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**WV 211  
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West Virginia 211, the state's premier helpline connecting residents with essential services and resources, announced a significant achievement: receiving its 150,000th call.

Since answering its first call in March 2019, West Virginia 211 has been steadfast in its mission to provide critical assistance and support to individuals and families across the state.

Established through the collaborative efforts of many United Way agencies across the state, West Virginia 211 has become a lifeline for thousands of residents.

The helpline assists with housing, utilities, food, healthcare and more. Each call received represents a person or family navigating challenges and seeking pathways to stability and resilience.

"Our 150,000th call is not just a number; it symbolizes the trust and reliance that the people of West Virginia place in our services," said April Knight, state director of West Virginia 211. "We are honored to have reached this milestone and remain committed to being a beacon of hope and assistance for every caller."

West Virginia 211 operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, connecting callers to a comprehensive network of community resources tailored to their specific needs. Whether it's providing information on disaster relief during emergencies or offering guidance on accessing social services, West Virginia 211 stands ready to assist.

"We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, partners and other stakeholders whose unwavering support has enabled us to achieve this milestone," added Knight. "Together, we will continue to strengthen our communities by ensuring that help is always just a phone call away."

As West Virginia 211 celebrates this milestone, the organization reaffirms its commitment to continually improving services and enhancing accessibility. Its goal is to meet the evolving needs of the community and ensure every resident knows that help is always available.

For more information about West Virginia 211 or to access services, visit [wv211.org](http://wv211.org).

WV 211 can also be reached by dialing 211 or 833-848-9905.

**Biden drops out of race**

**VP Harris gets his endorsement**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, ending his bid for reelection after a disastrous debate with Donald Trump that raised doubts about the incumbent's fitness for office.

The unprecedented announcement, delivered less than four months before the election, immediately upended a campaign that both political parties view as the most consequential in generations.

The president — intent on serving out the remainder of his term in office — quickly endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to take on Trump and encouraged his party to unite behind her, making her the party's instant favorite for the nomination at its August convention in Chicago.

A party's presumptive presidential nominee has never stepped out of the race so close to the election. President Lyndon Johnson, besieged by the Viet-



AP file photo

President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden arrive at Fort Lesley J. McNair July 1 in Washington.

nam War, announced in March 1968 that he would not seek another term after just a single state's primary.

Biden's decision comes after more than 14 million Democrats cast votes supporting him through the primary process.

Harris, in a statement, praised Biden's "selfless and patriotic act" and said she intends to "earn and win" her

party's nomination.

"I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party — and unite our nation — to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda," she said.

Biden's decision to bow out came after escalating pressure from his Democratic allies to step aside following the June 27 debate, in which the 81-year-old

president trailed off, often gave nonsensical answers and failed to call out the former president's many falsehoods.

"It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term," Biden wrote in a letter posted Sunday to his X account.

Nearly 30 minutes after he delivered the news that he was folding his campaign, Biden threw his support behind Harris.

"Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year," he said in another post on X. "Democrats — it's time to come together and beat Trump."

There were early signs that the party was moving to coalesce around Harris, who scored the endorsements of the Congressional Black Caucus and former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton even before she had com-

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**STATE HISTORY**

**Significant events that took place in W.Va.**

WV Humanities Council

CHARLESTON — The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [wvencyclopedia.org](http://wvencyclopedia.org).

■ July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. The comedy legend will be forever remembered for portraying Barney Fife on *The Andy Griffith Show*.

■ July 22, 1859: Athlete "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played bare-handed, was one of baseball's premier shortstops of the 19th century.

■ July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson played a major role in spreading the popularity of old-time music.

■ July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and the Pocahontas Fuel Co. for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber and especially financial institutions.

■ July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, *The Night of the Hunter* (1953), a gripping suspense story adapted into a classic film in 1955 and for TV in 1991.

■ July 24, 1823: Arthur Boreman, West Virginia's first governor, was born in Waynesburg, Pa. His family moved to Middlebourne, Tyler County, when he was still an infant.

■ July 24, 1919: Sam Taylor of Mercer County became the first West Virginia State Police trooper. During his tenure, Taylor tracked moonshiners and bootleggers, and helped set up new state police detachments.

■ July 24, 1929: Cornelius Charlton was born in East Gulf, Raleigh County. Charlton was killed in battle during the Korean War,



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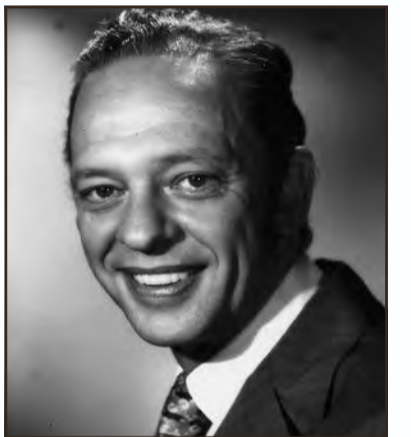
In 1864, Eight Catholic nuns created a monastery — DeSales Heights — in Parkersburg.

and he was honored posthumously with the Medal of Honor.

■ July 24, 1942: Actor Chris Sarandon was born in Beckley. A film, stage and television performer, some of his credits include *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *The Princess Bride* and an Oscar nomination for *Dog Day Afternoon*.

■ July 24, 1983: Kansas City Royals player and Glen Dale native George Brett was involved in the "Pine-Tar Bat Incident." After hitting a game-winning home run against the New York Yankees, the umpires ruled that Brett's bat contained too much pine tar and called him out. The ensuing melee at home plate is classic baseball lore.

■ July 25, 1864: A colony of eight Catholic nuns set out from Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Md., for Parkersburg. The sisters, who created a monastery there and named it



Don Knotts



Dyke Raese

DeSales Heights, ran a boarding school for young women for 75 years.

■ July 26, 1942: Camp Washington-Carver was dedicated and opened to the public. The camp, located at Clifftop, Fayette County, was the first statewide 4-H camp for African Americans in the country. The camp's Great Chestnut Lodge is West Virginia's largest log structure.

■ July 27, 1896: Clark Kessinger was born near Charleston. He was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

■ July 27, 1909: Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis, Tucker County. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.



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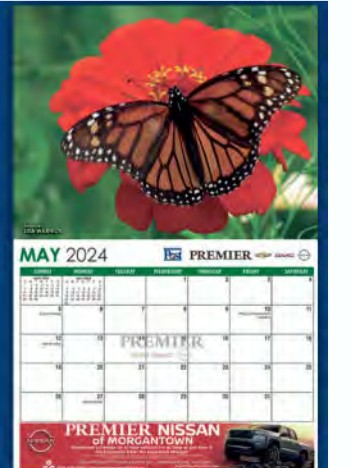
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ELECTION 2024

# Democrats rallying around Harris for president

## VP vows to 'earn and win' party nomination

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats quickly rallied around Vice President Kamala Harris as their likely presidential nominee Sunday after President Joe Biden's ground-shaking decision to bow out of the 2024 race.

Shortly after Biden stepped aside he firmly endorsed Harris, who would make history as the nation's first Black and South Asian woman to become a major party's presidential nominee. Other endorsements flowed from former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton, the first major female presidential nominee, and prominent U.S. senators, a wide swath of House representatives and members of the influential Congressional Black Caucus.

As Democrats organize to confront Republican



Vice President Kamala Harris embraces President Joe Biden after a speech on healthcare March 26 in Raleigh, N.C.

Donald Trump this fall, Biden said choosing Harris as his vice president had been the "best decision" he ever made. "Let's do this," he said.

"My intention is to earn and win this nomination," Harris declared in a statement.

Democrats now must rearrange the top of its ticket in a matter of weeks — before the party's nominating convention begins Aug. 19.

Former President Barack Obama and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, who are widely seen

as engineering Biden's withdrawal from the race as they worried about not only keeping the White House but winning control of Congress, did not explicitly endorse Harris, and Pelosi favors an open primary.

Key Democrats believe

Harris would benefit from a "mini-primary." They argue a fast primary campaign would showcase to the American people, party donors and skeptics Harris is best for the job, and give would-be contenders a chance to compete — or at least debut as potential running mates.

Democratic National Committee chairman Jaime Harrison promised a "transparent and orderly process."

With early voting underway in a matter of months, Democrats have no time to spare if they hope to compete against an energized GOP that has embraced Trump's return. They must quickly pivot to unify a shaken Democratic party, refocus an entire campaign apparatus around a new presidential ticket and organize the ground game to get out the vote.

But Republicans have also signaled their early strategy as criticizing Harris as complicit in standing by Biden, despite his fumbles, and they are working on legal challenges to the 2024 election.

"Not only would Harris be a disaster in the White House, but she also helped Biden cover up his declining health while in office, which destroys her credibility," said a statement from the Republican National Committee chairman Michael Whatley and co-chairman Lara Trump.

The Democratic convention in Chicago that was supposed to be a coronation for Biden now becomes an open contest in which nearly 4,700 delegates will be responsible for picking a new standard-bearer.

At least 3,896 delegates have been pledged to support Biden, but party rules do not permit him to pass them to another candidate.

The immediate burden is on Harris to solidify support across almost 4,000 delegates from the states, territories and District of Columbia, plus more than 700 so-called superdelegates who include party leaders, certain elected officials and former presidents and vice presidents.

## BIDEN

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mented on Biden's decision to quit the race. But notably, former President Barack Obama held off, pledging support behind the eventual party nominee.

"I have extraordinary confidence that the leaders of our party will be able to create a process from which an outstanding nominee emerges," he said in a statement.

Biden's decision came as he has been isolating at his Delaware beach house after being diagnosed with COVID-19 last week, huddling with a shrinking circle of close confidants and family members about his political future. Biden said he would address the nation later this week to provide "detail" about his decision.

Harris found out about Biden's plans on Sunday morning and senior campaign and White House staff were notified just minutes before the letter went out, according to people familiar with the matter who commented on the private discussions on condition of anonymity.

Now, Democrats have to urgently try to bring coherence to the nominating process in a matter of weeks and convince voters in a short amount of time that their nominee can

handle the job and beat Trump. And for his part, Trump must shift his focus to a new opponent after years of training his attention on Biden.

Biden won the vast majority of delegates and every nominating contest but one, which would have made his nomination a formality. Now that he has dropped out, those delegates will be free to support another candidate.

Harris, 59, appeared to be the natural successor, in large part because she is the only candidate who can directly tap into the Biden campaign's war chest, according to federal campaign finance rules.

Biden's campaign formally changed its name to Harris for President, reflecting that she is inheriting his political operation — a sign of the leg up she has in the race for the Democratic nomination. Democratic groups, including the Democratic National Committee, also filed paperwork changing the names of their joint fundraising committees to reflect Harris' candidacy.

The Democratic National Convention is scheduled to be held Aug. 19-22 in Chicago.

It remained to be seen whether other candidates would challenge Harris for the nomination. The Democratic National

Committee's chair, Jaime Harrison, said in a statement that the party would "undertake a transparent and orderly process" to select "a candidate who can defeat Donald Trump in November."

Trump reacted to the news in a post on his Truth Social site, in which he said Biden "was not fit to run for President, and is certainly not fit to serve."

"We will suffer greatly because of his presidency, but we will remedy the damage he has done very quickly," he added. "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

Biden is already the country's oldest president and had insisted repeatedly that he was up for the challenge of another campaign and another term, telling voters all they had to do was "watch me."

Concerns over Biden's age have dogged him since he announced he was running for reelection, though Trump is just three years younger at 78.

Biden's granddaughter Naomi Biden Neal said on social media, "I'm nothing but proud of my Pop." She said he has served the country "with every bit of his soul and with unmatched distinction" and "our world is better today in so many ways thanks to him."

## WVU RESEARCH

# Martial arts outreach helps families affected by autism deal with stress

WVU Today

At Morgantown's Renzo Gracie Jiu Jitsu Studio, West Virginia University kinesiologist and health psychologist Jeanette Garcia is overseeing a jujitsu class. She is joined by the director of SteppingStones, a recreation center for individuals with disabilities, and a small army of WVU students.

They're not practicing throws or chokes, or even studying how others learn and perform those moves.

They're supporting the participants — children with autism spectrum disorder and, soon, their parents or caregivers — and learning how both kids and parents can benefit from practicing the martial arts together, as a family.

What's already clear, Garcia said, is that families who train together make gains together — gains in confidence, rest and relaxation, and pure fun. Now an associate professor in the School of Sport Sciences at the WVU College of Applied Human Sciences, Garcia found her purpose promoting physical activity in youth and families affected by autism while a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University's School of Public Health.

"I was working with kids with disabilities, doing a cycling activity where they were riding a bike and playing a video game," she said. "I noticed the kids with autism were really into it. They loved getting trophies and the friendly competition. I saw a lot of benefits beyond increasing physical activity."

Combat sports like judo and jujitsu, which focus on

self-defense, mind-body connection and grappling over striking, fit the bill. In 2017, Garcia launched her inaugural judo class for kids with autism.

"And it was a mess," she said. "I do community-based research" — in which participants, partners and researchers collaborate as equals — "and that's always messy. But we got better, and we've done at least one round a year since. I'm proud of how far it's come and that we're continuing the work through WVU."

The classes have come to include youth with Down syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Critically, they will now also include peer and family support.

"A while back, I did a project comparing engagement in judo classes kids attended by themselves versus classes kids attended with parents," she said. "I was nervous parents wouldn't want to do judo and no one would sign up for the family group. I was completely wrong. Everyone wanted the family group and attendance was significantly better there. In the individual group, when a kid missed class, parents often reported that a family engagement took precedence. In the family class, that class was the family engagement, and they would not miss it."

Parental involvement drove engagement so dramatically that Garcia decided to design an entire study around the benefits parents derived from the sessions.

The study responded to the fact that autism contributes to adverse health outcomes not only for those

with the disorder but for caregivers, too. While children with autism tend to have poor nutrition, problems sleeping and low physical activity, their parents report higher stress, which can drive unhealthy behaviors. And because an estimated 80% of youth with autism have sleep issues, many caregivers also have trouble sleeping.

Taking a "self-care day" isn't easy for a parent of a child with autism. Parents who make time to de-stress frequently end up feeling extra anxiety about what's happening in their absence. However, when parents joined kids for judo classes, they told Garcia they slept better and were much less stressed.

"Parents reported this was a good way to bond with their kids, that they really enjoyed it and felt the kids were happier and more interactive," Garcia said.

Kids themselves reported leaps in self-confidence, and Garcia even found some children with sensory issues were more open to touch when wearing the judo gi.

"I don't know if the gi offers them a protective layer, but we see kids who don't want to touch anything start to become more comfortable in the gi, and by the end they're high fiving. I want to do a study on that alone."

Garcia loves involving students in her research projects because she never got a chance to do undergraduate research.

"At the end of the day, when we're watching the parents smiling, the kids hugging — that's why we're doing it."

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EDUCATION

## Art Museum of WVU welcomes new director

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The Art Museum of West Virginia University has a new museum director.

Aaron Levi Garvey is an experienced museum curator and historian specializing in modern and contemporary art.

He has worked with esteemed institutions, including as the Janet L. Nolan director of curatorial affairs at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University, founding chief curator of The Hudson Eye and Long Road Projects Founda-

tion, and chief curator of the Andy Warhol Museum.

He was also recently a guest lecturer for the University of Alabama at Birmingham, College for Creative Arts in Detroit, Mich., and the Kimball Art Center in Park City, Utah, juror for the Sondheim Prize in Baltimore, visiting curator at STABLE in Washington, D.C., and will serve as guest lecturer at the University of Kentucky, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Iowa in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.

Garvey said he is excited to expand the reach of the Art Museum of WVU.

“The culture work that can be done both within the confines of the museum’s walls and on the national stage as a university-backed museum are full of endless possibilities,” Garvey said. “I am most excited that the museum can be a culture leader and fulfill the desire audiences at the university and within the greater Appalachian region have for forward thinking and progressive arts programming.”

Garvey’s vision for the museum includes accreditation with the American Association of Museums, working to generate originated traveling exhibitions and continuing the museum’s efforts to recognize new and diverse artists, and ensuring a welcoming experience for every visitor.

“By showcasing and preserving diverse perspectives, voices and practices of artists, we can tell stories in their entirety and examine the full arc of global

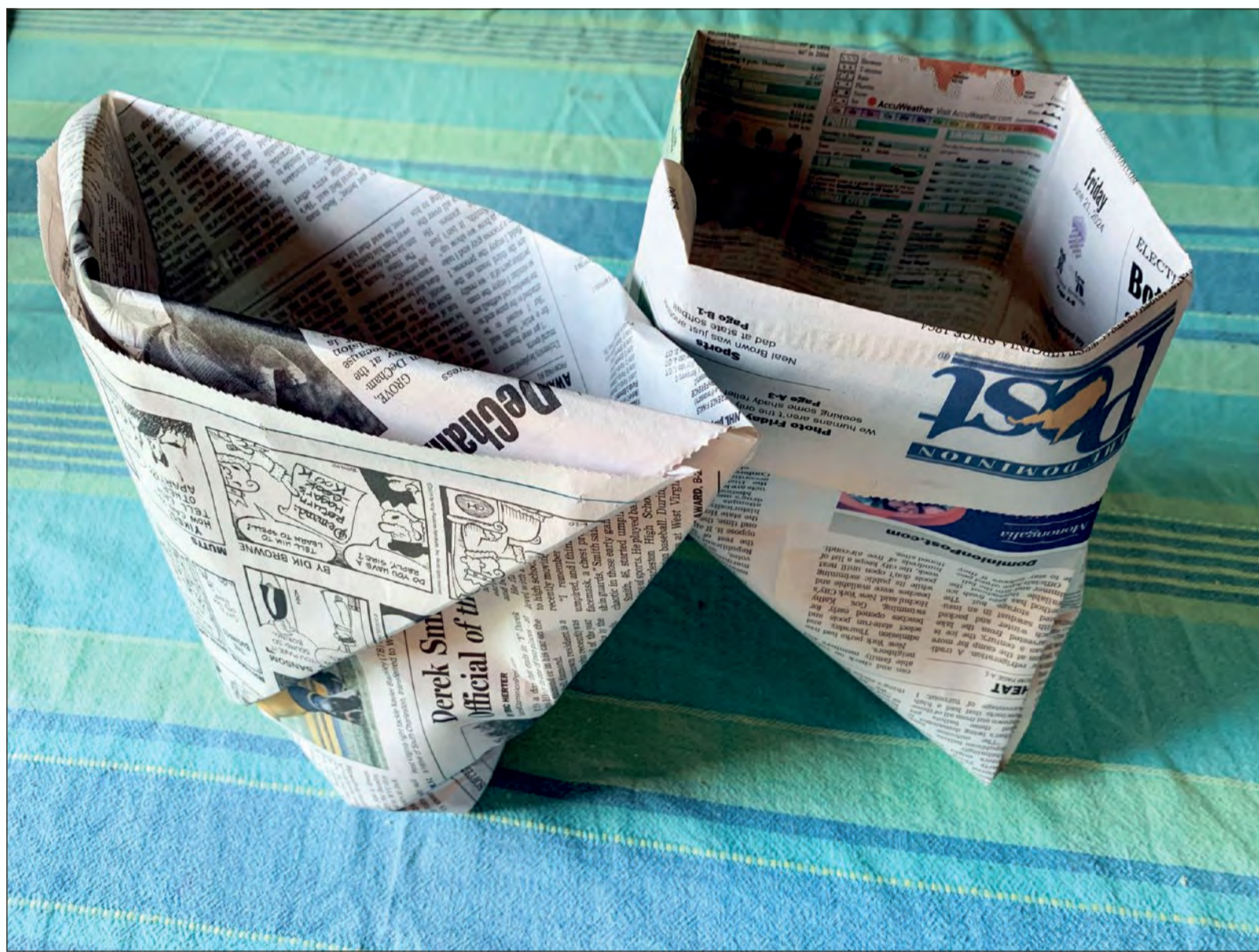


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Aaron Levi Garvey

SEE ART, A-4

## DIY: small trash can liners



Aldona Bird/for The Dominion Post

Not using plastic bags? Try newspaper for trash can liners.

### Quickly folded newspaper can replace plastic bags

BY ALDONA BIRD  
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Plastic grocery bags work well as liners for small trash cans.

But if you’ve switched to using tote bags when shopping, you may find yourself running low on plastic bags.

In this case, don’t buy can liners — make them yourself. This is both a frugal and eco-friendly solution.

To make trash can liners, all you need is a few sheets of newspaper. If you’re reading this feature, you likely subscribe — and if you subscribe, you likely have a few newspapers on hand. Grab a few for this project and make a bunch of bags to have on hand.

There are different ways to fold news-

paper to make can liners.

To make a very simple bag, start by laying out a sheet of newspaper flat on a work surface. Fold the top edge over by about three inches. Flip the paper over, so the folded edge is face down, but still at the top.

Fold one side in about a third of the way. Fold the other side in such that it overlaps by at least four inches.

Tuck one side under the top fold to hold the overlap in place. Fold the bottom up halfway, and tuck it into the top fold as well.

Gently open the bag, and place it in a small trashcan.

Another way to fold a newspaper can liner is to again start with a full sheet unfolded. This time, fold the paper in half diagonally to create a triangle.

Fold both of the longer corners of the triangle in to meet at the center, shorter, point of the triangle — the folds should create a square.

Firmly crease, then unfold the two corners.

Fold one corner to meet the crease line created by the previously folded opposite corner. Repeat on the other side. The edges of both folded sides should align.

To create the opening of the bag, fold one layer of the original top corner down over the two folded sides. Flip over, and fold the other layer of the top corner down.

The final shape of this bag will be a trapezoid.

Both of these patterns fold up quickly, so in just a few minutes you can create a stock of bags ready to use when another fills up.

These also make great bags for dry compost — use them to collect floor sweepings and other compostable waste that doesn’t have moisture (so won’t dissolve the bag), then compost the bag along with its contents.

This project is an easy way to reduce plastic in your home, and save a little money along the way.

COMMENTARY



PAM QUEEN

## Join the experts to check out moths

It’s National Moth Week and if you want to learn more about this flying insect, you might want to head to the WVU Core Arboretum Thursday night.

National Moth Week is the last full week in July and each summer, the Arboretum hosts Moth Night.

The event will be from 9-11 p.m. Thursday, lights and sheets will be set up in the Arboretum lawn area to attract moths.

Join the experts will identify and talk about the moths. Last year’s event attracted more than 100 species of moths and numerous other insects.

Representatives from the WVU Insect Zoo will be at the event with some of their displays and live insects.

This is a free, informal event and anyone is welcome to stop by anytime during the two-hour window. Organizers recommend everyone bring a flashlight.

This year, they are remembering Sue Olcott, a local nature expert who of cancer earlier this year. She was the one who inspired the first Moth Night at the Arboretum, back in 2017.

If 9-11 p.m. is a little late for you, but you want to try attracting different types of moths, you can do that at home.

You’ll just need a light, a landing pad and — if you want to document what you see — a camera, even the one on your phone will work.

Any kind of light will work, which you’ve probably noticed when trying to keep moths out of the house as they flutter around your porch light.

Using a flashlight or any type of light in a dark field will attract moths. More advanced setups might use blacklights or mercury vapor bulbs.

A landing pad is just a place for moths to do just that — land. It can be a white sheet on the ground of the side of your house.

I’d probably add a chair to the mix so I’d have a place to sit and wait for the moths to show up.

It will be interesting to see the different kinds of moths you might encounter.

As they land on your house or sheet, snap some photos. Send them to us and well see how many we can publish. Email them to me at pqueen@dominionpost.com.

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PARTNERSHIP

## No-cost parent coaching available to parents, guardians

WVU Medicine

The Cook Center for Human Connection (CCHC) and WVU Medicine Children’s have announced a partnership to enhance mental health resources and support systems for children and families throughout West Virginia.

This strategic collaboration aims to leverage the combined expertise and resources of both organizations with a mission to enhance resilience, connection and wellbeing across communities throughout the region, while also allowing any parent in West Virginia to access no-cost mental health resources — including one-on-one parent coaching, on-

demand courses and Ask-a-Therapist videos — from ParentGuidance.org.

“We’re thrilled to have such an amazing partner in WVU Medicine Children’s, which has developed so many amazing mental health resources for West Virginia families,” Anne Brown, CEO of the Cook Center for Human Connection, said. “We are looking for partnerships to help provide families the best mental health resources, and this partnership brings us one step closer to accomplishing our mission.”

The mission of the Cook Center for Human Connection is to unite leading organizations, pro-

grams and products to prevent suicide, provide mental health support and cultivate human connections crucial for individuals to flourish. WVU Medicine Children’s, composed of a dedicated cadre of medical professionals, nurses and caregivers, is steadfast in its pursuit of delivering unparalleled care to every child in need.

“In our partnership with the Cook Center, we have an incredibly unique opportunity to make an impact in the lives of countless children across the country,” Dr. James Berry, D chair of the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry,

said. “The Cook Center has unparalleled access to a national network of school systems and a commitment to prioritizing behavioral health for children. In a wonderful alignment of mission, we are able to amplify the reach of our providers by providing critical mental wellness expertise in the development of resources that are easily accessible for parents and schools to support their children locally.”

ParentGuidance.org provides families in West Virginia with no-cost access to mental health support through an existing partnership with the West Virginia Department of Education.



WEATHER

# Tygart Lake at record low water level

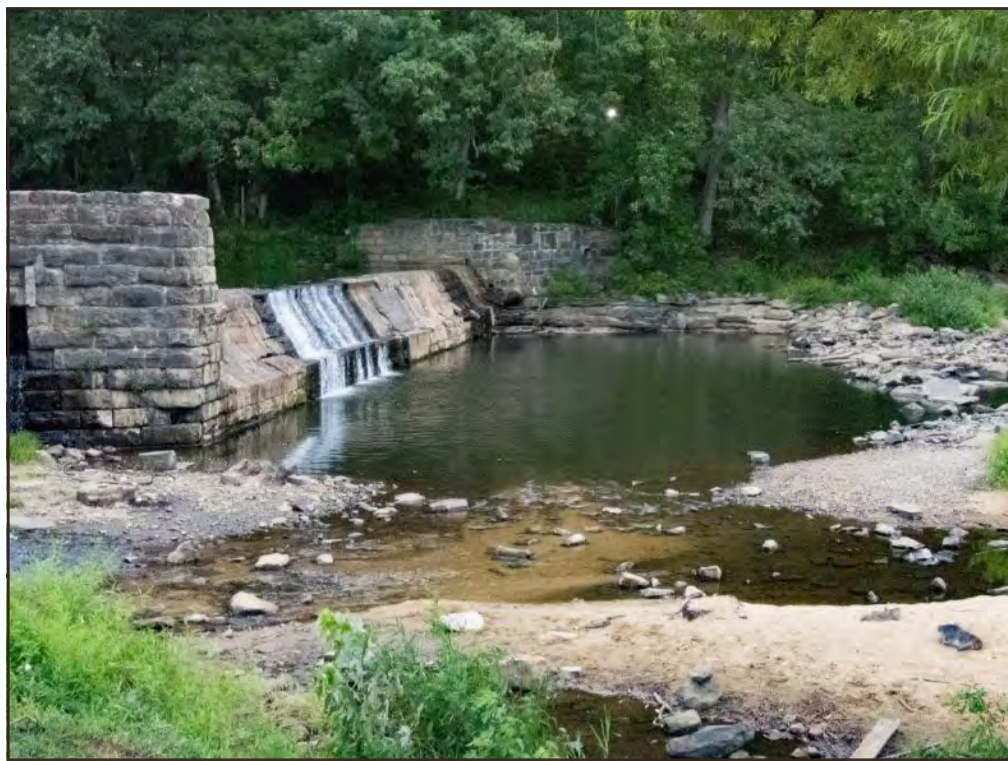
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District announced that Tygart Lake is experiencing record low water levels due to ongoing drought in West Virginia.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey data shows no measurable precipitation since July 5, with the water level dropping nearly four feet since July 8. As July 15, the lake is 13.52 feet below its average summer level, having fallen more than 6 inches in 24 hours.

The Corps of Engineers expects the drought conditions to continue throughout the summer. The drought will affect water quality, navigation, recreation and public health due to the increased risk of harmful algae blooms and water-related hazards.

In collaboration with the National Weather Service, Pittsburgh District is providing updates to inform the public about current conditions and mitigation efforts. Boaters should remain cautious of submerged hazards and sedimentation. Despite low water levels, the camping and day-use areas at Tygart Lake will remain open, although the marina operator will close early. Once the marina removes its



William Wotring/The Dominion Post

Water is also low in area rivers and streams such as the Little Sandy, where little water flows over the spillway at the dam in Bruceton Mills.

docks, they will not be reinstalled even if water levels rise.

Tygart Lake is one of 16 federal flood-risk projects authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938.

Any changes to the lake's water management plan require a formal deviation from a congressional

mandate that considers the environmental impacts, hydrology, operations, flood threat, water quality and dam safety.

The Pittsburgh District covers 26,000 square miles, including parts of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland

and southwestern New York. It manages over 328 miles of navigable waterways, 23 navigation locks and dams, 16 multi-purpose flood-control reservoirs and 42 local flood-protection projects, working to protect and enhance the nation's water resources infrastructure and environment.

MONONGALIA COUNTY

## SWA announces recycling three events

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The Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority has announced several upcoming recycling events in the area.

■ Morgantown Utility Board's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be 8-11 a.m. Aug. 3 at the MUB offices, 278 Green Bag Road.

View the list of accepted items: [mub.org/hhw](http://mub.org/hhw)

For more information: call MUB at 304-292-8443 or email Chris Dale at [cdale@mub.org](mailto:cdale@mub.org)

■ Monongalia County

SWA's E-cycle event will be 8-11 a.m. Sept. 14 at the University Town Centre Sam's Club, 5045 University Town Centre Drive.

View the list of accepted items: [monongaliacounty.org/e-cycle-event](http://monongaliacounty.org/e-cycle-event)

For more information: call the MCSWA at 304-292-3801 or email Lynn Castro at [moncountyswa@gmail.com](mailto:moncountyswa@gmail.com)

■ Monongalia County SWA's pesticide collection event will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Mon County Center Showring, 270 Mylan Park Lane.

View the list of accepted items: [monongaliacounty.org/pesticide-collection-event](http://monongaliacounty.org/pesticide-collection-event)

For more information: call the MCSWA at 304-292-3801 or email Lynn Castro at [moncountyswa@gmail.com](mailto:moncountyswa@gmail.com)

Residents are asked to remain in their vehicles for the safety of them and staff and to avoid long delays. Staff will unload your items. If you need to explain the contents of your items or have questions, let the staff know when they greet you.

Residents are also asked to leave pets at home. These events have a lot going on and the staff and volunteers need to keep the line moving. Staying in your vehicle and leaving your pets at home, will allow staff and volunteers to work safely and as quickly as possible.

Keep informed by subscribing to the SWA monthly e-newsletter. Residents can reach the authority at 304-292-3801, [moncountyswa@gmail.com](mailto:moncountyswa@gmail.com) or visit at [monongaliacounty.org](http://monongaliacounty.org).

FEDERAL FUNDING

## Fairmont State University plans for \$7 million

BY MIKE NOLTING  
WVMetroNews.com

Fairmont State University will receive \$6.89 million in federally directed spending to go towards three improvement projects.

U.S. Sens. Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito announced that the university will receive Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds to support upgrades to the nursing pro-

gram facilities, library renovations and campus security system improvements.

Fairmont State Associate Director of Proposal Development Amantha Cole expressed excitement on behalf of the university to have the federal funds directed to support upgrades.

"This has been quite a wonderful benefit to the campus to be able to secure this funding," said Cole.

"That helps to improve our programs and give our students the very best experience they can have at Fairmont State."

The majority of the funds, approximately \$3.1 million, will go towards the relocation and expansion of the Fairmont State University College of Nursing Simulation Center. This will include the transfer of all equipment and education resources from Colebank Hall to the

Fairmont State Education Building, where the first floor will be expanded for the nursing program with upgraded equipment.

Renovations to the Ruth Ann Musick Library are also part of the CDS allocations, with this work valued at \$2.1 million.

"Being able to be a part of the appropriations process has been a tremendous benefit to the campus, for sure," Cole said.

REUNIONS

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### 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 can also bring memorabilia, quilts, or photographs. Questions: email David Galloway at [dgallo67@aol.com](mailto:dgallo67@aol.com).

### 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 some-

thing 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.

BRIEFS

#### 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 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 skills and more.

Classes for this program will begin Oct. 24. Contact Greg in Admissions at 724-550-5492 or [contactform@laurel.edu](mailto: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 Health Department Training Center.

The agenda includes reports from health officer Dr. Brian Huggins and Executive Director Anthony DeFelice.

MUB WEEK

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Morgantown Utility Board has announced planned work for this week.

#### Street repair

■ Van Voorhis Road, road repair  
■ Long Alley, road repair

#### Main line construction

■ Water line upgrade, Van Voorhis Road  
■ Water line upgrade, Long Alley

#### Maintenance Crews

■ Leak repair, Tram Street  
■ Leak repair, Beaumont Drive  
■ Leak repair, Hanna Lane

■ FUOC, Horseshoe Road

■ New water services: Mulligan Court, Cliff Side Circle

#### Vac crew

■ Lift station cleaning, Cheat Lake and Morgantown area  
■ Periodic cleaning

#### Camera crew

■ Work on system maintenance. Work on dye checks. Handle complaints.

■ TV lines and locate manholes on Dug Hill Road

#### Ditch crew

■ Ditch cleaning  
■ City paving

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PARENT

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This new collaboration between CCHC and WVU Medicine Children's heralds a continued strengthening of mental health advocacy and support in West Virginia and beyond with a goal to create a coalition for mental health.

Parents are encouraged to visit [WVUKids.com](http://WVUKids.com) for resources related to their families' physical and mental wellbeing. Parents are also encouraged to visit [ParentGuidance.org](http://ParentGuidance.org) to take advantage of their no-cost mental health resources, including Ask-a-Therapist, on-demand courses, and

parent coaching.

The CCHC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing suicide, providing mental health support and nurturing human connections essential for individual flourishing. The foundation's current focus is supporting children, families and schools with mental health resources. This work is accomplished through various grants to schools, programs for parents and global resources to bring greater awareness to the support needed for those affected by mental health needs.

WVU Medicine Children's is a family of doctors, nurses and other profes-

sionals who share the same goal: to provide the best possible care to any child who needs it. For more information, visit [WVUKids.com](http://WVUKids.com).

**"WE'RE THRILLED TO HAVE SUCH AN AMAZING PARTNER IN WVU MEDICINE CHILDREN'S, WHICH HAS DEVELOPED SO MANY AMAZING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR WEST VIRGINIA FAMILIES,"**

Anne Brown  
CEO of the CCHC

ART

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events. We are then able to align in similarities and learn from differences. I often talk about how when I have a seat at the table, it is my duty to either bring others to the table with me or give up my seat so that others can be present, focused on and heard," Garvey said.

"As a third-generation

Jewish person in North America, so much of what I focus on in building relationships is an evolution of the values my great-grandmother instilled in me. And much of that means facilitating access."

College of Creative Arts and Media Dean Keith Jackson said he is thrilled to welcome Garvey to WVU.

"As we enter this next chapter in the 'life' of the

Art Museum of WVU, we are tapping our potential as a leading, contemporary example of what a university art museum should be," Jackson said. "Aaron brings a host of leadership experiences relevant to our continued evolution, and I am inspired by the possibilities."

To learn more about the Art Museum of WVU, visit [artmuseum.wvu.edu/](http://artmuseum.wvu.edu/).



GUEST EDITORIAL

## Vance seals arrival of big-government conservatism

At the Republican National Convention last week, Republicans celebrated both a new policy platform and the choice of Sen. JD Vance as the former president's running mate.

The choices go together all too well. Republicans are shifting toward a new kind of inward-looking big-government conservatism — "national conservatism," as its advocates prefer. Unless something changes, this benighted program's electoral prospects look good.

Ronald Reagan's Republican Party stood for market liberalism and strong national defense. The Trump administration lacked such guiding principles and relied instead on the president's certainty that he knew best. He settled on protectionism, unfunded tax cuts with enormous deficits, chauvinistic strutting and a carelessly transactional approach to U.S. alliances. To its shame, the old Republican Party looked on impotently, hoping this would pass.

It didn't, and the emerging new party has no reservations. The choice of Vance for vice president underlines the point. Some plausible deputies might've tried to restrain Trump's illiberal and narrowly nationalist instincts. Vance, henceforth Trump's presumed successor, seems more likely to fuel them.

He agrees with Trump that U.S. aid to Ukraine should be scaled down and NATO has been allowed to lean too heavily on U.S. support. This undermines the alliance that the old Republican Party recognized as vital for national security.

Trump, Vance and the new platform are also aligned on domestic policy: Seal the border and undertake the largest deportation program in American history. Stop outsourcing and make the U.S. a manufacturing superpower. Build infrastructure. Rebuild U.S. cities. Rule out entitlement reform and cut workers' taxes. Whether Trump sees the contradictions is debatable. Vance does, and he embraces them nonetheless.

A former Never Trumper, Vance has moved to and fro on policy as electoral math has dictated, but he seems genuinely suspicious of commerce and private enterprise. He has blamed worsening fiscal shortfalls on trade and favors higher taxes on the companies responsible. He says immigration suppresses wages. (It doesn't.)

No fan of big tech, he commends the Federal Trade Commission's aggressive new approach to antitrust enforcement. Sean O'Brien, head of the Teamsters union, was granted a prime-time speaking slot at the convention; he praised Vance and a "growing group" of GOP officials for "listening to unions and standing up to corporations."

When it comes to market forces vs. government intervention, of course, the populist right often agrees with the populist left. Thanks to the Republican realignment, voters lose twice over. The absence of small-government conservatives shifts economic policy unopposed toward ill-conceived interventions, and cultural friction between social liberals and social conservatives, which is hard to assuage, comes to dominate the country's politics.

America's political system requires a willingness to tolerate disagreement. Its prosperity requires close attention to the defects of populist economics. The new Republicans have other priorities.

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## The Supreme Court's religious crusade found its soldiers

**A NEW LAW IN LOUISIANA REQUIRES EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM TO DISPLAY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. SIMILAR LAWS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN TEXAS AND UTAH, AS WELL AS OKLAHOMA,** where the state superintendent of education has ordered that the Bible be taught in all classes from fifth grade to 12th grade. In Ohio, kids are being bused from their public elementary schools to religious classes, then back to school, all during the school day.

Wait, you say. Don't these initiatives violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution — the bit that's supposed to keep church and state separate?

They may have, once. But that's less clear following the conservative constitutional revolution at the Supreme Court — the one that has, in the last three years, overturned decades of precedent on abortion, guns and affirmative action.

The reason we're seeing this raft of religious legislation now is a 2022 case called *Kennedy v. Bremerton*. In it, the court struck down the *Lemon v. Kurtzman* precedent that has guided interpretation of the establishment clause since 1971, as well as Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's modification of the *Lemon* case, known as the endorsement test. Those decisions followed a set of rulings in the 1960s that ended prayer and Bible reading in public schools, which themselves led to efforts to circumvent the law with moments of silence and the like.

In *Bremerton*, the court's conservative majority rolled back the clock. The opinion by Justice Neil Gorsuch offered a new test based on "history and tradition" — the conservative justices' favorite new doctrinal shiny object, which they also used in the precedent-overturning 2022 rulings of *Dobbs* (abortion) and *Bruen* (guns). The history and tradition approach lets the justices pick their preferred examples from the past and ignore countervailing evidence.

The Gorsuch opinion in the *Bremerton* case operated like a bat signal to conservative Christian activists all over the United States. Its message was simple: All bets are off. Go right ahead and enact laws and practices that would have been unconstitutional before. When they

are inevitably challenged, the lower courts will have to start from scratch and try to ascertain what history and tradition requires; some of the cases will be decided by conservative judges interested in rewriting history; and ultimately, the Supreme Court will decide.

It is of course possible that the conservative majority will do the right thing and preserve the history and tradition of the last 50 or 60 years, which protected students in public school classrooms from being coerced into religious practices. But don't count on it.

Take the Ten Commandments displays in Louisiana classrooms. If the justices were really attuned to the original meaning of the First Amendment, they would begin by recognizing that every American in 1791 agreed that the government unconstitutionally established religion if it coerced people to participate in religious activities or be exposed to religious teaching against their will. Subjecting children in government-funded schools to the unquestionably religious Ten Commandments violates the establishment clause as a form of coercion.

But the courts, including the Supreme Court, could go the other way. They could, for example, draw a tenuous distinction between displaying the Ten Commandments and reciting them. They could claim there is nothing coercive about being in a room with the Ten Commandments if no one makes you do anything in relation to them.

Or more radically still, the justices could repudiate the Supreme Court decisions from 1962 and 1963 that ruled school prayer and daily Bible reading in the public schools to be unconstitutional. After all, those decisions reversed more than a century of history and tradition in which both prayer and Bible reading were

commonplace in public schools.

As for teaching the Bible, as in Oklahoma, the justices could ignore the obviously coercive effect of requiring children to engage in Bible study. They could claim that the Bible can be studied as literature or as part of the legacy of Western thought. Then they could create a presumption that teaching the Bible is legitimate unless shown to be expressly religious. Again, the history and tradition of Bible reading in public schools until the Supreme Court overruled the practice in the early 1960s could be mustered to support compulsory Bible teaching.

Then there is the Ohio program, funded by private religious donors rather than the state. The old name for taking kids from school during the school day for religious instruction is "release time." In a 1952 case called *Zorach v. Clauson*, the court ruled that such release time programs were constitutional provided that they took place off school property. The opinion is notorious for justice William O. Douglas's pronouncement that "we are religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being." (Douglas, whose father was a Presbyterian minister, never spent a day in church as an adult — but when he wrote the *Zorach* opinion, he was hoping to become the Democratic presidential candidate in 1952 and presumably wanted to appeal to a religious audience.)

Under either the *Lemon* test, which required government action to have a secular purpose, or O'Connor's endorsement test, which said the government could not send the message of endorsing religion, release time was probably unconstitutional. Now that those precedents are gone, the Supreme Court could dust off *Zorach* and uphold the Ohio release time program.

The upshot is that there are going to be many more similar religious initiatives coming our way, and the lower courts are going to be pressed to decide them on the basis of solid constitutional analysis, not historical make-believe. The issues will be coming soon to a courtroom near you, and then to the big one in Washington, D.C.

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## Democrats and Republicans don't actually hate each other

### Scenes from a bipartisan effort in the N.C. legislature

**REP. KEVIN CRUTCHFIELD, REPUBLICAN FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S 83RD DISTRICT, STRODE TO THE BACK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE BUILDING. FOUR HOUSE PAGES WERE SEATED THERE, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HELP OUT AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE.**

"What's one thing you've learned in your first few days here?" he asked. A young lady immediately raised her hand: "Democrats and Republicans don't hate each other as much as the media makes us believe!"

Crutchfield agreed. "We're respectful of each other here. Friendly." His Democratic col-

league, Rep. Caleb Rudow (N.C.-116) explained, "Bipartisanship, unless it's really big, doesn't get covered by the media. It almost always happens behind doors, because it's about often fragile relationships."

Rudow and Crutchfield have been organizing bipartisan social events to create camaraderie: happy hours, a workshop by Braver Angels on Red-Blue cooperation, a sing-along on the steps of the legislature.

Rudow talks about these efforts on the campaign trail. "Even in rooms of Democrats, they want to hear about bipartisanship because we are all hungry for a way out of this mess."

Crutchfield nods in agreement. "I don't always get approval from some of my constituents for talking with Democrats, but I say

to them 'I'm not worried about the judgment of man, but the judgment of the Man above so, I'm going to do what's right.'"

Crutchfield goes on to explain his motivation. "You probably believe you know who I am. And I probably believe I know who you are. And we are probably both wrong! Let's get together to know each other before working together."

The two legislators offer advice for others trying to promote bipartisan cooperation. "Start small," Rudow counsels. "No big agenda like a policy project. Music food, dogs, conversation!"

Crutchfield agrees. "Make the conscious decision that 'I'm not going to judge the person across the aisle without knowing them.' If you don't listen to what other people say, you will not grow.

Don't talk about policy, talk about life first — otherwise, it's like starting a dating game with 'how many kids are we going to have?'"

Rudow laughs his agreement and adds, "Find allies willing to put in the work. It only works if both sides bring people to the table. That takes leadership. But we often think that 'bipartisan' means we'll fix everything and the other guy will take my side. We can be paralyzed by the big things that are broken. We need to start small, lower expectations, and just get started."

If you're as inspired by these two as I am, how can we help?

- Reach across the aisle ourselves in our neighborhoods or workplaces, using these men's advice to focus on personal ties before political issues.
- Publicly praise bipartisan

efforts in our own legislatures or city councils.

- Urge our local papers to cover bipartisan work in addition to disagreement. If you're reading this, your paper is doing a good job!

- Encourage our own legislators to invite Braver Angels, the National Association for Community Mediation, or another depolarizing group to lead workshops for them.

If we all do a bit of this, we might learn that Democrats and Republicans don't hate each other as much as we think.

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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE** BY STEPHAN PASTIS

Dear Powers-That-Begin-in-the-Universe PLEASE FIX ME.

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PRO BASEBALL

## Adrian Beltré, Todd Helton, Joe Mauer and Jim Leyland inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame

Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Adrian Beltré, Joe Mauer and Todd Helton were pegged as athletic phenoms from a young age and all three lived up to expectations with their induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday.

The Los Angeles Dodgers were so sold on Beltré early on that they broke MLB rules to sign him before he turned 16.

Beltré reached the big leagues just after his 19th birthday and was quickly considered one of the best prospects in sports as a teenager.

In Beltré's induction speech, he says he played for his first team at the age of 13 and was a second baseman because his dad told him that's the position he

should play.

After a teammate asked him to switch and play third base, Beltré obliged and the decision paid off.

Beltré played 21 years for the Dodgers, Seattle Mariners, Boston Red Sox and Texas Rangers. He became a five-time Gold Glove winner and is the first third baseman with at least 450 home runs and 3,000 hits.

During his playing days, Beltré made it clear that he did not like anyone touching his head so of course, his teammates ignored the request and made a habit of touching his head anyways. At Sunday's ceremony, fellow Hall of Famer David Ortiz continued the tradition by touching Beltré's head prior to his speech.

"That never relaxes me," Beltré said with a laugh. "(But) it was a little cute to go back to my

playing days. ...It's just part of being in this fraternity. Even though I don't love it, I don't like it, but it felt like I'm open to people to be able to play around with me. I always like that."

Mauer was a high school phenom in both football and baseball in St. Paul, Minnesota, and was named USA Today's High School Player of the Year in football in 200 and baseball in 2001.

He was drafted by his hometown Twins with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 MLB Draft.

"It was truly an honor to be a (Minnesota Twin) and represent my hometown team," Mauer said.

The future six-time All-Star catcher spent just three years in the minors before spending all 15



AP photo

Baseball Hall of Fame inductees Jim Leyland, left, Todd Helton, center, and Adrián Beltré, right, holds their plaques at the National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony Sunday, in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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PRO GOLF

## XANDER THE GREAT

### Schauffele wins the British Open for his 2nd major this year

Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Xander Schauffele won the British Open on Sunday for his second major of the year, delivering a masterpiece at Royal Troon with a 6-under 65 to overcome a two-shot deficit and give the Americans a sweep of the four majors for the first time since 1982.

Schauffele, who faced questions at the start of the season whether he could win a major, now has two of them with the brand of golf that hasn't been seen in 90 years of the four majors.

He won the PGA Championship at Valhalla by making a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 65. In a final round at Royal Troon set up for big drama — six players one shot behind, nine players separated by three shots — Schauffele made a tense Sunday look like a nice walk along the Irish Sea.

"I think winning the first one helped me a lot today on the back



AP Photo

Xander Schauffele of the United States kisses the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland, Sunday, July 21, 2024.

nine. I had some feeling of calmness come through. It was very helpful on what has been one of the hardest back nines I've ever played in a tournament," Schauffele said.

"It's a dream come true to win two majors in one year," he said. "It took me forever just to win

one, and to have two now is something else."

He is the first player to win

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Ohio and West Virginia tie, 13-13, in OVAC Rudy Mumley all-star game

BY KIM NORTH  
The Intelligencer

WHEELING — For the first time in its glorious 78-year history, the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game ended in a tie, 13-13, at Wheeling Island Stadium. There is no overtime in the contest.

The all-time series now stands at 45-31-2 in favor of Ohio, with the other deadlock coming in

1992 when the game was declared a washout (0-0).

The West Virginia defense came up with a pair of huge stands deep inside their own territory, with one ending up in a long fumble return for a touchdown that put it ahead 13-7 in the third quarter.

"Yes we had a couple of mishaps on offense, but we also missed some tackles and other

things," Ohio head coach Anthony Hayes said. "All the emphasis is placed on those things, people are going to look at those because of that."

"The bottom line is everyone played hard. Both staffs prepared their teams well."

Ohio took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards on seven plays as River's Kabel Isaly found St. Clairsville's Cole Thoburn

streaking down the left sidelines from 34 yards out. The Red Devils' Jacob Meager booted the placement for a 7-0 lead with 9-minutes, 20-seconds on the clock. The drive took 2:40.

"We moved the ball consistently, we just couldn't finish off a couple of drives," Hayes added.

Barnesville's Luke Detling

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PRO BASEBALL

### Phillies avoid sweep with 6-0 win over Pirates

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Rookie Tyler Phillips gave up four hits in six innings, and the Philadelphia Phillies avoided a three-game sweep with a 6-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

Phillips (2-0) struck out three and walked one. It was the right-hander's third game and second start since being called up from Triple-A Lehigh Valley on July 5.

"You go out there and every game matters here," Phillips said. "Not saying any games in the minor leagues don't, but every game here really matters. I think that I just go out there and I'm in full compete mode. It's just going out and just trying to put hitters back in the dugout."

The Phillies, who had lost three straight and four of their last five games, ended the Pirates' winning streak at six. Pittsburgh was shut out for the seventh time this season.

"It was big," Philadelphia manager Rob Thomson said. "We needed to get back on the winning side. I think that makes everybody feel good. We'll have a happy flight and go into Minnesota and start all over again."

The Pirates outscored opponents 32-15 during their winning streak. They trailed the Phillies 7-4 entering the seventh inning Friday but won 8-7 on an RBI single by Nick Gonzales in the ninth before winning again, 4-1, on Saturday.

"We played well against the best team in baseball," Pittsburgh manager Derek Shelton said. "We didn't play great today. But to come back the first night, do what we did yesterday — you want to win every game but to win two of three against that team — we didn't play great today but, overall, I thought we played well over the weekend."

Alec Bohm led off the second inning with a single off Marco Gonzales (1-1), stopped at third on a double from Edmundo Sosa and put Philadelphia ahead on Weston Wilson's sacrifice fly. Garrett Stubbs followed with an RBI

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NASCAR

# Kyle Larson races to his 1st Brickyard 400 victory, making a late charge through the field

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kyle Larson's left Indianapolis in May in the middle of one of the most agonizing days of his racing career.

In his return Sunday, Larson finished one of the most memorable races of his career with one of sports' more revered celebrations — kissing the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The 31-year-old Californian overcame an early, unscheduled pit stop by charging from 12th place into the lead over the final 32 laps. He won battles for the lead off the final two restarts and barely avoiding a third overtime to win his first Brickyard 400 under caution.

"Today was definitely meant to be for us with the way the strategy was working out and all that fell into place," Larson said after jumping on the roof of his car and climbing through the fence to thank the roaring fans. "I just can't believe it. It's just surreal to win here."

Perhaps it will help Larson forget just how miserable he was Memorial Day weekend when rain in Indianapolis and Charlotte, North Carolina, washing away his shot at completing the full 1,100 miles of the two races. He didn't even turn a lap in the Coca-Cola 600 after scrambling to fly in.

On Sunday, though, he rebounded with brilliant tactical racing and, yes, some good luck.

Larson was running third in the paint scheme he was supposed to have for

the 600 when race leader Brad Keselowski ran out of fuel and pulled off the track just before the second-to-last restart. That put Larson in position to pull into the shorter inside lane, next to Ryan Blaney's second-place car, and Larson easily leapfrogged Blaney — just ahead of a five-car crash that brought a red flag and a second overtime.

This time, after needing an assist to get his No. 5 Chevrolet refired, Larson again beat Blaney on the inside and reached the finish line before another caution flag came out.

"I don't know what was driving him today other than he wanted to win the Brickyard 400," said Jeff Gordon, who won five Brickyard 400s before rejoining the Hendricks team as an executive. "You could tell he was driving for a purpose."

Pole winner Tyler Reddick wound up second as Blaney dropped to third.

Larson has now won three of NASCAR's four crown jewel races, all but the Daytona 500, and this one came in the first Cup race held on Indy's historic 2.5-mile since 2020. The last three covered 200 miles on the track's 14-turn road course.

His fourth win of the season also put him atop the Cup standings, ahead of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott, with four races left before the playoff begins.

The thrilling finish didn't come by happenstance, though.

Keselowski gambled he

could run the final 59 laps without pitting for fuel — and he essentially did. What he didn't count on was the race going an extra seven laps. And Blaney had been trying to fend off the hard-charging Larson for several laps, even blocking his low line once, to stay in front.

"That's a heartbreaker. We did everything right today," said Blaney, who finished third after the fateful twist. "He was in prime position to win, and it just didn't work out for us."

But with most drivers in fuel-saving mode, Larson just kept pushing hard — making team owner and pace car driver Rick Hendrick nervous.

"He was coming through the field like a rocket," Hendrick said. "It was hard to pass, but he made it look a little bit easier to pass. Then I was worried when he got up to second or third, I started worrying about fuel. They said we had enough for one overtime, but we were holding our breath. But he put on a show. That's Kyle Larson."

And now, even though Hendrick didn't give his approval Sunday, Larson told the crowd he wants to make amends for what happened in May by trying it all again.

"I wish we could have done both," Larson said. "But, I think everything comes full circle and everything's meant to be."

## XANDER

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two majors with closing rounds of 65 in the same year: Jack Nicklaus is the only other player to do it in his career.

And he never looked more calm, oozing that cool California vibe even as the wind presented so much trouble at Royal Troon. Schaufele said he told caddie and longtime friend Austin Kaiser on the 18th tee that he felt calm.

"He said he was about to puke on the 18th tee," Schaufele said.

There was no need to panic, even when it took Schaufele six holes to make a birdie when everyone around him started strong. He played bogey-free in a chilly wind and pulled away with three birdies in a four-hole stretch early on the back nine to go from two shots behind to leading by as many as three.

He won by two shots over American Billy Horschel and Justin Rose, the 43-year-old from England who had to go through 36-hole qualifying just to get into the field. They were among four players who had at least a share of the lead at one point Sunday.

They just couldn't keep up with Schaufele. No one could.

Even with so many players in contention early, the engraver was able to get to work early on those 16 letters across the base of the silver claret jug.

Given the wind, heavy air off the Firth of Clyde and punishing nature of the Ayrshire links, Schaufele's 65 ranks among the great closing rounds in British Open history. He left no doubt where it stood in his own career.

"At the very tip-top," Schaufele said. "Best

round I've played."

Playing in the third-to-last group, he matched the round of the championship with a score that was just over eight shots better than the field average.

The 30-year-old from San Diego became the first player since Jordan Spieth in 2015 to win his first two majors in the same season. And he extended American dominance on this Scottish links as the seventh Open champion in the last eight visits to Royal Troon.

Rose closed with a 67 and it was only good for second place. He had a chance to set a record by going the longest time between majors after his 2013 U.S. Open win.

"Gutted when I walked off the course and it hit me hard because I was so strong out there today," Rose said. "Xander got it going. I hit a couple of really good putts that didn't fall, and then suddenly that lead stretched. I left it all out there. I'm super proud of how I competed."

Horschel, who started the final round with a one-shot lead in his bid to win his first major, dropped back around the turn and birdied his last three holes for a 68.

The player Schaufele had to track down was Thriston Lawrence of South Africa, who birdied three of four holes to end the front nine with a 32.

Schaufele was two shots behind when it all changed so suddenly. Schaufele hit a wedge out of the left rough on the difficult 11th and judged it perfectly to 3 feet for birdie. He hit another wedge to 15 feet for birdie on the 13th, and capped his pivotal run with a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-3 14th.

Lawrence finally dropped a shot on the 12th and didn't pick up any

shots the rest of the day. He closed with a 68 and earned a small consolation — a trip to the Masters next April, his first time to Augusta National.

Scottie Scheffler, who got within one shot of the lead briefly on the front nine, lost his way with a three-putt from 6 feet for a double bogey on the ninth hole. Scheffler finished his round by topping a tee shot on the 18th and making another double bogey. The world's No. 1 player closed with a 72 and tied for seventh.

He stuck around to share a hug with Schaufele, the two top players in golf. Schaufele was the only player this year to finish in the top 10 in all four majors.

Schauffele went from the heaviest major trophy at the PGA Championship to the smallest and oldest, the famed claret jug that he will keep for a year. The only question left was the first drink to be poured from the jug.

Schauffele said he would leave that to his father, Stefan, who missed the PGA Championship but was at Royal Troon along with the whole family.

He finished at 9-under 275 and earned \$3.1 million, pushing him over \$15 million for the season. The last player to win two majors in a year was Brooks Koepka in 2018.

"He has a lot of horsepower," Rose said of Schaufele. "He's good with a wedge, he's great with a putter, he hits the ball a long way, obviously his iron play is strong. So he's got a lot of weapons out there. I think probably one of his most unappreciated ones is his mentality. He's such a calm guy out there."

"I don't know what he's feeling, but he certainly makes it look very easy."

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MLB

National League

EAST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	63	36	.636	—
Atlanta	54	44	.551	8 1/2
New York	50	48	.510	12 1/2
Washington	47	53	.470	16 1/2
Miami	35	64	.354	28

CENTRAL DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	57	42	.576	—
St. Louis	52	47	.525	5
Pittsburgh	50	49	.505	7
Chicago	48	53	.475	10
Cincinnati	47	53	.470	10 1/2

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	58	41	.586	—
San Diego	52	50	.510	7 1/2
Arizona	51	49	.510	7 1/2
San Francisco	48	52	.480	10 1/2
Colorado	36	64	.360	22 1/2

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2, 10 innings, 1st game  
N.Y. Mets 1, Miami 0  
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1  
Washington 5, Cincinnati 4  
San Diego 7, Cleveland 0  
St. Louis 9, Atlanta 5, 2nd game  
Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs 0  
Colorado 4, San Francisco 3  
L.A. Dodgers 7, Boston 6, 11 innings  
Milwaukee 8, Minnesota 4, 12 innings

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 6, Atlanta 2  
Washington 5, Cincinnati 2  
Milwaukee 8, Minnesota 7  
San Diego 3, Cleveland 1  
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 0  
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 2  
Chicago Cubs 2, Arizona 1, 10 innings  
San Francisco 3, Colorado 2  
Boston at L.A. Dodgers, 7:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Peterson 4-0) at Miami (Chirinos 0-1), 6:40 p.m.  
St. Louis (Pallante 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Keller 10-5), 6:40 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Greene 6-4) at Atlanta (Fried 7-5), 7:20 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Suárez 10-4) at Minnesota (Ober 8-5), 7:40 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Myers 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Assoad 4-3), 8:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Diaz 1-0) at Kansas City (Rogans 6-6), 8:10 p.m.  
Boston (Houck 8-6) at Colorado (Márquez 0-0), 8:40 p.m.  
San Francisco (Snell 0-3) at L.A. Dodgers (TBD), 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore at Miami, 6:40 p.m.  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:40 p.m.  
San Diego at Washington, 6:45 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7:40 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.  
Boston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

PGA

The Open Championship Scores

Final Round

Xander Schauffele, United States (750), \$3,100,000  
69-72-69-65—275  
Billy Horschel, United States (375), \$1,443,500  
72-68-69-68—277  
Justin Rose, England (375), \$1,443,500  
69-68-73-67—277  
Thriston Lawrence, South Africa (0), \$876,000  
71-74-65-68—278  
Russell Henley, United States (300), \$705,000  
69-75-66-69—279  
Shane Lowry, Ireland 66-69-77-68—280  
(275), \$611,000  
Sungjae Im, South Korea (225), \$451,833  
Scottie Scheffler, 70-70-71-72—283  
United States (225), \$451,833  
Jon Rahm, Spain (0), 73-70-72-68—283  
\$451,833  
Adam Scott, Australia 70-77-66-71—284  
(165), \$317,533  
Daniel Brown, England 65-72-73-74—284  
(0), \$317,533  
Matthew Jordan, England 71-71-71-71—284  
land (0), \$317,533  
Byeong Hun An, South Korea (135), \$248,667

MLB DRAFT LEAGUE

Thunder shut out Black Bears to secure series split

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TRENTON, N.J. — The Trenton Thunder shut out the West Virginia Black Bears, 5-0, to start the second half with a series split.

Trenton (17-19) starter Alec Rodriguez allowed just two hits across five scoreless innings, striking out four and walking two. Jacob Denner, Devin Rivera and Ethan Bradford combined out of the

bullpen to throw four hitless innings.

Kasten Furr and Trace Willhoite had the only two hits for West Virginia (13-24), both singles.

Joe Rivera started on the mound for the Black Bears and threw five innings of one-run ball.

West Virginia will return to Morgantown for its first homestand of the second half, beginning Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. against Williamsport.

HALL

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years of his big league career with the Twins.

Mauer finished his career with one Most Valuable Player award, three batting titles and is the only catcher in history with at least 2,000 hits, a .300 batting average and a .380 on-base percentage.

Mauer noted the emotion he felt seeing all the Minnesota fans throughout the weekend.

“It’s not easy to get to Cooperstown and especially with the events that have happened this last week,” he said. “But to see that many Twins fans out there, I just felt the love and I was just hoping that I could deliver the speech that I wrote down.”

Helton was also a football and baseball star and played both sports at the University of Tennessee.

Despite his dominance in both sports at an early age, Helton never felt comfortable in the spotlight or felt like a Hall of Famer.

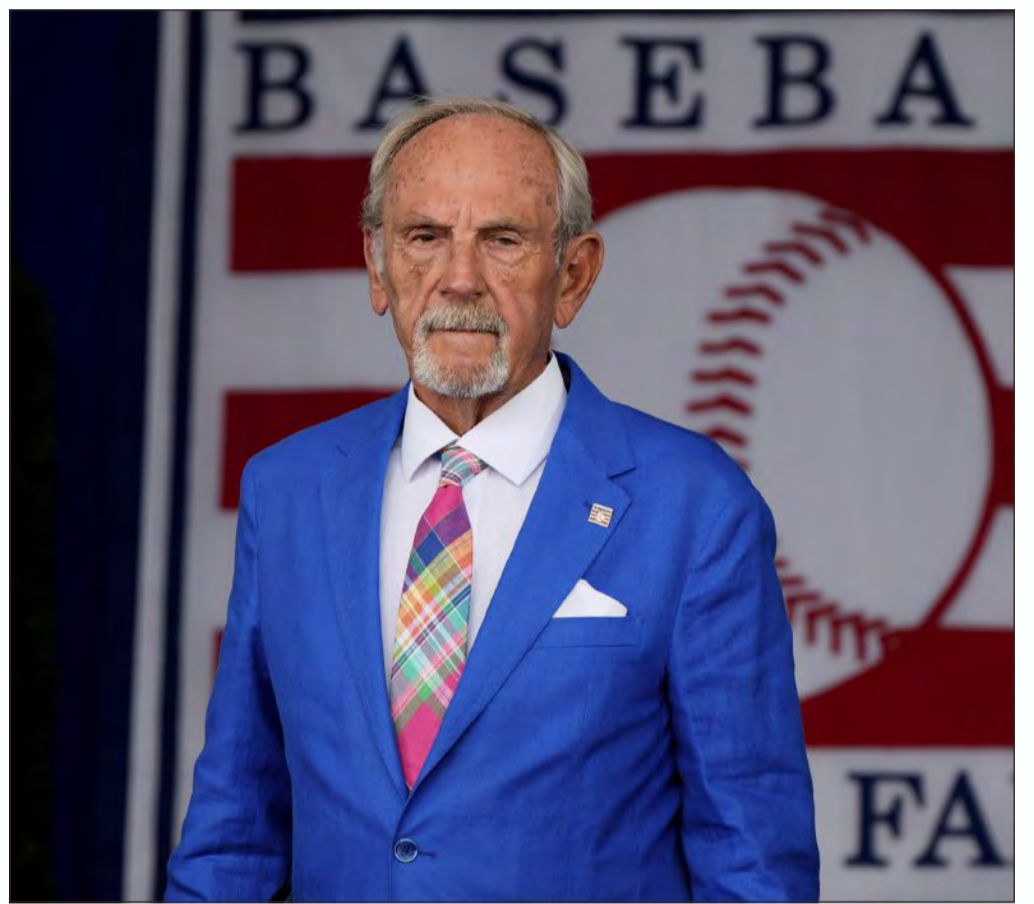
“Those of you who know me know I’d be more comfortable doing anything other than standing up here talking about myself,” Helton said to open his speech. “I’m just a ball player and anyone in the media can attest to that fact.”

Helton’s claim to fame could have been that he was the quarterback at the University of Tennessee between future first-round draft picks Heath Shuler and Peyton Manning, but he was destined for bigger things on the baseball diamond.

After a knee injury in 1994 paved the way for Manning to become Tennessee’s quarterback, Helton shifted all of his focus to baseball where he was named the winner of the Dick Howser Award by the American Baseball Coaches Association and named Player of the Year by Baseball America.

Helton was selected by the Colorado Rockies with the No. 8 overall pick in the 1995 amateur draft and never left the Mile High City.

After becoming the starting first baseman in 1995, Helton finished second in the NL Rookie of the Year voting and posted a .315 batting average with 25 home runs and 97 RBIs.



AP Photo

Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Jim Leyland arrives at the National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Sunday, July 21, 2024, in Cooperstown, N.Y.

He went on to become one of just three players to record multiple seasons with 100-plus extra-base hits in his career and helped the Rockies reach the 2007 World Series.

While Helton began the weekend feeling out of place, the second Rockies Hall of Famer knows he is where he belongs now.

“Just standing back there waiting to go up onto the stage, the guys were so kind, but they all came by and offered me advice,” Helton said. “For me, that was the beginning of feeling that I belong. But we have a players-only dinner tonight and I’ll probably feel like I belong after that.”

Jim Leyland was elected by the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee. He managed for 22 seasons, won three Manager of the Year awards, the 1997 World Series, had a 1,769-1,728 career record as a manager and was the manager of the U.S. Olympic team in 2017 when the Americans won their only World Baseball Classic.

Leyland made sure to acknowledge the importance of the fans to the game of baseball.

“No matter which Hall of Famer you’re here to support today, or which team

NFL

Packers extend Kenny Clark

Associated Press

Three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Kenny Clark and the Green Bay Packers have agreed on a \$64 million, three-year contract extension, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The person, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn’t been signed, said Clark will make \$29 million this year, including a \$17.5 million bonus.

Clark, who turns 29 on

Oct. 4, was entering the final season of his contract after agreeing to a four-year, \$70 million extension with a \$25 million signing bonus in the summer of 2020. He has spent his entire career with the Packers, who selected him out of UCLA with the 27th overall pick in the 2016 draft.

Clark had a career-high 7½ sacks and a team-high nine tackles for loss last season to earn his third Pro Bowl invitation. Clark also made the Pro Bowl in 2019 and 2021.

you cheer for, your presence is always felt,” Leyland said. “On your feet in the ninth with the home team clinging to a one-run lead, turning on your television for the first game in the World Series and seeing 50,000 fans hoping and praying that this may be their year, or a little boy or girl getting their first autograph scurrying back to the stands to show mom and dad what they just did. Ladies and gentlemen, that’s you. That’s baseball. And this is the Hall of Fame.”

Beltré led this year’s class with 95.1% of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America vote in his first year on the ballot. Helton followed with 79.7% of the vote in his sixth year of eligibility and Mauer received 76.1% of the BBWAA vote in his first year.

Other players included on this year’s ballot who fell short of the 75% threshold were Billy Wagner (73.8%), Gary Sheffield (63.9%), Andrew Jones (61.6%), Carlos Beltrán (57.1%), Alex Rodriguez (34.8%), Manny Ramirez (32.5%), Chase Utley (28.8%), Omar Vizquel (17.7%), Bobby Abreu (14.8%), Jimmy Rollins (14.8%), Andy Pettitte (13.5%), Mark Buehrle

(8.3%), Francisco Rodriguez (7.8%), Torii Hunter (7.3%), David Wright (6.2%), José Bautista (1.6%), Victor Martinez (1.6%), Bartolo Colon (1.3%), Matt Holliday (1%), Adrián González (0.8%), Brandon Phillips (0.3%), Jose Reyes (0%) and James Shields (0%).

Sheffield was on the ballot for the 10th time without reaching the 75% mark and is no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration. Bautista, Martinez, Colon, Holliday, González, Phillips, Reyes and Shields did not receive the minimum requirement of 5% of the vote and are also no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration.

Joe Castiglione and Gerry Fraley were also honored during Hall of Fame weekend. Castiglione has been the Boston Red Sox radio broadcaster for a record 42 seasons and received the Ford C. Frick Award. Fraley was posthumously honored with the BBWAA Career Excellence Award for his work as a writer. During his career, Fraley covered the Philadelphia Phillies, Atlanta Braves, Texas Rangers and worked as the national baseball writer for the Dallas Morning News.

PIRATES

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single.

Gonzales lasted 4 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on six hits with four strikeouts and one walk.

Trea Turner hit an RBI single to right in the seventh inning after Oneil Cruz dropped the transition on what could have been an inning-ending double play. Kyle Schwarber then scored on a Bryce Harper groundball before Bohm added a fifth run with a single through the left side of the infield.

Nick Castellanos capped the scoring with a home run, his 14th of the season, off Josh Fleming in the ninth.

Pittsburgh’s best chance came in the third inning, when Andrew McCutchen singled with two outs and Bryan Reynolds walked in front of Cruz, who had three RBIs in each of the previous two games. Cruz

struck out swinging on a Phillips’ 2-2 curveball in the dirt.

“Just staying within myself,” Phillips said. “Trusting the preparation that I’ve put in. You know the guys are going to push guys into scoring position, they’re going to try to score runs. That’s on me to just execute pitches and pitch to my strength rather than what his weaknesses may have been.”

UP NEXT

Phillies: LHP Ranger Suárez (10-4, 2.76 ERA) is set to return Monday following low back spasms to make his first start since July 12, opposite Minnesota Twins RHP Bailey Ober (8-5, 4.14)

Pirates: RHP Mitch Keller (10-5, 3.46) will be called upon Monday to start a three-game series against the Cardinals. RHP Andre Pallante (4-4, 4.21) will go for St. Louis.



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Pittsburgh Pirates’ Andrew McCutchen reacts after flying out to Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Tyler Phillips Sunday.

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gave the ball right back to the Buckeyes with an interception, but a fourth-down pass fell incomplete as the Mountaineers had held.

West Virginia drove right down the field with its next possession as Brooke's Gavin Moore capped a 4-play, 59-yard march with a 2-yard run over the right side of the line. John Marshall's Conor Fitzpatrick tied the game with the placement at the 3:48 mark of the second quarter.

The Buckeyes were threatening again late in the second quarter with a third-and-goal from the Mountaineers' 3. However,

a high snap was picked up on one bounce by Wheeling Park's Keohn Stephens who appeared to be off to the races, only to be tripped up by Barnesville's Taison Starr.

"I thought I was taking it to the crib. I thought I had a touchdown, but then I felt a hand around my ankle," Stephens said of the play which resembled Ben Roethlisberger's tackle against the Indianapolis Colts late in an AFC playoff game. "I remember that play."

On Ohio's first possession of the third quarter, it had a fourth-and-1 at the West Virginia 9, but the snap sailed over Isaly's head as he and Parkersburg

South's Tristan Walker chased after it. Walker scooped up the loose ball and sprinted 62 yards to paydirt as West Virginia took a 13-7 lead after the PAT was blocked.

"Nobody was going to catch me. I was taking it to the house," Walker said.

Fitzpatrick recovered his own inside kick to put West Virginia back in business. After picking up a first down, the drive stalled and a punt ensued.

Ohio finally evened the count in the fourth quarter, but a bad snap on the ensuing PAT left the game in a stalemate.

On fourth-and-15 from his own 24, Isaly scrambled away from pressure before

lobbing a pass to Bellaire's Mac Mac Pettigrew who was wide-open in the middle of the end zone. However, a bad snap from center prevented Ohio from taking the lead with a little more than five minutes remaining.

West Virginia had one last chance. Linsly's Atley Cowan scrambled for 30 yards to the Ohio 10 before taking a huge shot from Starr. The ball flew up in the air and was recovered by St. Clairsville's J.R. Adams.

The West Virginia defense held, giving the ball back to the offense with 46 ticks showing. Cowan ran for five yards and threw an incompleteness before Starr

picked off a pass.

"Our defense played very well. We forced some turnovers that really helped us," West Virginia head coach Frank Sisinni said. "Offensively, we had some big plays that we just couldn't connect on."

Isaly ran for 33 yards while passing for 133 and the two scores. Steubenville's Savier Faulks gained 69 yards on 15 carries as Ohio managed 171 on 35 totes. Petteway caught four passes for 45 stripes.

Cowan passed for 74 yards and ran for 45 more. Weir's Corey Lyons picked up 63 stripes on six carries.

Ohio charted 15 first

downs, four more than West Virginia. The Buckeyes were flagged six times for 65 yards. West Virginia had five flags for 30. Both teams lost two fumbles.

Box Score

Ohio 13, West Virginia 13  
 Ohio 7 0 0 6-13  
 W.Va. 7 0 6 0-13  
 OH-Thaburn 34 pass from Isaly (Meager kick)  
 WV-Moore 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)  
 WV-Walker 62 fumble return (kick blocked)  
 OH-Pettigrew 27 pass from Isaly (bad snap)  
 RUSHING: Ohio 35-171 (Faulks 15-69, Barton 6-39, Isaly 7-33, Starr 3-14, Falton 2-11, Sewell 1-5, White 1-0), W.Va. 21-106-td (Lyons 4-43, Cowan 8-45, Moore 5-10-td, Stromile 1-(-2), Bowers 1(-1-0))  
 PASSING: Ohio 11-16-133-2tds (all by Isaly), W.Va. 11-19-105-2ints (Cowan 7-11-74-int, Hudson 2-23-3-int, Stromile 0-1, Bowers 2-4(-2))  
 RECEIVING: Ohio 11-133-2tds (Petteway 4-45-td, Sewell 3-1, Thaburn 1-34-td, Felton 1-23, Barton 1-5, Hutton 1-5), W.Va. 11-109 (Walker 2-46, White 2-13, Stromile 2-12, Bachinski 1-11, Lyons 1-9, Stephens 1-8, Proseros 1-5, Moore 1-1)  
 FIRST DOWNS: Ohio 15, W.Va. 11  
 PENALTIES: Ohio 6-45, W.Va. 5-30  
 FUMBLES: Ohio 2-2, W.Va. 2-2

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# This summer, guard against pests for you, pets

**HELLO, DEAR READERS,** and welcome to a bonus letters column. We're deep into hiking, picnic and barbecue season, so please remember to break out the bug spray. You're fending off mosquitoes and ticks, each of which can transmit some unpleasant diseases. And don't forget about your furry friends, who are vulnerable to both of those pests — and to fleas, too.

Now, let's talk about your letters.

■ A column about turkey tail mushrooms, a fan-shaped fungus with a long history in traditional Chinese medicine, continues to generate interest. Here in the United States, these mushrooms are being studied for their potential to bolster immune response and for possible antitumor properties.

"I'm writing on behalf of a relative with breast cancer who has consulted her oncologist about this mushroom, but the doctor doesn't have any knowledge about it," a reader wrote. "The question is whether the mushrooms are known to interfere with chemotherapy."

Unfortunately, due to the wide range of chemotherapy drugs and the limited amount of research into the mushrooms, it is not possible to make a definitive statement about this question. However, in a small study with breast cancer patients, the mushrooms appeared to boost the efficacy of chemotherapy. That study, which was published in the medical journal *Cureus*, is available online.

■ We are hearing from many of you regarding a recent column that discussed the potential benefits of companion animals for people living with the physical and psychological symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I just wanted to say that while a specially trained animal may be great, in our family, an ordinary pet has been a huge help," a reader wrote. "My son has PTSD, and we can't afford a service dog. We helped him adopt a dog from the pound. Training her and having her with him has eased a lot of the anxiety that he has been living with."

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Participation and getting to know people facing similar situations will give you a better understanding of what's available to you. Broaden your sense of the possibilities and establish what's best for you. What you put out is what you'll get back.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — High energy and enthusiasm will draw the help you require to make a difference. Don't hesitate to let someone know how you feel.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Take a leadership position and be responsible for making opportunities you desire. It's your time to flourish.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Learning, researching and observing will help you make better decisions and lifestyle changes.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Put your energy where it counts and become a participant instead of a bystander.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Set reasonable goals and dedicate your time accordingly. Be cognizant of other individuals' needs to avoid opposition.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Preparation and awareness will aid you in dis-



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covering who is on your side and what's possible and to your advantage.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Consider those who influence how you live and begin a dialogue that encourages being less frivolous and saving.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Spread joy. Love and romance are apparent if you make the first move.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Don't allow anyone to manipulate a situation or lure you into an argument. Be careful not to take on more than you can handle.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Join forces with people who share your expectations and concerns. Don't let emotions fester when action is necessary.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Look before you leap. Focus on your finances and how to bring money in instead of doling it out.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Personal growth will lead to better days ahead. Become the driving force behind what you want.

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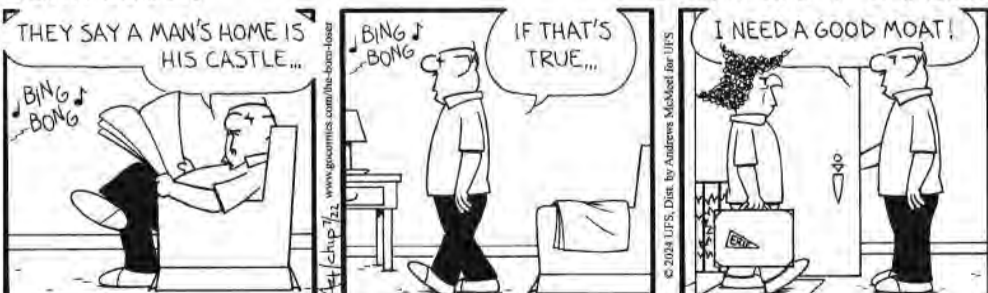
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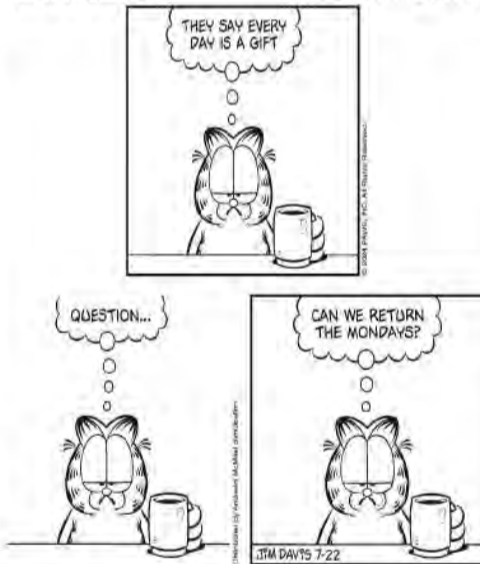
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