet dander, dust mites and other indoor allergens are often to blame for common allergy symptoms. If your allergies have been acting up, it may be time to consider reducing the possible allergens in your home.

BY ANGIE HICKS
Associated Press

Allergies tend to get more acute in the summer, when we often spend more time indoors breathing air recycled through our HVAC systems.

If you suffer from long-term allergies, the culprit may actually be inside your home. Pet dander, dust mites and other indoor allergens are often to blame for common allergy symptoms. If your allergies have been acting up, it may be time to consider reducing the allergens in your home.

Keeping your home clean and dust-free is one of the best ways to reduce household allergens.

Be sure to clean the areas that collect the most dust — bookshelves, ceiling fans and vents. (One handy trick to clean a ceiling fan: Place an old pillowcase over the blade and use it to wipe all the dust off at once and keep it contained in the case.) Don't overlook the tops of door jams, either; dust tends to gather on those without being noticed.

You can either clean your home yourself or hire a pro regularly. If you're cleaning yourself, it's a good idea to wear a mask to protect yourself from loose dust.



Over the spring and summer, your window blinds, sills and windows can accumulate pollen, pet hair and dust. Give them a good monthly cleaning using an all-purpose spray and a microfiber cloth.

You should change your HVAC air filter at least once every three months to reduce the amount of dust and allergens

in the air. If you have a little extra budget, an air purifier could also reduce allergens. Look for a high-efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA) for more protection.

It's also a good idea to bring as few outdoor allergens inside as possible. Consider removing your shoes before entering your home and closing your windows

during allergy season.

Invest in a high-quality vacuum. Don't just use it on carpets, either; vacuum your furniture, rugs, curtains, under furniture and on tile floors at least once weekly. Pay particular attention to high-traffic areas and anywhere your pets spend a lot of time.

Pay close attention to your bathrooms and kitchen. Any place moisture gathers can retain mold and mildew; even minor leaks can quickly cause problems. Address any leaks or mold issues before they get worse. Use your stove and bathroom fans to draw out moisture when cooking or showering. Ensure you promptly wash and dry wet sponges and towels, as they can increase mold risk.

Believe it or not, installing the right floor can also help reduce allergens in your home. The fabric in carpets retains more dust and allergens, and even with a high-quality vacuum, they're harder to get rid of. Hardwood and ceramic tile are easier to clean. If you prefer the look of a carpeted home, try a wool option rather than heavy fabric with a high pile.

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Cool down with this French ice cream vendor toy

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JULY is National Ice Cream Day. Most of us would agree that ice cream is an indispensable part of summer. Who wouldn't recognize the jingle of an ice cream truck?



TERRY KOVEL

This ice cream vendor toy, which sold for \$1,800 at Bertoia Auctions, has a slightly different, but still recognizable, image. The vendor drives a motorcycle instead of a truck, and the cart is labeled "Glace," which is French for "ice cream" and leaves no doubt about where the toy was made. It was manufactured by Jouet Mecanique Lyon, commonly shortened to JML, of Lyon, France. The company was active from the 1930s to about 1960 and is especially well-known for its wind-up motorcycles.

In some ways, it is fitting for an ice cream vendor toy to come from a French company. While the origins of ice cream can be traced to the chilled desserts popular in Persia circa 550 B.C., and possibly even earlier in China, France had an important role in spread-

ing the treat throughout Europe. Legend has it that Marco Polo introduced ice cream to Italy, and Catherine de' Medici brought it to France when she married the future King Henri II in 1533. By the 18th century, French chefs had modified the recipe and popularized it in Europe and the newly formed U.S. To this day, ice cream made with egg yolks is called "French," as in "French vanilla."

Q: I have an old 3-cent stamp. How can I find out the value? I know there are many stamp collectors out there, but I only have this one stamp that I need to know more about it. I would like to find out the true value by a reputable, knowledgeable source. Can you advise me on this request?

A: The most-important factors in a stamp's value are its condition and rarity. It takes an expert to evaluate a stamp and usually requires seeing the stamp in person, or at least a clear picture of it, to assess its condition. There are many reputable stamp dealers and publications. The American Philatelic Society (stamps.org) is a good place to start; they can help you find the right resources.

Q: I have two Blue Cornflower dishes. The first is marked "P-1 1/2-B" and is 1/2 quart. The second is marked "A-1-B" and is 1 quart. The lid fits both. I am curious as to what they are worth. So much information varies.

A: Blue Cornflower is a Corning Ware pattern made from 1957 to 1988. It was made from Pyroceram, a glass-ceramic material that was developed by accident at Corning in the 1950s. Pyroceram was originally used on rocket nose



Submitted photo

An ice cream vendor brings delight in any language! Classic toy versions, like this one by French company JML, capture the happy memories of summer days.

cones, but Corning soon realized its durability and resistance to temperature changes would make excellent kitchenware. It was marketed as safe to go from the freezer to the oven and, finally, to the table. It was made in many patterns. The "P" series dishes were made before 1973; the "A" series was made after. They have slightly different shapes; "P" series dishes have rounder corners and "A" series have wider handles. Certain lids can fit dishes from both series. Both of your dishes are from the Basic Cookware line. They sell for about \$15 to \$25 each. You're right, there is a lot of varied information about the value of vintage Corning Ware. Some patterns were made only for a few years, so they are very rare and can sell for hundreds of dollars. Blue Cornflower is one of

the longest-running and most-popular patterns, so its value is relatively low.

TIP: To keep tin toys from rusting further, try this: rinse the metal, scrub, dry, then coat with a thin layer of petroleum jelly.

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crank start, Keystone, 27 inches, \$385.

Candelabrum, five-light, silver plate, repousse roses and leaves, round base, four-footed, marked, Talleres de los Ballesteros, Taxco, Mexico, 37 inches, pair, \$795.

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Real estate Q&A: What's the financial liability for neighbor's dead tree?

BY GARY M. SINGER
South Florida Sun Sentinel (TNS)

Q: My neighbor has a large pine tree that died this summer. It is five feet from our shared property line and within range of damaging our home if it falls. How would the financial liability play out between us, them, and our respective insurance companies? — Jen

A: If a tree falls on your property because it is unhealthy or not maintained by the owner, the owner would be responsible for paying for the repairs to your property.

The law does not protect a tree owner who neglects the maintenance of their tree, which leads to damage to someone else's property.

However, the law will protect a tree owner who maintains their trees, even if a tree

damages a neighbor's property through unexpected events, like a storm.

Therefore, it is crucial for tree owners to regularly maintain their trees to avoid liability for damage caused by their unhealthy trees. In your case, it seems clear your neighbor is not doing that.

Because the tree is dead, any damage it causes would be your neighbor's responsibility.

While your homeowner's insurance policy should protect against this damage, you should look over your coverage to confirm. If something happens and your insurance company pays for the repairs, it will want the right to seek reimbursement from your neighbor. This is called "subrogation" and is a right given to insurance companies in most, if not all, of the insurance policies I have seen.

Your insurance company will seek reimbursement from your neighbor and sue them if they or their insurance company do not step up.

That said, it is best to avoid this issue altogether.

Depending on your relationship with your neighbor, you should talk about this with them or write them a note.

If they are not cooperative and you live in a community association, you can seek assistance from the property manager. Another option may be to speak to code enforcement or a similar department in your local municipality.

While it may be uncomfortable to take these steps, it is better than dealing with a damaged house. If nothing else, communicating the issue will document your neighbor's negligence in case there's an issue.

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Navy announces \$78M workcenter for sailors and shipyard workers

BY JOSH JANNEY
The Virginian-Pilot (TNS)

NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia — The U.S. Navy has awarded HII a \$78 million contract modification to build a workcenter designed to improve quality of life for sailors and shipyard workers at Newport News Shipbuilding.

Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) wrote in LinkedIn post that the funding is for the planning, design, and construction of a carrier refueling overhaul workcenter for sailors' and shipbuilders' use while assigned to ships in refueling and complex overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding.

"The building will provide approximately 80,000 square feet of dedicated space near the ship that

will include office spaces for sailors and shipbuilders, as well as a fitness center, counseling offices, and other areas sailors can utilize while executing RCOH," the post read.

Construction is planned to be completed in June 2026. NAVSEA says it is "committed to quality-of-service improvements for our sailors and shipbuilders at Newport News Shipbuilding."

HII spokesperson Todd Corillo said the building will be located mid-yard, between the dry dock and the outfitting pier that support refueling and complex overhaul work. He said the process for selecting a contractor is underway.

Naval Sea Systems Command did not provide any comments in time for this report.

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House with best views of British Open up for sale

Associated Press

TRON, Scotland — An estimated 250,000 golf fans will pour into Royal Troon to watch the likes of Scottie Scheffler, Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods at the British Open.

The Kelly family might have the best vantage point, though. “Blackrock House” sits in the middle of the championship course and has views of five holes.

Their private home, one-half of the two-dwelling structure, has drawn particular attention this week because of the “for sale” signs posted around it. The asking price is \$1.95 million.

The Kellys have watched three editions of the British Open from their front lawn, including an epic duel in 2016 when Henrik Stenson beat Phil Mickelson.

“I was standing on that wall,” Andrew Kelly said, pointing to the concrete wall that separates one side of the property from the par-5 16th green, where Mickelson’s putt for eagle stopped tantalizingly short and the crowd sighed.

“And seeing them teeing on the 18th as well,” he said of the last tee, directly in front

of the house. “It’s fantastic, you’re right here and you’ve got everything going on around you. You’re spoiled for choice, to be honest.”

The other views include the green for No. 2, as well as the tees at No. 3 and No. 17.

“There’s no other house like this in the U.K. or potentially internationally that sits on a championship golf course right in the middle rather than backing on to it,” said John Kelly, Andrew’s brother.

The timing of the sale is an unfortunate coincidence. David and Isabel Kelly bought it around 1990. David died less than two years ago at age 91. Isabel died unexpectedly recently.

“This is a different Open for us because our mother has just passed away in the last month,” Andrew Kelly said.

“That’s why we’re selling the house. So this will be a bittersweet Open for us,” he added. “We were going to sell it anyway, so we decided to put it on during the Open, as you can imagine it’s probably the best time to do it. So we’ll just be keeping our heads down and remembering both our parents during the Open.”

Dad played at Hilton Head and Pebble Beach, in addition to Troon — Mom also played and was a big fan. They’re all Troon members.

“We were still getting things prepared for my Mom to enjoy the Open, because she liked being here,” Andrew said. “She loved it. She used to play golf in her younger days and go on golf holidays and things.”

Isabel’s credential for this week’s Open hangs in a front window.

The listing for the four-bedroom home with approximately 4,476 square feet of internal floor space was published late Wednesday by real estate company Strutt and Parker.

Royal Troon did not respond to an email inquiring if the club has had any interest in it. The owner of the other house has said the club had never approached him about buying.

Scheffler, the world’s top-ranked golfer, has noticed the property but said it blends in a bit with the big corporate tents in place behind the home for the Open.

“If I came here six months from now when all



AP Photo

Spectators walk past “Blackrock house” that is listed for sale near the second and 16th holes at Royal Troon golf club, venue for the British Open Golf Championships, in Troon, Scotland.

the tents and all the build-out is gone, I think it would be a lot more unusual,” he said.

In 2007, the other side was purchased for \$915,000, though that was below the asking price of \$1.1 million advertised in the Telegraph newspaper, which described a four-bedroom home with “a sunroom for ogling the world’s best players as they slosh past in the rain.”

Off the course but overlooking the 17th fairway, a

house sold in 2013 for \$1.2 million.

“Blackrock cottage” appears on maps in 1878, when Troon was established as a six-hole course.

Permission was granted in 1912 for the construction of a single-dwelling unit, though it came with some stipulations because Scotland was under a feudal system at the time.

Property information available from Registers of Scotland — a government office that maintains land

records — shows that William John Arthur Charles James Cavendish-Bentinck, the 6th Duke of Portland, granted the private ownership but “reserving to the said Duke of Portland and his heirs and successors the whole metals and coal limestone freestone and minerals and fossils of every description within the piece of ground...”

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ACTION SPORTS

SUNDAY

4 p.m. (ESPN2) Cornhole ACL Final Chase 2: National Singles

AUTOMOTIVE

SUNDAY

8:55 a.m. (ESPN) Formula 1 Racing Hungarian Grand Prix (Live)

Noon (2) (6) (7) FIA Formula E World Championship Racing London ePrix, Race FIA Formula E World Championship Racing (Live)

2 p.m. (9) (11) (12) NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400 (Live)

4 p.m. (46) (53) NHRA Drag Racing Northwest Nationals (Live)

10 p.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Racing Hungarian Grand Prix

SATURDAY

6:25 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Racing Belgian Grand Prix, Practice 3 (Live)

9:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Racing Belgian Grand Prix, Qualifying (Live)

6 p.m. (46) (53) NHRA Drag Racing DENSO Sonoma Nationals (Live)

BASEBALL

SUNDAY

7 a.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates

1:30 p.m. (CSN) (FSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates (Live)

7 p.m. (ESPN) MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers (Live)

(ESPN2) MLB Baseball MLB Statcast Edition: Teams TBA (Live)

10 p.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates

Midnight (FSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates

3:30 a.m. (ESPN) MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers

5 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates

MONDAY

10 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates

3 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Pittsburgh Pirates

6:30 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates (Live)

7:30 p.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Minnesota Twins (Live)

11 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

Midnight (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Minnesota Twins

3 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

TUESDAY

10 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

3 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

6:30 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates (Live)

7 p.m. (TBS) MLB Baseball New York Mets at New York Yankees (Live)

7:30 p.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Minnesota Twins (Live)

11 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

Midnight (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Minnesota Twins

3 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

WEDNESDAY

12:30 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates (Live)

7 p.m. (ESPN) MLB Baseball New York Mets at New York Yankees (Live)

(CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Minnesota Twins

(FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

Midnight (CSN) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Minnesota Twins

(FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

4 a.m. (ESPN) MLB Baseball New York Mets at New York Yankees

5 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

THURSDAY

10 a.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live) (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

Noon (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

1:45 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

3 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates

3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

5:15 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

7 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

8:45 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

FRIDAY

10 a.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

Noon (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

1:45 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

5:15 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

6:30 p.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Philadelphia Phillies (Live)

7 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

8:45 p.m. (ESPN) Little League Softball (Live)

9:30 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks (Live)

Midnight (CSN) MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Philadelphia Phillies

1 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks

5 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks

SATURDAY

7 a.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Philadelphia Phillies

1 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks

3 p.m. (FSN) Pirates Classics 1982: Pirates vs. Phillies

5 p.m. (FSN) Pirates Classics How Sweet It Is: The 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates

6 p.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Philadelphia Phillies (Live)

7 p.m. (46) (53) MLB Baseball (Live)

8 p.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks (Live)

11 p.m. (CSN) MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Philadelphia Phillies

1 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks

5 a.m. (FSN) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Arizona Diamondbacks

BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

2 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA

(46) (53) The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA (Live)

4 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA (Live)

MONDAY

3 p.m. (46) (53) Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. Germany (Live)

9 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA

FOOTBALL

SUNDAY

Noon (ESPN) 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA (Live)

1 p.m. (ESPN) 2024 NFL Flag Championships Girls 18U, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA (Live)

3 p.m. (4) (OTSN) 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U Championship: Teams TBA (Live)

4 p.m. (4) (OTSN) 2024 NFL Flag Championships Girls 18U Championship: Teams TBA (Live)

SATURDAY

5 p.m. (ESPN2) Women's Football WFA National Championship: Teams TBA

GOLF

SUNDAY

6 a.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Third Round

7 a.m. (9) (11) (12) 2024 Open Championship Final Round (Live)

(GOLF) LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Third Round

9 a.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Third Round

11 a.m. (GOLF) Golf U.S. Girls' Junior, Championship Match

1 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Final Round (Live)

2 p.m. (2) (6) (7) LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Final Round (Live)

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Cover Story

Olympics al fresco

Paris 2024 begins with outdoor opening ceremony

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

The Paris 2024 Olympics opening ceremony is causing somewhat of a “Seine” in the news. OK, that was an admittedly ridiculous pun, but the crux of the statement remains true. Airing live from Paris, France, Friday, July 26, on NBC and Peacock, the 2024 Summer Olympic Games are the first iteration of the long-running athletic tradition to host an opening ceremony (and many events) outside of a stadium.

The reason for this decision is not for a lack of stadiums — Paris has several sporting venues, which, like Stade de France, could accommodate large-scale crowds. The organizers preferred to have the ceremony, rather romantically, lit by sunset.

Due to kick off the festivities at 7:30 p.m. CET (10:30 a.m. in Los Angeles, or 1:30 p.m. New York time, for more local reference), the opening ceremony sees the 10,500 athletes parade in by way of 94 boats on the Seine, leaving the Pont d’Austerlitz, in the east, and headed to Pont d’Iéna, six kilometers to the west. With one boat to carry all the athletes from each competing country, as well as 80 jumbo screens with speakers and free viewing areas for the public, there is little doubt that the colorful procession will be the busiest and most beautiful start to any Olympics yet.

According to Olympics.com, “athletes on board the parade boats will get glimpses of some of the official Games venues, including Parc Urbain La Concorde, the Esplanade des Invalides, the Grand Palais, and lastly the Iéna bridge, where the parade will come to a stop before the ceremony’s finale at the Troca-

déro.”

Along the parade route, 12 “artistic tableaux” are presented, drawing attention to the capital city’s famous monuments, architecture and history.

“We are delighted to have an opening ceremony that illustrates the meeting between sport and the city in the most beautiful way,” said Tony Estanguet, president of the Paris 2024 organizing committee. “With the natural light of the setting sun, the event will be even more sublime, with a truly poetic dimension, inviting both athletes and the public to appreciate the natural beauty of the City of Light.”

While the list of opening ceremony performers is still unreleased as of writing, an early-June news event offered journalists in France the opportunity to sit in on an opening ceremony dance rehearsal, guided by none other than Paris 2024 director of dance, Maud Le Pladec.

A successful dancer in her own right, Le Pladec has been focused on choreography since 2010, and according to an article by Céline Penicaud on Olympics.com, the artist has been hard at work training dancers for the big spectacle.

“We train eight hours a day, all week long, and then we’ll get together a week before the Olympics to resume training and try it out under real conditions,” explains a 25-year-old dancer Penicaud refers to as Louise.

In order to safeguard some of the ceremony’s magic, each dancer reportedly learns their part alone, only seeing it with the others for the first time a week ahead of the Games — a rather impressive feat given that “nearly 3,000 artists will take part in the four opening and closing ceremonies of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games” (per Penicaud).

As for NBC’s coverage of the event,

“Sunday Night Football” host Mike Tirico covers his fourth Olympic opening ceremony, this time alongside NFL Hall-of-Famer Peyton Manning (“Peyton’s Places”) and the first “American Idol,” Kelly Clarkson. NBC morning favorites Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb will also host a special edition of “Today” from a bridge over the Seine.

Rapper/entrepreneur Snoop Dogg also has plans to report for NBC from various live evening events over the Games’ 16-day run — no doubt a followup performance to his and actor Kevin Hart’s (“Ride Along,” 2014) “Olympic Highlights” commentary series for Tokyo 2020 (which was delayed to the summer of 2021 due to the pandemic).

Snoop, 52, has plans to make the most of the Olympics and combine his love for sports with his love for entertainment. Planning to try out some events himself, the California native opened up to Time magazine reporter Sean Gregory in a recent interview.

“I definitely want to roll with the [U.S.] basketball team,” the rapper mused, “and I definitely want to try to get in the water.”

Snoop also expressed an interest in meeting the “crip-walking horse” from Tokyo 2020, saying, “I’m definitely trying to meet him. Hopefully, he’s in the Olympics so I can say, ‘What’s happening?’ to him. Bring him a couple of carrots, some apples or somethin’, know what I’m saying?”

Unfortunately for Snoop — and maybe also for German athlete Isabell Werth’s (female) horse, Bella Rose — the animal has since retired and will not be competing in Paris this summer. That said, the NBC special correspondent has plenty of other, human athletes to watch.

“The Australian swim team ... push[es] us [U.S.A.] to the limit,” said Snoop, “and I like Jamaica’s track team. And Canada’s basketball team [have] a shot to get to the gold medal round ... cause they’ve got a bunch of NBA players who are really seasoned and on top of their game.”

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Ian and Barley Lightfoot from "Onward"

Sunday

TOON 9 a.m.

Straight Outta Nowhere: Scooby-Doo Meets Courage the Cowardly Dog

Scooby and the rest of the Mystery Inc. gang meet Courage the Cowardly Dog and his owners, Muriel and Eustace Bagge, when they find themselves in the middle of Nowhere, Kansas, which just so happens to be Courage's beloved backwoods hometown.

Freeform 11:45 a.m.

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

In this flick based on a video game of the same name, a prince (Jake Gyllenhaal) and princess (Gemma Arterton) from opposing nations form an alliance to safeguard an ancient dagger that can reverse time from falling into the hands of dark forces.

Monday

DISN 10 a.m.

Disney Jr's Ariel

The first season of this bubbly preschool-aged series joins young Ariel as she heads on magical mermaid adventures alongside her aquatic friends. This week, Ariel assists Ravi at work, before swimming by to help Ayanna prepare for picture day.

Tuesday

HBO 10:40 a.m.

Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom

A sequel to 2018's "Aquaman," this latest installment follows Aquaman (Jason Momoa) as he forges an alliance with his brother, Orm (Patrick Wilson), in a desperate attempt to protect his kingdom and save the world from Black Manta (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II).

Wednesday

DISN 8 p.m.

Onward

Being a teenager proves harder than ever before, as brothers Ian and Barley set out to find a magical artifact that will allow them to spend one more day with their late father. Unknowingly, the duo is followed by a legendary manticore — and their mom.

Thursday

Freeform 1 p.m.

The Princess Bride

While stuck in bed sick, a young boy (Fred Savage) listens to a story told by his grandfather (Peter Falk), in which a pirate (Cary Elwes) travels a mythical kingdom in search of his long-lost love (Robin Wright), rescuing her from the clutches of evil.

Friday

FX 7 p.m.

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

When a furious Wanda Maximoff (Elizabeth Olsen) attempts to steal the powers needed to travel the multiverse from America Chavez (Xochitl Gomez), Dr. Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) is caught in the crossfire, sent careening through alternate dimensions.

Saturday

24 6 a.m.

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

Here, it's always a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Mr. Rogers delights in this classic episode, utilizing the half-hour to help children understand that everyone makes mistakes sometimes. Rogers is joined by the talented ventriloquist Susan Linn.

DISN 9 a.m.

Primos

This brand-new animated series continues with two back-to-back episodes, following 10-year-old Tater Ramirez Humphrey, a young girl with an "it factor" that makes her exceptional, and her 12 whacky cousins, who are all moving in for the summer.

New Releases

Arcadian

In a post-apocalyptic world where civilization has completely collapsed, Paul (Cage) and his two sons, Thomas (Jenkins) and Joseph (Martell), eke out a living on an abandoned farm. Nocturnal creatures stalk the countryside, hunting humans for sustenance. While Joseph is the more innovative and intellectual of the sons, Thomas is more rebellious. One evening, after failing to return home, Paul ventures out to locate Thomas. The two barely survive an encounter with one of the creatures, and with Paul seriously injured, the boys must utilize the skills their father taught them in order to keep themselves alive.

Director: Benjamin Brewer. Stars: Nicolas Cage, Jaeden Martell, Maxwell Jenkins, Sadie Soverall, Joe Dixon. 2024. 92 min. Action Horror.

The Strangers: Chapter 1

Maya (Petsch) and her boyfriend, Ryan (Gutierrez), celebrate their fifth anniversary together by taking a cross-country road trip. After losing their way and experiencing car trouble, the pair reluctantly stop to rest at an Airbnb in the small town of Venus, Oregon. After a strange interaction when an unknown woman knocks on their door asking for

a woman named "Tamara," the night devolves into a struggle for survival for the young couple.

Director: Renny Harlin. Stars: Madelaine Petsch, Froy Gutierrez, Rachel Shenton, Gabriel Basso, Ema Horvath, Ella Brucoleri, Richard Brake, Joplin Sibtain. 2024. 91 min. Horror.

Ezra

Max Brandel (Cannavale) is a former comedy writer-turned-stand-up comedian and father of Ezra (Fitzgerald), who is autistic. Max struggles to provide his son with a stable environment and now resides with his own father, Stan (De Niro), while co-parenting Ezra with his ex-wife, Jenna (Byrne). Max also butts heads with Jenna's new boyfriend, Bruce (Goldwyn), a lawyer who has a distaste for Max, which creates further conflict in caring for Ezra. Upon being presented with the opportunity to perform on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," Max takes Ezra on a cross-country road trip in hopes of repairing their relationship.

Director: Tony Goldwyn. Stars: Bobby Cannavale, Robert De Niro, Rose Byrne, William Fitzgerald, Vera Farmiga, Whoopi Goldberg, Rainn Wilson, Tony Goldwyn, Geoffrey Owens, Alex Plank, Matilda Lawler. 2023. 100 min. Comedy Drama.



Nicolas Cage, Maxwell Jenkins and Jaeden Martell in "Arcadian"



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'Sugar Rush: The Baking Point' offers a hefty reward in Season 2



Capi Pérez hosts "Sugar Rush: The Baking Point"

By Caroline Collacutt
TV Media

Brace your sweet tooth for Season 2 of "Sugar Rush: The Baking Point," available to stream now on Netflix.

Led by returning host Capi Pérez ("Veinteanera, divorciada y fantástica," 2020), this Mexican expansion of the Sugar Rush franchise sees six baking duos take on a gauntlet that has them creating extraordinary confectionery masterpieces as they fight for a life-changing one million pesos (about US\$55,000) by presenting dishes to a pair of judges — chocolatier Luis Robledo Richards and pastry chef Gris Verdusco (or "Mis Pastelitos") — and some exciting guest taste-testers.

At the start of each season, the teams begin with 24 hours on the clock. This will be the only time the bakers can utilize throughout the season, with two rounds of competition — six hours of

baking — to complete each day. When the clock runs out, so does that team's baking time, and whatever the bakers have completed must be presented to Robledo and Verdusco, who evaluate each dish's taste, appearance and closeness to the given brief. Only one team can win each challenge, but the teams that place in the bottom of each round will face an additional penalty, with 30 minutes of time deducted from their clock and one duo eliminated at the end of each episode.

By the finale, only two teams remain standing, and whichever "takes the cake" will earn itself the grand prize and be crowned this season's winner.

According to a trailer shared ahead of Season 2's premiere, this round of gameplay will feature "many surprises," with unexpected teams joining in, challenges seeing the bakers "replicating reality" by crafting lifelike cakes, facing their fears with some spooky cre-

ations and, in one episode, even defying gravity with some jaw-dropping desserts.

Last season (spoilers ahead!), "The Baking Point" saw its first champions in bakers Ruth Cabeza and Rubi Esparza, after the final teams were asked to create "desserts inspired by the mystical creatures of Mexico" in a magical final episode. Despite a stuttering start — with the duo placed in the bottom during the season's initial round — the two came around as a surprising pair of underdogs, earning their million pesos before going on to become successful bakers and influencers, with hundreds of thousands of followers on their Instagrams (@ruth_cabeza and @brulee.pasteleriacreativa, respectively).

With 12 new bakers ready to make their mark — and earn a million pesos — Season 2 of "Sugar Rush: The Baking Point" is now available to stream on Netflix.

Cooking this week

SUNDAY

- 10 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 10:30 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 11 a.m. (FOOD) Delicious Miss Brown
- 11:30 a.m. (7) Recipe Rehab
- (FOOD) Delicious Miss Brown
- Noon (FOOD) Mary Makes It Easy
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 12:30 p.m. (FOOD) Mary Makes It Easy
- 1 p.m. (FOOD) The Kitchen
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 2 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 2:30 p.m. (4) Blind Kitchen
- 3 p.m. (24) A Chef's Life
- (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 4 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 6:30 p.m. (13) Les Stroud's Wild Harvest
- 7 p.m. (13) The Great American Recipe
- (46) (53) MasterChef
- (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) The Great Food Truck Race
- (HIST) The Food That Built America
- 9 p.m. (FOOD) Alex vs America
- (HIST) The Food That Built America

MONDAY

- 10 a.m. (FOOD) The Kitchen
- 11 a.m. (FOOD) The Kitchen
- Noon (FOOD) The Kitchen
- 1 p.m. (FOOD) Bobby's Triple Threat
- 2 p.m. (FOOD) Bobby's Triple Threat
- 3 p.m. (FOOD) Bobby's Triple Threat
- 4 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 6:30 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 7 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) BBQ Brawl
- 9 p.m. (13) (24) The Great American Recipe
- (FOOD) BBQ Brawl

TUESDAY

- 10 a.m. (FOOD) Alex vs America
- 11 a.m. (FOOD) Alex vs America
- Noon (FOOD) Supermarket Stakeout
- 1 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 2 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 3 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 4 p.m. (13) No Passport Required
- (FOOD) Chopped
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 7 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 9 p.m. (FOOD) Bobby's Triple Threat

WEDNESDAY

- 10 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 10:30 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 11 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- Noon (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 1 p.m. (FOOD) The Great Food Truck Race

- 2 p.m. (FOOD) The Great Food Truck Race
- 3 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- 4 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- 7 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- 8 p.m. (46) (53) Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars
- (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
- 9 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games

THURSDAY

- 10 a.m. (FOOD) Chopped
- 11 a.m. (FOOD) BBQ Brawl
- Noon (FOOD) BBQ Brawl
- 1 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 2 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 3 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 4 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 7 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay
- 9 p.m. (FOOD) Beat Bobby Flay

FRIDAY

- 10 a.m. (FOOD) Food Paradise
- 11 a.m. (FOOD) Food Paradise
- Noon (FOOD) Food Paradise
- 1 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 2 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 3 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 4 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 7 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 9 p.m. (13) (24) The Great American Recipe
- (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives

SATURDAY

- 10 a.m. (13) QED Cooks
- (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 10:30 a.m. (13) America's Test Kitchen
- (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
- 11 a.m. (13) Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television
- (FOOD) The Kitchen
- 11:30 a.m. (6) Recipe Rehab
- (13) Lidia's Kitchen
- Noon (13) Table for All with Buki Elegbede
- (24) Les Stroud's Wild Harvest
- (FOOD) Symon's Dinners Cooking Out
- 12:30 p.m. (13) Homemade Live!
- (FOOD) Symon's Dinners Cooking Out
- 1 p.m. (13) Cook's Country
- (FOOD) 24 in 24: Last Chef Standing
- 2 p.m. (FOOD) 24 in 24: Last Chef Standing
- 3 p.m. (FOOD) 24 in 24: Last Chef Standing
- 3:30 p.m. (24) A Chef's Life
- 4 p.m. (FOOD) 24 in 24: Last Chef Standing
- 4:30 p.m. (24) Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television
- 5 p.m. (24) Cook's Country
- (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 5:30 p.m. (24) America's Test Kitchen
- (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 6 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 6:30 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 7 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 7:30 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
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"Firebuds" – Season 2, New Episodes

It's time to stop, drop and make some friends, as the first responders of Gearbox Grove return to help their community during the latest episodes of "Firebuds," coming to Disney+ this coming Wednesday, July 24. With twelve new episodes available to stream, this second season of this animated and music-filled series comes with a "forest rescue theme," according to Disney, "and finds the Firebuds crew back with some new friends and equipped with new gear to use in the great outdoors." Following the kids of local first responders – along with their talking vehicle sidekicks, including fire trucks, ambulances and police cars – as they explore their city and learn what it means to be a hero, helping neighbors when trouble arises. This year, the firebuds are back with new friends and new equipment to use outdoors, with each 11-minute episode also featuring at least one new song. From Emmy Award-winning creator Craig Gerber ("Sofia the First"), "Firebuds" second season will see many guest stars lending their voices, including Lea Salonga ("Mulan," 1996), Jack McBrayer ("Wreck-It-Ralph," 2012), Ernie Hudson ("Ghostbuster," 1984), Ariel Winter ("Modern Family") and more.

"Treasure Planet" (2002)

Adventure awaits, as "Treasure Planet" (2002) is now available to stream on



Axl, Bo, Violet, Jayden, Flash and Piston in "Firebuds"

Disney+. An adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's 1883 novel, "Treasure Island," this animated iteration gives Stevenson's story a science fiction twist, sending the novel's classic characters into space as we join young Jim Hawkins (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, "Inception," 2010) and his friends on an interstellar hunt for a bespoke treasure coveted by gruff space pirates. From acclaimed directors Ron Clements ("Hercules," 1997)

and John Musker ("The Little Mermaid," 1989), "Treasure Planet" (2002) features a cast of talented voice actors that includes Emma Thompson ("Sense and Sensibility," 1995), Martin Short ("Only Murders in the Building"), Roscoe Lee Brown ("The Cowboys," 1972), Corey Burton ("Atlantis: The Lost Empire," 2001), Dane A. Davis ("The Animatrix," 2003), Tony Jay ("The Hunchback of Notre Dame," 1996), Austin

Majors ("NYPD Blue"), Patrick McGoohan ("Braveheart," 1995) and more.

"Willow" (1988)

With an all-star cast including Warwick Davis ("Moley"), Val Kilmer ("Top Gun,"

1986), Joanne Whalley ("The Man Who Knew Too Little," 1997), Jean Marsh ("Frenzy," 1972) and more, Ron Howard's ("Apollo 13," 1995) 1988 dark fantasy film, "Willow," is now available to stream on Disney+. Featuring a story crafted by the talented George Lucas ("Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope," 1977) and a screenplay written by Bob Dolman ("Far and Away," 1992), this adventure transports viewers to a surreal world, in which a young, unassuming farmer named Willow (Davis) has his life turned upside down by the discovery of a rune-marked baby sought after by an evil sorceress – the queen of his land, Bavmorda of Nockmaar (Marsh). In order to protect the child from the queen's dastardly plan, Willow embarks on a perilous journey, searching for a place where the baby will be safe, and where she will have a family that can care for her permanently. Nominated for two Academy Awards, the film also stars Patricia Hayes ("The NeverEnding Story," 1984), Billy Barty ("Masters of the Universe," 1987), Pat Roach ("Raiders of the Lost Ark," 1981), Gavan O'Herlihy ("Never Say Never Again," 1983), David Steinberg ("Agent One-Half," 2008), Tony Cox ("Bad Santa," 2003) and Phil Fondacaro ("The Black Cauldron," 1985), among others.



Jim Hawkins in "Treasure Planet"



Warwick Davis stars in "Willow"

SUNDAY DAYTIME

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hulu this week

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"Dress My Tour" - Season 1

Shoot for the moon (and for some Hollywood stars) with the new competition series "Dress My Tour," premiering Tuesday, July 23, on Hulu. Hosted by model and actress Kate Upton ("The Other Woman," 2014), the series brings 11 aspiring fashion designers to the forefront, with cameras following along through their "raw, emotional journey of creating stunning fashion pieces worthy of the music world's biggest names" (per Hulu). Giving viewers a peak into the fast-paced, unpredictable industry, "Dress My Tour" challenges the contestants to create jaw-dropping outfits for stars including JoJo Siwa ("Karma"), Paula Abdul ("Opposites Attract"), Toni Braxton ("Un-Break My Heart"), Ty Dolla \$ign ("CARNIVAL") and more. At the end of it all, the designer who proves they truly have the chops to make it in the fashion and music industries will walk away with a \$100,000 grand prize. The designers will be mentored and judged by multiple Emmy-winning costume designer Marina Toybina ("The Masked Singer") and creative director, choreographer and Emmy-nominated director Laurieann Gibson ("Lady Gaga Presents: The Monster Ball Tour at Madison Square Garden," 2011). Contestants include Keiandrea Daniels, Veejay Floresca, Michael Shead, Rey Ortiz, McCauley Star, Afaf Seyam, Jessica West, Todd Fisher, Julissa Peralta, Cierra Zacchaeus and Travianna Dunn.

"Wayne Brady: The Family Remix" - Season 1

Multihyphenate talent Wayne Brady has captured laughs and entertained audiences for decades, with his improv work in "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" and his hosting duties in shows like "Let's Make a Deal" remaining highlights and endearing him to audiences. But there is much more to the talented actor, comedian, host and singer than what audiences get to see onstage (or onscreen), and fans are getting access to the performer like never before with his new Freeform reality series, "Wayne Brady: The Family Remix," which premieres Thursday, July 25, on Hulu. In his personal life, "Brady has turned the term 'modern family' on its head" (per Freeform). Still best friends with his ex-wife, Mandie Taketa ("Manband! The Movie," 2007), the pair remain close as they co-parent their 21-year-old daughter, Maile, and run their production company, A Wayne & Mandie Creative, together. Plus, "Jason Fordham, Mandie's life partner since 2009, handles the family's cinematography and post-production, and Mandie and Jason have an almost 3-year-old son, Sundance-Isamu" (per Freeform). Bringing audiences an intimate look at their blended family life, the series explores points of view and values that many — including Brady's own family — have a difficult time understanding. From Fremantle and A Wayne & Mandie Creative, the series is executive produced by Brady, Taketa, Shahram Qureshi ("The Cupcake Guys") and Rachel Tung ("Kitchen Nightmares").



Marina Toybina, Kate Upton and Laurieann Gibson in "Dress My Tour"

"Sleeping Dogs" (2024)

Sometimes not being able to leave well enough alone can lead to the unravelling of a web of lies. Former homicide detective Roy Freeman (Russell Crowe, "Gladiator," 2000) finds out the hard way in the crime thriller "Sleeping Dogs," which is available to stream Friday, July 26, on Hulu. Suffering from Alzheimer's, Roy takes part in a clinical trial for an experimental drug to help him deal with his memory loss. To keep his mind active, Roy takes a look into the murder of

Dr. Joseph Wieder (Marton Csokas, "The Equalizer," 2014). When things don't line up with his foggy recollection of events, Roy takes it upon himself to solve the murder and hopefully regain key memories from the past. In addition to Crowe and Csokas, the film also stars Karen Gillan ("Guardians of the Galaxy," 2014), Tommy Flanagan ("Sons of Anarchy"), Thomas M. Wright ("Everest," 2015), Harry Greenwood ("The Nightingale," 2018), Pacharo Mzembe ("Love and Monsters," 2020), Lynn Gilmartin ("Poker Face," 2022), Paula Arundell ("Gods of Egypt," 2016), Elizabeth Blackmore ("Evil

Dead," 2013), Kelly Greyson ("Broken Memories," 2017), Arthur Angel ("Red Dog," 2011), Adam T. Perkins ("Zombie Ninjas vs Black Ops," 2015), Ming-Zhu Hii ("Peter Rabbit," 2018), Simon Maiden ("Upgrade," 2018), Jasper Bagg ("Thor: Ragnarok," 2017), Jane Harber ("Offspring"), Cameron Leonard ("Bloody Hell," 2020) and Ryan O'Grady ("The Pope's Exorcist," 2023). Based on the 2017 novel "The Book of Mirrors" by E.O. Chirovici, "Sleeping Dogs" was adapted to film by director Adam Cooper ("Allegiant," 2016) and Bill Collage ("Exodus: Gods and Kings," 2014).



Wayne Brady and Maile Brady in "Wayne Brady: The Family Remix"

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"Cirque du Soleil: Without a Net" (2024)

Soar to new heights with the exciting new documentary "Cirque du Soleil: Without a Net," premiering Thursday, July 25, on Prime Video. More than a year after an abrupt global shutdown, Cirque du Soleil started making moves to reboot its flagship production, "O." The film follows the talented group of performers and crew members as they face a mountain of hard work and uncertainty while they build the show back to its awe-inspiring, world-class standards in time for its reopening night in Las Vegas. With behind-the-scenes access like audiences have never experienced before, "Without a Net" captures the dramatic personal highs and lows of the world's most famous circus act on its journey back from the existential brink" (per Prime Video). From director and executive producer Dawn Porter ("Trapped," 2016), the film is also executive produced by Richard Bedser (The Bible," 2013), Eli Holzman ("37 Words," 2022), Ailsa Orr ("Pompeii: The Last Day," 2003) and Aaron Saidman ("Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath," 2016).

"Troppo" - Season 2

It's time for more crime Down Under, as Season 2 of the Australian crime series "Troppo" premieres Thursday, July 25, on Prime Video. Set in the fictional rural town of Crimson Lake in northern Australia, the series, based on the Crimson Lake series of



Trapeze artists in Cirque du Soleil's "O"

books by author Candice Fox, follows the exploits of ex-cop Ted Conkaffey (Thomas Jane, "The Expanse") and eccentric private investigator Amanda Pharrell (Nicole Chamoun, "The Gloaming") as they work to solve some strange and disturbing crimes. Season 2, inspired by the second book in Fox's series, "Redemption Point," picks up

six months after Ted and Amanda solved their first murder. When a healing retreat leader with connections to an exotic drug ring and a "bikie" gang is found dead, Ted and Amanda find themselves back on another bizarre case. All the while, "Amanda tangles with an old enemy and finds a new love interest, [and] Ted's past stalks him and



Nicole Chamoun Thomas Jane in "Troppo"

his family to Crimson Lake — with deadly consequences" (per Prime Video). Adapted for television by Yolanda Ramke ("Cargo," 2017), the series also stars returning cast members Radha Mitchell ("Man on Fire," 2004), Simon Lyndon ("Mystery Road"), Angela Punch McGregor ("Mary: The Making of a Princess," 2015), Ling Cooper Tang ("All Saints") and Sara West ("Neighbours"), alongside new additions Zindzi Okenyo ("Deadloch"), Ursula Yovich ("Faraway Downs"), Miah Madden ("Paper Dolls"), Ethan Lwin ("Young Rock"), Chloe DelleVedove ("After Nightfall") and Brett Tucker ("Station 19").

"Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One" (2023)

Sometimes, a story is far too big for one movie. When it comes to final hooray for secret agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise, "Top Gun," 1986) and Impossible Missions Force, IMP for short, franchise owner Paramount pulls out all the stops. The result is one of the most expensive films ever made in "Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One," which debuts Thursday, July 25, on Prime Video. In this first of two parts, targets are placed on Ethan and the IMF when they set their sights on destroying

a rogue AI known as the Entity. With the entire world against them, Ethan finds an unlikely ally in Grace (Hayley Atwell, "Captain America: The First Avenger," 2011), a professional thief. Together, they attempt to steal the only key that can shutdown the Entity before its operatives, including a powerful terrorist named Gabriel (Esai Morales, "NYPD Blue"), can get a hold of it. Written by director Christopher McQuarrie ("The Usual Suspects," 1995) and Erik Jendresen ("Band of Brothers"), "Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One" also stars Ving Rhames ("Pulp Fiction," 1994), Simon Pegg ("Shaun of the Dead," 2004), Rebecca Ferguson ("The Greatest Showman," 2017), Vanessa Kirby ("The Crown"), Pom Klementieff ("Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," 2017), Mariela Garriga ("Luis Miguel: The Series"), Henry Czerny ("Mission: Impossible," 1996), Shea Whigham ("American Hustle," 2013), Cary Elwes ("The Princess Bride," 1987), Greg Tarzan Davis ("Grey's Anatomy"), Frederick Schmidt ("Angel Has Fallen," 2019), Charles Parnell ("Top Gun: Maverick," 2022), Rob Delaney ("Catastrophe"), Indira Varma ("Obi-Wan Kenobi"), Mark Gatiss ("Sherlock") and Marcin Dorocinski ("Jack Strong," 2014).



Tom Cruise and Hayley Atwell in "Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One"

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"The Decameron" - Season 1

Don't forget your party favor for the 14th century's wildest party. Loosely inspired by Giovanni Boccaccio's collection of stories, the historical comedy-drama "The Decameron" premieres Thursday, July 25, on Netflix. Described by Netflix as a "wine-soaked sex romp set in the Italian countryside," the series, set in 1348, finds Europe in the grips of the Black Death. Hoping to escape the pandemic, a group of nobles in Florence escape to a grand villa in the country to wait out the worst of the bubonic plague in the lap of luxury. But, as the veils of polite society come down, a fight for survival reveals the true nature of the characters in the villa. Created by Kathleen Jordan ("Teenage Bounty Hunters"), the series stars Tanya Reynolds ("Sex Education") as Licisca, a servant; Jessica Plummer ("The Girl Before") as Filomena, a spoiled oddball from a noble family; Douggie McMeekin ("Harlots") as the rich and insufferable Tindaro; Amar Chadha-Patel ("Willow") as Dioneo, a physician; Lou Gala ("Julia") as the God-obsessed Neifile; Karan Gill ("Ladhood") as Panfilo, the son of a prominent political family; Zosia Mamet ("Girls") as Pampinea, another rich and insufferable noblewoman; Saoirse-Monica Jackson ("Derry Girls") as Misia, Pampinea's devoted servant; Tony Hale ("Arrested Development") as Sirisco, the steward of the villa; and Leila Farzad ("I Hate Suzie") as Stratilia, the stalwart housekeeper of the villa.



Karan Gill, Saoirse-Monica Jackson, Douggie McMeekin and Tony Hale in "The Decameron"

"Resurrected Rides" - Season 1

Get ready to hit the road in style with the new series "Resurrected Rides" when it premieres Tuesday, July 23, on Netflix. From the original producers of the early 2000s MTV hit "Pimp My Ride," the new series, hosted by comedian and actor Chris Redd ("Satur-

day Night Live"), takes the busted-up beater cars of some lucky owners and transforms them into jaw-dropping, roadworthy rides. Featuring a cast of expert mechanics — including Shayna Guy, Saul Valencia, Oscar Valencia, Lacey Blair, Steven Nelson and

Don Abenante — the series delivers mind-blowing transformations in every episode. Created and executive produced by Rick Hurvitz, the co-creator of "Pimp My Ride," the series' team of executive producers also includes Brandon Killion ("Ice Road

Truckers"), Mike Odair ("Duck Dynasty") and Ari Shofet ("Pimp My Ride").

"The Dragon Prince" - Season 6

The mystery of Aaravos (Erik Dellums, The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim) takes to the stars when all nine episodes in the sixth and penultimate season of popular animated series "The Dragon Prince" premiere Friday, July 26, on Netflix. The series follows two princes, Callum (Jack De Sena, "Avatar: The Last Airbender") and Ezran (Sasha Rojen, "The Flash"), as they team with an elven assassin named Rayla (Paula Burrows, "The Dangers of Online Dating") to bring to peace to the land. After retrieving the giant pearl that contains Aaravos' prison at the end of the previous season, Callum, Ezran, Rayla and their companions take a step back to consider their next course of action. In the meantime, Claudia's (Racquel Belmonte, "Heart of Dance," 2013) sanity rapidly deteriorates, while Janai (Rena Anakwe, "My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic") copes with Miyana's (Cecilly Day, "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist") betrayal. Created by Aaron Ehasz ("Avatar: The Last Airbender") and Justin Richmond (Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception), the voice cast for "The Dragon Prince" is rounded out by Jesse Inocalla ("Totally Killer," 2023), Omari Newton ("Continuum"), Adrian Petriv ("The Hollow"), Nicole Oliver ("Wonder," 2017), Luc Roderique ("Motherland: Fort Salem") and Benjamin Callins.

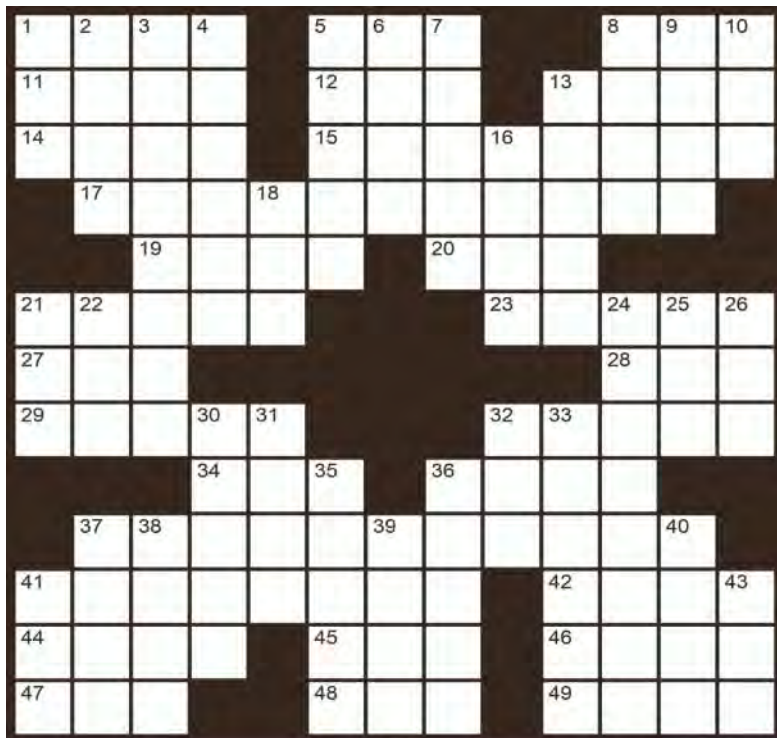


Rayla and Callum in "The Dragon Prince"



Host Chris Redd (center) and the cast of "Resurrected Rides"

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Across

- 1. Actor Gregory
- 5. "The Masked Singer" prop
- 8. "___ Raw" (TV show featuring professional grapplers)
- 11. Wheel turner
- 12. Actress Bartok
- 13. Put on
- 14. It's inert
- 15. Catchphrase of Jean-Luc Picard
- 17. Diane Morgan mockumentary
- 19. Neptune's realm
- 20. High-speed Internet inits.
- 21. Refine, as metal
- 23. Lauder of cosmetics
- 27. Microbrew

choice, for short

- 28. "___ in Cleveland"
- 29. Opposable digit
- 32. Justice Kagan
- 34. Time
- 36. OPEC member
- 37. Show about TV cooks?
- 41. "Game Of Thrones" setting
- 42. Millstone
- 44. Dirt bike relatives, briefly
- 45. Have markers out
- 46. Destroy
- 47. Twaddle
- 48. D.C. baseballer
- 49. Deli wares

Down

- 1. Put down in writing?

- 2. Firm head
- 3. Inspector played by Peter Sellers
- 4. Boarding site
- 5. Office papers
- 6. "Terrible" czar
- 7. Like mud on one's shoes
- 8. Light bulb unit
- 9. Long (for)
- 10. Rock's Brian
- 13. Lena Dunham show
- 16. Facilitate
- 18. Actress Dennings
- 21. Meet
- 22. Speedometer letters
- 24. Fran Drescher series
- 25. Many chiliads
- 26. Capt.'s guess
- 30. Track events
- 31. Highlands hillside party
- 35. Rubber hub
- 36. Atlas feature
- 37. ___ carotene
- 38. Invitation request
- 39. "Field of Dreams" (1989) setting
- 40. "___ Perfect" (internet comedy group)
- 41. 2020 Cardi B hit
- 43. Call for help

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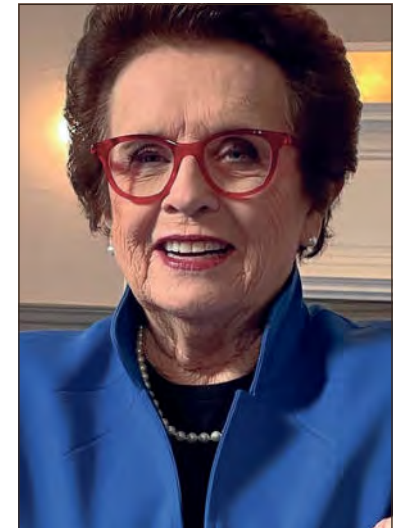
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Tuesday Best Bets



Billie Jean King is featured in "Gods of Tennis"

MLB Baseball

(TBS) 7 p.m.

The Subway Series is one of the most historic rivalries in Major League Baseball. While the Yankees have had a stellar season so far, the Mets took the two earlier games thanks to some explosive bats. Will things be different in the Bronx?

Celebrity Family Feud

(4) 8 p.m.

This "Family Feud" spin-off puts a spotlight on the Hollywood hills, as celebrities compete with their families to guess the most popular answers to survey questions. This week, see Robin Thicke, Anthony Anderson, Walker Hayes and Rachel Bilson.

Beat Shazam

(46) (53) 8 p.m.

Jamie and Corinne Fox host as a team of firefighters brings the heat when competing against best friends and a father-son duo in this all-new episode. Will they be able to bank enough money to face music identification app Shazam in the final round?

Gods of Tennis

(13) (24) 9 p.m.

In 1975, Billie Jean King and Arthur Ashe were both vying for Wimbledon titles. On the court, they were dominating the competition and lifting the sport to new heights. Off the court, they were leaders initiating social change in this series premiere.

Password

(9) (11) (12) 10 p.m.

It's the season finale of this classic game show revival that teams everyday people up with celebrities in order to guess words in an attempt to win up to \$25,000. Keke Palmer hosts, while Jimmy Fallon and other celebrity guests are featured.

SATURDAY DAYTIME

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JULY 27, 2024

Table with 20 columns (Channel, Start Time, End Time, Program, S1, S2) listing various TV programs and movies such as 'KDKA-TV News This Morning', '2024 Paris Olympics', and 'The First 48'.

Movie Zone

(COM) Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story ★★★ (Com, '04) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor. See Sunday at 3:30 PM (2h)

3:30 p.m. (PARMT) Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy ★★★ (Com, '04) Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate. A 1970s newsman (Will Ferrell) feels threatened by a female employee (Christina Applegate). (2h30)

4:10 p.m. (SHO2) Live Free or Die Hard ★★★ (Act, '07) Bruce Willis, Justin Long. A digital villain attacks the computer infrastructure of the United States. (2h10)

4:25 p.m. (SHO) Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy ★★★ (Com, '04) Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate. See 3:30 PM (1h35)

4:30 p.m. (TCM) Spartacus: Restored Edition ★★★★★ (Hist, '60) Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier. A gladiator slave leads a revolt in decadent Rome and attempts to lead his followers to freedom. (3h30)

4:55 p.m. (TNT) Avengers: Infinity War ★★★ (Act, '18) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Iron Man, Thor and the rest of the Avengers battle their most powerful enemy yet -- the evil Thanos. (3h03)

5 p.m. (COM) Game Night ★★★ (Com, '18) Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams. A murder mystery party turns into a wild and chaotic night for a group of unsuspecting couples. (2h)

5:10 p.m. (HBO) The Dark Knight Rises ★★★ (Act, '12) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway. Batman re-emerges from his self-imposed exile to battle a merciless terrorist named Bane. (2h48)

5:15 p.m. (Freeform) Finding Dory ★★★ (Ani, '16) Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks. Dory (Ellen DeGeneres) the forgetful fish embarks on an epic quest to find her mother and father. (2h05)

6 p.m. (SHO) Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues ★★★ (Com, '13) Will Ferrell, Steve Carell, Ron Burgundy tries to stay classy when he and his team go to work at a 24-hour news channel. (2h)

(TBS) Despicable Me ★★★ (Ani, '10) Voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel. One of the world's greatest villains meets his match in three little orphans. (2h)

6:15 p.m. (FLIX) Joy Ride ★★★ (Thrill, '01) Steve Zahn, Paul Walker. See Tuesday at 1:55 PM (1h45)

7 p.m. (SYFY) Mission: Impossible II ★★★ (Act, '00) Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott. See Friday at 9:35 PM (2h30)

7:20 p.m. (Freeform) Luca ★★★ (Ani, '21) Voices of Jacob Tremblay, Jack Dylan Grazer. A boy tries to hide a secret -- he turns into a sea monster whenever he comes in contact with water. (2h05)

7:30 p.m. (FX) Deadpool 2 ★★★ (Act, '18) Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin. See Tuesday at 8:00 PM (2h30)

8 p.m. (AMC) John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ★★★ (Act, '19) Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry. Hit man John Wick fights for his life when he becomes the target of the world's top assassins. (3h)

(BET) Coming to America ★★★ (Com, '88) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall. See Monday at 10:00 PM (3h)

(COM) Double Jeopardy ★★★ (Thrill, '99) Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd. Jailed for her husband's murder, a woman (Ashley Judd) learns he (Bruce Greenwood) lives. (2h30)

(DISN) Lightyear ★★★ (Ani, '22) Voices of Chris Evans, Keke Palmer. Buzz Lightyear embarks on an intergalactic adventure with a group of ambitious recruits and a robot. (1h50)

(SHO) Forrest Gump ★★★★★ (Com.-Dra, '94) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. See Sunday at 4:00 PM (2h30)

(SHO2) Die Hard ★★★ (Act, '88) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. See Thursday at 5:45 PM (2h15)

(TBS) Despicable Me 2 ★★★ (Ani, '13) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. Gru and his new partner hunt the perpetrator of a spectacular heist. (2h)

(TCM) I Know Where I'm Going! ★★★★★ (Rom, '45) Wendy Hiller, Roger Livesey. Englishwoman (Wendy Hiller) seeks tycoon, loves naval officer (Roger Livesey) instead. (1h45)

8:30 p.m. (PARMT) Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy ★★★ (Com, '04) Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate. See 3:30 PM (2h30)

9 p.m. (HBO2) Uncut Gems ★★★ (Thrill, '19) Adam Sandler, LaKeith Stanfield. A jeweler must balance business, family and adversaries on all sides after making a high-stakes bet. (2h19)

(MMAX) Gangs of New York ★★★ (Hist, '02) Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis. See Sunday at 4:35 PM (2h47)

9:25 p.m. (Freeform) Brave ★★★ (Ani, '12) Voices of Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly. A courageous Scottish princess (Kelly Macdonald) must figure out how to undo a beastly curse. (2h05)

9:30 p.m. (SYFY) Mission: Impossible III ★★★ (Act, '06) Tom Cruise, Philip Seymour Hoffman. Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) squares off with a ruthless broker of arms and information. (2h30)

9:45 p.m. (TCM) The Green Years ★★★ (Dra, '46) Charles Coburn, Tom Drake. Orphan becomes man (Tom Drake) in love, guided by great-granddad (Charles Coburn). (2h15)

Hollywood Q&A

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: I just saw a trailer with Henry Cavill as James Bond, but it didn't have any more information about the release or anything. When is that movie happening?

A: It's not. Unfortunately, you were taken in by a fake trailer made by a fan (presumably) with the help of some video tech and artificial intelligence.

The trailer, posted by a YouTube account named KH Studio, uses footage from other films, as well as some digital animation, to make a very believable trailer with Henry Cavill ("The Witcher") as superspy James Bond and Margot Robbie ("Barbie," 2023) as an unnamed Bond girl.

KH Studios says, far down in the description text, that "this is a concept trailer created solely for artistic and entertainment purposes." But they titled the video "Bond 26 -- First Trailer," so at least some of the confusion is their fault.

But they were also capitalizing on some real-world speculation. For years, people have made a game of guessing who the next Bond will be. That game heated up when Daniel Craig ("Casino Royale," 2006) announced he would abandon the role after 2021's "No Time to Die."

Cavill is among the big stars considered to be in the running. Oddsmakers (yes, people actually bet on this) put him among the most likely candidates, along with Aaron Taylor-Johnson ("Kick-Ass," 2010), James Norton ("Little Women," 2019) and many others.

Q: I was wondering if you had heard if Robert Downey Jr. made "Sherlock Holmes 3" yet? If so, when was it released?

A: The long-awaited third installment of the successful Sherlock Holmes movies, with Robert Downey Jr. ("Iron Man," 2008) as the titular sleuth, is still on hold. But it's "alive in our hearts," according to Downey's wife and producing partner, Susan.

"There's no update, other than it's still very much alive in our hearts," she told ScreenRant.com earlier this year. "There needs to be a really strong reason, it needs to be a great story, and we do have some things in the works."

People have been wondering about the film for over a decade now -- since the second film in the series, "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," was released in 2011 and earned a half-billion dollars at the box office.

But one reason people, including the Downeys, are talking about it again is the news that the films' original director, Guy

Ritchie ("Snatch," 2000), is now working on a TV series called "Young Sherlock" that looks at the great detective as a boy.

That's good news for folks who just want to see more of Ritchie's take on Holmes. But people specifically interested in seeing Downey Jr. in the role might worry that this new series means the third film is dead -- hence Susan's assurance that it's still "alive."

While Susan focused on the story, another key requirement for making the film is finding space in Robert's schedule. He's one of the most in-demand stars of the moment, thanks largely to his success in the Sherlock Holmes and Avengers movies. Indeed, "Sherlock Holmes 3" is just one of the 21 different movies he's either possibly or definitely involved with right now, according to IMDb.com.

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Daniel Craig in "No Time to Die"

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