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COLLEGE WVU BOG selects next university president

BY DAVID BEARD DBeard@DominionPost.com

WVU's Board of Governors has selected a new university president and green-lighted start of construction for the new Pride Practice Facility for the Mountaineer Marching Band.

The BOG voted to approve the new president pick during a Thursday executive session and announced the vote Thursday evening. BOG chair Rick Pill said, "At a time when the higher education landscape is changing, we think that this person can best lead West Virginia University - the state's flagship university - forward and serve as its 27th president."

Pill said the BOG will an

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INFRASTRUCTURE Star City seeking urgent assistance from DOH

BY BEN CONLEY

BConley@DominioPost.com Star City Public Works Director Phillip Davis isn't typically one to say, "I told you so." But the truth of the matter

is, he did tell them so. Two years ago, when a crew

with the West Virginia Division of Highways was finish- years or so, water flowing extension on that pipe; probing up repairs on a sinkhole in the parking lot of the for- has been collected, channeled what we would call an 'ele-

(now Mountain State Brewing), Davis pointed out that a nearby DOH stormwater outlet was going to be a problem.

it, but it never got any farther than that," Davis said.

And so, over the last two down Monongahela Boulevard ably a 20-foot extension. It's

mer Texas Roadhouse location beneath Star City's North phant trunk.' The purpose is Main Street and dumped at the road's edge.

The soil supporting North Main has slowly eroded away 'He said they'd take a look at until a portion of the asphalt surface is now suspended in air over an open cavity.

"There's supposed to be an

to take that water and release it farther down the hill away from the road," Davis said, explaining the extension separated at some point years back and was never replaced.

"They installed all of that and they were made aware of the situation roughly two years ago. Now we're at the SEE URGENT, A-2

PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF



nounce the identity of the new president after a contract is signed.

MetroNews reported on Friday afternoon that Coastal Carolina President Michael Benson was chosen, based on sources revealing this to columnist Hoppy Kercheval.

Kercheval posted on X, "Interesting side note on WVU's next president Michael Benson: He is a native of Utah, as is current president Gordon Gee. However, Gee was not involved in the search or the decision."

Ogden News statehouse reporter Steven Adams reposted Kercheval's post and added a note that Gee wrote the forward to Benson's book, "College for the Common Wealth."

Asked if Kercheval's report was correct. WVU said on Friday afternoon, "We have nothing to add at this point to last night's news release."

House of Delegates Speaker Roger Hanshaw and UMass Chancellor Javier Reyes, who was the former dean of the WVU business school, were the other two candidates, Kercheval reported.

Interim Provost Paul Kreider SEE BOG, A-3

These geese get ready to take off from their chilly swimming spot off of Cobun Creek Road. After several days in the teens, with Real Feel temperatures in the single digits, the area will see a bit of a warm-up over the weekend. Look for lows in the 20s today, with the mercury rising into the 40s. Sunday will see similar temps, and the thermometer could reach into the low 50s by Monday. We may get a little sunshine over the weekend, as well.

POLICY

W.Va. Senate passes religious/philosophical exemptions to school-age vaccine requirements

BY STEVEN ALLEN ADAMS

For The Dominion Post

CHARLESTON - After a three-day delay, the West Virginia Senate approved Friday a bill to allow parents and guardians to cite religious or philosophical concerns to get out of the state's mandatory immunization requirements for school-age children, but not without bipartisan opposition.

quirements, passed the Senate Friday morning in a 20-12 vote with two senators gious or philosophical issue to it. Simple absent. The bill now crosses the hall to the House of Delegates for review.

Patrick Morrisey, would allow parents and ly written and this bill is done to fix those guardians to object to the requirements of harms."

the state's program for compulsory immunization of public and private school children by citing a religious or philosophical belief.

"I want to make it clear no one is taking Health and Human Resources Committee Chairwoman Laura Wakim Chapman. "I think vaccines are safe, they do prevent Senate Bill 460, relating to vaccine re- disease, and I encourage everybody to get the Senate Health and Human Resourcvaccinated unless somebody has a relias that...I know of no person in this body who is anti-vaccination, but there are real or operator of a state-regulated child care SB 460, introduced on behalf of Gov. harms being done by our law as current- center that the mandatory vaccination

Morrisey signed an executive order in January ordering the Bureau of Public Health and the state health officer to establish a process for religious and philosophical exemptions to school-age vaccines, citaway anybody's vaccines," said Senate ing the Equal Protection for Religion Act approved by the Legislature in 2023.

SB 460 would officially codify Morrisey's executive order. The bill, as amended by es Committee, would allow the parent or guardian to present a written statement to the administrator of the child's school requirements cannot be met because it SEE SENATE, A-2

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point where that road is going to start caving in. It's become very, very dangerous," he said. "That's where we stand right now. We're trying to get [DOH] involved and get this taken care of before somebody gets hurt, a very dangerous situaor worse."

Mayor Sharon Doyle were the residents and busisupposed to meet with a nesses on Brewer Hill. DOH representative at It's not the only way in the site on Friday but that and out, but it's heavily meeting was pushed to Monday due to weather.

for Monday, and fingers crossed that meeting goes through because this is tion." Doyle said. "It's a

Davis and Star City main entry and exit for place reducing the street used."

North Main is al-'We're on the books ready cracking under the strain. In addition to making the road unstable, the erosion has now exposed a gas line.

The town has cones in pen," Davis said.

to a single lane.

"We don't have concrete barriers or anything. Honestly, it would be scary to even put that kind of weight on there. We're asking the state road to maybe come out and put some barricades up so nothing will hap-

because they don't like il suits against schools 6,500 parents opposing SB 460. He also cited dozens care, and education associations that oppose the bill.

"There are few things we can't fix in the Legislature...one good thing about that is we always have the ability to come back. We can pretty much fix anything that we mess up on. You can't bring back a child...You will never take that pain away from a parent who has lost a kid from a preventable childhood disease that we haven't seen here in many, many decades."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 30 states offer a religious exemption to mandatory immunization requirements, while 13 states offer both a religious and philosophical exemption. And two states - Louisiana and Minnesota - do not specify whether a non-medical immunization exemption needs to be for religious or personal reasons.

"We're kind of in the five states gious or philosophical exemptions. "This law is not something crazy that anti-vaxxers want. This is bringing us up with 45 other states that realize that religious beliefs need to be respected and...it's safe and effective for public health to allow these children to have a religious or philosophical exemption.'

TRAFFIC

University Town Centre lights coming online early next week

one where University

Town Centre Drive passes between Walmart and the

WVU Medicine facility,

and another at the bottom

of the hill, between Gran-

ville Square and Sesame

Drive, which provides ac-

cess to Chick-fil-A, Wen-

dy's, Panda Express, etc.

through a three-way deal

between Granville, the

Monongalia County Com-

mission and developer

WestRidge, each provid-

Additional concrete

and blacktop work needs

to be finished up at both

intersections in the

coming days. That work

will be followed by final

is said. "It's been a long

"We're just excited to

ing \$400,000.

striping.

The lights were paid for

BY BEN CONLEY BConley@DominionPost.com

The years-long effort to place traffic lights at two dangerous University Town Centre intersections is coming to an end.

Granville Mayor Patty Lewis told The Dominion Post that the tentative plan is to get temporary signage in place warning drivers of the new traffic signals, which will be flashing yellow on Monday. Then, on Tuesday, the lights would switch to normal function.

"That's the plan as of this afternoon," Lewis said Friday. "Of course everything is based on timing, and we don't know how the weather is going to be."

The push for new lights stretches back to Septem- finally get those lights ber 2021, when Lewis ap- up and running," Lewproached the commission about two problem areas time coming."

COURTS

Judge cancels Mayor Adams' trial and leaves corruption charges intact

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge has adjourned the corruption trial for New York City Mayor Eric Adams and appointed counsel to advise him on how to handle the Justice Department's request to drop charges against the Democrat. The order issued Friday by Judge Dale E. Ho means he won't decide before mid-March wheth-

er to grant the request to drop the charges against the embattled mayor of the nation's largest city. At a hearing Wednesday, a government lawyer cited an executive order by President Donald Trump as he defended the request to drop charges. Adams confirmed then that he accepted that charges could later be reinstated because he is sure of his innocence.

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conflicts with the religious or philosophical beliefs of the parent, legal guardian, or emancipated child.

The Senate's two lone members Democratic joined with 10 Republican members to oppose SB 460, citing the state's strong school-age vaccination rates for keeping the spread of communicable diseases low. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, West Virginia's MMR vaccine coverage rate for the 2023-2024 school year was 98.3%, slightly above the healthy people target of 95%. That's up from 95.6% during the 2022-2023 school year, and above West Virginia's MMR coverage rate during the 2019-2020 school year of 98.2%.

'The public safety, the public health, and the eradication of disease is certainly a compelling state interest," said state Sen. Joey Garcia, D-Marion. "I think the constituents that have reached out to me fear that this is going to cause a strain on our health system, a strain on our families, and again possibly the worst of the worst: the death of somebody who is vulnerable, who's immunocompromised, and who otherwise needs the support." "I believe in childhood immunizations; I believe they work for the vast majority of people," said state Sen. Robbie Morris, R-Randolph. "The philosophical exemption is a problem with this bill. If we go down the route of allowing people to opt out of public health and public safety requirements ties and it allows for civ-

them, I feel that is a slippery slope." The committee substitute for SB 460 would prohibit parochial and

religious schools from setting their own immunization requirements, requiring these schools to also accommodate the religious and philosophical exemptions cited by parents and guardians.

Several senators on both sides of the political aisle raised concerns with this provision following statement Wednesа day from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston stating it would defend its constitutional rights to continuing mandating immunizations in its schools.

"Religious liberty for me, but not for thee," said state Sen. Ryan Weld, R-Brooke. "What this bill does...is that it uses the power of the state - the power of government - to dictate to a church how it can operate itself. A church can no longer say we operate the school and we're going to do so in a manner that we see fit. This uses the power of the state to dictate to a medical exemption can out like a sore thumb," church.'

to be a lawsuit over this row medical exemption

that discriminate against these students due to of state medical, health not being vaccinated. State Sen. Mike Oliverio, R-Monongalia, asked whether the civil suit provision could mean a religious school could be compelled to admit an unvaccinated student against the school's religious beliefs.

"If a Catholic school... were to have a family show up for school and they indicate that they're going to avail themselves of the state law for a philosophical or religious exemption, are you saying that the school would be required to admit those children," Oliverio asked Woelfel.

"Yes...the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston would be compelled to take unvaccinated students under this," Woelfel said.

State Code requires children attending school in West Virginia to show proof of immunization for diphtheria; pertussis; tetanus; polio; measles, mumps, rubella (MMR); varicella; and hepatitis B unless proof of a middle there sticking be shown. West Virginia Chapman said, holding "We know there's going only provides for a nar-up a map showing the form of mandatory imon West Virginia's books for 88 years. State Sen. Tom Takubo. ologist and an executive with WVU Medicine. The vote on SB 460 was postponed until Friday Takubo's request, at who was at a conference on the opioid crisis in The bill allows children Florida for most of the week. Takubo said a petition was submitted to the Senate by more than newsandsentinel.com

bill," said Senate Minori- to immunizations. Some ty Leader Mike Woelfel, R-Cabell. "We know that, munization law has been among other parties, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has signaled through its press R-Kanawha, is a pulmonrelease that it will go to court to protect its religious freedom, its right of religious expression, and its right to control the enrollment and administration of its schools."

to continue to participate in extracurricular activi-

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Donald Eugene Godfrey, Jr.

Donald Eugene Godfrey, Jr., affectionately known as Don, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2025, at the age of 68, while at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown. The cherished son of Donald E. Godfrey, Sr. and Christine Osecky Godfrey, he was born November 3, 1956, in Morgantown, a place he was proud to call home throughout his life.

Don graduated from University High School in 1975 and later from West Virginia University, where he earned his degree in physical education and safety.

His passion for athletics and education was exemplified through his dedicated career as a Phys Ed teacher, adored by students at various elementary schools, finally retiring from Cheat Lake Elementary in 2024.

An inspirational figure in the local sports community, Don touched many lives as a basketball coach at Suncrest Middle School and softball and volleyball coach at University High School. His love for the game extended onto the court, where he proudly officiated basketball games for both college and high school leagues over an admirable span of 40 years.

Don's commitment to his faith was evident as a member of the Riverside United Methodist Church.

His spirit was further illuminated through his unwavering support of the West Virginia University, Steelers and Pirates teams, endearing him to fellow sports enthusiasts.

His kindness and friendly nature left a lasting impression on those who



were fortunate enough to cross paths with him.

Don is survived by his loving father, Donald E. Godfrey, Sr.; his mother, Christine Godfrey; his sister, Ruth Godfrey; aunt, Helen Selensky; and many beloved cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made, in Don's memory, to the Westside Senior Center, 500 Dupont Road, Morgantown, WV 26501; or the Chestnut Mountain Ranch, 244 Ponderosa Ponds Road, Morgantown, WV 26508.

Friends may gather in McCulla Funeral Home from 2 to 5 Sunday, February 23, and again from 10 until the 11 a.m. funeral service Monday, February 24, with Pastor Jim Weber officiating. As a lifelong Mountaineer fan, to honor his memory, all are invited to wear their favorite WVU Mountaineer attire to both the visitation and funeral services.

Burial will follow at Beverly Hills Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www. Mcculla.com



Michael Luther Squires

Michael Luther Squires. call the funeral home at 62. of Morgantown, (304) 291-3458. passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2025, in his home. Michael was born May 20, 1962.

McCulla Funeral Home is providing assistance,

them.



NATION **AP sues 3 Trump administration** officials, citing freedom of speech

Associated Press

The Associated Press sued three Trump administration officials Friday over access to presidential events, citing freedom of speech in asking a federal judge to stop the blocking of its journalists. "We'll see them in court," the White House press secretary said in response.

The lawsuit was filed Friday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., 10 days after the White House began restricting access to the news agency. It was assigned to U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump nominee.

The AP says its case is about an unconstitutional effort by the White House to control speech — in this case not changing its style from the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America," as President Donald Trump did last month with an executive order.

"The press and all people in the United States have the right to choose their own words and not be retaliated against by the government," the AP said in its lawsuit, which names White House chief of staff Susan Wiles, deputy chief of staff Taylor Budowich and press secretary Karoline Leavitt.

"This targeted attack on the AP's editorial independence and ability to gather and report the news strikes at the very core of the First Amendment," the news agency said. "This court should remedy it immediately." The Constitution's First Amendment guarantees freedom of the press, speech and religion and bars the government from obstructing any of

Leavitt said that she learned about the law- have still been allowed suit Friday while driving from the White House to they have been kept out Conference.



President Donald Trump speaks to reporters in the Oval Office of the White House, Feb. 13, 2025, in Washington.

look, we feel we are in the The lawsuit said the AP right in this position," had made "several unshe said. "We're going to successful efforts" to perensure that truth and acsuade the administration curacy is present at that that its conduct was un-White House every single lawful. Julie Pace, AP's senior vice president and executive editor, traveled to Florida this week to meet with Wiles.

The AP Stylebook is a sticking point

In an email to AP, Wiles said the news organization was targeted because its influential stylebook is used as a standard by many journalists, scholars and students across the country, the lawsuit said. She said the administration was hopeful the name change would be reflected in the AP Stylebook "where American audiences are concerned."

The Stylebook is used by international audiences, as well as those within the United States. The AP has said that its guidance was offered to promote clarity, and that even though Gulf of Mexico will continue to be used, journalists should also note Trump's action to change the name.

A Trump executive order to change the name of $smaller\ spaces\ and\ report\quad McKinley\ from\ Denali\ is\quad has\ switched\ to\ Trump's$

is completely within the country he oversees, AP has said.

Wiles also wrote to the AP that its stylebook's influence "has been misused, and at times weaponized, to push a divisive and partisan agenda," according to the lawsuit.

In an Axios story last week, Budowich noted other AP Stylebook entries that have rankled some conservatives. They include the decision to capitalize Black but not white in racial references, guidance on gender-affirming medical care and direction not to use the term "illegal immigrants."

In a radio interview with Fox News' Brian Kilmeade on Friday, Trump referred to the Associated Press as "radical left lunatics." He said that "Associated Press is a third-rate outfit with a first-rate name."

He said "just about everybody" accepted the Gulf of America name change but "AP wants to be cute." There has been a mixed response from other news organizations: The New York Times and Washington Post are conan appearance at the Con- of the "pool" of journal- the United States' largest tinuing to use Gulf of servative Political Action ists that cover events in mountain back to Mount Mexico, while Fox News

Trump directly cited AP's editorial decision In stopping the AP from attending press events at the White House and

day."

Mar-a-Lago, or flying on Air Force One in the agency's customary spot, the Trump team directly cited the AP's decision not to fully follow the president's renaming.

"We're going to keep them out until such time as they agree that it's the Gulf of America," Trump said Tuesday.

This week, about 40 organizations news signed onto a letter organized by the White House Correspondents Association, urging the White House to reverse its policy against the AP. They included outlets like Fox News Channel and Newsmax, where many of the on-air commentators are Trump supporters.

While AP journalists on White House grounds,

can and cannot say but, than a century.

with any information regarding his family please



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back to its readers and being recognized by the choice. Google Maps is

White House counsel on other reporters. The AP AP Stylebook. Trump using Gulf of America the phone before taking has been part of White has the authority to do for users in the United this stage to see what I House pools for more so because the mountain States.

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praised the board during the Friday morning BOG meeting. "Thank you so much for your commitment and diligence." He also thanked the presidential search committee and its chair, Patrice Harris, who also serves as BOG vice chair.

Practice facility

The BOG on Friday morning approved construction of Phase I of the Pride Practice Facility, with this phase budgeted at \$1,662,000.

The facility will be constructed at Med Center Field on the Health Sciences campus, along W.Va. 705 next to the Mountaineer Station parking garage.

Phase 1 is creation of an artificial turf field and relocation of the band tower. The field will be named Don Wilcox Field. The practice facility FAQ page calls Wilcox "a dear man whose marching band leadership and legacy are unmatched to this day.'

Construction is scheduled to begin March 1 and expected to be completed in July in time for the start of fall band camp. When the Pride isn't using the field, WVU said, it will be used for intramural sports.

The site is already lit for nighttime use.

The FAQ page notes that the College of Creative



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Board members listen to a presentation.

and the WVU Foundation too far left. began fundraising for the facility nearly five years faculty and staff for ago. About \$1.25 million has been raised and the money will still support this project in the new location (it was set for a time to be constructed at Mylan Park but WVU announced the relocation more than ever the loyal to Med Fields in March 2024).

The money raised thus far is in the WVU Foundation account to be used for turf field and facility construction costs, the FAQ page says.

Addressing uncertainty

President Gordon Gee addressed the board about the uncertainty that's arisen from federal measures to trim the \$1.83 trillion deficit and to federal and state measures to dismantle social justice pro-Arts Development Office grams that some say lean agencies.

"I want to thank the their patience as we work through these complex issues that we are seeing at both the state and the national level," he said. "In these changing times our appreciates university support provided by our alumni, faculty, staff and students."

In this context, Gee reminded the BOG of the mid-February announcement that WVU was reaffirmed as an R-1 university, the highest research ranking.

WVU is one just 187 universities, among 4,500, to attain that designation, he said. In 2023, the year used for the classification, WVU expended more than \$246 million on research, with more than \$100 million of that from federal

But on Feb. 7, the National Institutes of Health announced that it will reduce indirect cost recovery at research institutions to a flat 15% from any previously negotiated rates. This affects new grants, as well as existing grants, WVU said.

WVU previously explained that direct research costs cover researcher salaries, student stipends, supplies and some equipment. Indirect costs cover the university's expenses for heat and air, building maintenance, chemical and radiation safety and disposal, library access, IT access, cybersecurity, human subjects and animal welfare support, centralized research facilities, and the administration and oversight of awards to ensure that funds are spent appropriately and responsibly.

Gee said Friday that WVU leaders are working with the state's Congressional delegation regarding the cut. "Our university, unlike some, does not benefit from indirect costs."

WVU projects it would lose about \$12 million in research dollars, he said, "which will significantly limit our research enterprise. ... We have every confidence that we can make a very strong case" for demonstrating WVU's unique situation.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Is Trump ready to leave Europe to its own devices?

European allies knew their relationship with the second Trump Administration would be challenging. Even so, the shocks they've received from Washington in recent days constitute a crisis. The warning, more or less: Shape up or the Americans are shipping out.

Start with the Ukraine war. This is the largest military conflict on European soil since 1945, and the Continent's leaders recognize the stakes for their security. But Mr. Trump's message is that the U.S. doesn't care what Europeans think about how the war should be resolved.

Mr. Trump spoke on the phone to Russian President Vladimir Putin last week about ending the conflict, a development that caught Europe by surprise. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced, also without consulting allies, that Ukraine shouldn't expect to regain territory lost during Russia's first incursion in 2014. Asked at a conference whether Europeans would play a role in peace talks. Mr. Trump's Ukraine envoy Keith Kellogg said "that is not going to happen."

These are slaps to North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies whose security is threatened by Mr. Putin's imperial ambitions and that have contributed cash and equipment toward Ukraine's defense. The insults also recognize reality, however. Too many European governments, especially the largest, have been too slow and stingy in providing support to Kyiv either for lack of strategic conviction or decades of spending on welfare instead of their militaries

The Trump Administration appears unwilling to let Europe leverage its noisy but dilatory contributions to the Ukraine war into a seat at the negotiating table. Much of Mr. Trump's approach to peace talks is all wrong for America's own interests, including Mr. Hegseth's hint that the U.S. could agree with the Kremlin to reduce American troop numbers in Europe. But Europe has chosen to put itself in the position of taking others' decisions about its security rather than making its own.

Which is what we take to be Team Trump's bigger theme in Europe last week. At a summit on artificial intelligence in Paris, Vice President JD Vance offered a bracing warning that Europe will leave itself behind in the next industrial revolution if it overregulates today's frontier technology. Europeans aren't accustomed to being told so bluntly by U.S. officials that Europe is impoverishing itself with its dirigisme, but someone had to say it.

Then in Munich Mr. Vance delivered a more surprising rebuke when he asserted that Europe's biggest security danger is "the threat from within." He cited a political culture that aggressively tamps down on dissent, often in the name of combating "misinformation" or other ills such as racism, as mainstream politicians worry their power will be eroded by insurgent parties of the right and left. The subtext is that if Europeans expect Americans to defend Europe for the sake of democracy, Europe needs to be recognizably democratic.

These interventions have triggered howls across Europe, sometimes with reason: German politicians have cause to be aggrieved at Mr. Vance for expressing veiled sympathy for the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party a week before an election. It was a mistake, since he undermined center-right Friedrich Merz, who's likely to be the next chancellor and is much more pro-American



America joins the jackals

As I watched election returns on the evening of Nov. 5, 2024, I was struck by the sense that Americans had missed the memo. Across the nation, in blue states as well as red, county after county showed a marked rightward shift. It was so seemingly normal. What do you do when groceries are much more expensive than four years ago, the border is flooded with immigrants? You vote for the other guy.

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It has been only four weeks since Trump took the oath of office, and I wonder whether casual voters or even those who truly despised Joe Biden have taken onboard what they've done. The American republic is barreling toward a constitutional crisis as the president attempts to rule as an autocrat ("He who saves his country does not violate any law," he claimed), a heedless billionaire smashes through people's lives and complex systems he doesn't understand with sadistic glee, the Justice Department descends into corrupt bargains antithetical to the ethical standards upheld for two centuries, a Putin/Assad apologist sits atop our intelligence agencies, a conspiracy theorist/anti-vaccine fool directs our health agencies, and the United States is in the process of reversing 80 years of world leadership.

Let's focus on t about-face, because however grievous the other depredations, they are, at least in theory, reversible. Abandoning world leadership is not. Violating the understanding that Vladimir Putin's naked aggression made him a pariah among decent nations (he is an indicted war criminal), Trump engaged in a 90-minute phone call with him (over Volodvmvr Zelenskvv's head). invited the dictator to visit the United States and suggested that Russia be asked to rejoin the G7. All of these marks of favor were offered in exchange for Putin doing what? Promising to withdraw troops? Returning the kidnapped Ukrainian children? Agreeing to cease targeting hospitals and power plants? No. For chatting on the phone with the world's most credulous narcissist.

N e x t out-ofthe his-depth weekend TV host-turned secretary of Defense offered unilateral concessions to Putin by declaring "The that

United States does not believe that NATO membership for Ukraine is a realistic outcome of a negotiated settlement" and that no U.S. troops would be part of any security guarantee to Ukraine.

Isolating Ukraine from Europe and keeping it out of NATO has been Russia's aim for 30 years. While NATO membership was not offered, it was never entirely rebuffed either -- until now. Though Pete Hegseth attempted to walk back his comments in the face of criticism, the damage was done. Before a single water glass was filled at the negotiating table, the United States conceded some of Russia's main aims. Besides, much worse damage was right around the corner, emanating from the vice president.

JD Vance delivered the most shameful address by an American leader to a European audience in living basic American decency and memory Vance did not men tion Russia's continuing aggression against Ukraine at all. Instead, he presumed to lecture America's allies on their supposed failure to uphold our shared values. How so? By restricting speech too harshly and -- the truly soul-crushing part -- being too intolerant of neo-Nazis. In sync with co-president Elon Musk, who has blessed the AfD as the only hope for Germany, Vance scolded the Germans for being unwilling to enter into coalition with a party that wants a "180-degree turnaround in the politics of remembrance" about the Holocaust, plans to deport all Muslims from Germany, and believes Germans should be proud of their soldiers from both world wars. Not only is it morally bankrupt to ignore the fascistic aggression of Russia; it is ward Extremism," is available now.

galling to watch an American leader who supported the attempted violent overthrow of our 2020 election and who has called for the president to defy the Supreme Court and rule as an autocrat to presume to speak as a small-d democrat. European diplomats exiting the meeting told the Financial Times that "America itself is now a threat to Europe."

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All of that was a prelude to Trump's total betrayal of Ukraine -- and with it, America's global role. In a screed that mixed Kremlin talking points (Zelenskyy is a "dictator") with Trumpian grotesqueries (alleging that Ukraine, not Russia, started the war, that Zelenskyy was a "modestly successful comedian" who hoodwinked Biden into spending \$350 billion on defending Ukraine when the true figure is \$183 billion that Republicans and Democrats approved), Trump has surrendered Ukraine to its tormentors without so much as a backward glance. On the contrary, he's bursting with self-congratulation for this "negotiation to end the war with Russia" which "all admit only TRUMP ... can do."

What the world knows, and will not unlearn, is that the United States cannot be trusted. Faith in America, and in goodwill, has kept the peace for generations, but that is over. Nations that refrained from getting nuclear weapons because they were secure under the American umbrella will rush to get bombs. Nations that resisted China's bullying will make their accommodations. The Taiwanese can kiss their independence and their freedom goodbye. Formerly close allies will not share intelligence about impending terrorist threats. That is what Americans did on Nov. 5. Voters were thinking about high costs. Perhaps they are beginning to see what a price we will all pay for that election.

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than the AfD.

Yet in general Europeans are glumly conceding the Trump team has a point, at least on Ukraine and defense matters. French President Emmanuel Macron is convening an emergency summit of key European leaders this week to discuss their approach to Ukraine talks. They should heed Mr. Kellogg's exhortation that the way for Europe to play a role is "coming up with concrete proposals, ideas, ramp up (defense) spending.'

On the latter point, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said this weekend he'd overrule his own chancellor of the exchequer and insist defense spending rise to 2.5% of GDP, rather than the Treasury's preferred 2.3% goal. Yet military leaders think more is needed, and even this goal has no deadline and will involve messy politicking in an economy that's barely growing and when the government finances are a mess. Hence Mr. Vance's exhortations about the importance of economic growth.

A U.S. withdrawal from Europe would be a historic mistake, and damaging to American interests. But after last week Europe is on notice that Mr. Trump may be willing to leave the Continent to its own devices. Europe needs to act accordingly, and an economic revival and greater investment in its own defense are essential and urgent.

— The Wall Street Journal

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'In war, there is no substitute for victory'

In his 1951 farewell address to not expect to Congress and the American pub-regain territolic (known as the "old soldiers never die, they just fade away" speech), Army General Douglas invasion of the MacArthur said something the sovereign na-Trump administration should recall as it seeks to end the war between Russia and Ukraine: "... once war is forced upon us, there of is no other alternative than to apply every available means to bring it to a swift end. War's very object is victory, not prolonged indecision. In war, there is no substitute for victory."

While MacArthur was referring to wars engaged in by the U.S., his philosophy could also be applied to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

Defense Pete Secretary of out of the bag when he wrongly stated even before peace negotiations begin that Ukraine should

ry lost to Vladimir Putin's tion. Putin has said he won't an inch give Ukrainian land he has seized. Europe-

an leaders have expressed alarm that they have not been consulted or included in negotiations, even while President Trump wants them to "do more" when it comes to helping Ukraine while simultaneously assisting in ending the war.

Has everyone forgotten what Neville Chamberlain told Adolf Hegseth appeared to let the cat Hitler at their 1938 meeting in Munich? Chamberlain delighted the cunning Hitler, saying the fuhrer could keep the Sudeten-

land (now the Czech Republic) he satisfy his ravenous territorial yearnings and bring "peace for our time." World War II came in large part because Hitler regarded the West as weak, preferring an illusory "peace" rather than his defeat.

When negotiating, especially with an evil adversary - Nazi Germany then and Russia's Vladimir Putin now - the worst strategy is to make concessions before talks formally begin. And to exclude Ukraine, the victim of the invasion, at least in initial talks, is like allowing an opponent in poker to have an extra ace.

President Trump promised to end the war on his first day in office, which seemed presumptuous, as well as impossible. It's now approaching his 30th day in office and the fighting continues.

Being a successful negotihad invaded, thinking that would ator in business is one thing, as Trump thinks he has been. Doesn't he immodestly say that about himself? On the world stage it is quite different and more dangerous because lives are in danger, not just in Ukraine, but in other countries should Putin diagnose the West as lacking resolve and effectively giving him, as he might see it, a green light to invade other sovereign states in pursuit of his stated goal of "re-claiming" Russian territory lost following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

> Wall Street Journal columnist William McGurn is right when he asks "Will Ukraine be Trump's Vietnam? Consider the 1973 Paris Peace Accords. (National Security Adviser Henry) Kissinger won a Nobel Prize, but Saigon fell."

If victory is not the goal, what

else is there? General MacArthur characterized anything short of victory as "prolonged indecision." That lane only invites the spread of evil and harm to other nations if Ukraine's "allies" refuse to stand in the gap, or don't contribute enough to Kiev's protection.

If the Trump administration is not cautioned by what happened in 1938 when an evil monster was allowed to have his way with one state before invading others and launching the Holocaust, perhaps it needs another reminder of what occurred in 1973. Accommodating evil never ends well.

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: An appeal to Indiana and plans for the annual fundraiser in Morgantown

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BY JIM BISSETT

JBissett@DominionPost.com Fostering literacy and critical thinking isn't a 9-to-5 job.

That's why Dolly Parton's Imagination Library set down some words for Mike Braun, the governor of Indiana, earlier this week.

Braun is asking lawmakers to consider a key edit in their state's proposed budget for this fiscal year.

Said document doesn't include a line item as it has in past years which would provide matching funds for the above liter-

Nashville singer estab- program altogether. lished in 1995.

The organization isgovernor and lawmakers.

'The beauty of the Imagination Library is that it unites us all - regardless of politics – because every child deserves the chance to dream big and succeed."

Across Indiana, the part by local United Way chapters, as is the case here.

A lack of matched funds, literacy proponents in the Hoosier State acy program the popular worry, could shelve the

Parton's library puts books in the hands of sued a statement to the needy youngsters (free to them and their families) The statement, in part: who may not receive them otherwise.

> Braille and audio editions are included among the titles, regularly mailed to children across the nation from newborn to age 5.

The United Way of program is bankrolled in Monongalia and Preston Counties directs local effort here, with support by the state Department of Education and June Harless Center at Marshall University.

this year's "Power of while they were growing and poignant, the singer Purse" United Way fundraiser in Morgantown for the library. Locally, the United Way declined comment and the Harless Center didn't return calls in time for this story.

Meanwhile, stories are what got Lydotta Taylor, them to enjoy the fun, who has worked with Power of the Purse over the years, into all this.

She's a former teacher who is the founder and science," she said. CEO of the EdVenture Group, a tech and professional development company in the University City.

As a young mom, she June 19 is the date for read aloud to her children

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Back in her classroom days, she was always encouraging her students to crack open a book - and not just for serious learning.

Taylor also wanted entertainment escapist of simply digging into a good book.

"And I taught math and

Parton said while she was motivated by the power of words and stories to start the program, she was also honoring her father, who was illiterate - which was both ironic or a lack of bucks.

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said.

Robert Lee Parton valued education, his daughter continued, but the patriarch was born into poverty and left school early to help provide for his parents.

That cycle continued in Sevier County, Tenn., in the house where Dolly grew up.

"Daddy couldn't read or write," she said, "and that was crippling to him."

In today's climate where books are being banned in schools, Parton doesn't want the book offerings crippled by ballots

A big win - and a game plan



'Trigger Happy' shoots, scores as dark comedy

WHEN ART TRIES TO POKE FUN AT BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL DIVIDE, IT OFTEN ENDS UP IN A MIDDLE SPACE THAT DOESN'T say anything of interest. Inher debut feature film, "Trigger Happy," which comes to VOD on Feb. 25, Tiffany Kim Stevens avoids that trap by creating a story with so many abrasive characters that you really can see just to the acting brought to how many problems exist across the board.

happy in his retro-future version of America. He works at a job he hates. cially. And he resents his bread-winning wife, Annie (Elsha Kim). The only time he feels some sense of peace is on his walk to work when he stops at a billboard and daydreams about a trip to the Bahamas. But even that is ruined by a girl who shoots him in the knees with a BB gun. He feels stuck until he decides he will murder Annie for her insurance money. But in order to do that, he will need to figure out how to get around their friends Gemma (Christina Kirk-Lowe) in order to pull off the scheme. "Trigger Happy" turns its satirical gaze at relationships, capitalism and politics with varying degrees of success. The political satire is decent – a woman on a soapbox with a megaphone declaring that you can only receive health care with the purchase of a gun – but beyond that, it seems a bit muddy. When the film focuses on things like relationships and consumerism, it is far more effective. The performances in this are solid across the board, which is something because these characters are almost entirely unlikeable. Despite the fact that we don't want to root for any of the people in the film, there are still enough moments of hu-



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manity for us to connect with them – a testament the table.

Where "Trigger Hap-George Decker (Tyler py" really shines is as a Poelle) is completely un- dark comedy. The humor in this is often laugh-outloud funny. One of the best scenes is a birthday He is struggling finan- party at the restaurant where George works. The commercial for the Wow! Sponge is a phenomenal riff on any number of "As seen on TV" style infomercials. And the most gruesome death in the film is likely to elicit a chuckle, even as you stare in horror at the screen. The other positive of the film is its aesthetic. It has kind of a 50s look in the costuming and set design, but the characters have cell phones and drive modern cars. This man) and Mikey (Matt blend of modern and retro is eye-catching and contributes to the uneasy feeling that pervades the film. Some of the scatter-shot approach to satire definitely misses in this film, but the bulk of it lands and lands hard. If you need to like your characters to connect with a film, "Trigger Happy" probably isn't for you. But if you are willing to engage with these flawed characters, you may be pleasantly surprised.

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Ally Rader, a Child Passenger Safety Technician at WVU Medicine Children's, shows Young how to properly secure a car seat.

Custom Steelers F-150, child safety seat presentation at Neighborhood Ford Store

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When Olivia Young, of Morgantown, won the Official Truck of the Pittsburgh Steelers last month, she was just days away from another special happening in her family -- delivering her second son.

On Friday, Young received her custom F-150 from Neighborhood Ford Store at Ford of Union-

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Thurby, chairman of Neighborhood Ford Store, who took the opportunity not only to celebrate, but grateful to team with the to promote child travel Child Passenger Safety safety information at the same time.

at Ford of Morgantown, information located at 501 Mary Jane children traveling by car," Wood Circle.

"We are happy to celtown. Her keys were her family as she receives the National Safety Coun- Seat Check Form.

Toughest Truck, Toughest Team Sweepstakes – and in addition we are Technicians at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital The event took place to promote vital safety regarding Thurby said.

According to informaebrate with Olivia and tion from WVU Medicine,

handed over by Joseph her grand prize in the cil estimates car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants younger than 1 year old and 54% for toddlers (1 to 4 years old) in passenger cars.

> Although these numbers prove that the proper use of car seats is vital for children, there is an alarming rate of misuse, around 74%, according to the National Digital Child

Director of 'Unbreakable Boy' shares experience working on film

EDITOR'S NOTE

Read a review of "The Unbreakable Boy" in Sunday's edition of The Dominion Post.

BY ALISE CHAFFINS

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"The Unbreakable Boy" opens in theaters this weekend. It tells the story of a boy with autism and osteogenesis imperfecta, often called brittle bone disease. The film is based on Scott LeRette's memoir of the same name about

Jon Gunn, the film's director and co-writer.

choosing to adapt Le-Rette's book, Gunn said, "This book came across my desk, and I read it and was so charmed by it – by the voice and point of view of Austin, this write that we could make kid who had brittle bone when the world was sort disease and autism and of shut down. And so this such an exuberance for was a small enough story. life. As a parent, I really I wrote it very quickly.

The Dominion Posthad an feeling often like you're opportunity to talk with failing and how your own struggles and brokenness can maybe impact your When asked about children. And it was a wonderful balance for me at the time of a story that had joy and suffering and comedy and levitv and heartbreak. I was looking for something to

parenting his son, Austin. related to the struggles of (Zachary) Levi read it on a Friday, accepted it on a Saturday, and we just all fell in love with Austin and with this family."

Because autism plays prominently in the film, it was important for the crew to make Austin's story as authentic as possible. Gunn worked with the LeRettes and autism consultants during the script's writing and production.

In speaking about that SEE SHARES, A-6 Alise Chaffins is a Morgantown film critic and author. She is a member of several critics organizations, including GALECA, OFTA and IFSCA. You can connect with her on social media at @AliseChaffins and on her Substack at MacGuffin or Meaning.

IT HAS KIND OF A 50S LOOK IN THE **COSTUMING AND SET DESIGN, BUT** THE CHARACTERS HAVE CELL PHONES AND DRIVE MODERN GARS.

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CASA counts in W.Va., Fairmont State study shows

BY JIM BISSETT

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FAIRMONT – A study released last week by Fairmont State University told a lot of people in the field what they already knew.

Court Appointed Special Advocates – CASAs – are consistently known to generate measurable, outcomes for positive children and teenagers

in foster care across the Abuse and Neglect. Mountain State.

above youngsters mired in abusive and neglectful circumstances in foster homes.

The study looked at That is, West Virginia's a three-year span from 2019 to 2021, using numbers chronicled by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System and the National Data Archive on Child

"The results of this CASAs advocate for the project demonstrate the positive difference their volunteers make for our state's most vulnerable children," school president Mike Davis said.

A positive difference with one key caveat, however.

That is, CASA, which is all-volunteer, can't work if CASA isn't there.

CASA is a presence, 25% of children in foster care were more likely to be their families – opposed to the 3% of kids in counties not served by the ad-

vocates. And close to 40% of foster children in a CASA county were more likely to be lifted from a neglectful home over the 7% of their counterparts at such In counties where addresses in such locales

not served.

CASA's state executive adopted or reunited with director, said she appreciates the study, both for what it shows, and for it doesn't – in the counties that are still outposts from the advocacy.

"This study reinforces the urgent need for sustainable funding to serve more children in every West Virginia county,' she said.

Meanwhile, Fairmont Shanna Gray, who is State University this past fall began offering unique academic outreach on its Locust Avenue campus for high school-aged youngsters still in foster care here.

Under the Middle College program, students can earn their high school diploma - and a two-year associate degree - at the same time.

Girl Scouts celebrate National Gookie Weekend at West Virginia legislature

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CHARLESTON - Almost 100 Girl Scouts celebrated the launch of National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend at the West Virginia State Capitol on Friday.

Caregivers and adult volunteers accompanied 88 youth members as they showcased projects, toured the facility and received a Girl Scout Day at the Legislature proclamation from the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Intended to highlight the power of Girl Scouting, the event provided an opportunity for elected representatives to explore the outcomes of participation, particularly in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

"This event gives Girl Scouts firsthand experience with civic engagement and a unique exposure to the democratic process," said Beth Casey, CEO of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. "It also gives our state-wide representatives a chance to learn about the life skills girls gain through tion on local Girl Scout participation."

Serving as the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, the Girl Scout Cookie Sale offers a wealth of invaluable entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money management, decision-making, people skills and business ethics.

Each box of cookies sold helps Girl Scouts develop an indomitable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures.

To celebrate National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council is offering a free shipping promotion through Sunday.

Those interested in supporting local Girl Scouts as they reach their cookie-selling goals should contact a local troop or place an online order at https:// girlscouts.info/cookies. A purchase of 12 boxes of cookies is required to claim free shipping.

For more informatroops, visit bdgsc.org.

Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center receives Pathway to Excellence designation for positive work environment

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Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center announced it has received the Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). This honor recognizes the hospital's commitment to creating a positive and supportive work environment where nurses can thrive professionally and provide exceptional patient care.

Mon Medical Center joins Vandalia Health Preston Memorial Hospital, which received the Pathway to Excellence designation in 2023, in being recognized for dedication to nursing excellence. This achievement highlights the commitment of Mon Health System facilities to fostering environments that prioritize the well-being and professional growth of their nursing teams.

"This designation reflects our unwavering dedication to our nursing team and their role in delivering outstanding patient care," said David Goldberg, president and CEO of Mon Health System and Davis Health System - Vandalia Health Northern Region, and executive vice president of Vandalia Health. "Our of what we do, and this



Submitted photo

Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center staff gather to celebrate the hospital's Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

are integral to decision ity, well-being and overall passionate, quality care to making, are offered pro- leadership support. nurses are at the heart fessional development "The Pathway to Exopportunities, and have a cellence designation sig-

our patients."

Christine Daniels, associate chief nursing officer,

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recognition validates our efforts across our health system to support them in their vital work."

The Pathway to Exdesignation cellence awarded to health is care organizations that demonstrate a culture of sustained excellence in nursing practice. Organizations earning this recognition meet rigorous standards set by the ANCC, ensuring nurses

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aspect, Gunn said, "So many people are impacted or have somebody in their life who's got autism. And vou know, there's the saying, 'If you know one person with autism, you know one person with autism.' These are all just different people with their own personalities and their own experiences, their own world views. Some people with autism are nonverbal, and some are very verbal. Austin happens to be very ver- sure that we brought in tion in a lot of ways and

work-life balance and job satisfaction.

to Excellence designation, Mon Medical Center underwent an extensive approcess. This included an anonymous survey of alignment with Pathway standards of shared decision-making, professional development, safety, qual-

workplace that promotes nifies that Mon Medical Center is a place where nurses feel valued, em-To achieve the Pathway powered and engaged," said Dr. Krystal Atkinson, chief administrative officer and chief nursing plication and evaluation officer of Mon Medical Center and chief nursing executive of Mon Health nursing staff to confirm System. "It demonstrates our commitment to fostering an environment where our nurses can thrive and provide com-

Mon Medical Center, said, "We are proud to join the ranks of elite health care organizations nationwide recognized for their dedication to nursing excellence. This milestone exemplifies our hospital's mission to improve the health and well-being of our community through superior care, innovation and a culture of excellence."

bal. I love that about him, as much perspective as trying to figure out how because I'm very verbal, we could from people with and he has such a great autism.' voice, and I love the way

way he thinks." He also added, "I think is thankful for his time in many ways, autism working on it. He hopes hasn't been represented very well in media or away understanding that very often, and certainly not with the point of view

As people head to thehe talks, and I love the aters to see "The Unbreakable Boy," Gunn that audiences will come sense of gratitude.

"For me, this is a stoand narration from a per- ry about gratitude. It's son with autism. So I'm about a family struggling hoping that it's received first of all because they the way that we want it to got pregnant when they be, but I will say that we weren't prepared. Scott took great pains to make was dealing with addic-

to be a good parent. And in the process of doing all of these things, they have a child that helped them to see that every day can be the best day of their life. And so I hope people watch this film, because it's filled with joy, it's filled with laughter, it's filled with charm, and even in the difficulties and the breaks and the heartbreak, there's so much gratitude at the heart of this film, and so that's what I hope people take from it."

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Pope Francis isn't out of danger but his condition isn't life-threatening, medical team says

Associated Press

ROME - Pope Francis' complex respiratory infection isn't life-threatening but he's not out of danger, his medical team said Friday, as the 88-yearold pontiff marked his first week in the hospital battling pneumonia in both lungs — along with bacterial, viral and fungal infections on top of his chronic bronchitis.

Francis' doctors delivered their first in-person update on the pope's condition, saying he will remain at Rome's Gemelli hospital at least through next week. The pope is receiving occasional supplements of oxygen when he needs it and is responding to the drug therapy that was strengthened after the multiple infections were diagnosed, they said.

Gemelli hospital Dr. Sergio Alfieri and Francis' personal physician, Dr. Luigi Carbone, said Francis remains in good spirits and humor. Alfieri said that when he entered Francis' suite to greet him on Friday morning as "Holy Father," the pope

fieri as "Holy Son."

"To the question 'is the pope out of danger?' No, the pope is not out of danger," Alfieri said. "If you then ask if in this moment the pope is in a life-threatening situation. the answer is also no."

"Just now he went from his room to the chapel to pray for 20 minutes," he said. "This is the situation. He is the pope, but but turned the floor over he is also a man.'

Gemelli hospital on Feb. 14 after a weeklong bout of bronchitis worsened. Doctors first diagnosed the complex respiratory infection and then the onset of pneumonia in both lungs on top of chronic bronchitis. They prescribed "absolute rest."

Alfieri said the pope came down with a seasonal infection that has filled hospitals, but with a difference.

ple generally stay at home caused by bacteria, virus and watch TV in a rocking and fungus in the respichair. Do you know any

replied by referring to Al- and is also the spiritual bloodstream, a condition question that is circufather of all Catholics in the world? He does not spare himself, because he is enormously generous, so he got tired, Alfieri said.

Francis is a known workaholic and has admitted to being a not-terribly-compliant patient in the past. Alfieri said he had been a "great patient" since he was admitted, to Carbone to respond Francis was admitted to to whether he was disciplined when home, at the Santa Marta hotel in the Vatican where he lives.

"He loves the church. and so it's clear he put the church first while we cared for him at Santa Marta " Carbone replied

Carbone said that Francis was responding to the drug therapy that was "strengthened" after the pneumonia was diagnosed earlier this week.

He is also fighting a "Other 88-year-old peo- multipronged infection ratory tract. Doctors said other 88-year-olds who there was no evidence the cis' cardinals have begun govern, let's say, a state germs had entered his responding to the obvious to elect his successor.

said remains the biggest concern. Sepsis is a complication of an infection that can lead to organ failure and death.

Francis is receiving supplemental oxygen when he needs it through a nasal cannula, a thin flexible tube that delivers oxygen through the nose, but otherwise is attached to no other machinery.

The doctors said Franchronic bronchitis cis' had caused permanent damage to his airways, a condition known as bronchiectasis. The cortisone treatment he received in the hospital has raised blood sugar levels, his requiring treatment for diabetes. But Alfieri said he hoped the condition would be temporary.

In the best scenario, the pope will return to his residence cured of the infections, but his chronic conditions will remain, Alfieri said.

As his hospital stay drags on, some of Fran-

known as sepsis that they lating: whether Francis might resign if he becomes irreversibly sick and unable to carry on. Francis has said he would consider it, after Pope Benedict XVI "opened the door" to popes retiring, but has shown no signs of stepping down and in fact has asserted recently that the job of pope is for life.

Francis confirmed in 2022 that, shortly after being elected pontiff, he wrote a resignation letter in case medical problems impeded him from carrying out his duties. There is no provision in canon law for what to do if a pope becomes incapacitated.

But there is no indication Francis is in any way incapacitated or is even considering stepping aside. During his hospital stay, he has continued to work, including making bishop appointments. After a hospital stay in 2021, he bristled when he learned that some clergy were allegedly already preparing for a conclave

Francis had an acute case of pneumonia in 2023 and is prone to respiratory infections in winter.

Doctors say pneumonia in such a fragile, older patient makes him particularly prone to complications, given the difficulty in being able to effectively expel fluid from his lungs. While his heart is strong, Francis isn't a particularly healthy 88-year-old. He is overweight, is not physically active, uses a wheelchair because of bad knees and had part of one lung removed as a young man.

Despite the seriousness of Francis' illness, it appears there have been moments of levity. Alfieri said he bowed his head close to the pope to explain that the hospitalization would continue until he could safely return to his residence at the Vatican.

"He asked if I wanted to say confession, the doctor said. "I said, 'Holy Father, if I have to confess, your hospitalization will be much, much longer.""

Syrian Jews' homecoming brings hope for reconstruction and a permanent return

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — As Rabbi Yusuf Hamra and his son Henry were visiting Damascus this week for the first time since emigrating from Syria to the United States more than three decades ago, they were met by former neighbors offering embraces and gossip.

The Syrian-American Jewish family returned as part of a delegation organized by the Syrian Emergency Task Force, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization, in the wake of the fall of the govern-

ment of former President New York. Bashar Assad.

Although they had not met in more than 30 years, the family's Christian neighbors spotted Yusuf on the street and remembered him from when he was a teacher in the local school. An excited exchange of reminiscences ensued to catch up on the decades, with gossip about who had married who, who was still living and who had emigrated.

"I left from Syria, but Syria never left us," said Henry, who was 15 won't be rebuilt for de-

During the visit, the Hamras prayed in the long-neglected al-Franj synagogue where Yusuf used to serve as a rabbi, in what is still known as the Jewish quarter, in the old city of Damascus, although only a small handful of Jews remain.

They also visited the historic synagogue in the suburb of Jobar, which was heavily damaged and looted during Syria's nearly 14-year civil war.

"May God help us, this

surveyed the destruction. Even before mass anti-government protests in 2011 were met by a brutal authoritarian crackdown that eventually spiraled into a civil war, Syria's once-sizeable Jewish population had dwindled to ligion, but community almost nothing.

The community in Syria numbered about 100,000 at the start of the 20th century. A wave of emigration had already begun at that time and accelerated in the years surrounding Israel's creation in 1948, Syrian Jews when his family left for cades," Yusuf said as he faced increased tensions

and restrictions. Many started, most of the reemigrated to Israel, the United States and other countries.

Under the Assad family's 54-year authoritarian rule, Jews in Syria were free to practice their remembers faced suspicion of being Israeli spies or collaborators and were banned from traveling outside the country to prevent them from going to Israel until the early 1990s.

Once travel restrictions were lifted in 1992 after Arab-Israeli peace talks maining population of about 4,500 left - including the Hamra family - with many of them landing in New York, where they formed a close-knit community.

Henry Hamra recalled that his family had lived in constant fear of the draconian Syrian intelligence services - a common experience for Syrians of all religions during the Assad dynasty's rule, but even more so because they were Jewish and subject to extra scrutiny.

Their mosque burned down in LA-area wildfire, they're still determined to gather

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PASADENA. California — All that remains of Masjid Al-Taqwa is a sign that bears its name.

The mosque in Altadena, which served a tightknit Muslim community for 42 years, burned to the ground in one of the Los Angeles area's deadliest fires in January leaving the congregation heartbroken and without a place to pray and break their upcoming Ramadan fast together.

With that weighing on their minds, about 20 mosque members and a few connected families met on a recent Saturday at a local Islamic school to pray and share a meal, their first together since the fire. Many who came are living in motels or with family after losing their homes in the Eaton fire, which killed 17 people and scorched thousands of homes and over 14,000 acres across Los Angeles County.

With Ramadan just days a way, their volunteer imam, Junaid Aasi, had good news to share. Clad in a white robe, black jacket and praver cap, he walked onto the plush blue prayer rugs and placed a small karaoke machine in the middle of the multipurpose room at New Horizon Islamic School.

Aasi announced the school was offering this space for four nights each week during Ramadan. There were gasps of relief, and utterances of "Alhamdulillah," an Arabic phrase that means "praise be to God."

Aasi said many in the community have been

even if only for some days tural Muslim community. each week, is a blessing.

"Ramadan is not only a time when we pray and eat together, but we also help and support each other and others in the community," he said. "This year, with so many who have lost so much, it's going to be more important than ever."

The imam, with a secular job as an IT professional, has volunteered at the mosque for the past 25 years. He has revisited the property since the fire. Sometimes, he says, he can still see everything the way it was when he closes his eves.

The place where people would perform wudu - the ritual washing of hands, feet and face before coming in to pray. The thick carpets where they prayed. Copies of the holy Quran. A fig tree outside.

"I still can't believe it's all gone," Aasi said.

He said many members are still displaced and hurting emotionally.

"One member just texted me that they were on their way here but stopped to check out their (burned) home," Aasi said. They were so overwhelmed, he added, that they couldn't bring themselves to the gathering.

Aaron Abdus-Shakoor, one of the mosque's founders and current board president, lost his home, the building that housed his real estate business and several investment properties around Altadena. He said the mosque, which began in the 1970s as a meeting place for Nation of Islam anxious about Ramadan members, evolved into in the outside area, sit and having this room, a mainstream, multicul- down, sip hot chai and the

It was called the Pasadena-Altadena Daawa Center until members in 1997 renamed it Masjid Al-Taqwa, which means "pious and god-conscious.'

"All these years, we've been good citizens," Abdus-Shakoor said. "We've always kept our doors open and have tried to be a positive influence in the community"

In the early days, the communal Ramadan celebration only happened on Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month. he said. But for many years now, members have hosted a daily community iftar, the evening meal during Ramadan, which breaks the day-long fast.

For many, the mosque has been a second home.

Salah Eddine Benatia, an Algerian immigrant, has only been in the country three months. He discovered Al-Taqwa online and had been riding the bus from Pasadena for prayers.

"I felt so warmly welcomed by this community," he said. "I miss home a lot especially around Ramadan. I was so sad when I heard the mosque burned down. Being here gives me a sense of being with family."

Farzana Asaduzzaman, who has lived in the neighborhood since 2016, said Ramadan at the mosque has always been "a family affair."

"Everyone brings food, we fast, we break our fast together," she said. "The kids would play Uno, make arts and crafts, and assemble Eid gift bags. We would put up heaters

talk for hours."

Asaduzzaman, her husband and their three children, ages 14, 10 and 3, lost their home in the fire as well. They spent two and a half years renovating the property before it burned down.

"Our masjid may be gone and our neighborhood may be gone, but our community is strong," she said. "This is our support system. We'll be together for Ramadan, no matter where it is. We'll find a place where we can see our kids run around and where we can gather and be together again."

For Mohammed AlDajani, a second-year medical student, the mosque was a five-minute walk from his condo, which was also lost in the fire. For AlDajani, who had no relatives or friends nearby, the mosque fulfilled the need for social and spiritual nourishment.

"The masjid was actually a nice incentive for me to move here," he said. "It's a place that has helped ground me in this community."

AlDajani said, unlike many mosques he has attended, Masjid Al-Taqwa's members represent many nationalities and ethnicities — Arab, African American, Afghan, Indian, Bangladeshi, Turkish and North African among them.

"I found that very unique," he said.

Last year was his first Ramadan in Southern California. The mosque's youth painted a mural of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, a disputed holy site that has become a flashpoint in Israeli-Palestinian

American, AlDajani said the community project touched him profoundly at a time when his heart was broken by the suffering of those in Gaza.

He said he learned about the Altadena mosque's destruction even before he found out his home was gone.

"It's just like my chest sank when I saw the images," AlDajani said. "It was difficult because I was there for morning and night prayers every day. It was my little haven. It doesn't feel right, having that empty space there.

As he tries to find a place to rent, AlDajani says the mosque community has been "keeping him afloat."

"Our prayer group still meets on the weekends," he said. "I was anxious about Ramadan. It's nice

conflict. As a Palestinian to know we'll still be able to gather and pray, and this haven will still exist.

Sakeenah Ali's children, who attended Elliott Magnet Middle School across the street from the mosque, lost their school in the fire.

"They would hear the afternoon call to prayer from their school, which was very special," she said, adding that she went out and saw the mosque burn and the parking lot covered in ash.

"Cars were on fire. trees were smoldering," Ali recalled. "You could hear explosions everywhere - boom, boom."

But she believes that her community is resilient.

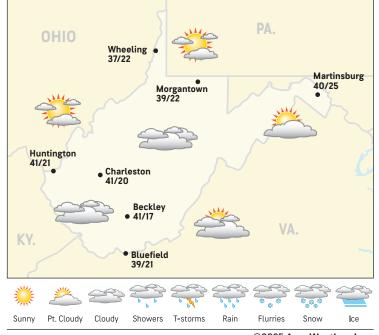
"The key is to keep showing up," Ali said. "Make sure we have our prayer time, stay connected and be consistent. We are going to rebuild.'



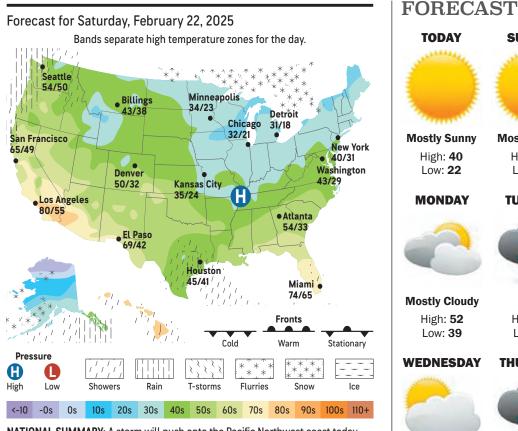
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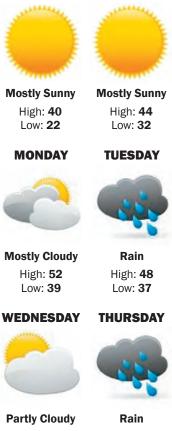
Forecast for Saturday, February 22, 2025







NATIONAL SUMMARY: A storm will push onto the Pacific Northwest coast today, where the rain will become heavy late in the day and overnight leading to flooding. In southern Texas, there will be a little rain, perhaps freezing on some surfaces early. It will primarily be dry elsewhere, but very cold air will linger east of the Rocky Mountains.



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Associated Press Today is Saturday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2025. There are 312

days left in the year. **Today in history:**

On Feb. 22, 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviet Union, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal two days later with a 4-2 victory over Finland.)

Also on this date:

In 1732, the first president of the United States. George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner. the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had successfully cloned an adult mammal for the first time, a sheep they named "Dolly."

In 2021, the number of U.S. deaths from COVID-19 topped 500,000, according to Johns Hopkins University,

Today's birthdays: Actor Paul Doolev is 97. Actor James Hong is 96. Actor Julie Walters is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 75. Golf Hall of Fame Amy Alcott is 69. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 66. Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 62. Hockey Hall of Famer Pat LaFontaine is 60. Actor-comedian Rachel Dratch is 59. Actor Paul Lieberstein (TV: "The Office) is 58. Actor Jeri Ryan is 57. Actor Thomas Jane is 56. Actor-singer Lea Salonga is 54. Tennis Hall of Famer Michael Chang is 53.

DEAR ANNIE

Toxic co-worker ruins retirement job

an office with one other full-time secretary who started at the same time co-worker is close to I did. She pushes most of the work onto me while she spends most of her day on her cellphone or shopping online. When my work is done, I sometimes use my phone for personal tasks, too, to pass the time since the office can be very slow.

Unlike me, my co-worker is constantly on her phone. Meanwhile, I only check mine out of boredom on slow days

She's delusional about her own phone use and even claimed in front of our boss once that I'm on my phone all the time, "just like [her] kids." I just held my tongue in disbelief because I rarelv use my cellphone at work.

Here is the issue, and I have never done this be-boss if you don't have fore. Recently at work, I glanced at my phone and if you focus not on your noticed a friend of mine co-worker's who owns a business was but instead on wanting broadcasting a live video to better balance the ofon social media. Wanting fice duties, emphasizing to catch it, I put in one that your main concern earphone that connected is keeping things amicato my cell while still an- ble in the workplace. swering office calls. The doorbell rang a minute or two later, so I removed

Dear Annie: I retired the earphone to answer early from a stressful the door. In the 30 secjob about a year ago and onds it took me to return, now work part-time in my coworker had destroyed my headphones.

What should I do? My our boss, even spending time with her outside of work, so I feel stuck putting up with her behavior. Should I even bother talking to the boss, given how close they are? I feel stuck. - Trapped in a Toxic Office

Dear Trapped: Your co-worker's behavior is absolutely unacceptable. But since she and your boss are friends, you're right – and smart to want to tread lightly. Continue to keep track of these indiscretions and try addressing them with her directly. At the very least, it's more than reasonable to ask her not to touch your personal belongings.

If nothing changes, consider taking things to your HR rep first or your one. It'll go over better character.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

COLLEGE BASEBALL Griffin Kirn's journey from Division II to WVU ace continues

BY JUSTIN JACKSON

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Steve Sabins emphasizes two words in describing pitcher Griffin Kirn: ultimate trust.

That showed last week, as the Mountaineers (3-0) began the college baseball season with a three-game sweep over Jacksonville.

Kirn was the opening day starter. He pitched 5 2/3 innings and allowed just one hit and one run in a 4-2 win that gave Kirn his first Division I victory in his first game.

get his second start at 2 p.m. today, as WVU travels to Nashville, Tenn. to begin a four-game series against Lipscomb (1-1).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

riding on his first season as WVU's head coach with the Mountaineers facing possibly its highest expectations for a season than ever before.

His first ever starting pitcher was not going to be just some guv.

"He had everybody on the team believing in him," Sabins said. "If I didn't believe that, there's zero chance he's got the ball in that scenario."

As it turns out, Sabins' first starting pitcher was pitching Kirn, a fifth-year senior, will at the Division II level last season.

Kirn, a left-hander, was on very few recruiting radars last summer coming out of private

Sabins then elaborated a bit liberal arts college Quincy (Ill.) more, saying there is so much University, which has an enrollment of around 1,500.

> This story may sound familiar. It was just last season when WVU found pitcher Derek Clark from the Division II level and he developed into the Mountaineers' top pitcher and a ninth-round draft pick by the Los Angeles Angels.

SEE KIRN, B-2

WVU at LIPSCOMB

WHEN: 2 p.m. today WHERE: Ken Dugan Field, Nashville, Tenn. TV: ESPN+ (Online subscription needed) WEB: dominionpost.com



WVU Athletics photo

B-1

WVU pitcher Griffin Kirn will get his second career start at the Division I level when the Mountaineers travel to Lipscomb at 2 p.m. today.

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT WVU needs the best version of Amani Hansberry against No. 9 Texas Tech

BY JUSTIN JACKSON

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Amani Hansberry is a young man with options on a basketball court.

As the WVU forward began to describe some of them, the reaction from teammate Javon Small was priceless.

"The way most teams play ball screens with Javon, they either try to blitz it or isolate him to one side," Hansberry began. "I try to make contact with a guy guarding Javon to make sure the big has to pull with Javon. Now we've got two to the ball and we can play two against one on the backside with me and Jonathan Powell."

SEE HANSBERRY, B-2

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WVU at TEXAS TECH

WHEN: 1 p.m. today WHERE: United Supermarkets Arena, Lubbock, Texas TV: ESPN+ (Online subscription needed)



Photo by John McCabe

4 Nations Face-Off shatters expectations

PRO HOCKEY

Associated Press

Canada won the 4 Nations Face-Off by beating the United States for the championship in an overtime thriller capped off by Connor McDavid's memorable goal that will be on highlight reels for decades to come.

In the grand scheme of things, the NHL, its players and the sport of hockey all came out as winners.

The 4 Nations was a oneoff tournament with no past and no future, a trimmed down version of a World Cup of Hockey staged because the best players in the world waited so long for something of its kind. With tens of millions watching across North America it exceeded all expectations, with play on the ice better resembling a Stanley Cup Final or the Olympics than the All-Star Weekend festivities it replaced. "It was much more popular than even we would have imagined — it was getting so much attention from our whole continent," 4 Nations MVP Nathan MacKinnon said. "The 4 Nations caught on fire. I'm sure everyone didn't really know what to expect. Obviously questions about it being an All-Star Game, things like that. Obviously people didn't really know the player's mindsets coming in, and rightfully so. You never really know. But guys took this very seriously when you represent your country." Given that a generation of players from McDavid and MacKinnon to Americans Auston Matthews and Jack Eichel never got a chance to represent their countries in so-called best-on-best play as professionals, it was clear in their minds they were taking it seriously. For many fans, it took seeing the opening game Sidney Crosby's no-look pass to MacKinnon for a goal 56 seconds in and the frantic SEE 4NATIONS, B-3

Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post

WVU forward Amani Hansberry is averaging 9.7 points and 6.2 rebounds per game this season.

SWIMMING Bridgeport takes gold in state championships

BY JOHN MCCABE

For The Dominion Post

Bridgeport and George Washtil the end Friday to decide the boys' state swimming champithe evening went, the more distance the Indians put on their rivals.

away from the Patriots and also the rest of the field to capture since 2019.

The Indians captured two individual titles on Thursstate record in the 400 freestyle

relay with a time of 3:13.72.

The state swimming championship is spread over two ington battled it out nearly un- days. Half the events took place Thursday, with preliminaries in the morning and finals in the onships. However, the longer afternoon. The final five events — both preliminary and finals — were Friday, with champions being crowned for boys and In the end, Bridgeport pulled girls for AAA schools and also AA/A schools.

Bridgeport captured the boys' swimming gold. It marks the AAA title, while Bridgeport boys' third team title and first and John Marshall High School tied to be named co-champions for the girls. In the Class AA/A division, Elkins won the girls day — Owen Guthrie in the 50 championship. The Lady Tifreestyle (20.69) and also the gers were the defending cham-100 freestyle, with a new state pions from the 2023-24 swim record in the 100 at 45.16. On season and also were the girls Friday, the team swam to a title overall high-point team at this in the 200 freestyle relay — also year's event, turning in a doma new state record at 1:27.41 inating performance over two and then added yet another days. The boys small school SEE SWIMMING, B-3



Morgantown High School freshman Ellie Perella swims in the 500 freestyle during Friday's events at the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission State Swimming Championships at Peak Health Aquatic Center in Morgantown. Perella finished third overall.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MEN'S BASKETBALL West Virginia at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL West Virginia at Lipscomb, 2 p.m. **GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Parkersburg South at Morgantown, 1:45 p.m. **BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Preston at Bridgeport, 3 p.m. Morgantown at Wheeling Park, 7:30 p.m. Magnolia at Trinity, 1:30 p.m. WRESTLING

Class AAA Region I tournament at UHS, All day

ON TV

AUTO RACING

1:30 p.m.: FS1 — NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: The Fr8 208, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. 5 p.m.: CW — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Bennett Transportation & Logistics 250, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. BASEBALL

6 a.m.:MLBN — 2025 World Baseball Classic Qualifier: Chinese Taipei vs. South Africa, Taipei, Taiwan

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) Noon: CBSSN — Charleston at Drexel CW — Florida St. at Louisville ESPN — Tennessee at Texas A&M ESPN2 — TCU at Cincinnati FOX — Oregon at Wisconsin 12:30 p.m.: USA — Richmond at St. Joseph's 1 p.m.: SECN — Mississippi St. at Oklahoma 2 p.m.: ACCN — Georgia Tech at Boston College BTN — Penn St. at Minnesota CBSSN — UNC-Wilmington at Hampton ESPN — Iowa St. at Houston ESPN2 — Wake Forest at NC State ESPNU — Tennessee St. at Tennessee Tech 2:15 p.m.: CW — Pittsburgh at Notre Dame 2:30 p.m.: USA — Rhode Island at Saint Louis 3:30 p.m.: SECN — Mississippi at Vanderbilt 4 p.m.: ACCN — Clemson at SMU CBS — Oklahoma St. at Kansas CBSSN — George Mason at VCU ESPN — Georgia at Auburn ESPN2 — Virginia at North Carolina FS1 — Washington at Iowa 6 p.m.: ACCN — Virginia Tech at Miami CBSSN — Santa Clara at Washington St. ESPN — Kentucky at Alabama ESPN2 — Akron at Ohio ESPNU — Murray St. at Bradley FS1 — Boise St. at Nevada SECN — Florida at LSU 8 p.m.: CBSSN — San Diego St. at Utah St. ESPN — Missouri at Arkansas ESPN2 — Saint Mary's (Cal) at Gonzaga ESPNU — Tarleton St. at UT Arlington FOX — Duke at Illinois FS1 — Butler at DePaul 8:30 p.m.: SECN — Texas at South Carolina 10 p.m.: CBSSN — Colorado St. at UNLV ESPN — BYU at Arizona ESPN2 — California at Stanford **COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)** Noon: BTN — Penn St. at Michigan ESPNU — Kent St. at Ball St. 2:30 p.m.: FOX — Iowa St. at Baylor

GOLF

4:30 a.m.: GOLF — DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Third Round, Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi City, Kenya 1 p.m.: GOLF — PGA Tour: The Mexico Championship, Third Round, VidantaWorld, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico 3 p.m.: NBC — PGA Tour: The Mexico Championship, Third Round, VidantaWorld, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico 10 p.m.: GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Honda LPGA Thailand, Final Round, Siam Country Club, Pattaya, Chon Buri, Thailand 4 a.m. (Sunday): GOLF — DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Final Round, Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi City, Kenya MLB

1 p.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore, Sarasota, Fla.

MLB

Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner may support a salary cap proposal tied to payroll minimum

Associated Press

York Yankees owner Hal a salary cap proposal as long as it contains a provision mandating minimum payrolls.

"I have been on the record already saying that I would consider supporting the four major U.S. proalso a floor so the clubs 2003.

spender since then.

MLB is the only one of

Steinbrenner may support more," Steinbrenner said. will begin in about a year Clark said in a statement. The Yankees had Major for an agreement to rehave not been the biggest Baseball Players Associa- games in two seasons. tion that expires in December 2026.

a cap depending on what fessional leagues without bargaining, we presented was put in place, a total of the cap is and contingent a salary cap but has had a ways to address the con- \$452 million. The Dodgers on the fact that there's luxury tax in place since cern being represented are second at \$350 million, now and we were stone- including \$200 million in New Baltimore Orioles walled at each turn — and the last four years.

ing enough money on owner David Rubenstein all without further restric-TAMPA, Fla. - New payroll to improve their said in January he would tions on the system," playteam would have to spend support a cap. Bargaining ers' association head Tony

A cap proposal led to League Baseball's high- place the five-year collec- a 7 1/2-month strike that est payroll for 15 straight tive bargaining agreement caused cancellation of the years through 2013 but with the Major League 1994 World Series and lost

The Yankees have paid luxury tax in 20 of 22 sea-"In the last round of sons since the current tax

that I feel aren't spend-

GAME GLANCE

Associated Press

eers (16-10, 7-8 Big 12), Texas Tech Red Raiders (20-6, 11-4 Big 12)

hosts West Virginia after Darrion Williams scored 21 points in Texas Tech's 0.9 percentage points higher than the averaging 78.4 points, 32.6 rebounds, 69-66 loss to the TCU Horned Frogs.

The Red Raiders have gone 13-2 in Tech have averaged. home games. Texas Tech is fifth in the game led by J.T. Toppin averaging 3.1.

The Mountaineers are 7-8 against scores 69.2 points while outscoring opponents by 5.0 points per game.

Texas Tech makes 48.2% of its shots 10 games. RECORDS: West Virginia Mountain- from the field this season, which is 7.9 percentage points higher than West 5.5 assists and 1.7 steals for the Moun-Virginia has allowed to its opponents taineers. Toby Okani is averaging 9.6 BOTTOM LINE: No. 9 Texas Tech (40.3%). West Virginia has shot at a points over the last 10 games. 42.9% clip from the field this season,

42.0% shooting opponents of Texas 15.7 assists, 6.2 steals and 2.7 blocks per

Big 12 with 9.8 offensive rebounds per face off Saturday for the first time in Big 68.8 points per game. 12 play this season.

TOP PERFORMERS: Toppin is avconference opponents. West Virginia eraging 17.2 points and 9.2 rebounds steals and 3.0 blocks per game while for the Red Raiders. Chance McMillian shooting 41.7% from the field. Their opis averaging 15.4 points over the last ponents have averaged 64.0 points.

Javon Small is averaging 18.5 points,

LAST 10 GAMES: Red Raiders: 8-2, game while shooting 44.5% from the The Red Raiders and Mountaineers field. Their opponents have averaged

Mountaineers: 4-6, averaging 62.7 points, 27.7 rebounds, 14.1 assists, 8.1

HANSBERRY FROM PAGE B-1

It all sounds pretty complicated, to be sure, but Hansberry wasn't finished.

"If I happen to screen and Javon can get downhill, that's good," he continued. "If I screen and two (defenders) go to Javon and he kicks it to me for a three, that's good. If two go to Javon and (Powell) rotates, then that's one more, and that's good."

By this point, Small, who is sitting right next was options. He got off taineers into today's ly have something to do to Hansberry as he's to a good start with seven matchup against the with Hansberry being the speaking, can't hold in points over the first six highest-scoring team in best option of himself. his smile any longer minutes of the game. as he's listening to his teammate getting way too elaborate.

In any sense, Hanshad in the Mountaineers' Hansberry nailed anoth-

as WVU (16-10, 7-8 Big eight-point lead with 1:30 12.8 rebounds per game. 12) travels to No. 9 Texas remaining. Tech (20-6, 11-4).

the road or on a neutral win anyway I could." court. The Mountaineers three.

Cincinnati.

The story behind that From there?

"It was a little shaky," he admitted.

berry's more important away at a six-point defi- Big 12 Player of the Year there before. We let a few option is the impact he cit in the second half, honors.

The rebounds were are 2-1 in the previous critical. WVU has spent into the game after a loss, the entire portion of Big a 69-66 shocker on the The 6-foot-8 Hansber- 12 play getting beat on the road against TCU, but the ry recorded his second boards. Against Cincin- Red Raiders are 13-2 this double-double of the nati, WVU finished plus-8 season inside United Suseason with 17 points (40-32) and seven of Hans- permarkets Arena. and 13 rebounds against berry's 13 rebounds were offensive boards.

the Big 12.

ly be matched up with said. "We know what we As WVU began to chip is making a hard push for situations. We've been

62-59 victory against Cin- er 3-pointer, hit a couple four consecutive dou- and play hard."

cinnati on Wednesday, of free throws and then ble-doubles heading into and how much of a role scored in the paint that the game, in which he's he'll have at 1 p.m. today, gave the Mountaineers an averaged 27 points and

He had 41 points in "I had to be more con- a double-overtime win It will be WVU's fourth sistent and play my role against Arizona State and game this season facing for the team," he said. "I followed that up with 32 a top 10-ranked team on had to contribute to the points against Oklahoma State.

Texas Tech is coming

If the Mountaineers are to pull off a shocker Which leads the Moun- of their own, it will like-

"We have to stay poised, Hansberry will like- stay together," Hansberry Tech's J.T. Toppin, who have to do to win in these of them slip. We have to The 6-9 Toppin has had learn from our mistakes

NBA 8:30 p.m.: ABC — L.A. Lakers at Denver NHL 12:25 p.m.: ABC — Minnesota at Detroit 3 p.m.: ABC — Washington at Pittsburgh 7 p.m.: NHLN — Carolina at Toronto

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

W. Va. Boys High School W. Va. Girls High School **Basketball Poll Basketball Poll**

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Sabins isn't quite ready type of projection, but he's getting closer.

innings under his belt against a team that's not even in our conference. There's so much more to prove and he has to continue to get better."

What Sabins has proven in his time previously as WVU's recruiting coordinator, and now as the head coach, is there is literally no area of baseball that won't be researched in trying to find players to bring to Morgantown.

Sure, the easy route would be to scout the future stars on the U.S.A. national teams, the players every college coach is scouting.

It's not that Sabins is scared off from that type of recruiting competition, but there is a sense of reality that goes along with it.

"If we pretend that West Virginia is the same institution as everybody else trying to compete for national titles, we will finish second more times than not," he said.

And so, the work has to be put in, whether that means finding a player like Sam White from Canada or diving into the transfer portal for Division II pitchers like Clark and Kirn.

"I'm very proud of that," Sabins said. "If you want to have elite talent here, you have to buy low and sell high.

that aren't tapped and go sion II level. to places others aren't willing to go. You have to re- Kirn was 8-1 with a 2.96 "We have to work harder to put Kirn into that same search things differently." ERA. He was 22-8 over his to find players in different

bins to Kirn, who joins

You have to find markets their career at the Divi- Division II or III, junior

That research led Sa- career with the Hawks.

"That's been our phi- selves too much. We're "There's a hell of a outfielder Kyle West as losophy over the last de- making sure we don't lot more to prove," Sa- WVU players on this sea- cade. There's no stone miss any hidden gems at bins said. "He's got five son's roster who began unturned, whether it's West Virginia."

college, Puerto Rico or At Quincy last season, Canada," Sabins said. ways. We don't limit our-



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Corbin Burnes strikes out all 3 batters he faces in spring training debut

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. day, striking out all three the spring. Colorado batters he faced.

2021The Kyle Farmer and Ryan Mc- son," Burnes said. Mahon, and even got some help from the new Auto- ing \$210 million, six-year mated Ball-Strike System. deal with the D-backs in

tively quick one.'

asked for a review on a low much as possible. fastball to Farmer that was called a ball, and the call in October, was 15-9 with was overturned for strike a 2.92 ERA last year for three after replay showed Baltimore, which acquired it just caught the bottom him from Milwaukee in of the strike zone. Burnes' a trade. He's been an Alllooked to be in good shape Star in each of the past with a fastball that ap- four seasons.

proached 95 mph.

The right-hander re-Four-time All-Star Corbin quested to start the Cactus Burnes had a stellar spring League opener, saying he training debut for the Ari- likes to get on the mound zona Diamondbacks on Fri- as much as possible during

"The more time I can get National on the mound in game sit-League Cy Young Award uations, the more comfortwinner needed 16 pitches able I feel, and the better to retire Brenton Doyle, I can prepare for the sea-

Burnes signed a surpris-"It's good to get our December. In retrospect. there," Burnes said. "Good the partnership wasn't to knock some rust off, get that odd - Burnes lives out there and have a rela- in the Phoenix area and has a young family that Catcher Gabriel Moreno he wants to be around as

Burnes, who turned 30

Nuggets have a shot at first 10-game win streak under coach Malone, but Lakers stand in the way

Associated Press

NBA

DENVER — Michael Malone took a pragmatic stance on his team's current nine-game winning streak

"It beats the alternative," the Denver Nuggets coach said.

Can't argue there as Malone stands on the brink of a memorable career moment.

For all that Malone, the franchise's all-time winningest coach, has accomplished over his 10 seasons in Denver la Jokic-led squads have Thursday, in Denver. never won 10 in a row. Angeles Lakers tonight. chise history. The team of their conference. Denver hasn't lost at record is 15 by the 2012-13 home to the Lakers since Nuggets who were led by luck with the schedule." April 10, 2022.

"It's really important to stack wins. That's the began on the heels of a midst of one of his finest ern Conference, trailing most important thing," three-game skid and with seasons, averaging 29.7 Oklahoma City by eight Malone said after a 129- a 137-134 win over the points, 12.7 rebounds and games. "It's just who's 115 win over Charlotte 76ers in Philadelphia on 10.2 assists. "The sched- more ready to play and on Thursday. "Whether Jan. 31. It's carried up to ule was on our side." you played great or you and now through the Alldidn't play great, we Star break thanks to a injuries, too, but saw comes down to. I like the won. But there's a lot to sluggish win over a Hor- Russell Westbrook (ham- motivation of the team clean up."



Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic, left, drives to the namely, winning an NBA basket as Charlotte Hornets forward Moussa Diabate title in 2023 — his Niko- defends in the second half of an NBA basketball game

coach George Karl.

All that stands in the victorious today, it would nine straight wins, none way is LeBron James, mark the seventh 10- have come against teams Luka Doncic and the Los game win streak in fran- currently in the top six layoff.

AP photo

said Jokic, a three-time currently resides in sec-The current streak NBA MVP who's in the ond place in the West-

They've nets team playing with- string), Michael Porter to try and get that one

on Gordon (calf) return against the Hornets.

Know how much they converse about the streak?

"Not at all," Gordon said. "We just talk about playing a good brand of basketball and playing the right way — playing smart.

"You want to be playing your best basketball in April, May and June, and so now's the time to make that climb."

Jamal Murray echoed that thought. Murray has certainly found his shooting groove, going for 55 points in a win over Portland before the break and 34 against the Hornets right after the

'It's not going to come "We had a little bit down to X's and O's," said Murray, whose team who wants to win more. weathered That's what I think it



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award went to Elkins as well.

Marshall is the first in was fifth at 5:34.59. the school's history. Fairmont Senior finished relay, the boys team of as runner-up in the big- Lincoln Alugbuo, James school division for the McGinnis, Owen Gregogirls.

Local swimmers

freestyle with a time of ished fourth.

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pace at which Canada and Sweden were skating up and down the rink to believe this was going a reason and I think this to be worth watching.

Then people watched. With U.S. ratings numbers for the final still

4:56.01. Mohigans freshman Ellie Perella also had a strong showing in the 500 free, finishing third at 5:19.82. Teammate Avery The state title for John Householder, a junior,

In the 200 freestyle ry and Hammer finished fourth at 1:35.64.

Morgantown's girls Several Morgantown team of Maya Nalakan, High swimmers had Avery Householder, Aua strong Friday in the drey Kurilchick-Green pool. Junior Christian and Ellie Perella finished Hammer, coming off an third in the 400 free relay individual state title in while the boys' squad of Thursday's 100 butterfly, Alugbuo, Gregory, Mcfinished second in the 500 Ginnis and Hammer fin-

pic gold.

"I'll always remember this feeling when it's next year," U.S. winger Brady Tkachuk said after losing 3-2 in the final. "Everything happens for year, this moment can really motivate us going into next year."

pending, Sportsnet reported 10.7 million people across Canada watched Thursday night — over a talent involved, extendquarter of the country's ing its winning streak total population — after the six round-robin 2016 World Cup of Hockgames averaged 4.6 million viewers in North America and 10.1 million tuned in to the first U.S.-Canada game.

In a series of social media posts, former NFL player J.J. Watt raved, "It's just incredible how much of a home run 4 Nations has been for the occasion was. NHL and hockey in general" and said friends you get to wear the Canawho had never watched dian jersey and compete the sport before were in this event, it's somereaching out asking thing new, but I think about plans to watch and what to eat during it.

poured into this tourna- done." ment. That's what's made pure pride."

ter the NHL skipped in thing but. 2018 and pulled out at the

Commissioner Milan. The level of play have anticipated. - and the result — set also in the mix for Olym- show than that."

For now, Canada remains unbeaten over the past 15 years in tournaments with the NHL's top to four, with a title at the ey and gold medals at the 2014 and 2010 Olympics before this.

Crosby has been a part of all of this, plus an unbeaten run at the 2015 world championships, and played through injury at the 4 Nations because of how special the

opportunity "Every you saw the hockey that was on display," Crosby "Definition of grow-ing the game," Watt said. "It was pretty in-credible. Happy for this "Much, much respect for group. We came together how much effort, ener- in a short period of time gy and passion (players) and found a way to get it

In the leadup to the fiit so special. The best in nal, Canada coach Jon the world going all-out for Cooper said anyone expecting it to be more like The next chance they an All-Star Game "was will get is a year away sorely, sorely mistaken." at the 2026 Olympics in It was, in fact, a collec-Milan, the return of the tion of All-Stars, but the players to that stage af- final product was any-

Even before Canada's eleventh hour in 2022 be- players and coaches got cause of pandemic-relat- their gold medals and ed scheduling problems. trophy, it was clear the Gary event put together over Bettman billed the 4 Na- the past year-plus attracttions featuring the U.S., ed new fans to the NHL Canada, Sweden and Fin- and the sport of hockey land as an appetizer for better than anyone could

"I hope they love it," the stage perfectly for the McDavid said. "It's a Americans to again chal- great game, it's a great lenge Canadian hock- sport and I hope we put ey superiority, with the on a good show these last Swedes, Finns, Czechs, couple days and gained Slovaks, Germans and some fans, ultimately. maybe even the Russians You can't ask for a better

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New York Yankees drop ban on beards, 49 years after it was imposed

Associated Press

TAMPA. Fla. — The New day, 49 years after it was by going unshaven or letimposed by owner George ting hair fall over their Steinbrenner, in a move collars. aimed to improve player recruitment as the team military. He believed that tries to win its first World a team should look in a Series title since 2009.

Steinbrenner, son of The important to my father, Boss, announced the but again (for) my father, change Friday before the nothing is more importopener. He called the ban that's in the back of my "outdated" and "some- mind." what unreasonable."

vast majority of 20, 30s-in- controlling owner in Noto-the-40s men in this vember 2008, said he had country have beards," considered the issue for a Steinbrenner said during decade and discussed the а er Brian Cashman. "It is a Aaron Judge, Giancarlo part of who these younger Stanton and Gerrit Cole and the agent of a player minders on the clubhouse are different," Cashman of order and discipline men are. It's part of their in one-on-one meetings. character. It's part of Steinbrenner then isrelate to that? It's difficult morning that "we will be for me. I'm an older guy amending our expectawho's never had a beard tions to allow our players in his life but it's a very and uniformed personimportant thing to them. nel to have well-groomed They feel it defines their beards moving forward." character."

George

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mustaches were allowed. York Yankees dropped Players complied but their ban on beards Fri- some pushed boundaries

"My dad was in the disciplined manner," Hal Current owner Hal Steinbrenner said. "Very team's spring training ant than winning and

Hal Steinbrenner, who "This generation, the succeeded his father as

Cashman said CC Sa-Steinbrenner bathia hesitated because announced the facial pol- of the hair policy before land.' icy during spring train- signing with the Yankees



news conference, contemplated change re- New York Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole takes part in pickoff drills during a spring flanked by general manag- cently with Yankees stars training baseball workout Thursday, in Tampa, Fla.

> client would be willing to day. shave.

As recently as Monday, ing in 1976, mandating ahead of the 2009 season the Yankees had left re-

played for the Brewers.

contemplating a minor chair of each player to ar said. "This is obviously a in the ballclub because I league contract this off- rive clean shaven the fol- special place in baseball their persona. Do I totally sued a statement Friday season wasn't sure his lowing morning for photo history. That logo has a lot of meaning behind All-Star closer Devin it and we want our past banned facial hair in 1902 Cashman said some Williams, acquired in and our present players to and under general mancurrent players had told an offseason trade from recognize that, and the fu- ager Bon Howsam started him of the facial hair ban: Milwaukee, had hair on ture players to recognize strict enforcement in 1967. "It's not what I want. It's his chin for his photo. that. So ultimately there's not my preference, but I Williams, eligible for free still going to be things er Marge Schott in Februwill honor the rules of the agency after this sea- that we're going to hold ary 1999 at the behest of son, had a beard when he onto that are important outfielder Greg Vaughn, for us, but I think as just who had just been ac-"The New York Yankees Hal said more important- quired from San Diego.

ly is always trying to be championship-caliber а franchise and chasing winning.'

Outfielder Alex Verdugo was forced to trim his previously long hair when he was traded to the Yankees ahead of the 2024 season. Clay Holmes and Gleyber Torres arrived at spring training this year with beards after leaving the Yankees.

"It's somewhat surprising just because of how long the rule's been around," Holmes said.

George Steinbrenner, who bought the Yankees in 1973, died in 2010.

"I have nothing against long hair per se," George Steinbrenner said in 1976, according to The New York Times. "But I'm trying to instill certain sense

think discipline is important in an athlete."

The Cincinnati Reds The ban was lifted by own-

Ovechkin's record chase, Columbus outdoor game and trade deadline await down stretch of NHL season

Associated Press

The NHL season resumes with 14 games on Saturday and 10 more Sunday with every team in action at least once this weekend coming out of the break for the massively successful 4 Nations Face-Off.

The puck drops for the playoffs on April 19. The league's 32 teams are set to play in a total of 422 games before the fourround race for the Stanlev Cup begins in earnest.

"There's still a lot of



Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8) hockey left to be played," celebrates after scoring his 767 NHL career goals during center Pierre-Luc Dubois the third period of an NHL hockey game against the New of the Eastern Confer- York Islanders, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in Washington.

NBA With Wembanyama's season now over, everyone waits for what's next

Associated Press

French The sports newspaper L'Equipe published a photo of Victor Wembanyama across the entirety of its front page on Friday, the San Antonio star looking down with his hands on his hips.

"Coup D'Arret" was the headline in big, white letters. The translation, in this case, means Knockout Blow.

For now, yes, Wembanyama's season has been dealt a knockout blow. Deep vein thrombosis in the right shoulder is the diagnosis, meaning he has a blood clot. The Spurs in consultation with their medical team, Fox told TNT in the on- recover and get better ... I play again this season. That's the bad news. The good news is that those same doctors have told the Spurs that they believe this is not a career-threatening issue. competed during All-Star organization. I know that. He'd want to finish this thing out." ics about Wembanyama's health, is that the diagrecovery. But the location is sidelined as well. of the clot — Wembanyaprovide a good reason for the optimism. that appears when a blood vessel in someone's upper by a rib (the top rib is removed in some cases to relieve the compression, again in a few months would seem valid. Most importantly, they will ascertain if the clot rule out a genetic issue).



A fan wears the jersey of San Antonio Spurs center Victor Wembanyama as the Spurs and Phoenix Suns prepares to play an NBA basketball game in Austin, Texas, Thursday.

Spurs guard De'Aaron will to go out there and

ence-leading Washington Capitals said Friday. any — generation. "Some teams their playup pretty soon."

Alex Ovechkin's pur- it, I think it's him." suit of Wayne Gretzky's career goals record, the Taking it outside outdoor game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Detroit Red Wings at Ohio State's Stadium, the March 7 trade deadline and various injury situations coming out of the 4 Nations are among the things to watch down the stretch.

Ovechkin's GR8 chase

The Capitals captain cess for Columbus. in his 20th season is 16 long seemed unapproachto roll.

him to be a real impactful surgery. player for us in these last 27 games of the season," great. He's got tons of energy. It feels like he had able to get some work in "We're just enjoying it. freshed for this last little stretch."

The odds are still against Ovechkin break- has the success." ing the record this seating there.

Ovechkin scored 15

18 games left and some to it," teammate Dylan them. will start with 10, but I Strome said. "It's going think the pace really goes to be tough to get it this Trade season year, but if anyone can do

nice chance to showcase in a trade with San Jose. a surprise season of suc-

back of passing Gretzky's an Zach Werenski and line on March 7. mark of 894 goals that new coach Dean Evason leading the way, the Blue ers have a big decision able. Coach Spencer Car- Jackets are firmly in con- to make with big center bery expects again to see tention and getting cap- Brock Nelson, a pending Ovechkin, now 39 years tain Boone Jenner back unrestricted free agent old, refreshed and ready after missing the first who seems unlikely to rethree-quarters of the sea- sign. They are four points "I just am expecting for son following shoulder back of the second and

much fun playing hockey eral manager Lou Lam-Carbery said. "He looks in a long time and being around a group of guys," Werenski said during the know what will happen a real good break to be 4 Nations tournament. with Nelson. working hard. We've all deadline after surgery to bought into our team repair a sports hernia, game. No one cares who but he is also a player

son. BetMGM Sportsbook in the race — one point any contender looking to still favors him not get- ahead of Columbus thanks to a midseason tions on defense are much coaching change that paid sparser, but Philadelphia last season, a pace that won 15 of 21 games since Finn Rasmus Ristolainen also might be foolish to Derek Lalonde behind a significant return for bet against the greatest the bench, and duking it hard-nosed Cup winner scorer of this - and soon out with the Blue Jack- David Savard.

ets puts an even brighter "Everyone's excited spotlight on the Stadioff races will start with about it, looking forward um Series game between

There was a flurry of moves before the 4 Nations, with Colorado, Carolina and Chicago The Blue Jackets are completing a three-team set to play in an outdoor blockbuster that sent game for the first time in Mikko Rantanen and Tayfranchise history March lor Hall to the Hurricanes 1 when they host the and Martin Necas to the Red Wings at Ohio Stadi- Avalanche, the New York um. The site of so many Rangers landing J.T. Millcollege football rivalry er from Vancouver and games between Ohio State Dallas acquiring Mikael and Michigan is also a Granlund and Codi Ceci

But there's plenty more in that vein to come be-With top defensem- fore the 3 p.m. EST dead-

The New York Islandfinal wild-card spot in the "I haven't had this East, and 82-year-old genoriello's uncertain future makes it impossible to

Seattle's Yanni Gourde but also get mentally re- We're having fun. We're likely won't play until the who, like Nelson, could be The Red Wings are also a nice rental addition for add at the deadline. Opgoals in his final 27 games big dividends. Detroit has is open for business on big would tie Gretzky. But it Todd McLellan replaced and Montreal could get quickly determined that court postgame interview don't even know Vic well, Wembanyama will not after San Antonio — in but I can just tell that's its first game since the what he's about. That's diagnosis - beat Phoenix his makeup. And I'm on Thursday night. "No looking forward to seeing matter if he's able to play him back out there." basketball or not, you just want him to be healthy."

"I know Victor loves with major health issues tainly not a one-size-fitsto play the game," acting for the Spurs, affecting all problem. Spurs coach Mitch John- probably the two most son said. "You saw how he important people in the back to dominate womweekend. And he wants Popovich, the NBA's ting issue following the to be with his teammates. all-time win leader and birth of her daughter; longest-tenured current Williams needed four coach, had a stroke in surgeries to address the All the Spurs have early November; he's matter. Chris Bosh had said, in terms of specif- improving but has not to eventually retire from coached since, which basketball after he was is why Johnson has as- diagnosed with clots. nosis was DVT and that sumed the acting role. In hockey, Tomas Fleisthey are hopeful of a full And now, Wembanyama chmann developed clots

ma's upper body — might France was averaging 24.3 points, 11 rebounds, gery to relieve his clot-3.8 blocks and 3.7 assists ting problem and never There is a type of DVT this season, well on his played in the NHL again. way to probably winning defensive player of the banyama might play a arm can be compressed year and perhaps earning real game again is Auan All-NBA team nod as well.

if that is the cause) or a Antonio last summer to pionships - one of the muscle. The Spurs have play for Popovich and biggest tournaments in not said if that is the sort play with Wembanyama. the world. Wembanyaof issue that Wembanya- Fox was acquired in a ma spoke at length last ma is currently dealing trade earlier this month summer during the Parwith, but if that is the so he could team up with is Olympics about how case then the belief that Wembanyama. Obvious- much wearing his counhe could be ready to play ly things have not gone as try's uniform means to planned and San Antonio him, so it seems logical is facing a bit of a climb that he would at least Doctors will determine, in the final seven weeks strongly consider particiif they haven't already, of the season just to get pating if he was medicalhow the clot formed and into the play-in tourna- ly cleared to do so. why it is in his shoulder. ment in the loaded Western Conference.

was unprovoked (which Vic," Phoenix All-Star by the organization, runs would be bad) or pro- forward Kevin Durant the French basketball voked (which would be said. "I'm sure the whole federation now. He's not good and would likely basketball world is think- speculating on EuroBasing about him right now. ket, saying those ques-"You just wish for him Somebody like that who tions are for the coming to be healthy, period," has a strong mind, strong months.

Plenty of athletes have dealt with the clotting is-It has been a season sue before, and it is cer-

Serena Williams came Gregg en's tennis after a clotand went on to play for The 7-foot-3 center from years afterward: Tomas Vokoun needed sur-

The earliest that Wemgust, and that's if he decides to join France Chris Paul came to San for the European cham-

Boris Diaw, who spent time playing for San An-"I'm thinking about tonio and is still beloved

PRO SOCCER

Acosta and Ferreira are among the MLS players to watch

Associated Press

Soccer has a crop of playseason, many of the key back.

Some, like Jesus Ferreira and Lucho Acosta, are with new teams this season Others, like Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez, are looking to build on last season's successes.

Some players to watch in **Evander, FC Cincinnati** the 30th MLS season, which kicks off Saturday:

Lionel Messi, **Inter Miami**

The reigning MLS MVP played a part in 36 goals scoring 20, assisting on 16 others — while missing 15 games because of injury or national team duty. He led Inter Miami to the Supporters Shield and best regular the league's Best XI team. season record in MLS history. Oh, and he's a World Cup winner with Argentina and has won both the Ballon d'Or and FIFA Best honor eight times. Enough said.

Christian Benteke, **D.C. United**

al, Benteke had 23 goals While Major League last season, outscoring Messi, Luis Suarez and ers new to the league this LAFC's Dénis Bouanga, who all had 20. Benteke figures from last season are signed with D.C. United in the summer of 2022 after stints with Aston Villa, Liverpool and Crystal Palace. A two-time MLS All-Star, he's scored 38 goals in his time with D.C. United.

The Brazilian forward was acquired by Cincinnati for \$12 million in a cash-for-player deal with the Timbers. Evander had been unhappy in Portland and made it clear with social media posts. He scored 15 goals last sealead with 19 assists. He was a finalist for MLS MVP and was named to

Cavan Sullivan, **Philadelphia Union**

Just 15, Sullivan is San Jose Earthquakes perhaps one of the hottest prospects in MLS. zuelan has landed in San He signed a homegrown Jose, which is playing this MLS and U.S. men's na- scored 20 goals. He was a 70 appearances with the contract with the Union season under coach Bruce tional team veteran in finalist for MLS Newcom- Mexican national team last year that stipulates Arena. Martinez came to a trade with FC Dallas. er of the Year. He's also and played at the 2018 A Belgium internation- a transfer to Manchester the Quakes as a free agent Signed by Dallas as a 38, but has a bond with and 2022 World Cups.



AP photo

Lionel Messi of Inter Miami FC makes a pass during the second half of a preseason MLS soccer match against Orlando City on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, in Tampa, Fla.

City when he turns 18. after spending last season Sullivan played in three with Toronto FC, where he son and tied for the league matches with Philadel- finished with 13 goals. San phia's first team last year. Jose hopes Martinez can He broke Freddy Adu's re- recapture some of his magcord as the youngest play- ic from 2018, when he was er to appear in an MLS MLS MVP and the Golden veteran leadership. match by 13 days.

Josef Martinez,

The 31-year-old Vene-

Boot winner with league champion Atlanta United.

Jesús Ferreira, **Seattle Sounders**

163 regular-season MLS ing 53 goals with 34 assists. with 69 goals. The 24-year-old was on the squad that played for the United States at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Olivier Giroud, LAFC

The former Chelsea and Arsenal forward still has not scored in a regular-season match since joining LAFC last July from AC Milan. Over the course of the 38-year-old's pro career, he has scored 285 goals in 716 matches. He's got a record 57 goals for the French national team and was on the squad that won the World Cup in 2018. At his age and with his experience, he provides LAFC with

Luis Suarez. **Inter Miami**

former teammate at Bar- and Italian club Napoli. Seattle acquired the celona, last season and He also has 18 goals in

homegrown player in Messi from their days to-2016, he played played in gether in Spain. He's also made 143 appearances for games with the team, scor- Uruguay's national team,

Luciano Acosta, **FC Dallas**

Dallas paid about \$5 million to FC Cincinnati for Acosta in a cash-for-player swap. Acosta, the 2023 MLS MVP, was Cincinnati's franchise leader with 54 goals and 72 assists after joining the club in 2021. Acosta was a key to Cincinnati's turnaround after the club finished last its first three seasons.

Hirving 'Chucky' Lozano, San Diego FC

The marquee player on Major League Soccer's 30th team, Lozano was San Diego's first designated player signing last June. A 28-year-old native of Mexico City, Lozano has also played Suarez joined Messi, his for Pachuca in Liga MX

TENNIS

Teenager Andreeva upsets Rybakina to reach **Dubai final against Tauson**

Associated Press

Emirates the youngest player to match wins, with 15. reach the Dubai Cham-6-4, 4-6, 6-3 on Friday.

The 17-year-old Andreeva trailed 3-1 in the third set before winning the last five games to reach her second tour final. She won in Iasi, Romania, last July.

"If I lose 6-0, 6-0 or I "I just go for my shots nals. and try to bring out my

The 38th-ranked Tau-DUBAI, United Arab son already has a title - Teenager this year, in Auckland, Mirra Andreeva became and leads the tour in

Andreeva is the youngpionships final after est player in the top 100, beating Elena Rybakina and her run this week has put her on the brink of a maiden appearance in the top 10.

Beating Rybakina, Iga Swiatek and Marketa Vondrousova has made Andreeva the youngest player to beat three Grand Slam champions in a single tournament win 7-5, 6-4, it doesn't since Maria Sharapova matter," Andreeva said. in 2004 at the WTA Fi-

"She has so much in

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL **Boston group hoping to land a WNBA franchise.** The league has said it will add a 16th team in 2028

Associated Press

Former NBA player Michael Carter-Williams is hoping to get a WNBA franchise in Boston whether it's through expansion or being a destination for a current team that wants to move.

He's part of The Boston Women's Basketball Partners group that is spearheading the initiative. The group hasn't submitted a bid to the WNBA although they've talked with the company that the league hired to handle the expansion bids process.

"The main objective is to get a team in Boston," Carter-Williams said in a phone interview Thursday. "It doesn't matter if it's an expansion team or a team that wants to sell and move to Boston." Carter-Williams said his group has all their "ducks in a row" when it comes to where it would play and practice facility space. Now, he said, they just need a franchise. Boston hosted a sold out WNBA game last year when the Connecticut Sun played a contest at the TD Garden — home of the Boston Celtics. Another regular-season game will be played at TD Garden this year when Cait- Business Journal said it are led by the NBA ownlin Clark and the Indiana Fever take on the Sun. Carter-Williams said his group would "absolutely" be interested if the Sun were up for sale. But that's a big if since it seems there has been no discussion about the Mo- not received any confirhegan Tribe selling the mation from the league Company; Hall of Famer team. "It's something we would consider, there's not too much noise going on right now," Carter-Williams said. "We any formal vote yet on a for a WNBA franchise want to be the most prepared for any option."



The deadline to submit an expansion bid was Jan. 30, so acquiring a current team would be the most direct path for his group have a WNBA franchise in Boston.

announced three expanplay over the next two chairman of the NHL's play in 2028.

Several cities already Graw and Faith Hill. have submitted bids, including

rather than later. Here's a look at some of the interested cities:

Cleveland expansion bid

ship group is led by Cav- game. aliers owner Dan Gilbert. was "likely" for Cleveland ers in those cities. The Deisn't done yet.

"While we are very ophave submitted, we have spokesman for the Cleve- the Year Grant Hill. but land group said.

Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

The WNBA has already Nashville expansion bid

The Nashville consion teams that will start tingent is led by the beginning this season Haslam, and his wife, league has said it would tors including Candace involved in Kansas City's add a 16th team to begin Parker, Peyton Manning and entertainers Tim Mc-

> Unlike other franchis-Philadelphia, es, the Nashville group

AP file photo

WNBA commissioner Cathy Engelbert speaks to the media before the WNBA basketball draft on Monday, April 15, 2024, in New York.

Nashville and there is a see Summitt — in hon- homes said in October. chance the WNBA could or of the late Lady Vols The Chiefs quarterback go beyond 16 teams sooner coach Pat Summitt.

Charlotte, Detroit and Houston expansion bids

Three cities that previously had WNBA franchises are looking to get The Ohio city's owner- back into the women's

Bids by groups in Char-A report from the Sports lotte, Detroit and Houston to get the next expansion troit bid is led by Pistons team, although the deal owner Tom Gores and includes Sheila Ford Hamp and her husband, the timistic about the compet- principal owners of the itive WNBA bid that we Detroit Lions; the chief executive officer and chair of General Motors about their finalists," a and former NBA rookie of

Tilman Fertitta, the The WNBA Board of owner of the Houston Governors have not taken Rockets, submitted a bid 16th team, said a person with the team potentially familiar with the process. playing at the Toyota Cen-The person spoke to The ter. The Houston Comets won the first four WNBA titles before the franchise disbanded in 2008.

The Charlotte Hornets are supporting an effort to bring the Sting back.

Kansas City, Austin and St. Louis expansion bids

Celebrity athletes are years with Golden State Nashville Predators, Bill lending their star power put in a bid and with to WNBA bids in severand Toronto and Port- Crissy. The couple has al cities, including Pat- on the way there which land starting in 2026. The lined up a group of inves- rick Mahomes getting would house the NBA expansion hopes; Jayson Tatum with St. Louis and the east coast would po-Kevin Durant in Austin, tentially make travel easy Texas.

Cleveland, Detroit, Kan- already has a name for its to get basketball in Kan- York, Washington and sas City, Houston and franchise — the Tennes- sas City in general," Ma- Connecticut.

also has ownership stakes in the Royals and MLS club Sporting Kansas City. "You talk about the University of Kansas basketball. the Chiefs, whatever it is, the city is going to come out to the stadium. It's cool we were able to get the women's soccer team here and you see the support they have."

Durant spoke Wednesday in Austin about WNBA expansion as his Phoenix Suns were set to play a game against San Antonio at the University of Texas, where he played in college.

"It's a basketball city," Durant said. "We've always had major, major support here for women's basketball. We have one of the greatest coaches and greatest players to come through here. Our women's coach now is one of the greatest, we got a great young talent in (Madison Booker) out here. All down the line, I just think this city is primed for basketball, especially women's basketball at the highest level."

Philadelphia expansion bid

The Philadelphia 76ers a new sports complex team as well as the Flyers. Having another city on and could build rivalries "Obviously, we want with franchises in New

best level."

Clara Tauson, the for sure, dangerous," No. Dane who knocked out 7-ranked Rybakina said world No. 1 Aryna Sa- of Andreeva. balenka, beat Karolina Muchova 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3 her cause with 50 unin the other semifinal.

front of her and she's,

Rybakina didn't help forced errors.

GOLF

Aldrich Potgieter powers his way to a 61 to open 4-shot lead in the Mexico Open

Associated Press

VALLARTA, Mexico — Aldrich Potgieter showed his ability to shoot low Friday in the Mexico Open, the 2022 British Amateur powering and putting his at age 17 and last year begave the big-hitting South African a four-shot lead among the early starters at Vidanta Vallarta.

Potgieter chipped in for par after a tee shot into the water on the 10th hole. He failed to birdie two of the shorter par 5s on the back nine. He still had an outside chance at another sub-60 round, having shot 59 on the Korn Ferry Tour a year ago.

Those hopes ended with a tee shot into the bunker on the par-5 18th hole, and an approach that came up short into a bunker. The ball stayed near the lip, making it difficult for him 12th hole in two by hitting to get the 20-yard bunker shot close. He two-putted from 25 feet for par.

out the day where that wasn't going to hurt me."

Potgieter tied (64) and a daunting target the perfect shot."

for those playing in the afternoon.

It was superb display for Potgieter, who won way to a 10-under 61 that came the youngest player (19) to win on the Korn Ferry Tour.

"I love the golf course. It definitely suits my game, I think, in a lot of aspects," Potgieter said. "If I can keep putting well, I think it should be pretty good."

power His and ball-striking stand out. His putter is what led to the 61, with Potgieter holing seven putts from the 10-foot range or longer. That doesn't include the 10th, where his tee shot found the water, he came up just short of the green and chipped in from 20 feet for par.

He reached the 661-yard driver off the fairway to just over 20 feet.

"I've been practicing, "But it was OK," he said doing a drill on the drivof the par. "I knew I made a ing range with teeing it lot of extra birdies through- really low and hitting it really good with the driver that way," Potgieter the said. "I was telling my course record and was at caddie, 'Let's just do the 16-under 126, four shots same thing.' It was a perahead of Stephan Jaeger fect number, so yeah, hit

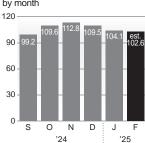
Money&Markets

The Week Ahead

Confidence check

The Conference Board issues its latest consumer confidence report on Tuesday

Analysts expect consumer confidence continued slipping in February. The consumer confidence index measures Americans' assessment of current economic conditions and their outlook for the next six months. Confidence has remained relatively strong, along with consumer spending, despite pressure from inflation.



Housing barometer

The Commerce Department delivers its monthly snapshot of new U.S. home sales on Wednesday.

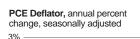
Economists project that sales slowed slightly in January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 680,000 homes. The sales pace rose in December. The broader housing market remains tight as consumers face historically high mortgage rates along with strong demand and not enough supply of newly-built and existing homes

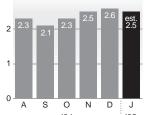


Eye on inflation

The Commerce Department rele closely watched consumer inflati data on Friday.

Economists expect the report show that inflation edged lower in January. The rate had cooled to 2.1% as of September, which is just above the Federal Reserve's preferred target of 2%, but has been mostly rising since then.





Unpopular tech titans feelings. Nearly three-quarters of Republican-leaning

Two prominent U.S. tech executives are the world's richest men but are unpopular with most Americans About 54% of U.S. adults say they have an

unfavorable view of Elon Musk, and 67% view Mark Zuckerberg unfavorably.

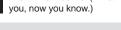
according to a Pew Research Center survey. Musk, 53, whose companies

include Tesla, SpaceX and social platform X, is now also leading President Donald Trump's push to slash federal spending and overhaul the government.

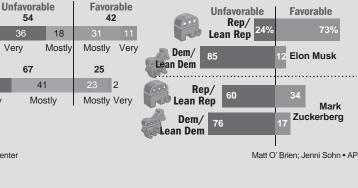
Not surprisingly, Pew's survey, taken around Trump's second week back in the White House, picked up strong partisan

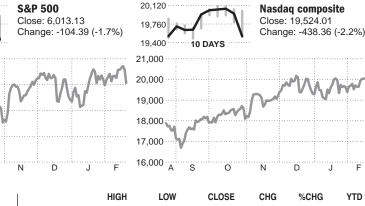
respondents viewed Musk favorably, compared to just 12% of Democrats The dislike was more bipartisan for social media titan Zuckerberg, 40, the CEO of Facebook and

Instagram parent Meta Platforms, though Republicans viewed him somewhat more favorably. What's less clear is to what extent their popularity - or lack thereof — is affecting the behavior of consumers thinking about buying Tesla cars or scrolling through Instagram. Only 3% of Americans don't know who Musk is. (If that was



in views of Musk





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Stocks of Local Interest

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AstraZeneca PLC	AZN	62.75	->	87.68	74.22	34	-0.5				+13.3	+17.2	39	4.20e	10-year Treasury note
Bk of NY Mellon	BK	52.64		89.44	87.25	+.09	+0.1	▼			+13.6	+63.5	22	1.88	fell to 4.43%
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CSX Corp	CSX	31.43	-	40.12	32.30	16	-0.5	▼	▼		+0.1	-10.4	10	0.52f	mortgages and other consumer
CVS Health Corp	CVS	43.56	_~	80.75	63.48	-1.61	-2.5	▼			+41.4	-10.4	16	2.66	loans.
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Dicks Sporting Gds	DKS	165.31		254.60	224.64	-6.86	-3.0	▼	▼	▼	-1.8	+39.1	17	4.40	
Dominion Energy	D	44.17		61.97	57.43	+1.11	+2.0				+6.6	+27.2	29	2.67	Money Fund data provided iMoneyNet.Inc
Duke Energy	DUK	90.09		121.25	115.55	+2.39	+2.1				+7.2	+26.2	74	4.17	
eBay Inc	EBAY	42.97		71.52	69.39	07	-0.1	▼			+12.0	+62.0	14	1.08	
Enbridge Inc	ENB	32.86	_~	45.78	41.78	20	-0.5	▼	▼	▼	-1.5	+30.6	38	2.67	MONEY MARKET FUN
Enzo Biochem	ENZ	0.41	<	1.40	.52	01	-2.1	▼	▼	▼	-27.7	-54.6			
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	102.65	→	126.34	110.69	-1.31	-1.2				+2.9	+10.1	14	3.96	MSILF MMP/Wealth
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HP Inc	HPQ	27.43	_	39.79	34.63	09	-0.3				+6.1	+25.3	10	1.02	
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JPMorgan Chase	JPM	178.41	>	280.25	264.24	-2.56	-1.0	▼	▼		+10.2	+58.7	13	5.00f	Energy futures
Kroger Co	KR	46.96		66.18	65.06	+.67	+1.0	▼			+6.4	+40.0	44	1.28	closed mostly
Lowes Cos	LOW	211.80		287.01	239.17	-7.25	-2.9	▼	▼	▼	-3.1	+10.8	24	4.60	lower Friday: Heating oil and
McDonalds Corp	MCD	243.53	>	317.90	304.81	+1.76	+0.6	▼			+5.1	+5.7	27	7.08	wholesale
Oracle Corp	ORCL	106.51		198.31	167.81	-8.19	-4.7	▼	▼		+0.7	+64.5	23	1.60	gasoline lost
PNC Financial	PNC	139.69		216.26	188.05	-3.84	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	-2.5	+34.7	15	6.40	nearly 2% each.
Papa Johns	PZZA	35.28	-,	76.91	47.72	74	-1.5	▼			+16.2	-30.3	23	1.84	Natural gas however rose
Polaris Inds	PII	42.85	♦——	100.91	46.53	+.67	+1.5		▼	▼	-19.2	-46.7	5	2.68f	over 3%. Silver
Procter & Gamble	PG	153.52		180.43	170.23	+3.02	+1.8				+1.5	+8.3	29	4.03	and gold dipped
PulteGroup Inc	PHM	100.24	<	149.47	103.11	-2.73	-2.6	▼	▼	▼	-5.3	+4.2	8	0.88f	slightly.
Revvity Inc	RVTY	97.32	_~	129.50	113.84	88	-0.8		▼		+2.0	+12.5	19	0.28	
Rockwell Automation	ROK	242.81		308.70	295.22	-7.96	-2.6				+3.3	+8.8	37	5.24f	
Schlumberger Ltd	SLB	36.52	-	55.69	41.74	86	-2.0	-	▼		+8.9	-10.9	13	1.14	A CONTRACTOR
Skyworks Solution	SWKS	62.01	<	120.86	67.21	11	-0.2		▼	▼	-24.2	-32.8	11	2.80	200
Truist Financial Cp	TFC	34.26		49.06	45.66	99	-2.1	▼	▼		+5.3	+37.4		2.08	
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Verizon Comm	VZ	37.59		45.36	42.76	+.27	+0.6				+6.9	+10.4	19	2.71	
WalMart Strs	WMT	57.60		105.30	94.78	-2.43	-2.5	▼	-		+4.9	+84.6	47	0.83	
Wendys Co	WEN	13.72	-\$	20.65	15.21	03	-0.2			▼	-6.7	-10.4	17	1.00	
Wesbanco	WSBC	25.56	>	37.36	35.41	88	-2.4	▼			+8.8	+31.1	14	1.48f	Foreign
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Company Spotlight Celsius heats up

"Together, we expect to broaden the

availability of Alani Nu's functional products

to help more people achieve their wellness

goals with great-tasting, functional product

options at more moments throughout their

Celsius earned an adjusted 14 cents

per share in the fourth guarter, beating

Wall Street estimates. Revenue of \$332

million in the period also topped analyst

Total return

*annualized

CELH

expectations.

Friday's close: \$32.62, +7.09

Price-earnings ratio: 45

(Based on past 12-month results)

lives," said Celsius CEO John Fieldly.

Celsius Holdings climbed to its biggest

gain in more than four years Friday after

announced the acquisition of Alani Nu, a

drink company geared toward women.

Florida-based Celsius, which has a

distribution deal with PepsiCo. acquired

cash-and-stock deal that it expects to grow

the energy drink company posted

better-than-expected earnings and

Alani Nu for \$1.65 billion in a

its per-share profits in the first year.

Celsius Holdings (CELH)

52-WEEK RANGE

AP

\$21 \$100

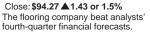
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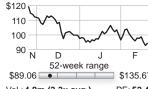
U.S. stocks fell sharply after reports showed worries that President Donald Trump's policies may be hitting the economy. The S&P 500 sank 1.7% Friday for its worst day in two months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1.7%, and the Nasdaq composite tumbled 2.2%. One report suggested U.S. business activity is close to stalling, with optimism slumping because of worries about tariffs and other potential policies from Washington. Reports on consumer sentiment and home sales also came in weaker than expected. Treasury yields fell in the bond market.

Akamai Technologies AKAM Close: \$76.73 ▼-21.30 or -21.7% The cloud services provider gave in vestors an earnings forecast that fell short of Wall Street expectations.



Vol.: 20.7m (12.4x avg.) PE: 22.7 Mkt. Cap: \$11.5 b Yield: ...





Vol.: 4.8m (3.3x avg.) Mkt. Cap: \$10.1 b Yield: ...

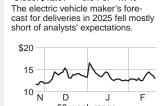
CarGurus Close: \$31 15 T-6 44 or -17 1% The online auto shopping platform's revenue forecast for its current quarter fell short of Wall Street expectations.



Vol.: 3.8m (5.3x avg.) Mkt. Cap: \$2.7 b

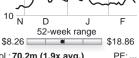
Wall Street's fourth-quarter financial forecasts





Close: \$12.97 ▼-0.64 or -4.7%

Rivian Automotive



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\$122.53

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\$25.50

Yield: ...

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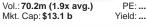
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PE: 712.3

PE: 12.1

Yield:



Close: \$100.67 ▼-1.69 or -1.7%

The automatic transmission maker

Allison Transmission

raised its quarterly dividend.

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Vol.: 667.7k (1.1x avg.)

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Vol.: 2.7m (2.7x avg.)

MercadoLibre SA

Mkt. Cap: \$1.6 b

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52-week range

Close: \$2.260.00 149.53 or 7.1%

place and payments system in Latin America beat analysts' fourth-quar-ter financial forecasts.

52-week range

The operator of an online market

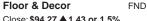
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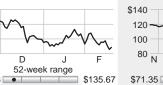
Vol.: 1.3m (3.4x avg.)

Mkt. Cap: \$114.6 b

Mkt. Cap: \$8.6 b

52-week range





\$135.67 PE: 52.4

CARG **Grid Dynamics** Close: \$21.37 \$0.89 or 4.4% The digital engineering and informa tion technology services company beat analysts' fourth-quarter earnings forecasts.

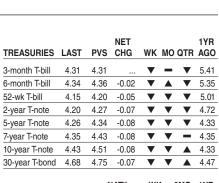


PE: ... Yield: ...

Booking BKNG Close: \$4.990.64 V-27.59 or -0.6% The online booking service beat



SOURCE: FIS



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Consumer confidence by month

Americans have more negative than positive views of Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg Elon Musk Source: FactSe



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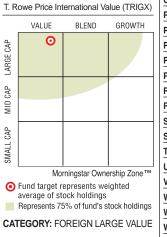
Quotable

"Sales are reportedly being hit by the uncertainty caused by the changing political landscape, and prices are rising amid tariff-related price hikes from suppliers."

> Chris Williamson, chief business economist at S&P Global Market Intelligence

FundFocus

This fund "continues to enjoy a variety of advantages over its rivals, and it remains an appealing source of foreign large-value exposure," Morningstar says.



MORNINGSTAR	
RATING™	★★★★☆
ASSETS	\$363 million
EXP RATIO	.87%
MIN. INIT. INVEST.	\$2,500
PERCENT LOAD	N/L

HISTORICAL RETURNS

	Return/Rank
YEAR-TO-DATE	+8.6
1-YEAR	+17.1/A
3-YEAR	+7.9/A
5-YEAR	+8.6/B

3 and 5-year returns are annualized. Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same group; an A indicates fund performed in the top 20 percent; an E, in the bottom 20 percent.

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Exchange The U.S. dollar weakened versus the Japanese ven and Swiss franc. The greenback rose against the British pound, euro and Mexican peso.



MAJORS	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	1YR AGO
USD per British Pound	1.2630	0039	31%	1.2632
Canadian Dollar	1.4231	+.0056	+.39%	1.3502
USD per Euro	1.0462	0039	37%	1.0817
Japanese Yen	149.09	70	47%	150.21
Mexican Peso	20.4173	+.1032	+.51%	17.0496

EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST

ASIA/PACIFIC

Australian Dollar	1.5739	+.0120	+.76%	1.5276
Chinese Yuan	7.2510	0050	07%	7.1898
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7700	0063	08%	7.8212
Indian Rupee	86.636	+.116	+.13%	82.939
Singapore Dollar	1.3367	+.0038	+.28%	1.3436
South Korean Won	1437.81	+4.12	+.29%	1335.11
Taiwan Dollar	32.79	+.08	+.24%	31.54

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Public Notices

Feb. 14, 21

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vesting in it by that certain Deed of Trust recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia, on December 16, 2022, in Book 2546 at Page 591, Frank J. Mrazeck Sr did convey unto Roger Metheny, as original Trustee, certain real property described in said Roger Metheny, as original Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Elk River Trustees Inc., as Substitute Trustee by virtue of a Substitution of Trustee recorded on January 24, 2025, in Book 2634 at Page 533 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; the undersigned Substitute Trustee has been requested, in writing, by the beneficiary of said Deed of Trust to sell the real estate described below, as there has been a default under the terms and condi-tions of said Deed of Trust. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Clear Mountain Bank to foreclose thereunder will offer for sale, at a public auction at the front door of the Monongalia County Courthouse in Morgantown, West Virginia, on **February 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM** the following described real estate, together with its easements, improve-ments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the City of

ments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the City of Westover, Monongalia County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION All of the following described parcel of real estate, together with the build-ing and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belong-ing, situate, lying and being in the City of Westover, Monongalia County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as fol-lows, to-wit:

West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as fol-lows, to-wit: All of Lot No. 3 in Block C of the Town of Riverside, a map or plat of which addition is of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 72, at Page 440; which said lot fronts for a distance of 40 feet on the northern side of Dun-kard Avenue (now State Route No. 7) and extends back therefrom with an equal and uniform width to Alley A, the eastern side of said lot adjoining Lot No. 2, being 113.6 feet long, and the western side of said lot adjoining Lot No. 4, being 109.4 feet long. And being the same property conveyed to Frank Mrazeck from Timothy J. Rowe and Paula Ann Rowe, husband and wife, by Deed dated the 4 th day of March, 1998, and of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 1160, at Page 172. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO A PRIOR DEED OF TRUST RECORDED FEBRUARY 11, 2016, IN BOOK 2105 AT PAGE 256 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. At the time of the execution of the subject Deed of Trust, the property was reported to have an address of: 212 Dunkard Avenue, Westover, West Vir-ginia 26501.

The above referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty and subject to any and all easements, rights of way, conditions, covenants, restrictions, exceptions, reservations, leases and other servitudes, which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground. The sale of the referenced real estate will also be subject to all prior liens and including any and all other deeds of trust, subject to all prior liens and including any and all other deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and all other encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, if any, having priority over the subject Deed of Trust. The subject property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition. The Substitute

Trustee makes no representations and warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition of the real estate or the title to the real estate to be conveyed. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no

duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the Unit-ed States has the right to redeem the property within a period of one hun-dred twenty (120) days from the date of the sale. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale for a time, or from time to time, without further notice, by announcement at the time and place of the fore-closure sale described herein.

closure sale described herein. <u>TERMS OF SALE</u> 1. \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars) in cash and/or certified funds made payable to "Elk River Trustees, Inc." due as a deposit at the time of sale, with the balance due and payable within thirty (30) days of sale. Per-2. The purchaser at the sale shall be responsible for payment of all real

estate taxes.

estate taxes. 3. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the recording cost of the deed and also for payment of the tax on the privilege of transferring the real property (transfer tax) imposed by West Virginia Code § 11-22-2. 4. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to pur-chase the property at the foreclosure sale. ELK RIVER TRUSTEES, INC. 214 Ventue Drive #122

714 Venture Drive, #132 Morgantown, WV 26508 Telephone: 304-241-6962 Fax: 330-436-0301 Reference file # 24-02637

Feb. 14, 21

19122 Feb. 14, 21 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 24th day of March, 2015, signed by Edwin B. Seal, Jr. to Robert D. Lewis, State Director of the rural Housing Service for the State of West Virginia, or its successor agency and the successors in office as State Director or Acting State Director, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 2049, at page 479, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning ac-celeration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present celeration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the

27TH DAY OF FEBRARY 2025

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Monongalia County in Morgantown, West Virginia located at 243 High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia, the following described real estate located in the Union District, Monongalia County, State of West Virginia as follows: Lot No. 1 of Block "A" of the Arbor Addition in Union District, Monongalia

Lot No. 1 of Block "A" of the Arbor Addition in Union District, Monongalia County, West Virginia, Iying in the community known as "Cheat Neck" and Iying on the waters of Birch Hollow Run and along West Virginia Secondary Route 69/17: Beginning at a roof bolt (found) standing as a corner to a parcel now or formerly owned by Anthoney Panson, said bolt stands within the right of way limits of West Virginia Secondary Route 69/17; thence leaving said Route 69/17 and with said Panson Parcel N. 41 14' 20" E. 95.00 feet to a 3/4 inch reinforcing rod (set); thence with two (2) new division lines, S. 49 13' 40" E. 103.24 feet to a 3/4 inch reinforcing rod (set); thence S. 41 14' 20" W. 115.00 feet (said line passes through a 3/4" reinforcing rod (set) at distance of 95.00 feet and the right of way line of said Route 69/17 at 110 feet) to a point, said point stands in the original outboundary line of the Arbor Addition; thence with said out boundary line 0, X8 14' 50" E. 105.00 feet to the beginning. containing 0.249 dary line, N. 38 14' 50" E. 105.00 feet to the beginning, containing 0.249 acre, more or less, as shown on a survey prepared by Allen J. Witschi, L.L.S. No. 587, of Greenleaf Surveying Company, dated August 16, 1983, a copy of which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Com-mission of Monongalia County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 888, at Page 400



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Feb. 14,21, 28 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by the vir-tue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 26, 2004, executed by the Borrowers, Eva M. Martin and Richard E. Martin Sr, to Janet Phillips, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of County, West Virginia, in . At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 1995 Favin Meadows Mest Virginia, in . At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 1995 Fawn Meadows, Core, WV 26529. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by a SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE dated January 15, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 2634, at Page 388. The Borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Monongalia County, in Morgantown, West Virginia on the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Monongalia County, in Morgantown, West Virginia on the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Monongalia County, in Morgantown, West Virginia, OT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN CLAY DISTRICT, MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICUARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOT NO 4, IN PHASE NO. 1 OF DUNKARD VAILEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME IS LAID DOWN AND DESIGNATED UPON A PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MAP CABINET ENVELOPE NO. 387-B. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND REGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE ROADWAYS OF DRUNKARD VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION TO THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS. MAP 36 PARCEL 0004

SUBDIVISION TO THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

MAP 3A PARCEL 0004 BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM HAROLD J. RICHARDS AND ROSEMARIE E. RICHARDS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS SET FOURTH IN BOOK 1099 PAGE 83 DATED 11/30/1994 AND RECORDED 11/30/1994, MONONGALIA COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

TERMS OF SALE: 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affection the subject property

covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-2-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal

person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after foreclosure sale will be deeded to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the sate of sale, with ten percent (10%) of the total purchase price

payable to the Trustee at sake, Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee BY

Jonathan L. Wertman, Esq. Pill & Pill, PLLC 85 Aikins Center, Edwin Miller Blvd. P.O. Box 440 No. 50x 440 Martinsburg, WV 25402 Phone: (304) 263-4971 Fax: (304) 267-5840 foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 10th day of August, 2001, signed by Tammy L. Morgan, to Jenny N. Phillips, State Director of the Rural Housing Service for the State of West Virginia, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1042, at page 82, said Deed of Trust having been re-recorded in Trust Deed Book 1044 at page 578 and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default hav-ing been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the

27 TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 at the front doors of the Courthouse in Monongalia County in Morgantown, West Virginia located at 243 High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia, the following described real estate located in the District of Grant, County of Morgantown, State of West Virginia as follows:

Beginning at a 2-inch pipe found in old county road, said pipe standing in line of Bernard Trickett, corner to Sammy Livengood; thence with one line Beginning at a 2-inch pipe found in old county road, said pipe standing in line of Bernard Trickett, corner to Sammy Livengood; thence with one line of Livengood, S. 87 degrees 35 minutes E. 322.43 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pin set in line of Beaulah Widmer, corner to Livengood; thence with one line of Widmer, S. 5 degrees 15 minutes E. 484.23 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pin set, corner to Widmer and David Henderson; thence with one line of Henderson, N. 83 degrees, 40 minutes W. 128.00 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pin set, corner to Charles Cutlip; thence with two lines of Cutlip, N. 9 de-grees 01 minute E. 173.00 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pin set, thence N. 84 de-grees 44 minutes 25 seconds W. 459.66 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pin set within the right-of-way limits of old county road; thence with the old county. within the right-of-way limits of old county road; thence with the old county road for three lines, N. 27 degrees 38 minutes E. 14.20 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pin set; thence N. 45 degrees 00 minutes E. 200.00 feet to a 1/2 - inch Iron pin set; thence N. 45 degrees 40 minutes E. 200.00 feet to a 1/2 - incr iron pin set; thence N. 20 degrees 43 minutes E. 122.60 feet to the place of beginning, containing 3.22 acres, as the same is shown on a plat of sur-vey dated July, 2001, prepared by McCoy Land Surveying Company. This conveyance is further subject to all exceptions, reservations, condi-tions, covenants, rights of way, easements and restrictions of record in the Grantor's chain of title thereto.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

said deed of trust. The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:2455 River Road, Morgantown, WV 26501 TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the pur-chase price plus all recording and transfer fees. Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer. The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to pur-chase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to com-plete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right

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to transfer the property to the next highest bidder. Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any no-tice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a con-tinuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attor-ney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement." Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests re-

the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement." Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests re-garding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below. GOLDEN & AMOS, PLLC, TRUSTEE 543 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 81 Parkersburg, WV 26102 Telephone (304) 485 3851 Fax (304) 485-0261 E-mail: timamos@ooldenamos.com E-mail: <u>timamos@goldenamos.com</u> Our business hours are 8 :30 AM - 5 :00 PM On weekdays - not including holidays Lender: DawsonUSDA rocessor: Kristi / Ext 27 (MorganTammy.nts/2024foreclosures/mb)

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the afore-said deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address 12 Goodwin Hill Road, Morgantown, WV 26508 TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale_or within 30 days of of

date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and success-ful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fit-ness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees. Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: The Monongalia Emergency Medical Services (Mon EMS) Board of Direc-tors meets regularly to conduct the necessary business of the organiza-tion. The Board meets virtually and it's next scheduled meeting is March 4, 2025. The Board continually seeks community input, feedback, and comments to the Board on all aspects of the operations of Mon EMS. That input may be submitted to info@monems.org and should include the sub-mitters name and contact information. All comments submitted by Febru-oru 26th will be observed with the Board et it's next requires meeting. ary 26th will be shared with the Board at it's next regular meeting



PUBLIC NOTICE:

HINTS FROM HELOISE Getting stuck-on food off your pots and pans

sionally have scorched free shipping. It's much food stuck in the bottom safer to do business with a of a pan. Instead of try- safe, secure seller than an ing to scrub away this unknown one who could brown stuck-on food, I put possibly be a scammer or a little water mixed with dishwasher detergent in why chance it? - Jean Milithe pan. I then simmer ci, Torrington, Conn. this mix on a cooktop for a short time. It usually takes little effort to remove and is good as new. - Polly Hardin, Russellville, Ark.

TIRE TRACTION IN BAD WEATHER

Dear Heloise: I enjoy reading your column in the Winchester Star in Virginia. In snowy, icy weather, you can take heavy rubber floor mats and put them next to the front of your tires for traction until you get past the icy section a music light. – Barbara where you are stuck. You can also use kitty litter.

For our sidewalks, my first husband would throw down birdseed. It would melt the ice on the spot. Birds will come eat up the fallen birdseed, so it helps the birds, too. Where there as small as I possibly can, is a break in the ice, you and I put it in my purse becan shovel it in there. Little thin mats won't help when I get to my seat, I remuch for tire traction on move the bag and put my ice. - Terry, in Winchester, Va.

ONLINE ADS

Dear Heloise: When I see pop-up ads on Facebook Send a money-saving or time-sav for an item of interest, I ing hint to Heloise@Heloise.com. look for it on Amazon or I can't answer your letter personanother trustworthy re- ally but will use the best hints tailer. Often the item is less received in my column.

Dear Heloise: I occa- expensive and includes worse. Some are safe, but

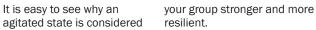
NECK RELIEF

Dear Heloise: I have neck issues and cannot bend my head down to read for long periods without causing myself pain. I also have macular degeneration, which requires me to have bright light to see book print. I solved both issues by putting my books on a music stand that is set at eye level, and I attach a strong reading light. You could also use Bradford, via email

PROTECT YOUR PURSE

Dear Heloise: I don't think I've seen this tip before: I've started folding up a plastic grocery bag fore sporting events. Then purse in it so that when I put the purse under my seat, it stays clean. Hope this helps someone else! -C.B., in San Antonio

BY RAY BILLINGSLEY



YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

unpleasant, unlucky and

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generally undesirable. How-

ever, do consider that such a

state can also produce great

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're gathering talented col-

laborators, pouring yourself

risks others would shy away

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You may be taken aback

by a sudden awareness of

a responsibility you didn't

realize you had. Chances are

it's something you've been

handling all along, but now,

instead of acting on autopilot,

you recognize the choice and

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

The difference between

innocence and ignorance

is how it lands in the room.

Innocence is charming; igno-

rance offends. Also consider

that it may be unnecessary

to have a reaction to others

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

torial zones, and you're no dif-

ferent. When someone enters

your space unexpectedly, it's

natural to bristle in defense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life

favorites, but if you try to have

everything, you'll get a belly-

the most nourishing option.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You have individuals within

the same group working to-

sees things from a unique

perspective. Not only is this

perfectly fine; it's preferred.

Differences are what make

ward the same goal, yet each

ache. Instead, choose only

is a buffet filled with your

All animals have their terri-

beyond a little kindness

and/or a willingness to

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into your work and taking

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some people develop crushes quickly and with little reason, but that doesn't mean their feelings are any less real in the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Long ago, you set yourself up for good fortune, only to forget about it. Now, it's like discovering money at the bottom of your sock drawer - a delightful surprise from Past-You, just when you need it most.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). A solid protective instinct is a gift. Even if it has people acting in defensive ways, you can appreciate the fact that vou might not know the whole story about why someone would behave in a certain way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Your awareness of needing help is a strength, not a weakness, so don't hesitate to ask. It shows you know the scope of the work and are ready to collaborate where needed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While it's impossible to chase every fleeting whim, a certain shining inspiration will stand out from the rest. It will ignite your passion and deserve your full focus, promising something truly meaningful if you commit wholeheartedly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're determined to rewrite patterns and go forward into a fresh environment that supports you differently than you've been supported in the past. You're attracting people who reciprocate your energy and enthusiasm as you create something remarkable.

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WHO EATS GRAPE

JELLY WITH GRAPE

JELLY ON IT!

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