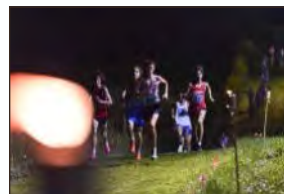




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UPDATE

Greenbrier health care coverage will be extended one week

But 'the delinquencies are factual', say reps

BY BRAD MCELHINNY
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Unions representing about 400 employees at The Greenbrier resort say there's a short reprieve on the possibility of losing health care coverage.

Citing past-due payments for health insurance coverage by The Greenbrier Hotel Corp., attorneys for the Amalgamated National Health Fund had said coverage would lapse by Tuesday. That was the same day The Greenbrier Hotel had been set for a foreclosure sale because of other debts. The owners of the hotel, Gov. Jim Justice and his family, announced this week that they have secured financial support to satisfy the hotel debt, at least for now, halting the foreclosure sale.

Because the auction of the hotel is now off, the Health Fund will continue to provide health care benefits through the end of this month, just one week away, according to a new statement by the Greenbrier Council of Labor Unions.

"However, the delinquencies are factual, tangible and documented," the union organization said in the news release from Peter Bostic, chairman.

"We continue to demand that The Greenbrier's delinquent contractual obligations be met and remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached" between the Health Fund and The Greenbrier to continue the benefits coverage.

The Health Fund says the owners are delinquent on \$2.4 million in health premium contributions, with another \$1.2 million in premiums soon due. Those are the numbers that Ronald Richman, an attorney representing the Health Fund, told MetroNews remain accurate at this time.

The insurance company alleged The Greenbrier collected premiums from employees but did not pass the money along. The health insurance payments collected from employees of The

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COMMUNITY

Coalition asks BOPARC to consider forest designation

BY BEN CONLEY
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What are your thoughts on mixed mesophytic forests chock full of pileated woodpeckers?

And would it surprise you to

know such a place exists here in Morgantown?

It's true.

That's what Rick Landenberger said, and he knows a thing or two about the woods.

As the science and land management specialist for the West

Virginia Land Trust, he oversees some 10,000 acres of forested land across the state of West Virginia.

Earlier this month, he approached BOPARC on behalf of his colleagues in the Mon Valley Green Space Coalition

about the 14 wooded acres between E. Brockway Avenue, in upper Marilla Park, and White Avenue.

The group would like to see the recreation board designate the land as a "Community Forest" through the national nonprofit Old-Growth Forest Network.

"The idea there is that these are nice examples of mature forests, but the primary outreach goal is to make them available to the community and to interpret them and talk

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Keys for Healthy Kids



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Kinder Haus participant Vivian Smith tastes fresh apples during the organization's pop-up farmers market on Friday afternoon.

Kinder Haus Child Care Center hosts pop-up farmers market

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Kinder Haus Child Care Center, 725 Fairmont Road, Suite 201, hosted its first pop-up farmers market, in sponsorship and with support of the Keys for Healthy Kids initiative.

The event aimed to provide fresh, local produce directly to West Virginia's children and their families, promoting healthy eating habits from an early age.

The event was Friday afternoon in the center's parking lot in Westover.

The Keys for Healthy Kids initiative is dedicated to fostering healthy lifestyles for children, families and communities across West Virginia. By focusing on policy, systems and environmental changes, the program supports healthy eating and active

lifestyles while preventing childhood obesity. One of the innovative programs under this initiative is the KEYS Kids' Pop-Up Farmers Markets.

The farmers market at Kinder Haus provided children with the opportunity to explore and enjoy a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables in a fun and interactive environment. Each student received a \$5 voucher to shop at the market with their parents.

Research shows that children may need to be exposed to new foods as many as 15 times before they grow to like them, making regular exposure to fresh produce an essential part of developing healthy habits.

By hosting this event during typical pick-up times, Kinder Haus Child Care Center encourages parent involvement.

ELECTION 2024

RFK Jr. says he's suspending his presidential bid, backing Trump

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Robert F. Kennedy Jr. suspended his independent campaign for president Friday and endorsed Donald Trump, a late-stage shakeup of the presidential race that could give the former president a modest boost from Kennedy's supporters.

Kennedy said his internal polls had shown that his presence in the race would hurt Trump and help Democratic nominee Kamala Harris, though recent public polls don't provide a clear indication that he is having an outside impact on support for either major-party candidate.

Kennedy cited free speech, the war in Ukraine and "a war on our children" as among the reasons he would try to remove his name from the ballot in battleground states.

However, he made clear that he wasn't formally ending his bid and said his supporters could continue to back him in the majority of states where they are unlikely to sway the outcome. Kennedy took steps to withdraw his candidacy in at least two states late this week, Arizona and Pennsylvania, but in the battlegrounds of Michigan, Nevada and Wisconsin, election officials said it's too late for him

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IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Jean Friend

Getting it right, and on the record

BY JIM BISSETT
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It was a tale of two addresses for Jean Friend, the longtime circuit clerk of Monongalia County who died Aug. 14 in Morgantown at the age of 95.

Two addresses, with two specific dates, and two common concerns — attached, as they were — by a time bridge then spanning 56 years.

The first address is the Monongalia County Courthouse at 243 High St., and the date was April 5, 1959.

Friend, who had been working as a legal secretary for an attorney on High Street — Morgantown's main drag had plenty of them then, and still does — had just assumed a full-time job in the circuit clerk's office.

Before, she was splitting her work week: Part-time, in the attorney's office and part-time in the circuit clerk's office, filling in for a worker who had just had a baby.

Eventually she signed on exclusively at the courthouse in the office that did the legal work of record for Mon.

That April morning 65 years ago was her first day as a full-timer.

To call it a no-frills operation would be like saying that Perry Mason, the TV attorney of the day who never lost a case, knew how to nail a closing argument.

Two manual typewriters. Two deputies. Three rooms and one judge. And no copy machines.

Xerox had come out that year with its nifty, easy-to-use 914 model, but that innovation had yet to make it to Morgantown.

One had to make due.

Copying the past

The second address is the gleaming Monongalia County Justice Center, just a couple of blocks down at 175 High St., and the date was Sept. 15, 2015.

That was the day the legal complex, with its chrome, carpeting, recessed lights, walls of glass and

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to take his name off the ballot even if he wants to do so.

Kennedy said his actions followed conversations with Trump over the past few weeks. He cast their alliance as “a unity party,” an arrangement that would “allow us to disagree publicly and privately and seriously.” Kennedy suggested Trump offered him a job if he returns to the White House, but neither he nor Trump offered details.

Shortly before his speech in Phoenix, his campaign had said in a Pennsylvania court filing Friday that he would be endorsing Trump for pres-

ident. However, a spokesperson for Kennedy said the court filing had been made in error and the lawyer who wrote it said he’d correct it. Kennedy took the stage moments later, aired his grievances with the Democratic Party, the news media and political institutions, and extolled Trump. He spoke for nearly 20 minutes before he said explicitly that he was endorsing Trump.

Campaigning in Las Vegas, Trump said it was a “great honor” to get Kennedy’s support and sidestepped a question about what positions he’s considered for him.

Five of Kennedy’s family members issued a statement Friday calling his support for Trump “a sad

ending to a sad story” and reiterating their support for Harris.

“Our brother Bobby’s decision to endorse Trump today is a betrayal of the values that our father and our family hold most dear,” read the statement, which his sister Kerry Kennedy posted on X.

Kennedy Jr., the son of the late Attorney General and Sen. Robert Kennedy and the nephew of President John F. Kennedy, acknowledged his decision to endorse Trump had caused tension with his immediate family. He is married to actor Cheryl Hines, who wrote on X that she deeply respects her husband’s decision to drop out but did not address the Trump endorsement.

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Greenbrier but not remitted to their insurance company total \$612,000, according to Bostic.

Justice promised employees at the resort won’t go without health insurance.

“There is no way that the great union employees at The Greenbrier are going to go without insurance. There is no possible way,” Justice said in a statewide administration briefing.

“And I’ll promise you to the good lord above that insurance payments have been made and were being made on a regular basis just like we’ve done in the past in many ways.”

A little after 7 p.m. Friday, The Greenbrier issued a statement.

“The Greenbrier Hotel wants to make absolutely clear that without exception ever penny of money collected from our nearly 2,000 employees for health care coverage has been timely paid to either the union health care fund or the non-union health care provider.

“The Greenbrier’s management and accounting staff monitor and make payments for the health

care. Governor Jim Justice has never been consulted, nor has he directed any of these payments since 2017.

“The Greenbrier is very proud to carry on the tradition as “America’s Resort” and values greatly the contributions of its employees. Many of its Team Members have worked at The Greenbrier for decades and count on it to provide for their families in our community.

“To demonstrate the payments of our employee’s withholdings for health care, we have provided this information to the union health care fund today. We want each and every Team Member to know, as always, that with their help, we will do our very best to ensure that this resort delivers an incredible experience to its guests for many years to come.”

Justice addressed the insurance matter on the same day The Greenbrier Hotel Corp. announced a deal holding off the foreclosure sale of key pieces of the resort, including the main hotel building. Under the agreement, Beltway Capital will receive a specific amount to be paid in full by Oct.

24, according to a statement distributed by the Justice family. That announcement did not say how much the specific amount is.

Justice gained goodwill and steps toward statewide name recognition when he bought The Greenbrier out of bankruptcy in spring of 2009. Justice, a two-term governor, is now a Republican nominee for U.S. Senates.

When asked questions by West Virginia reporters during this week’s briefing, Justice described his family’s history of financial involvement at The Greenbrier, characterizing it as supportive of workers, and then asked, “What if we absolutely just threw up our hands, what would have happened to those employees? I mean, it’s great to have health insurance, but then if you don’t have a job it would be pretty daggone tough, wouldn’t it?”

He continued by saying, “I promise you with all in me, we will not miss one step with regard to people’s health insurance and we’ll move on down the road.”

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about all the wonderful values that forests provide to society — things like nutrient cycling, carbon sequestration, cooling in the summer, urban runoff absorption, wildlife habitat, scenery, recreation — all the things forests provide,” he said.

He explained the forest is in a kind of Goldilocks zone in terms of moisture level and temperature (mixed-mesophytic) and that’s allowed it to develop a complex, multi-layered canopy that serves as habitat for a diverse suite of species.

Further, it’s been left alone long enough that it has started developing old-growth characteristics.

“It’s fairly rare, and I

spend a lot of time working in forests around the state. ... Most of it is not like this. It doesn’t have the same qualities,” he said, later adding, “There are 300-year-old trees in there, and there are some really big trees in there that aren’t quite that old. They’ve just grown fast. It really is spectacular.”

In June, the Old-Growth Forest Network declared the forest in Toms Run Preserve as a “Mature Forest,” meaning it’s not virgin forest, but human disturbance occurred so long ago that it’s approaching pristine, old-growth characteristics.

Landenberger said being included in the non-profit’s network will literally put the forest on a map, making it a destination for forest lovers, bird watchers and generally

anyone who enjoys time in nature.

In return, the Old-Growth Forest Network asks for a commitment to protect the forest — but it’s not required. There will be no deed restriction or conservation easement placed on the property.

But it will likely ramp up community pressure should BOPARC ever need to clear that land.

“It’s a big decision. The truth is, and I’m going to be completely open about this, people will want to protect it. I’m not going to downplay that,” Landenberger said. “You all have a fiduciary responsibility to do what BOPARC thinks is best in the long-term. This will add at least community sentiment to protect this forest. So, think about that. Go into it with your eyes wide open.”

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desktop after desktop of impressive technology, was being introduced to the public.

Friend, who was by then West Virginia’s longest-serving circuit clerk, was in the command of a whole suite of offices there.

Offices with their computers tapped into records of cases and processes from across the state and across the nation, all accessible by a couple of keyboard strokes.

Heck, one look at all of that through 1959 eyes would have made Perry Mason himself swear before a judge that he was surely asleep and dreaming his own science fiction movie.

The only thing missing? Copy machines. Again.

They still hadn’t made the move from the courthouse.

And Friend was grouching — good-naturedly, but at the same time, not — about the whole thing.

Even as high-tech as things had gotten, things were still done in hard copy.

Duplicates and triplicates, even, were required.

Never mind the new digs, the veteran administrator said.

Until the copiers were in the office, the office couldn’t fully function, even if it could still do its work.

That she would remind people of the importance her office’s mission, even on that celebratory day, showed why she had been there for so long.



In this 2013 photo, Jean Friend shows off a photo of John F. Kennedy Jr., whose campaign swing through West Virginia had a lasting impact on her commitment to public service.

who was running, and what issues they were running on, worked the polls every Election Day.

Her daughter grew up steeped in the stuff.

Friend was active in the Young Democrats organization when the smiling JFK, a cultured Bostonian and hero of World War II with a glamorous wife, barnstormed the state on his way to the White House.

That was when every stop and every impromptu press conference at seemingly every coal tippie and school cafeteria, put the state with his ancient hills and hollows in klieg-light glare of the Big Time.

And there he was, in Morgantown.

“When Sen. Kennedy ran, it felt like all of us in our party came together to help him,” she remembered in an interview a few years ago.

“He was younger and had more charisma and an exciting wife,” she continued. “They really inspired the young people of Morgantown.”

Kennedy’s “Ask not” ethos became a “Why not?” challenge for her and the circuit clerk’s office.

The circuit clerk with the encyclopedic memory (she had a filing cabinet-recall of case numbers in her head) loved boiling the complexities of her office down — to what it was really about.

“This is the office where everything that is intended to be heard by a judge or jury is filed,” she said.

“Everything begins here.”

began and ended, in many ways, in the circuit clerk’s office.

There was loss.

She buried her husband, Harold “Abe” Friend, and her two sons, Randy and Richard.

But there was travel and there were nieces and nephews — and great-nieces and great-nephews, plus the great-greats of the litter — to dote and fuss over.

And forget that “crazy cat lady” business, also.

Every stray that sauntered up to her abode had a friend in Friend, just because it was the nurturing thing to do.

There were the tasty meals she cooked for the people in her office and the times she would counsel a young lawyer, fresh from the WVU College of Law and the bar exam, on how to really present a case beyond moot court hypotheticals.

Friend, who was cremated, had no funeral or memorial service, in accordance with her wishes. She was to be buried at Fletcher Cemetery, in Cheat Neck.

You can do a favor for her, if you prefer, by making a donation in her memory to WV Caring at 3433 University Ave. — the organization provides hospice and counseling for people battling progressive illness.

She was able to work all those years in the circuit clerk’s office, copy machines or no, she said, because, well, it wasn’t work.

Not really.

“It’s just very interesting to me,” she said, shortly after her re-election in 2016.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Iran's criminal meddling in U.S. elections, protests

Back in 2016, it was the Russians who interfered with the U.S. presidential election, stealing emails and computer files from the Democrats and giving them to WikiLeaks to publish, seeking to embarrass the party and damage nominee Hillary Clinton.

The culprit was the FSB, the Kremlin's successor to the KGB. Several Russians were prosecuted for this abject violation of American sovereignty.

This time, it is America's adversaries in Tehran who are meddling in our democratic process. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency jointly conclude that agents of Iran have successfully stolen emails and computer files from the Donald Trump campaign. Most likely they got access through GOP operative Roger Stone, who was pardoned by Trump in the waning weeks of his presidency.

The feds also believe that the Iranians tried to hack into the Democrats' campaign, but seem to have been unsuccessful. At least they were bipartisan.

However, Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines did go public last month that Iran was successfully manipulating the protests over the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, saying: "We have observed actors tied to Iran's government posing as activists online, seeking to encourage protests, and even providing financial support to protesters."

So Iran arms and funds Hamas (and Hezbollah and the Houthis) and then helps whip up street protests in America's streets and campuses to support their cause.

Americans have plenty of opinions on presidential politics and the war in Gaza and it shouldn't be the mullahs pulling strings to achieve their aims. It is a federal crime and a very hostile act by a hostile government.

They are not lobbing missiles and setting off bombs like their proxies are doing against Israel, but it is still a premeditated and pernicious attack against this country. It might not meet the definition of an act of war, but it is a war against our open society and our democratic process.

The Trump campaign was properly candid in declaring that it had been victimized by the Iranians, who may be trying to defeat the former president, who promised to get tough with Tehran, or they may just be trying to sow discord and cause division in this country without taking sides in the election.

However, their motives with bolstering the Gaza protests are much clearer. Iran supports Hamas and opposes Israel. Having Americans marching and rallying in agreement serves their needs perfectly. We assume most protesters are not willing dupes of Iran's foreign policy and they should object to being used.

The Iranians, like the Russians, are trying to use our strengths of free speech and free assembly and free elections against us for their own purposes — purposes at odds with U.S. national interests.

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Teaching civil discourse

FIRST-TIME TEACHERS AND FIRST-TIME VOTERS GEARING UP FOR THE 2024 ELECTION MAY HAVE ONLY EVER BEEN EXPOSED TO TOXIC POLARIZATION — IT'S THEIR NORM.

But for those of us who've been in the classroom for decades, the landscape of teaching civics has changed dramatically. In the early 2000s, America was polarized, but teaching during a presidential campaign was thrilling.

Yet, with the rise of social media, misinformation, and disinformation, we fear that students this year will be denied the same opportunities to learn about democracy and acquire skills to constructively engage one another.

A typical classroom back then analyzed political cartoons and discussed candidates' major policy stances. They listened to sound bytes, compared speech rhetoric and reviewed the election process, from super-delegates to the Electoral College.

In most classrooms, no one told these students what to think or who to vote for; helping prepare such a thoughtful, curious, and motivated generation of citizens to engage in the process was enough. It was nobody's job to make them liberal or conservative.

By 2020, the classroom pulse could not have been more different. Teachers shared that they did not want to touch elections and electoral politics for fear of accusations of indoctrination, bias, or unsafe learning environments. Each day felt like navigating invisible landmines. Many avoided the election completely. Ignoring the topic was

not only easier than dealing with an irate parent, hostile administration or divisive school board — it was a means of survival.

This was not a unique experience. A recent RAND study found that two-thirds of teachers are limiting instructional time on political and social issues, even in states that have not required it. That makes sense, given the increase in teacher firings over political concerns in the past four years.

If, in the words of Eric Liu, co-founder and CEO of Citizen University, "the road to democracy runs through the classroom," it's critical to at least discuss the political process. It's more important than ever to prepare students for the public sphere, and in a non-politicized way.

What's more, if we cannot practice the real skills of debate, discussion, analysis and critical thinking, will students learn to practice them in real life?

Political polarization is not new; toxic polarization is. Eighty-four percent of Americans say political debate has become less respectful lately. Growing numbers have negative or hostile attitudes toward the opposing political party.

The remedy — civil discourse — can be applied in the classroom and among the general public.

To begin, let's stop defining civil discourse by where we see it lacking. Instead, we need a common language around what it means and its purpose. "Civil," from the Latin *civilis*, means "relating to a society, pertaining to public life, relating to the civic order, befitting a citizen." With such a definition, we're reminded that it's vital to a functioning democratic society, meant to benefit each citizen.

Second, we must come to terms with the fact that in a country of over 330 million people, we're not all going to agree on even trivial things, let alone public

policy or America's future. And that's normal.

Remember: civility is not about being passive or even polite. It's not about agreeing for the sake of agreement. It's merely the avenue to navigate daunting topics that might otherwise feel hopeless, curating citizenship in deeper, more tangible ways and reminding us that we have more in common than we realize.

Hence, to appreciate what we share, we must interact and practice civil conversations. What's often lacking are the right skills.

Good conversations don't result from countering every statement your counterpart makes. They occur when all participants feel heard. You can practice this with "reflective listening" — repeating what you think you heard. When your partner begins to appreciate that you're trying to understand them (with or without agreement), you build trust.

Finally, be curious and authentic. When you've built respect and trust, you can truly be honest about your perspective. The process is simple, but not always easy. It requires practice and can be messy, but sometimes it needs to be messy to be authentic.

The more you listen, the more you'll realize that contrary to the caricature of your fellow citizen presented on TV or social media, this person likely means well and is not an extremist.

In the classroom, civil discourse is simple: It looks like listening. Let's start there and remember that it's about our humanity, which is bigger than politics. Little doses of courage make it possible.

And when we all feel like we're walking on eggshells, a bit of courage will go a long way.

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GUEST ESSAY

Alpha-Gal Syndrome: A growing public health concern in W.Va.

BY KATHIE HESS CROUSE

IN STATES LIKE WEST VIRGINIA, WHERE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES, THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES ARE WELL KNOWN. Yet, despite the awareness of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a lesser-known but increasingly prevalent threat has emerged: Alpha-Gal Syndrome (AGS). I know this all too well, having been diagnosed with AGS after a bite from a Lone Star Tick.

Alpha-Gal Syndrome is a serious, life-altering allergic reaction to galactose — 1,3-galactose (commonly known as alpha-gal), a sugar molecule found in most mammals. This allergy is unique in that it is triggered by the consumption of red meat and other products derived from mammals, such as gelatin, dairy and even certain medications. Unlike most food allergies that cause immediate reactions, AGS symptoms

can be delayed by several hours, making it difficult to diagnose and manage.

The cause of this allergy is clear: a bite from the Lone Star Tick, a species expanding its range across the United States. As the tick feeds, it introduces alpha-gal into the bloodstream, prompting the immune system to produce antibodies. These antibodies can then cause a severe allergic reaction when the person consumes mammalian meat or related products.

The rise in AGS cases is alarming. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), thousands of cases have been identified across the country, with numbers increasing exponentially as the Lone Star Tick continues to spread. However, the true extent of AGS may be underreported, as many states, including West Virginia, do not currently require health care

providers to report cases to a central database.

The CDC has established a national database for tracking AGS, but only a handful of states have made this condition reportable. This lack of comprehensive data hampers our ability to fully understand the scope of the problem, identify at-risk populations and allocate resources effectively.

One of the most frustrating aspects of living with AGS is the difficulty in finding knowledgeable healthcare providers. This allergy is still relatively new and not well understood, even within the medical community. As a result, I, like many others with AGS, have been forced to travel out of state to find appropriate care and specialists who understand the complexities of this condition.

This situation is unacceptable, especially given the rising number of AGS cases. Patients should

not have to leave their home states to receive the care they need.

Making AGS a reportable condition in West Virginia is a crucial step in addressing this growing public health threat. With accurate reporting and data collection, we can begin to understand the true prevalence of AGS in our state, identify patterns of transmission and develop targeted public health interventions. Additionally, this data can help drive research into better treatments and, hopefully, a cure.

This legislative effort is not just about improving care for those of us who have already been diagnosed; it's about protecting the health and well-being of all West Virginians. As outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, we are all at risk of encountering ticks and the diseases they carry. By making AGS a reportable condition, we can take a proactive approach to managing this

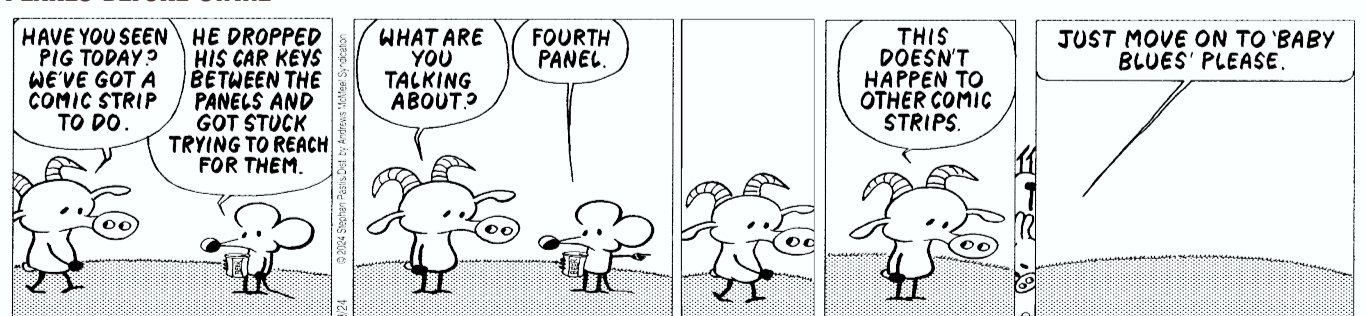
allergy and mitigating its impact on our communities.

As we move forward, I urge my fellow lawmakers, health care providers and the public to join me in raising awareness about Alpha-Gal Syndrome. We must work together to ensure West Virginia is prepared to address this emerging health challenge and those living with AGS have access to the care and support they need.

Alpha-Gal Syndrome may not yet be a household name, but with the right actions, we can ensure West Virginia is at the forefront of tackling this growing issue. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by AGS and protect the health of our communities for generations to come.

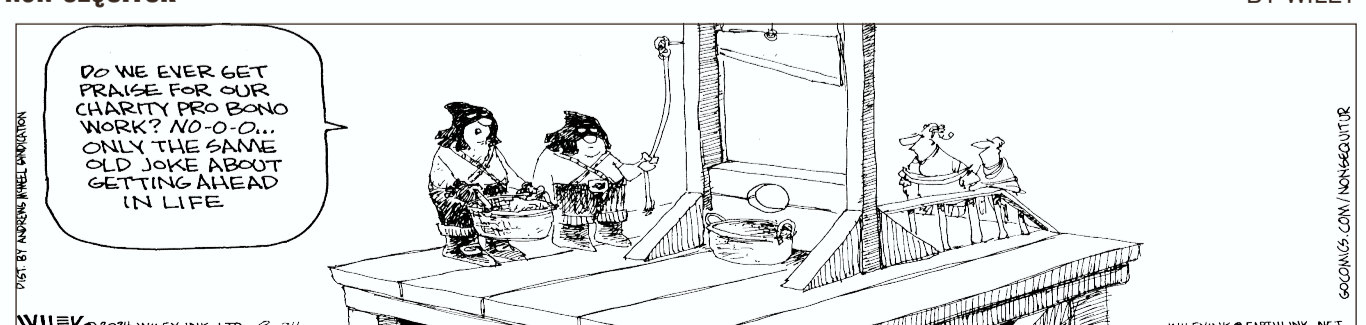
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MON COUNTY

Rabies vaccine baits distributed today-Wed.

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Monongalia County residents, especially those with pets that spend time outdoors, should be on the lookout for rabies vaccine baits that will be dropped and distributed in Monongalia County starting today.

"If you find a bait, leave it where you found it, unless it's in your yard or driveway," said Todd Powroznik, Environmental Health program manager at Monongalia County Health Department. "If you do find any in those places, wear gloves and

remove the baits, and put them in an area where raccoons and wild animals will find them."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will conduct its annual distribution of oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits from airplanes and helicopters on today and Sunday over Monongalia County, Powroznik said. The bait drop takes place in several states up and down the East Coast.

Then sanitarians from MCHD Environmental Health will drive

and walk around Morgantown and distribute baits by hand in grassy areas such as parks and beside the rail-trail Tuesday and Wednesday.

"This year, we have 1,400 baits to take around and distribute to a variety of locations around Morgantown," Powroznik said.

The USDA supplies a grid followed by MCHD Environmental Health staffers, who place a specific amount of the baits in those areas while another employee uses a clicker to keep track of

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Baits distributed by hand are green or brown like the ones shown here. The ones dropped from aircraft are usually wrapped in white and are also lighter.

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EVENT

10th Annual Tattoo Expo inking up Morgantown

Artists will be at Waterfront Hotel this weekend

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Tattoo enthusiasts and artists gather this weekend for the 10th Annual West Virginia Tattoo Expo, which runs through Sunday at the Marriott Waterfront Place Hotel/Morgantown Event Center in Morgantown.

This year's expo marks a decade of celebrating the tattoo artistry, bringing together some of the nation's top tattoo artists under one roof. Appointments are optional and walk-ups are welcome throughout the weekend. For more information, visit wvtattoosexpo.com.

Admission to the event is \$20 per day, with a \$5 discount offered to individuals with a valid student or military ID. Children 12 and under receive free admission.

"This event brings together top-notch tattoo artists from across the country, showcasing their skills in Morgantown," said Rocco Cunningham, event organizer, and producer. "With over 200 artists in attendance, attendees can expect nothing short of exceptional quality and professionalism."

Each artist's workstation is meticulously inspected and licensed by the Mon County Health Department, ensuring adherence to the highest industry standards throughout the event.

The expo offers a diverse array of tattooing experiences to suit every preference.

Attendees can also look forward to daily tattoo contests and the highly anticipated Miss Tattooed WV Pageant, celebrating beauty in all its forms. Participants will be judged on their tattoos and presentation.

Organized and produced by Cunningham, a Harrison County native and WVU alumni, the expo has become a staple in West Virginia's tattoo community since its inception in 2013. Held at the Waterfront Place Hotel/Morgantown Event Center for several years, it has received support from both the local community and the tattoo industry at large.

WVU Insect Zoo



An adult female New Guinea spiny stick insect (above), one of the WVU Insect Zoo's most popular residents for interaction with visitors. The WVU Arthropod Museum and Insect Zoo (right) has a variety of specimens on display.



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A hidden gem demonstrating the beauty and complexity of the world of bugs

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In the basement of WVU Davis College's Agricultural Sciences Building, creatures of the night lurk, gnawing on leaves and decaying matter, hissing and clicking, growing in size and number. It's not an infestation or a six-legged uprising in the making — it's the WVU Arthropod Museum and Insect Zoo, and its crawlies aren't as creepy as you might expect.

Founded in 2007 by professor of entomology Yong-Lak Park and research assistant of entomology Vicki Kondo, the WVU Insect Zoo was first established with just a handful of bug-eyed residents with the intention of filling a niche that was previously lacking in the state. Since then, it has provided a unique opportunity for students and visitors to get an up-close look at different types of insects and learn about the important roles they play in the ecosystem.

"We think it's important for people to recognize insects and know something about their importance in the ecosystem, and give people a

chance to see some different types of insects and arthropods," said Kondo. "I think there's a little bit of something for everybody."

Made up of about 25 species, the insect zoo is an ever-changing snapshot of invertebrate species from right in your backyard to the deepest forests of Madagascar. The zoo's residents currently and have previously included the New Guinea spiny stick insect, black widow spider, giant Southeast Asian centipede, goliath bird-eating tarantula, blue death feigning beetle, dairy cow isopod and a variety of cockroach species. Most popular among visitors are those that allow for interaction through touching and holding the animals, including the hissing cockroaches, stick insects and beetles.

Kondo's favorite part of the zoo, though, doesn't really look like much at first.

Sitting on one of the zoo's shelves are two seemingly run-of-the-mill sticky traps designed to catch pests. These aren't just any sticky traps, however, but a demonstration of the complexity and intelligence of insects.

"Every spring, in one of the offices, we would have all these ants swarming. I thought, 'I'll put down one of these sticky traps, and I'll put some honey in the middle, and I'll come in Monday and all the ants will be stuck in the sticky trap, right? Wrong,'" Kondo explained. "I came in Monday

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STREAMING

'Running on Empty' doesn't fulfill early promise



ALISE CHAFFINS

THE TOPIC OF DEATH IS ONE THAT IMPACTS EVERYONE. It is an inescapable aspect of life and is something everyone will have to reckon with at some point. But what if you knew when it was happening? How would knowing your death day impact your remaining time on earth? Those are some of the questions asked by writer and director Daniel André in his debut feature film, "Running on Empty," coming to VOD on Tuesday.

When Mort (Keir Gilcrest) and his fiancée Nicole (Francesca Eastwood) are trying to get a mortgage, they must first find out their death dates — a new process discovered by "science." While Nicole still has 60 years ahead of her, Mort discovers that he has less than a year to live. Nicole leaves him, and his uncle Barry (Jim Gaffigan) suggests that he should find someone else to date. Mort discovers a dating service for people with close "death dates" and while there, he meets Kate (Lucy Hale), with whom he forms an immediate connection. But despite that connection, a series of strange events complicate that burgeoning relationship.

This movie is tonally all over the place. It starts out so strong — with a mortician who stages "adventure funerals" that celebrate the lives of the deceased, and conversations about how death can be much more than something to be feared. The themes feel incredibly clear and well-defined. Then the comedic elements are introduced and it goes absolutely off the rails. A movie that has something unique and thoughtful to say about death and dying becomes one really gross, kind-of sexist joke. The whiplash between the elements in this movie is incredibly jarring.

There are some odd choices in the performances as well. Gaffigan isn't who I would think of for raunchy humor, and he doesn't quite pull off the sleazy character convincingly. Both Gilcrest and Eastwood are fine, though it never quite seems like their hearts are in it. Hale, as Kate, is one of the only bright spots in the movie. She is one of the only characters who feels like a real person, but we simply don't spend enough time with her to understand who she is beyond the love interest.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

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Pa. theater to show 'O Pioneer' this weekend

The Lindsay Theater and Cultural Center in Sewickley, Pa., kicked off its 2024 Documentary Series Friday.

The venue will show eight diverse and entertaining documentaries multiple times each through Sept. 5.

"O Pioneer," a 73-minute doc-

umentary that follows three West Virginia residents who exemplify a modern-day pioneering spirit, will have screenings at 12:30 p.m. today, 3:15 p.m. Sunday, 5:15 p.m. Tuesday and 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

For a full lineup, go to thelindsaytheater.org/

Operation Christmas Child meeting set for Sept. 14

The annual project leaders'

workshop for the Morgantown area of Operation Christmas Child is set for 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 14 at Sabraton Hill Baptist Church in Sabraton. Project leaders from Marion, Monongalia and Preston counties, and others who are interested in packing shoebox gifts for children around the world, are welcome.

Each year, millions of people fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in need. These gift boxes

are then delivered to children in over 170 countries by Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The workshop kicks off the shoebox season.

Topics for the workshop this year will include a review of a recent gift box event in Trinidad, organizing visits to a regional OCC Processing Center and sharing gift ideas and personal experiences. Brunch will be served.

MONONGALIA COUNTY FAIR



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The Monongalia County Fair comes to a close today with an action-packed schedule. From carnival rides and games to a diaper derby and mug bog, there's plenty to check out beginning at 11 a.m. and running through 11 p.m.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 11 a.m.: Ranch Rodeo in Rodeo Arena
- Noon-11 p.m.: Rides,

- exhibits, vendors, etc., open
- Noon: WVAQ Boom Box
- Noon: DJ Foam Party
- 12:30 p.m.: Lumberjack show
- 1 p.m.: Car and tractor show in the Pavilion; youth football tournament on the fields; barnyard games in the barn; Diaper Derby in Mon County Center
- 2 p.m.: Magic pillowcase sewing demo
- 3 p.m.: Mutton busting in Rodeo Arena
- 3:30 p.m.: Hot dog-eating contest on stage; Team Zoom

Pro Wrestler Shawn Phoenix breathes fire during his entrance at RCW Wrestling Show on Thursday night. Trevor Guage locks in the Lebell lock on Offie Kessler during their match

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- Dog Show
- 4 p.m.: Team-penning in Rodeo Arena
- 5:30 p.m.: Music from Stepping Stones
- 6 p.m.: Livestock auction in the barn
- 6:30 p.m.: Team Zoom Dog Show
- 7 p.m.: Mud bogs in Motor-sports Arena
- 8 p.m.: Music by Laurel Mountain Tumbleweed on stage
- 9:30 p.m.: Team Zoom Dog Show

RABIES

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the numbers. The baits contain rabies vaccine that raccoons and other wildlife consume in order to inoculate them against the fatal virus that can be passed on to other mammals, including humans and their pets, during chance encounters.

Monongalia County is one of the areas slated to receive three types of ORV baits that contain different vaccines. Two are wrapped in blister packs — one green and one white — and the other is encased in a brown coating. Some contain fishmeal to attract the wildlife, which dogs also might find appetizing. While not toxic or harmful, it's not a good idea for dogs to ingest too many of them.

"Eating a large number might cause an upset stomach in your pet," Powroznik said. Dogs, especially those

left unattended in a large yard near a field or woods, are especially at risk of encountering these ORV baits and gobbling them up. Owners are encouraged to inspect their yards periodically during this time to see if any of the baits have been dropped in their area.

"Having these baits in your backyard is preferable to your dog getting into a fight with a potentially sick raccoon, especially when owners are vigilant and inspect their property during this time of year," Powroznik said.

Studies have shown that most of the baits reach their intended recipients — raccoons and other wildlife — within four days.

"They are all almost gone within a week," Powroznik said.

USDA APHIS waits until late August to distribute the baits because that's when raccoons and other mammals born in spring are old enough to eat them

and be vaccinated against rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov). Upon the onset of symptoms, rabies is almost always fatal.

In 2019, Monongalia County had 20 reported cases of rabies, compared to one so far in 2024 in an incident shared with Preston County.

Because of the rising rates, Monongalia County Health Department officials asked the USDA to move the aerial line, which had moved west, back east to cover Monongalia County.

"That decision has been a tremendous help in reducing the rabies in this area," Powroznik said. "The ORV rabies bait distribution has been a huge success in Monongalia County."

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morning, and the ants had taken little pieces of rock and stone from the foundation of the building, and they built a bridge. They got the honey, and nobody died. I tell people, "Think about that! These ants worked together and they solved a problem."

Beyond the sticky traps and live animals, the zoo showcases the complex world of arthropods in a variety of ways.

Educational posters and dioramas provide background information on some of the zoo's animals, invasive species in West Virginia and more. The zoo's other greatest attraction is its expansive collection of preserved arthro-

pod specimens. More than 20,000 deceased specimens are stored by the museum, with a curation of specimens on display within the zoo. This includes many that may be recognizable to visitors, like butterflies of West Virginia, or less familiar, like tropical species from around the world.

Although the zoo is not regularly open to the public, there are plenty of opportunities to experience what it has to offer, including reserved tours and public events. Individuals or groups interested in exploring the zoo can contact Kondo at vkondo@wvu.edu to schedule a tour, and doing so is one of the best ways to support the zoo's operations.

Or, October will bring Halloween with the WVU

Insect Zoo, a seasonal open house offering opportunities to interact with some zoo residents, participate in bug-themed activities, learn about relevant research and more. The zoo will be featuring a new insect just in time for this event: Halloween hissing cockroaches. Keep an eye out for further event information at X.com/WVUDavis.

HEALTH CARE

WVU Cancer Institute attains breast cancer accreditation

Achievement marks commitment to improving comprehensive care

WVU Medicine

The WVU Cancer Institute received its fourth consecutive accreditation designation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States after skin cancers. Programs accredited by the NAPBC follow a model for organizing and managing a breast center; facilitating multidisciplinary, integrated and comprehensive breast cancer services.

The NAPBC focuses on the spectrum of a patient's journey with breast cancer or breast disease, including prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship. By setting high standards, NAPBC accreditation guides breast centers in providing comprehensive breast care based on scientific evidence.

"As one of the first adopters of NAPBC accreditation, receiving this designation for the fourth time underscores our long-standing commitment to providing nationally recognized, high-quality care to women in West Virginia and beyond," said Dr. Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, executive chair and director of the WVU Cancer Institute. "Our multidisciplinary approach continues to set us apart, enabling us to craft personalized care plans with the collective expertise of our team, ensuring survivorship resources are part of our care from the very beginning."

As an NAPBC-accredited institution, WVU Cancer Institute also becomes an ACS Surgical Quality Partner. The Surgical Quality Partner designation signifies an institution's dedication to consistently improving procedures and approaches, while maintaining a critical eye on process at

every step. Patients can trust that the care they receive at Surgical Quality Partner hospitals adheres to the most rigorous quality standards.

"ACS Quality programs are grounded in more than a century of experience, and participation is an important measure of a hospital's surgical quality," Dr. Patricia L. Turner, ACS executive director and chief executive officer, said. "As an ACS Surgical Quality Partner, WVU Cancer Institute has shown a commitment providing the best possible patient care, evaluating that care in a rigorous fashion, and dedicating themselves to continuous self-improvement."

For more information on the WVU Cancer Institute, visit wvucancer.org. To learn more about the NAPBC, visit accredited-breastcenters.org.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and improve the quality of care for all surgical patients.

CRIME

Westover police arrest man with drugs, warrant during traffic stop

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A traffic stop by Westover Police Friday morning resulted in the arrest of a man with an outstanding warrant through the Morgantown Police Department and the recovery of several types of drugs.

At approximately 1:27 a.m. Friday, Officer Rutledge with WPD saw a vehicle turn onto Holland Avenue from Tower Lane with a headlight malfunction, according to an arrest brief from police officials.

The driver of the vehicle told Rutledge they did not have a valid driver's license, so the officer gave them the option of calling for a licensed driver to get the vehicle or calling a tow truck. The driver opted for a licensed driver, but it would take some time for them to arrive.

Rutledge noted the rear passenger of the vehicle appeared nervous and under the influence of narcotics due to "restlessness, pinpoint pupils, and excessive sweating."

Because of the passenger's anxious behavior and the fact the officer would be waiting there with them for an extended period of time, all of the passengers were

identified by name and date of birth for safety.

The rear passenger, who appeared nervous, was identified as Anthony Lawrence, 25. According to the brief, the officer soon discovered an outstanding capias warrant for Lawrence through the Morgantown Police Department.

A capias warrant — also known as a bench warrant — is an arrest order issued by a magistrate or judge typically when someone fails to appear in court, pay fines or follow court orders.

Lawrence was arrested and transferred to the Morgantown Police Department.

Upon searching a bag Lawrence had, Rutledge

found approximately 15 grams of methamphetamine and a small amount of marijuana and fentanyl, including an electronic scale and other drug paraphernalia.

Lawrence is charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and is currently being held at North Central Regional Jail.

THE REAR PASSENGER OF THE VEHICLE APPEARED NERVOUS AND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS.



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- Ferris, from Ferris Bueller's Day Off

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STREAMING

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The frustrating thing is that you can see how this movie could be something special. The theme of living every day as though it's your last isn't a new one, but "Running on Empty" approaches it from a fresh perspective. That, coupled with a lead character who is a mortician, is something genuinely unique. I found myself rooting for this film to find its footing, but

there is no point when it achieves that. Blending comedy with heavy themes is tricky. When it works, it can elevate both to something extraordinary. But when it doesn't, you end up with a tonal mess. Unfortunately, "Running on Empty" is far more messy than extraordinary.

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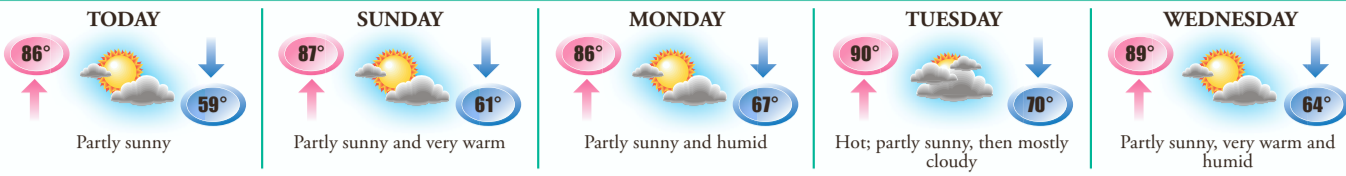
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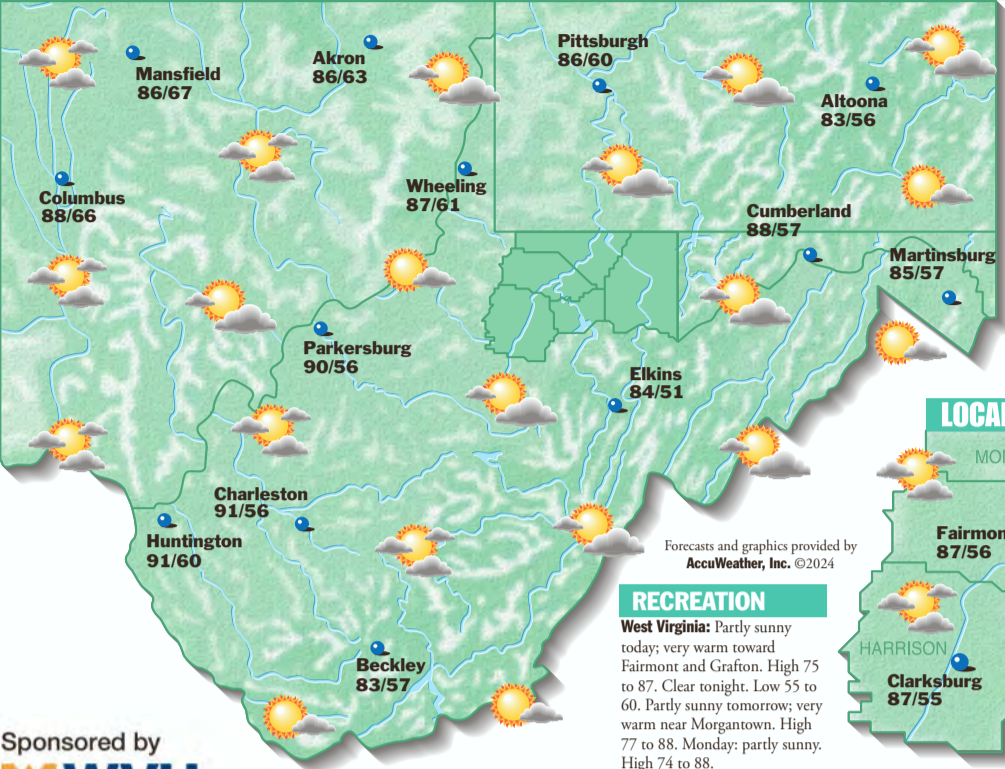
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 High/low 82°/51°
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Precipitation
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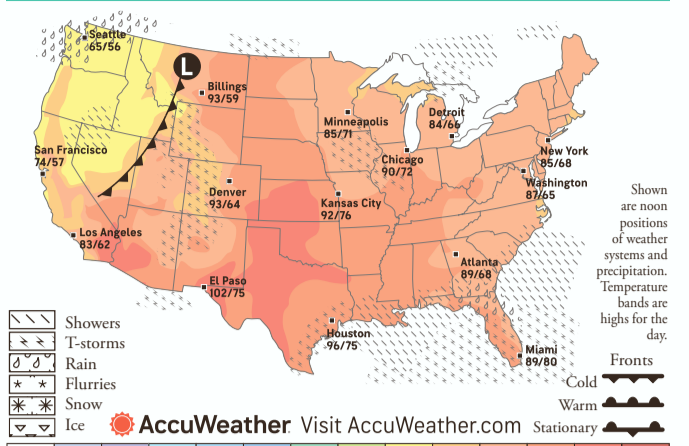
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 Moonrise today 10:46 p.m.
 Moonset today 12:32 p.m.

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Cumberland, MD	88/57/pc	90/63/s
Fairmont, WV	87/56/pc	90/62/pc
Grafton, WV	87/56/pc	89/62/pc
Huntington, WV	91/60/pc	94/63/pc
Kingwood, WV	84/59/pc	85/61/pc
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SOLUNAR TABLES

Five-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Day	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Sat.	4:09 a.m.	10:23 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	10:49 p.m.
Sun.	5:07 a.m.	11:21 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	11:49 p.m.
Mon.	6:04 a.m.	12:18 p.m.	6:33 p.m.	---
Tue.	7:00 a.m.	12:45 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	1:14 p.m.
Wed.	7:53 a.m.	1:39 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	2:07 p.m.

LAKES AND RIVERS

Lake	7 a.m. Yest.	24-hour Change
Chear Lake	869.27	+0.17
Deep Creek, MD	2458.30	-0.03
Jennings Randolph	1433.27	-0.38
Stonewall Jackson	1066.05	-0.12
Tygart	1062.38	-0.44
Youghiogheny	1412.73	-0.47

ALMANAC

Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2024. There are 129 days left in the year.

Highlight:

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida; the storm resulted in 65 deaths and caused more than \$26 billion in damage across Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas.

On this date:

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for betting on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds.

In 2018, the family of Arizona Sen. John McCain announced that he had discontinued medical treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer; McCain died the following day.

In 2019, police in Aurora, Colorado, responding to a report of a suspicious person, used a chokehold to subdue Elijah McClain, a 23-year-old Black man; he suffered cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital and was later declared brain dead and taken off life support.

Today's birthdays: WWE co-founder Vince McMahon is 79. Former Arkansas governor and political commentator Mike Huckabee is 69. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 64.

Pregnant woman's partner backs out of trip abroad

DEAR ABBY: Should I be mad at the father of my unborn child for not coming with me to travel out of the country? My cousin is being married in Mexico. However, my partner, "Gabriel," isn't going because one of his good friends is getting married the same weekend.

We found out only recently that I am pregnant, and by the time my cousin's wedding comes around, I'll be five months along. My family will be going, but they already booked their flights, which are now sold out, so I will have to travel pregnant and alone in Mexico.

The night I found out I was pregnant, Gabriel told me he would go with me, as he didn't want the mother of his unborn child to travel alone to a different country. However, as the wedding got closer, he said he no longer wants to go, as it will be expensive and he'd miss his friend's wedding.

Abby, am I wrong for being upset that he doesn't want to come with me? I think I'm more disappointed because I assumed he'd want to be protective in this situation, but it almost feels like he's choosing his friend over us. I know I am biased and my emo-



JEANNE PHILLIPS

tions are high, but I really want to be level-headed about this and try to understand. — **EXPECTANT TRAVELER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR TRAVELER: Forgive me if this seems harsh, but what you should understand is your partner is self-centered and more concerned with the good time he will have with his buddy than he is about the soon-to-be mother of his child. This should be an indication of the kind of husband and father he may make IF you plan to marry him.

That said, if your doctor says you are OK to travel, your family will be around to keep an eye on you, so you shouldn't be in danger. The independence you demonstrate now may be necessary in whatever future you have with — or without — your partner.

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TV LISTINGS

8/24/24	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST CHANNELS												
2	KDKA Soccer	Weekend News (N)	KDKA-TV News (N)	Paid Program	The Equalizer "Condemned" Dante and Big Ben are ambushed by attackers.	48 Hours A woman goes missing but nobody reports it for months.	48 Hours A man is charged with his millionaire wife's murder.	KDKA-TV News at Eleven (N)	Paid Program			
4	WTAE ABC World News (N)	Pittsburgh's Action News 4 (N)	To Be Announced	College Football Florida A&M vs. Norfolk State From Center Parc Stadium in Atlanta. (L) (N)					Pittsburgh's Action News 4 (N)	Fast-Home Rescue		
5	WDTV	NWSL CBS News	Ent. Tonight (N)	The Equalizer	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	5 News	Invest.		
7	WTRF	NWSL CBS News	Inside Ed.	Cash	The Equalizer	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	News (N)	Paid Prog.		
9	WTOV	News 9 at Six (L) (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 From Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. (L) (N)					News 9 Tonight (L) (N)	Saturday Night Live (N)		
11	WPXI	11 News	NBC News	NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 (N)					Channel 11	SNL		
12	WBOY	12 News	NBC News	NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 (N)					TBA	SNL		
13	WQED	Classical Rewind	Moments to Remember (My Music Presents)		Classical Rewind (My Music Presents)				Revival 69: The Concert That Rocked the World			
22	WCWB	Paid Program	Paid Program	Modern Family "A Year of Birthdays"	Modern Family	I Am Patrick Swayze			Paid Program	Modern Family "Pool Party"	Paid Program	Paid Program
24	WNBP	Weekend	Hoover	Lawrence Welk	Song of Mountains	Song of Mountains	Miss Friman's War	Austin City Limits				
46	WVFX	HorseRaz!	MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Minnesota United FC From Allianz Field in Saint Paul, Minn. (L) (N)		The Quiz With Balls	Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N)			I Can See Your Voice Actor Finesse Mitchell; musical duo Maddie & Tae.			
53	WPGH	Race FOX Saratoga Saturday	MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Minnesota United FC From Allianz Field in Saint Paul, Minn. (L) (N)		The Quiz With Balls	The Patel and Guillen families go head-to-head.						
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	*** Jumanji (95) Robin Williams.				*** The Mummy (99) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.				*** The Mummy Returns			
AT&T	Pirates (N)	MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (N)			Pirates (N)	Pirates (N)	Steel City	MLB Baseball				
BET	*** Tyler Perry's Diary of a Mad Black Woman				*** Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (09) Tyler Perry.				Tyler Perry's Madea's...			
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Real, Bill Maher (N)	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program	Real, Bill Maher						
DISC	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X
DISN	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	*** Big Hero 6 (14) Ryan Potter.	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	Big City		
ESPN	*** Football Teams TBA	College Football North Alabama vs. Southeast Missouri State (N)			UFC Fight Night (L) (N)							
ESPN2	*** Football Smart	ESPN Films			High School Football Teams TBA (L) (N)				SportsCenter (L) (N)			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FNC	Fox Report (L) (N)	Weekend (N)			Life, Liberty (N)	One Nation (N)	Saturday Night (N)	Gutfeld!				
FREE	*** Encanto (21) Stephanie Beatriz.				*** Cruella (2021, Comedy) Emma Thompson, Joel Fry, Emma Stone.				Dumbo			
HIST	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained
LIFE	*** Tempted by Love: A Terry McMillan Presenta...				Forever: A Terry McMillan Presentation (P)				Mary J. Blige's Real Love Ajiona Alexus.			
NEWSN	NewsNation Now (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime
NICK	*** Dora and the Lost City of Gold (19) Isabella Moner.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade				*** Raiders of the Lost Ark (81) Harrison Ford.				Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade			
TNT	*** Thor: Ragnarok (17) Chris Hemsworth.				All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N)				*** Creed II Michael B. Jordan.			
TVLAND	Mike	Mike	Mike	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
USA	*** The Fate of the Furious (17) Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.				The Anonymous				The Anonymous	Anonym.		
WE	NCIS "Deliance"	NCIS "Kill Screen"	NCIS "One Last Score"	NCIS					NCIS "Tell-All"	NCIS "Two-Faced"		
WTBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Anna Kendrick.					*** Back to the Future (85) Michael J. Fox.			
MOVIE CHANNELS												
HBO	*** To Be Announced				To Be Announced				Nikki Glaser			
MAX	*** Gemini	*** The Prince (14) Jason Patric.			*** First Reformed				*** Death Race (08) Jason Statham.			
SHOW	*** Casino Royale (06) Daniel Craig.				*** The Wolf of Wall Street (13) Jonah Hill, Leonardo DiCaprio.				Brooklyn's Finest			
TMC	*** We Were Soldiers (02) Mel Gibson.				*** Before the Devil Knows You're Dead				*** American History X (98) Edward Norton.			

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PREP SPORTS

WVSSAC eliminates section tournaments from postseason baseball

BY CODY NESPOR
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Following in the steps of basketball, the WVSSAC announced Friday that baseball will no longer hold section tournaments as a part of its postseason.

Set to take effect with the 2025 season, the WVSSAC Board of Directors approved the change that eliminates section tournaments in favor of double-elimination region brackets.

Each region will be seeded based on votes of the coaches and then divided into two double-

elimination brackets. The winner of each bracket will play one another in a best-of-three regional championship series.

All postseason games will be held at the higher-seeded team's field. In the best-of-three series, the higher-seeded team will host games one and three.

Previously, teams would play through a double-elimination section tournament with the winners of each section meeting in a best-of-three regional championship series.

With the new four-class alignment in place for the 2024-25

athletic calendar, Class AAAA Region I will include Morgantown, University, Preston, Buckhannon-Upshur, Wheeling Park and John Marshall. With six teams, the region tournament will be two, three-team brackets.

Class A Region I will be Trinity Christian, Clay-Battelle, Cameron, Madonna, Notre Dame, Wood County Christian, Valley Magnolia, Paden City, Hundred and Parkersburg Catholic. With 11 teams, the region tournament will have a six-team bracket and a five-team bracket.



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Morgantown's Dylan Travinski (13) makes the tag on Wheeling Park's Braydon Kupsky (6) during the section championship game last spring.

OFF TO THE RACES

The high school cross country season kicks off with Preston's Knight Night relays

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH
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KINGWOOD — Fall is around the corner and the 2024 high school cross country season will begin locally on Saturday night in Preston County with the annual Knight Night Relay Meet hosted by Preston High School.

The yearly gathering has become a one-of-a-kind meet, featuring events such as live music, fire-spinning and food trucks.

But with all the festivities comes some fierce competition, as over 40 middle and high school teams battle it out for the top spot as the sun dips below the horizon.

Locally, Preston, Morgantown and University High Schools will all be in attendance. Preston head coach Paul Martin said the event is a perfect way to kick off the competition season and continues to show how much it means to the school, the community and the sport of cross country.

"We are kind of calling it the freakshow of cross-country meets," Martin joked. "Because along with the great running, we have some fun things going on with a band and some fun fire dancers. We will have some local



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Runners compete in last year's Knight Night Relays night race at Preston High.

food trucks, and our other sports teams will be here doing some fundraising. This event has become significant for many people and groups and helps us financially do many things throughout the season."

Martin said he has high hopes for his teams this season, particularly the girls' side. The loss of Ella White, who now runs at WVU, will undoubtedly be felt,

but Martin says his team still brings much experience.

"Other than Ella, we bring everybody back," Martin said. "We have a freshman in Zoey Borgnan from Central Preston Middle School, who is strong at her age, and Tori Hovatter, who is also new to the roster. Those two have bolstered our lineup this season."

The University High Hawks

will also aim high this season regarding state title contention. UHS has become one of the regular contenders for the Class AAA state title nearly every season, and head coach Ed Frohnaphel said it's the work his runners put in year in and year out that allows them to find consistency.

"Numbers-wise, we aren't the

SEE RELAYS, B-2

COLLEGE SPORTS

WVU drops contest at Clemson

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The West Virginia University women's soccer team suffered its first loss of the season with a 3-0 falter to Clemson at Riggs Field in Clemson, S.C., on Friday night.

The Mountaineers (2-1) fell behind early when the Tigers found the back of the net in the 13th minute and never looked back. Clemson added two more scores in the first half — in the 21st and 32nd minutes — to essentially seal the game from there. Despite holding the Tigers to just four shots in the second half, West Virginia was unable to create a chance to dig into the deficit and ultimately fell, 3-0.

In the final box score, Clemson led 12-7 in shots and 5-2 in shots on goal, while the Mountaineers bested the Tigers in corner kicks, 4-3. Dilary Heredia-Beltran paced the WVU offensive efforts with three shots, while Lilly McCarthy also added two shots with one on goal.

Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Bailey Herfurth relieved starting keeper Mackenzie Smith in the second half and was vital in keeping the Tigers off the board in the second frame. She added one save while intercepting several dangerous crosses from the Clemson offense.

With the win, Clemson levels the all-time series at 2-2. The win marked the Tigers' first over the Mountaineers on home turf.

Up next, West Virginia remains on the road for a top-10 test when it travels to No. 3 Penn State on Thursday, Aug. 29. Kick-off at Jeffrey Field in University Park, Pa., is tabbed for 7:30 p.m.

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MLB

Pirates take advantage of overextended Cincinnati bullpen to rally for a 6-5 win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Bryan De La Cruz drove in a pair of runs and the Pittsburgh Pirates rallied past the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 on Friday night.

The Pirates had dropped nine straight one-run games since the July 30 trade deadline before coming back from five down to beat the skidding Reds for the sixth time in eight meetings so far this season.

"Very excited about it, we've lost too many of them," Pittsburgh manager Derek Shelton said after his team improved to

20-26 in one-run contests. "But it was good. They continued to battle."

Joey Bart and Rowdy Tellez had two hits each for Pittsburgh, which is 5-3 since a 10-game slide dropped it to last place in the NL Central and effectively ended its playoff chances.

De La Cruz, acquired from Miami to help spark an offense that has struggled most of the year, is finding his footing with the Pirates. The right fielder is batting .351 (13 for 37) with eight RBIs in his last 10 games.

"At the beginning there was a

little struggle," De La Cruz said through a translator. "I wasn't hitting like I wanted to, but now I'm in a good spot."

Dennis Santana (3-1) worked two scoreless innings in relief. David Bednar earned his 23rd save when left fielder Billy McKinney made a sliding grab on a liner by Elly De La Cruz with two on and two out in the ninth.

Tyler Stephenson hit his 17th home run of the season for Cincinnati. Santiago Espinal had three hits for the Reds but was also thrown out at second base in the seventh while trying

to advance on a fly ball to center field, one of a handful of miscues by Cincinnati.

Cincinnati's battered starting rotation took another hit Friday when the club placed Andrew Abbott on the 15-day injured list with a strained left shoulder. Reliever Buck Farmer got the start in Abbott's place and Farmer, Sam Moll and Tony Santillan held the Pirates without a hit for four innings.

Alan Busenitz, called up to take Abbott's roster spot, wasn't so fortunate. He gave up a leadoff

SEE PIRATES, B-2

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER
 Keyser at Preston, 11 a.m.
 Woodrow Wilson at Morgantown, noon
 Musselman at University, 10 a.m.
GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER
 Keyser at Preston, 1 p.m.
 Brooke at University, 2 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
 University at Country Roads Classic at Oak Glen
 Morgantown at Knoxville Catholic (Tn.)
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
 Knight Night Relays at Preston, 8:30 p.m.
 Clay-Battelle at St. Marys
MLB DRAFT LEAGUE
 Frederick keys at West Virginia, 7:00 p.m

ON TV

AUTO RACING
5:25 a.m.: ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort, Netherlands
8:55 a.m.: ESPN2 — Formula 1: Qualifying, Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort, Netherlands
7 p.m.: NBC — NASCAR Cup Series: The Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Noon: ESPN — Florida St. vs. Georgia Tech, Dublin
3:30 p.m.: ESPN2 — McNeese St. at Tarleton St.
4 p.m.: FS1 — Montana St. at New Mexico
7 p.m.: ESPN — N. Alabama at SE Missouri
7:30 p.m.: ABC — Florida A&M vs. Norfolk St., Atlanta
8 p.m.: CBSN — SMU at Nevada

FISHING
8 a.m.: FS1 — Bassmaster Opens: The 2024 St. Croix Bassmaster Open at Leech Lake presented by SEVIN, Walker, Minn.
GOLF
6:30 a.m.: GOLF — DP World Tour: The Danish Golf Championship, Third Round, Lübker Golf Course, Nimtofte, Denmark
7 a.m.: USA — LPGA Tour: The AIG Women's Open, Third Round, The Old Course of St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland
Noon: NBC — LPGA Tour: The AIG Women's Open, Third Round, The Old Course of St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland
1 p.m.: GOLF — PGA Tour: The BMW Championship, Third Round, Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock, Colo.
3 p.m.: GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Ally Challenge, Second Round, Warwick Hills G&CC, Grand Blanc Township, Mich.
 NBC — PGA Tour: The BMW Championship, Third Round, Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock, Colo.
6 p.m.: GOLF — Korn Ferry Tour: The Albertsons Boise Open, Third Round, Hillcrest Country Club Inc, Boise, Idaho
6 a.m. (Sunday): GOLF — DP World Tour: The Danish Golf Championship, Final Round, Lübker Golf Course, Nimtofte, Denmark

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
12:30 p.m.: ABC — Little League Baseball World Series: Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei vs. Barquisimeto, Venezuela, International Championship, Williamsport, Pa.
3:30 p.m.: ABC — Little League Baseball World Series: Boerne, Texas vs. Lake Mary, Fla., U.S. Championship, Williamsport, Pa.
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
10 p.m.: ESPN — UFC Fight Night Main Card: Jared Cannonier vs. Caio Borralho (Middleweights), Las Vegas

MLB
2 p.m.: MLB — Regional Coverage: Colorado at N.Y. Yankees OR L.A. Angels at Toronto (3:05 p.m.)
7 p.m.: MLB — Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at Kansas City OR St. Louis at Minnesota

NFL
1 p.m.: NFLN — Preseason: Pittsburgh at Detroit
4 p.m.: NFLN — Preseason: L.A. Chargers at Dallas
7:30 p.m.: NFLN — Preseason: N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets
10 p.m.: NFLN — Preseason: Cleveland at Seattle

RUGBY (MEN'S)
3:25 a.m.: FS1 — NRL: Dolphins at Melbourne

SOCCER (MEN'S)
7:25 a.m.: CBSN — EFL Championship: Plymouth Argyle at Queens Park
9:55 a.m.: CBSN — EFL Championship: Burnley at Sunderland
12:30 p.m.: CBS — Serie A: AC Milan at Parma
 USA — Premier League: Arsenal at Aston Villa
1:25 p.m.: FS2 — Saudi Pro League: Al-Hilal at Al-Okhlood
4:50 p.m.: FS2 — CPL: Pacific FC at Cavalry FC
6:30 p.m.: FOX — MLS: Seattle at Minnesota

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
2:30 p.m.: CBS — NWSL: Portland at NJ/NY
4:30 p.m.: CBS — NWSL: Angel City at San Diego
7:30 p.m.: ION — Chicago at Louisville

TENNIS
2:30 p.m.: TENNIS — Cleveland-WTA Final
5 p.m.: TENNIS — Winston-Salem-WTA Final
10 p.m.: TENNIS — Monterrey-ATP Final

WNBA
8 p.m.: NBATV — Indiana at Minnesota

PRO BASEBALL

National League					American League				
EAST DIVISION					EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	74	53	.583	—	New York	76	53	.589	—
Atlanta	69	59	.539	5 1/2	Baltimore	75	55	.577	1 1/2
New York	67	61	.523	7 1/2	Boston	67	60	.528	8
Washington	58	71	.450	17	Tampa Bay	64	63	.504	11
Miami	46	82	.359	28 1/2	Toronto	61	68	.473	15
CENTRAL DIVISION					CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	73	54	.575	—	Cleveland	73	55	.570	—
Chicago	64	65	.496	10	Kansas City	71	56	.559	1 1/2
St. Louis	63	64	.496	10	Minnesota	71	56	.559	1 1/2
Cincinnati	62	67	.481	12	Detroit	62	66	.484	11
Pittsburgh	61	67	.477	12 1/2	Chicago	31	97	.242	42
WEST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	76	52	.594	—	Houston	69	59	.539	—
Arizona	73	56	.566	3 1/2	Seattle	64	64	.500	5
San Diego	72	57	.558	4 1/2	Texas	60	69	.465	9 1/2
San Francisco	65	64	.504	11 1/2	Oakland	55	73	.430	14
Colorado	47	82	.364	29 1/2	Los Angeles	54	75	.419	15 1/2

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Washington 8, Colorado 3
 Chicago Cubs 10, Detroit 2
 St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 0
 Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 0
 Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 2
 N.Y. Mets 8, San Diego 3

Friday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Colorado 0
 Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5
 Arizona 12, Boston 2
 Chicago Cubs 6, Miami 3
 Atlanta 3, Washington 2, 10 innings
 Philadelphia at Kansas City, night
 St. Louis at Minnesota, night
 Milwaukee at Oakland, night
 N.Y. Mets at San Diego, night
 San Francisco at Seattle, night
 Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, night

Today's Games
 Colorado (Black 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Rea 11-4) at Oakland (Boyle 3-5), 4:07 p.m.
 Arizona (Gallen 9-6) at Boston (Crawford 8-10), 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Imanaga 9-3) at Miami (Bellozo 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Snell 2-3) at Seattle (Kirby 9-9), 4:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (TBD) at Pittsburgh (Woodford 0-5), 6:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia (TBD) at Kansas City (Singer 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Gray 11-8) at Minnesota (Lopez 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Irvin 9-10) at Atlanta (Morton 7-7), 7:20 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Peterson 7-1) at San Diego (King 11-6), 8:40 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Bradley 6-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-2), 9:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 0
 Chicago Cubs 10, Detroit 2
 Oakland 3, Tampa Bay 1
 Toronto 5, L.A. Angels 3
 Houston 6, Baltimore 0

Friday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Colorado 0
 Toronto 5, L.A. Angels 4
 Arizona 12, Boston 2
 Baltimore 7, Houston 5
 Texas 5, Cleveland 3
 Detroit at Chicago White Sox, night
 Philadelphia at Kansas City, night
 St. Louis at Minnesota, night
 Milwaukee at Oakland, night
 San Francisco at Seattle, night
 Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, night

Today's Games
 Colorado (Blalock 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Fulmer 0-4) at Toronto (Francis 6-3), 3:07 p.m.
 Houston (Valdez 13-5) at Baltimore (Suarez 6-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Rea 11-4) at Oakland (Boyle 3-5), 4:07 p.m.
 Arizona (Gallen 9-6) at Boston (Crawford 8-10), 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Snell 2-3) at Seattle (Kirby 9-9), 4:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Skubal 14-4) at Chicago White Sox (Bush 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (TBD) at Kansas City (Singer 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Gray 11-8) at Minnesota (Lopez 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Texas (Gray 5-4) at Cleveland (Lively 10-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Bradley 6-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-2), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Washington at Atlanta, 12:05 p.m.
 Arizona at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Miami, 1:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.

YOUTH SPORTS

Little League World Series championship weekend features Texas-Florida rematch and Venezuela-Taiwan

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — After Teraj Alexander guided his Florida team to a berth in the Little League World Series semifinals, he was asked about a rematch on Saturday with Texas, the only team to defeat the Southeast region representative.

“Time for revenge,” Teraj said.

Maybe — but it won't be easy. Texas is unbeaten and has looked good getting there.

In the international semifinal, to be played earlier Saturday, Taiwan will face Venezuela. Taiwan has scored 32 runs in four games, all wins.

Teraj made his first tournament appearance on the mound in Thursday's elimination game against Nevada, notching five strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings and earning credit for Florida's 6-3 win.

Manager Jonathan Anderson previously hinted at Teraj's two-way ability; Teraj leads the team in tournament batting average at .400 and has struck out only once.

“Teraj filled up the zone,” Anderson said. “He's got that funky delivery — I think it's something different.”

Teraj was one of three Florida pitchers to play Thursday, when Lanthan Norton started the game



AP photo

Boerne, Texas' Cooper Hastings (17) celebrates with teammates after getting the final out of a baseball game against Henderson, Nev., at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., Wednesday.

and J.J. Feliciano relieved Teraj. Overall, seven pitchers have taken the mound for Florida in the LLWS. They've combined for a 1.88 ERA.

Since Monday, Florida has played in four straight games, winning them all.

Now, the focus shifts back to Texas. In that loss, Florida, which is based out of Lake Mary, a city in the Orlando metropolitan area, couldn't get its bats alive as Texas pitcher Julian Hurst punched out 10 batters and threw a complete game.

“We're ready to get Julian again and see what we can do,” Anderson said.

After Texas' win over Florida, 71.79% of Julian's pitches were strikes — a

mark he announced as his all-time high.

“I just keep focusing on strikes,” Julian said.

In total, Julian has pitched 10 innings and accumulated 20 strikeouts. He didn't pitch in Wednesday's contest but still scored two of his club's five runs in a 5-2 victory over Nevada.

Texas, the Southwest region representative hailing from Boerne, near San Antonio, goes into Saturday well-rested as the bunch went 3-0 and hasn't played any back-to-back games. It's also a deep team, with a team batting average of .324.

On the international side of the bracket, Taiwan represents the Asia-Pacific

region and has had little trouble with the competition. A championship would be particularly meaningful for Taiwan: The same club finished third last season in the tournament, though all the players are new, while the nation hasn't had an LLWS championship since 1996 after dominating for three decades.

In its first three games, Taiwan scored eight, 11, and 10 runs. Also, there's this — the team has notched two shutouts, boasting two pitchers with double-digit strikeouts through the tournament.

Lai Cheng-Xi is the leader, with 19 strikeouts, while Ciou Shi-Kai has 10.

Venezuela powered its way back for vengeance on Japan after losing its second game of the tournament to the Japanese team, 2-1.

The Taoyuan City-based Taiwan squad will be forced to contain Willian's Mora, who has four doubles and five runs on a .600 batting average.

The Barquisimeto, Venezuela, bunch also can make all the pitching moves it wants, having five pitchers with at least three innings pitched in the LLWS.

The semifinal winners play Sunday afternoon for the tournament championship.

TENNIS

Raducanu is back at the U.S. Open and the 2021 champion doesn't question whether she's ready

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Emma Raducanu finished up practice at the U.S. Open on Friday by hitting with a young girl she asked fans on social media to help her find after they couldn't connect a day earlier.

Raducanu is back at the tournament she surprisingly won three years ago, and she shrugs off questions about whether she's played enough matches to be ready for it.

Her 2021 U.S. Open title is still Raducanu's only one on the WTA Tour, and she didn't even play in Flushing Meadows last

year because of injuries. The 21-year-old from England has played fewer than 30 matches this year and passed up chances to be more active, but doesn't second-guess her preparation for the final Grand Slam of the season.

“Even when I won the U.S. Open, I only played a few tournaments that year,” Raducanu said. “Yes, they were closer together, but I'm not in any big rush to play those. I think I'd rather target tournaments and play the tournaments that I'm entered in.”

After losing in the fourth round of Wimbledon in July in her home Grand

Slam, Raducanu chose not to play in the Olympics and made just one appearance on the North American hard-court swing, losing in the third round in Washington.

She decided not to play in Canada — where she was born and holds a passport — and then opted to return to Britain to practice, rather than attempt to play any more tournaments ahead of her return to New York, where she will face 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin in the first round.

While some players crave match time, Raducanu said that just

isn't her.

“I don't think I'll ever be the player who's playing, like, close to 30 events a year,” she said. “I think that's not my style. It never has been.”

She couldn't play too many in 2023, missing the second half of the year after undergoing surgery on both wrists and an ankle. So her only appearance at the U.S. Open after becoming the first player to come through qualifying to win a Grand Slam tournament in 2021 was a first-round loss to Alize Cornet the following year.

PIRATES

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single to Bart leading off the fifth and the floodgates opened. Bart scored on a double by De La Cruz as part of a surge that eventually pulled the Pirates within 5-4.

Pittsburgh took the lead in the sixth when Oneil Cruz led off with a double and scored on an RBI single by Bart. Tellez followed with a hit-and-run single that moved Bart to third and Bart jogged home on De La Cruz's sacrifice fly off Justin Wilson (1-3).

Holding leads in tight games has been difficult of late for Pittsburgh, but Santana breezed through two frames and Chapman escaped a two-on, two-out jam in the eighth by striking out Stuart Fairchild. Bednar, who had given up at least one run in seven of his previous nine appearances, surrendered a lead-off double to Will Benson



AP photo

Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Bryan De La Cruz celebrates after driving in a run against the Cincinnati Reds in the fifth inning of a baseball game, Friday, in Pittsburgh.

and walked Jonathan India with two outs before McKinney's slick grab let Pittsburgh exhale.

“He stayed in aggressive mode,” Shelton said of Bednar. “I think in the past we'd seen him when guys got on base, maybe (he'd) be a little tentative. Today was kind of

like the David Bednar we're used to where he just stayed right after and it highlights that he went right after Elly.”

Pirates starter Bailey Falter gave up five runs in five innings, including four in a sloppy fourth. Shelton stuck with Falter for the

fifth. The left-hander responded by throwing a scoreless frame that keeping the Pirates within striking distance before the offense erupted against a Cincinnati bullpen that's been stretched thin.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Reds: RHP Hunter Greene (right elbow soreness) is expected to rejoin the team this weekend after having his elbow examined in Los Angeles. ... Cincinnati also transferred C Austin Wynns (right shoulder) to the 60-day injured list.

UP NEXT

Jake Woodford (0-5, 6.67 ERA) will start for Pittsburgh today. The Reds have yet to announce a starter. Before the game, the Pirates will induct manager Jim Leyland, outfielder Barry Bonds and catcher Manny Sanguillén into the club's Hall of Fame.

RELAYS

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biggest team, but the runners we do have put in hard work,” he said. “Our upperclassmen encourage the new runners to do the necessary work and trust the process. The true strength of our team has become the continuity of the work ethic needed to be successful at

cross country.”

The Hawks return five all-state finishers from last season, two boys — Tyler Umbright and Ethan Conroy — and three girls — Abby Rogers, Adelyn Tager, Claire von Boetticher.

Maraid Johnson, Sophie Renner, and Allison Hawkins will lead the line for the Morgantown girls' side, while Finlay Lorimer and Andrew Carlton each

return after a top-25 finish at the state meet last season.

“This is a very young team, and we are excited to see how it develops over the year. The long-term approach to development allows our program to continue to compete at the highest level,” MHS head coach Mike Ryan said. “Knight Night Relays is such a great event. Paul Martin and Preston High

do a great job making it fun for the kids, and it's a great way for us to kick off the season.”

The annual Knight Night Relays will kick off this evening in Kingwood. The races begin at 8:30 p.m.

Two other local schools, Trinity Christian and Clay-Battelle, will also begin their 2024 season, each at St. Mary's.

AUTO RACING

Frustrated amid a winless season, two-time NASCAR champ Kyle Busch says he 'could legit win Daytona'

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kyle Busch is masking his disappointment. He's hiding his frustration and walking through the NASCAR garage trying not to let anyone see how challenging this season has been for the two-time Cup Series champion.

"I'm a great actor; apparently," he quipped.

Busch is winless in 45 races, his last victory coming at Gateway Park outside St. Louis on June 4, 2023. The growing skid has him in a precarious position heading into tonight's race at Daytona International Speedway.

Busch needs to win one of the two regular-season races remaining — Daytona and Darlington — to secure a spot in the playoff field for the 12th consecutive year. He last missed the postseason in 2012.

"We could legit win Daytona," Busch confidently said Thursday during a Zoom call, pointing to a 12th-place finish at the famed speedway in February, strong runs at similar tracks in Atlanta and Talladega and even a fourth-place showing last week at Michigan.

Maybe he's putting a spin on the situation. After all, Busch has one win in 38 starts at the birthplace of NASCAR. Either way, the 39-year-old Busch didn't try to conceal his discontent with how his season has unfolded.

"It's tough because, when you have done as well as you've done and the success and the accolades and everything that you've had and you get run over, beat down, all that sort of stuff, it's hard to get yourself back up again and to go back out there," Busch said. "But I've been down before, although probably never as long or as low as this has been."

Busch ranks 18th in the playoff standings, 93 points behind Bubba Wallace and 94 behind Ross Chastain, who has a tenuous grip on the final postseason spot.

Twelve drivers are locked into the 16-man playoff field thanks to wins: Kyle Larson, Denny Hamlin, Christopher Bell, Tyler Reddick, William Byron, Ryan Blaney, Chase Elliott, Brad Keselowski, Austin Cindric, Joey Logano, Daniel Suarez and Alex Bowman.

Five other winless drivers are vying for the



AP file photo

Kyle Busch is introduced before a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway, Sunday, Aug. 18, in Brooklyn, Mich.

four remaining spots: Martin Truex Jr., Ty Gibbs, Chris Buescher, Chastain and Wallace.

"Daytona and Darlington are two good tracks for us," Wallace said. "Just got to keep the flow going."

Everyone else is in desperation mode. Always-chaotic Daytona has provided plenty of surprise winners in recent years — Buescher and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. in 2023, Austin Dillon and Austin Cindric in 2022, Michael McDowell in 2021, Justin Haley in 2019

and Erik Jones in 2018.

"Seems like we all lose our mind at the end of races (at Daytona) and just hold the throttle down until we get to the front," Stenhouse said.

Added Byron: "There's a lot of luck involved, as we all know."

So no one should be ruled out tonight — including Busch, whose lone victory at Daytona came in 2008.

"Fact of the matter is the better you run, the more consistent you run, it gives

you that confidence going into each weekend that you can do it again," he said.

The other streak

Busch has more on the line than his playoff streak. He also holds the NASCAR record for the most consecutive years with a victory, a run that started in 2005.

He broke Hall of Famer Richard Petty's mark of 18 in a row, which he set between 1960 and 1977. Because drivers eliminated from the playoffs still compete in the 10 postseason races, Busch has time to extend that record.

"You try to keep it going as long as you can," Busch said. "You want to set that year mark as high as you possibly can, just to try to not let anybody ever get there again. Look at how many years it stood for Richard Petty before I was able to get it."

Car modifications

NASCAR is mandating the use a right-side, rear-window air deflector at Daytona, a direct result of Corey LaJoie's strange flip at Michigan International Speedway on Monday.

LaJoie's No. 7 Chevrolet turned sideways, got air-

borne without making contact with another car and then landed on its roof and slid hundreds of feet before rolling once it touched the infield grass. He was uninjured.

"If they want to call it the 'LaJoie fin,' I'll take an innovation for the car," LaJoie said. "I hear it makes the liftoff speed go up 40 mph, so I'm sure it changes how the car's going to drive and how side-drafting affects it."

Earlier starts?

Busch suggested NASCAR needs to start summer races earlier, specifically at tracks without lights like Michigan International Speedway, to build in more time for rain delays.

"When you're in the middle of summer and you're at these places with no lights, you got to start earlier and try to get what you can get in for the fans that are there," Busch said. "(They) give up their time and their money and their weekends to make it there, to make your show look better on TV with butts in the seats."

"You owe it to those people."

GOLF

Adam Scott builds a 3-shot lead in hopes of getting to FedEx Cup finale

Associated Press

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Adam Scott kept making birdies and changing his outlook on the season until he finished with his lowest score of the year, a 9-under 63 on Friday in the BMW Championship that gave him a three-shot lead going into the weekend.

Ryder Cup captain Keegan Bradley did his best to stay in range until making his first bogey of the week on the 18th hole at Castle Pines. He still had a 68 and was in good position.

The 44-year-old Scott, who first played Castle Pines as a 20-year-old on a sponsor exemption for his first regular PGA Tour event, had a certain freedom he hasn't felt all year. He is top 50 in the FedEx Cup, meaning he can play all the \$20 million signature event next year instead of having to rely on sponsor exemptions. That was a big relief.

Having the 36-hole lead is a bargain. A top finish would get him back to East Lake for the Tour Championship and assure him playing all the majors next year.

"Leaving the range, I just kind of wanted to keep moving in the right direction, grind out and shoot under par and keep going that way," he said. "Then by the middle of the round, I was thinking of how many birdies I can make. It's funny how that happens."

"I feel like I really don't have anything to lose this week," he said. "I can't go out of the top 50. I'm going to have a good schedule in the signature events next year. Of course, I'd love to make it to East Lake. But now I'd love to win this event."

But they are only at the halfway point, and so much can happen.

Rory McIlroy — 10 shots back after a 71 — was so



AP photo

Adam Scott tees off on the third hole during the second round of the BMW Championship golf event at Castle Pines Golf Club, Friday, in Castle Rock, Colo.

frustrated he tossed his 3-wood after a poor drive on the 17th and watched it bounce into the water. Denny McCarthy was doing what he needed to get into the top 30 who advance to East Lake until a double bogey on two of the last five holes.

Strangest of all Friday was a leaderboard that ran 20 deep and still didn't include the names Scottie Scheffler or Xander Schauffele.

Scheffler opened with a pair of birdies and his round started to go sideways with a double bogey when he went from the rough into the water to the drop zone to over the green. He shot a 72 and was 12 behind.

Schauffele also opened with two birdies and was 3 under for his round until making four bogeys over his last six holes for a 73. He was 11 shots behind.

"I wasn't hitting it great and was kind of faking it around the property a little

bit and it caught up to me," Schauffele said. "Scottie and I were just kind of blah."

Scheffler said his back felt normal, as he expected, different from the opening round when he said he had to work hard to turn through shots. As for the golf?

"We started really well, and then I was the first one to go bad and Xander came along," he said.

Both were virtually assured of staying the top two seeds going into East Lake.

Scott was at 13-under 131 with a cushion.

Ludvig Aberg also had a 63 and was four shots behind. Scott played early, before the wind began to increase, and posted his score early. It was a fairly daunting target to Aberg, who already was 11 shots behind when he teed off.

"It was funny walking down one of the first couple of holes. We talked about it yesterday, too, that we could

see a low one," Aberg said. "We were just fortunate that it was us today."

Alex Norman had another 68 and was five behind, still plenty of work to catch Scott but in position to advance into the top 30 and reach East Lake for the first time in his career.

Players at the bottom with little chance of winning now have other concerns as it relates to the top 30. Justin Thomas opened 76-72 and was projected at No. 31 going into the weekend. Jason Day was trying to recover from his opening 78. He shot 69 was still projected outside the top 30.

Scott is looking more ahead, riding good iron play and exceptional putting. Only three of his nine birdies were inside the 10-foot range, and he was only in trouble once on the par-3 fourth. He hit a great flop shot to 6 feet and saved par.

Scott was playing so well he was tempted to take on the pin at the 18th for a 62.

NFL

Bill Belichick's possible induction to the Hall of Fame could be accelerated by new rules

Associated Press

Bill Belichick could be eligible to be selected for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2026 instead of 2029 following significant changes made to the selection process.

The Hall of Fame announced the new rules that were approved by the Board of Directors on Friday. They go into effect immediately, including reducing the waiting period for coaches to be considered from five years out of the game to one year.

That would make six-time Super Bowl-winning head coach Belichick eligible to be selected for the 2026 class after he parted ways with the New England Patriots after last season.

The new rules also could speed up the process for another Super Bowl-winning coach, Seattle's Pete Carroll, who also was replaced after the 2023 season. Belichick and Carroll would have to wait again if they get hired by another team in the offseason.

The Hall of Fame also made several other changes, including splitting the coach and contributor categories, adding new screening committees to review the full list of nominees for players from the modern

era and seniors category and requiring between one and three people picked each year out of the five nominees for seniors, coaches and contributors.

The process for picking the class of 2025 will begin soon when new 11-person screening committees made up of Hall of Famers, former front office executives, football historians and media members will reduce the list of nominees to 50 candidates for the modern era and seniors category. None of the 22 people on those committees will be on the selection committee that votes in early 2025 on who gets into the Hall.

The full selection committee will reduce the list of modern era candidates to 25 semifinalists in November and 15 finalists in December before the final vote.

Among the top first-time candidates eligible this year are Eli Manning, Luke Kuechly, Marshall Yanda, Marshawn Lynch and Terrell Suggs.

A seniors blue-ribbon committee consisting of seven people who are on the full selection committee and two others who could be Hall of Famers, historians or anyone with expansive football knowledge will reduce that list and ultimately pick three finalists.

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PRO FOOTBALL

At least 9 playoff teams from the 2023 NFL season enter this year with new play-callers

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Kyle Shanahan's decision to bring in an outsider to run the San Francisco 49ers defense backfired last season when the previously dominant unit took a step back in 2023 under Steve Wilks.

The Niners still ended up making it to the Super Bowl but lost to Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs when San Francisco gave up four straight scoring drives to finish a 25-22 overtime loss.

That led to an immediate change with Shanahan firing Wilks after just one season and promoting Nick Sorensen, who had spent the previous two seasons as an assistant in San Francisco and knows the style of defense that fits the Niners roster.

"It helps that he knows the system and has been around it," All-Pro linebacker Fred Warner said. "We just have to get better at the fundamentals and technique of what we do as well as implementing some tweaks in there as well, because we have been running the same thing for a long time. Teams know what we're running. We're not afraid of that. But there do have to be some tweaks in there to make sure that we are switching things up a little bit, and I think Nick is going to do an amazing job."

The 49ers are one of at least nine teams that made the playoffs last season and will have a new play-caller on offense, defense or both in 2024.

The Eagles switched both coordinators for a sec-

ond straight season but this time because of poor performance and not because they were getting head coaching jobs. Vic Fangio will take over the defense and Kellen Moore is set to call the offense after spending the previous five seasons as a coordinator for the Cowboys and Chargers.

The other new play-callers for teams that made the postseason in 2023 are offensive coordinators Liam Coen in Tampa Bay and Arthur Smith in Pittsburgh; and defensive coordinators Jeff Hafley in Green Bay, Mike Zimmer in Dallas, Zach Orr in Baltimore, Anthony Weaver in Miami, and Chris Shula for the Los Angeles Rams.

Buffalo has a new defensive coordinator after promoting Bobby Babich from linebackers coach but head coach Sean McDermott hasn't said whether he will cede calling the defense to Babich.

Cleveland also has a new offensive coordinator with Ken Dorsey replacing Alex Van Pelt but head coach Kevin Stefanski is expected to remain play-caller.

Here's a closer look at the some of the new play-callers for playoff teams who might have the biggest impacts on the 2024 season:

DC NICK SORENSEN, San Francisco 49ers

Sorensen is a former NFL safety who has been well-schooled in this scheme after having started his coaching career on Pete Carroll's staff in Seattle. Sorensen spent the past two seasons in San Francisco, where he

specialized in pass coverage and slot defenders, and also ran the team's weekly "Ball" meetings that stress creating takeaways and limiting turnovers.

While he has never called plays at any level, Sorensen has earned the trust of stars like Warner and Nick Bosa, and can get some help from new defensive assistant Brandon Staley, who oversaw the top defense in the NFL for the Rams in 2020 in his only year as a coordinator.

OC KELLEN MOORE, Philadelphia Eagles

The Eagles offense got stale last season after Shane Steichen left to become head coach in Indianapolis and Brian Johnson took over with heavy influence from head coach Nick Sirianni.

Moore should get more free rein after having run offenses that finished in the top 10 in several metrics in his three seasons with a healthy Dak Prescott at QB.

The Eagles ran the least pre-snap motion in the NFL last season and were near the bottom in play-action rate. Both of those should increase considerably under Moore, which could make life easier on quarterback Jalen Hurts.

DC JEFF HAFLEY, Green Bay Packers

Hafley is bringing in big changes for a defense that hadn't performed up to its talent level the past three seasons under Joe Barry. The former head coach at Boston College is switching to a four-man front in hopes of fortifying a run defense that got gashed far too often in recent years.

He inherits a roster that has seven former first-round picks, including edge rusher Rashan Gary, and that added talented safety Xavier McKinney in free agency from the New York Giants.

DC MIKE ZIMMER, Dallas Cowboys

The Cowboys had a top 10 scoring defense the past three seasons with Dan Quinn calling plays, leading to him getting a new job as head coach in Washington.

But Dallas got exposed in a wild-card loss to Green Bay when the Packers scored six TDs on the first seven drives.

Zimmer has a long history of running strong defenses as a coordinator in Dallas nearly two decades ago, in Cincinnati and then as a head coach in Minnesota. He inherits a skilled unit led by Micah Parsons and aggressive cornerbacks DaRon Bland and Trevon Diggs.

OC ARTHUR SMITH, Pittsburgh Steelers

Smith struggled as a head coach in Atlanta but following a successful run as coordinator in Tennessee, where he helped revive Ryan Tannehill's career.

Smith will try to do something similar in Pittsburgh with either Russell Wilson or Justin Fields. He also should bring more pre-snap motion and play-action passing than the Steelers employed under Matt Canada. That should take pressure off whoever wins the quarterback battle.

NASCAR

Denny Hamlin feeling 'negative' about Toyota's 'colossal mistake' that could impact his season



AP file photo

Denny Hamlin climbs out of his car during qualifications for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Saturday, July 20, 2024, in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Denny Hamlin couldn't help but think negatively.

A day after being dealt the toughest — and oddest — penalty of his 20-year NASCAR career, Hamlin was still trying to cope with what it might do to his season and his chances of finally winning a Cup Series championship.

"It's hard to not feel and be negative in the moment," Hamlin said at Daytona International Speedway on Friday. "And I am in the moment. I feel negative about it, not about the decision or anything like that, just about our season and potentially what it could or couldn't do."

NASCAR docked Hamlin 75 points and 10 playoff points Thursday, eliminating any shot he had at winning the regular-season

title and making his path toward a championship more difficult.

The hefty penalty was handed down because Hamlin's race-winning engine from Bristol Motor Speedway in March was rebuilt by manufacturer Toyota before NASCAR could tear it down and inspect it. The sanctioning body also fined Hamlin's crew chief at Joe Gibbs Racing, Chris Gabehart, \$100,000.

Toyota Racing Development self-reported what Hamlin called a "colossal mistake."

NASCAR issued the same penalty it would to any team that alters an engine before being inspected. Even Hamlin's competitors acknowledged that there was no intent to cheat, NASCAR avoided dealing in any gray area.

"I'm certainly more in favor of just run the rules as they are," Hamlin said. "This put a lot of people in some really hard positions for sure, but NASCAR did what was right and that was go by the rule book."

Hendrick Motorsports driver Kyle Larson said outsiders who think he would welcome the added advantage that comes with Hamlin's punishment would be wrong.

"I was bummed to see that," said Larson, who drives for Chevrolet. "It's a huge penalty and one that can, for sure, affect your season in a negative manner. That goes a long way. You want everybody to have a fair shot."

"At least from what I understand, it wasn't like they were cheating. It was a mistake. But a mistake is a mistake, and you have to pay for it. It's just a bummer for their team and for competition."

Added Martin Truex Jr., who is teammates with Hamlin at JGR: "I don't know what's right. It doesn't feel right, but somebody's going to take the fall."

Hamlin, who was third in the Cup standings and 28 points behind leader Tyler Reddick, dropped to sixth and out of contention for the regular-season title with two races remaining. His playoff points fell from 21 to 11, leaving him less room for error in the opening three races of the post-season.

"It's still up to us to go out there and win races and perform. If we have the results that equal the same as our performance, we'll still make it and everything will be fine. It's just the sample size is about to get real small, and it just takes away all that room for error in a time where our sport can be random."

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Sister devastated by broken engagement

DEAR HARRIETTE: My sister's fiance recently broke off their engagement. They had been together for five years, and their relationship seemed solid. They had been planning their wedding for the past year. However, out of the blue, her fiance told her that he couldn't go through with it. He said he didn't want to feel tied down to someone for the rest of his life.

My sister feels betrayed, rejected and deeply hurt. She is also facing the embarrassment and logistical nightmare of calling off a wedding. She has had to inform friends and family, cancel vendors and try to recover deposits where possible, all while managing her grief. How can I help my sister through this difficult time? — Jilted Sister

DEAR JILTED SISTER: Be present for your sister without asking too many questions. Offer to help tie up some of the logistical details. Help her develop a statement to tell others if she needs that. Be a good listener without passing judgment. Be her safe space during this tender period.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My brother and I, along with our families, live in separate cities. Despite the distance, we maintain a close relationship and try to stay in touch regularly through phone calls and texts. We also make an effort to visit each other a few times a year. Recently, my daughters and I went to our local zoo for a fun day out. To our surprise, we unexpectedly ran into my brother, his wife and their children. I had no idea that they were visiting. It felt like a deliberate exclusion. How should I address this situation with my brother? Is it unreasonable for me to feel hurt, or am I overreacting? — Snubbed

DEAR SNUBBED: It is perfectly understandable that you would have expected your brother to let you know that he was coming to town. Follow up with him and ask him directly why he didn't reach out to you. While he has every right to do whatever he pleases, you don't understand why he would not have contacted you. Tell him you want to understand, as seeing them hurt your feelings deeply.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024

Harness your power and make it work for you. Take control, learn to say no and find the path that brings peace of mind, love and laughter. Make hard choices, act accordingly and bask in your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Move forward with your eyes open. Test your dreams and don't fear change. Control the outcome instead of letting it control you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Exploring new possibilities will help you stop daydreaming. Patience will be necessary when learning something new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Move forward with new ideas and the desire to make a difference. Your input will resonate with more people than you expect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Confusion will occur if you are too open. The less interference you encounter, the easier it will be to stay on track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Assess how you can improve your life. Making home improvements, socializing and finding new interests are favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — How you spend your time will give you a



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unique perspective regarding what's possible. Find people who care about what matters most to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't let emotional spending take control. It's time to look at who's on your team and who isn't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Implement a source of new income. Spend less and strike a balance between work and play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Follow through with your plans. Someone will try to sabotage your efforts if you are too accommodating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Refrain from relying on others to do the work for you. Think big and work diligently to make your dream a reality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Magical moments are within reach, but you must recognize them and be receptive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Surround yourself with go-getters. Your ability to lead and excite people will play in your favor.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 "— Maria"
 - 4 Walk with difficulty
 - 8 Overturn
 - 12 Veto
 - 13 Arab ruler
 - 14 Unseen emanation
 - 15 Much-used abbr.
 - 16 Awful
 - 17 "Exodus" author
 - 18 Poet — Whitman
 - 20 Without social grace
 - 22 Body organ
 - 24 Empty land
 - 25 Animal enclosure
 - 26 Bear hair
 - 27 Plant fluid
 - 30 Larder or Landry
 - 32 Not spicy
 - 34 Old French money
 - 35 Actress — Tyler
- DOWN**
- 1 From the top
 - 2 Essential
 - 3 For snobs only
 - 4 Showed the way
 - 5 False (abbr.)
 - 6 Actress — Sorvino
 - 7 Rule out

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 8 Blame
- 9 Worm on a hook
- 10 Eye part
- 11 Go by
- 19 Explosive stuff
- 21 Rocky hill
- 23 Workout venue
- 25 Run away
- 27 Likeness
- 28 "— Ventura"
- 30 TV alien from Meimac
- 31 Fib
- 33 Identity thief
- 37 New Zealand parrot
- 40 "Exodus" hero
- 42 Popular
- 43 Caste
- 45 Flight component
- 46 State near Wash.
- 47 Caliber
- 48 Send forth
- 49 Hardy cabbage
- 50 Dance move
- 52 College in England
- 55 "Mayday!"

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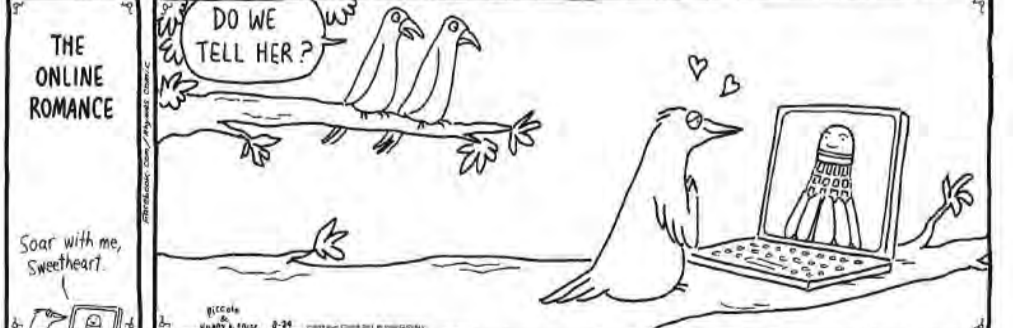
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SCRABBLE G.R.A.M.S.

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 221

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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