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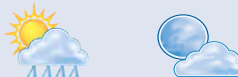
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WAR IN UKRAINE

U.S. military intelligence lauded

Space Force, Space Command have gathered information to help allies against Putin

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Two federal lawmakers and intelligence committee members highlighted the important role some Colorado military installations are providing by gathering and sharing information among friends as Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine entered its ninth day.

U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va. —

chair of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence — spoke with media Friday outside Schriever Space Force Base after meeting with senior leaders from the Department of Defense and the intelligence community on the base.

While the two chose not to talk about sensitive information they learned, Bennet did say, "It is the integration of these intelligence agencies sitting

side-by-side ... with Space Force and Space Command that's enabling us to have exquisite intelligence that we're using to help our allies all over the world push back against this thug, Vladimir Putin.

"I do believe this is a global battle between totalitarianism and democracy. That's what Putin is trying to attack."

Ukraine's State Emergency Service reported more than 2,000 civilians

have been killed, while Moscow said nearly 500 of its troops have died. Neither of the figures has been independently corroborated.

Senior leaders including Gen. James Dickinson, commander of U.S. Space Command, briefed the senators on the real-time intelligence gathered and shared at Schriever. The sena-

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Athletes from Ukraine arrive at the opening ceremony for the 2022 Winter Paralympics on Friday in Beijing. **More from the Paralympics, B2**

Attack on nuclear plant revives fears of Chernobyl

Watchdog: Radiation has not been released

The Associated Press

LONDON • Russia's attack on a nuclear power plant in Ukraine has revived the fears of people across Europe who remember the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, which killed at least 30 people and spewed radioactive fallout over much of the Northern Hemisphere.

The U.N. nuclear energy watchdog said no radiation was released after Russian forces shelled the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in the early hours of Friday.

But that did little to ease growing concerns in Western Europe. Even before the attack, Russia's invasion of Ukraine had heightened concerns about the vulnerability of the nuclear reactors that provide about 50% of the country's electricity. In addition to the

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Officials: Colorado 'in best position' since pandemic's start 2 years ago

BY SETH KLAMANN
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On Friday, some of Colorado's top health officials gathered — virtually — to mark the two-year anniversary of the novel coronavirus's arrival here and to further signal that the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel is something more than an optical illusion.

With high levels of immunity, the omicron wave fully receding and COVID-19 metrics down to summer 2021 lows, the risk of infection when you walk out your door "is quite low," state medical officer Eric France told reporters.

CDC COVID study
Coloradans have been infected at among the lowest levels in the nation. **A4**

The state has doled out millions of tests, vaccine doses and masks. So many people had been infected and vaccinated that, barring the arrival of a new COVID-19 strain, Colorado should be in for a quiet few months.

Those leaders had gathered and taken stock exactly a year ago, too, March 4, 2021. Back then, with the new vaccine soon to be available to every adult in the state, optimism began to poke through. The head

of the state health department, Jill Hunsaker Ryan, talked about the arrival of hope and the "light at the end of this tunnel." In a separate event, Mayor Michael Hancock announced that Denver's city-county building would be illuminated in part to "acknowledge that the light at the end of this long tunnel keeps getting brighter and brighter every day."

The delta variant, though, would arrive in force in Colorado by midsummer, only to be overtaken by the omicron strain in December, and cases would

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Court: Springs police used reasonable force

Officers held man at gunpoint in 2019

BY MICHAEL KARLIK
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Colorado Springs police acted reasonably in pointing their guns at a man and warning they would shoot him, the federal appeals court based in Denver has ruled, citing officer safety concerns.

Michael James Bosman claimed officers had used excessive force tantamount to an arrest when they ordered him out of a vehicle at gunpoint without having probable cause that Bosman had committed a crime. But a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

10th Circuit determined the officers had resorted to legitimate safety precautions.

"After carefully reviewing the record, including the officers' body camera footage, we agree with the district court that their actions were reasonable," wrote Judge Scott M. Matheson Jr. in the panel's Feb. 18 order. "Mr. Bosman contends the officers should have simply commanded him to get out of the car. But doing so may have put them at greater risk given the circumstances."

Bosman's appeal centered

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SAN FRANCISCO: A Facebook and LinkedIn post on Friday offered a reward of \$1 million for the arrest of Russian President Vladimir Putin.



BEIJING: Ukrainian athletes at the Winter Paralympics demonstrated to show their opposition to Russia’s invasion of their country.



WASHINGTON: Retired U.S. Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman said the morale of Russia’s military has reached a low point.

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FEATURED VIDEOS



COLORADO SPRINGS: Priceless facial expressions filled the gym floor at Rampart High School during the annual Bald 4 Bucks event Friday.



DENVER: The Colorado Politics reporting team discusses the response Colorado public officials had to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

FEATURED GALLERIES



COLORADO SPRINGS: Rampart High School held Bald 4 Bucks on Friday to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



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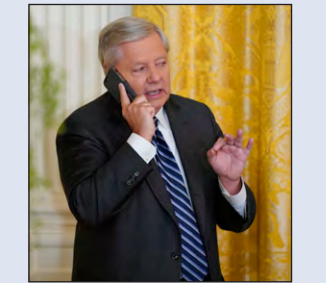
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Now that former Superintendent Michael Thomas has parted ways with Colorado Springs School District 11, the Board of Education and district leaders are left to answer a question that is on the minds of many: What's next? **A3**



NATION & WORLD
South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham is facing intense push-back from all corners of Washington after calling for the Russian people to end the Ukraine war by assassinating President Vladimir Putin. White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Friday that it is "not the position of the United States government." **A9**



SPORTS
Kayvon Thibodeaux looked like a lock to be this year's top NFL draft pick – until Aidan Hutchinson, above, played his way into the conversation. **B6**

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Fox News defense reporter challenges war comments on air

The Associated Press
NEW YORK • Fox News national security correspondent Jennifer Griffin couldn't hold back when following a retired U.S. Army colonel on the air recently, saying she barely had time to correct all of his "distortions."
She tried, though. And it wasn't for the first time or the last time.

Griffin, who has reported for Fox News Channel since 1996, has attracted attention over the past two weeks as she has publicly corrected or contradicted several Fox analysts and hosts on the air about the crisis in Ukraine. When Tucker Carlson suggested this week that some reporters are acting as flacks for the Pentagon, some interpreted that as a criticism of his colleague.

Meanwhile, former Fox host Bill O'Reilly singled Griffin out as a gutsy reporter unafraid to challenge others.
Griffin says her efforts are consistent with what she's always tried to do for 25 years, on the air and behind the scenes at Fox News.

"I think you want your experts, in today's media environment, to be passionate about what they know and what they feel about the facts," said Steve Krakauer, author of The Fourth Watch, a media newsletter with a conservative viewpoint. "I want them to be in the story."
Griffin knows her beat as much as anyone in journalism and her real-time fact-checks are a valuable public service, as long as she doesn't get caught in the muck of partisan debating, he said Thursday.

Griffin has pushed back on comments made by Sean Hannity, Steve Doocy, Harris



Fox News shows correspondent Jennifer Griffin reporting on the war in Ukraine.

Faulkner and Greg Gutfeld during appearances on their own shows. After Hannity criticized President Joe Biden on Ukraine policy, Griffin noted that every president since the fall of the Soviet Union has made mistakes there. Doocy argued on "Fox & Friends" that sanctions haven't worked against Russia; Griffin said it was too soon to say that. When Faulkner similarly questioned whether sanctions were a sufficient step, Griffin said that sending troops to the area would have given Putin an excuse to invade. She said it was "not some wag-the-dog situation" when Gutfeld suggested on "The Five" that the Ukraine crisis had been manufactured.

This past Sunday, she took on a retired U.S. Army brigadier general, Don Bolduc, after he said that it "boggles my mind" that the United States hadn't already gone "all in" on Ukraine. Griffin said Bolduc was a politician,

not a student of history.
"To suggest that the U.S. would put indirect fire or special operations or CIA on the ground to give Putin any sort of excuse to broaden this conflict is extremely dangerous talk at a time like this," Griffin said.
Earlier that day, she was interviewed by Trey Gowdy after an appearance by retired U.S. Army Col. Doug Macgregor, who urged the United States to stay out of Ukraine and not ship it any weapons. He said the Russians should be allowed to annex the portion of Ukraine they are most interested in.

When Griffin followed him, she said she needed to correct some of what Macgregor had said, "and I'm not sure 10 minutes is enough time because there are so many distortions." She said that Macgregor sounded like an apologist for Putin. "That kind of projection of withdrawal and weakness is what made Putin think he

could move into a sovereign country," she said.
Macgregor, in a subsequent radio appearance, criticized Griffin for offering a "standard neo-con narrative" of drawing comparison to 1930s appeasement of Adolf Hitler. He called it a "tired trope" that had nothing to do with the people and events of today.
Two days after his appearance on Gowdy's show, Macgregor was brought on as lead guest by Carlson in prime time. Carlson's show is usually the most-watched program on Fox.
"Unlike so many of the so-called reporters you see on television, he is not acting secretly as a flack for (Defense Secretary) Lloyd Austin at the Pentagon," Carlson said in his introduction. "No, Doug Macgregor is an honest man."
Was that a shot at Griffin? Carlson did not specify what reporters he was referring to, and Fox News did not offer a clarification. He hasn't been

afraid to take on colleagues in the past; Carlson and Shepard Smith had a memorable tiff before Smith left the network in 2019.
Griffin, who is based at the Pentagon and had stints in Moscow and Jerusalem for Fox, has a reputation for being knowledgeable and a straight-shooter, said David Lapan, a former Pentagon spokesman who dealt with her professionally in several national security capacities.
Much of her work reporting for her employer is done behind the scenes, Lapan said. He believes her recent on-the-air correctives indicate how important she considers the issues involved.
"I hope there are no reprisals because she's doing the right thing," Lapan said. "The stakes are too high."
Fox News Media, in a statement, said that "we are incredibly proud of Jennifer Griffin and her stellar reporting as well as all of our journalists and talent covering this story across our platforms."
O'Reilly, on his web show, praised Griffin and said that "propagandists" on television news aren't challenged often enough, according to the Wrap.
Fox would not make Griffin available for an interview. She appeared on Fox's "Media Buzz" on Sunday, where she told host Howard Kurtz that she doesn't believe her role at Fox News has changed.
"I'm here to fact-check facts, because I report on facts," she said. "My job is to try and figure out the truth as best as I know it. I share that information internally, so out network can be more accurate. That's what I've always done."

Pulitzer-winning journalist Mears dies at 87, AP's 'Boy on the Bus'

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON • Walter R. Mears, who for 45 years fluidly and speedily wrote the news about presidential campaigns for The Associated Press and won a Pulitzer Prize doing it, has died. He was 87.
"I could produce a story as fast as I could type," Mears once acknowledged — and he was a fast typist. He became the AP's Washington bureau



Walter R. Mears

Mears died Thursday at his apartment in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, eight days

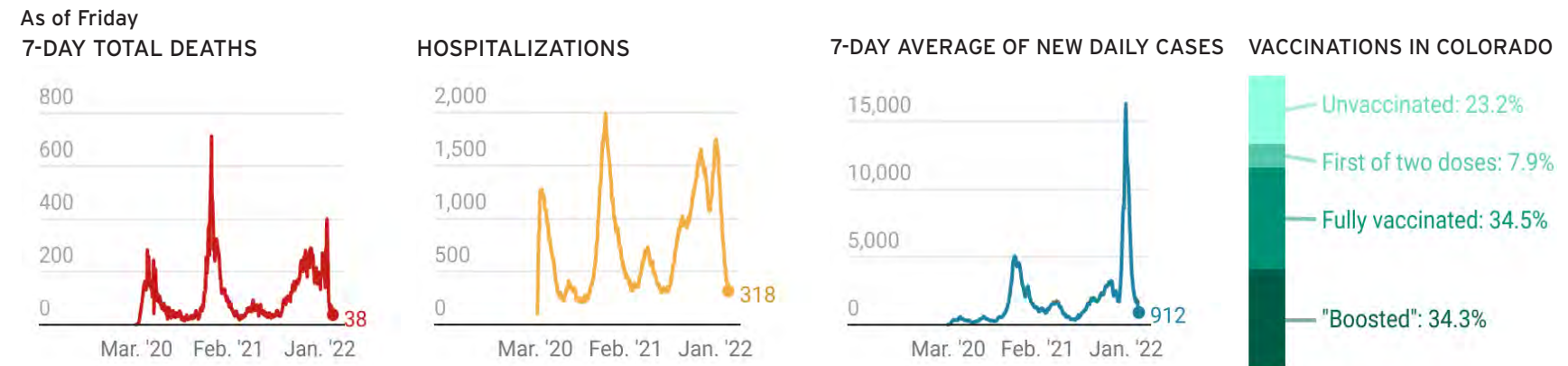
chief and the wire service's executive editor and vice president, but he always returned to the keyboard, and to covering politics.

after being diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer, said his daughters Susan Mears of Boulder, Colorado, and Stephanie Mears of Austin, Texas, who were with him.
They said he was visited on his last night by a minister, with whom he discussed Alf Landon, the losing Republican presidential candidate in 1936, a year after his birth.
Mears' ability to find the es-

sence of a story while it was still going on and to get it to the wire — and to newspapers and broadcasters around the world — became legend among peers. In 1972, Timothy Crouse featured Mears in "The Boys on the Bus," a book chronicling the efforts and antics of reporters covering that year's presidential campaign.
Crouse recounted how, im-

mediately after a political debate, a reporter from The Boston Globe called out to the man from AP: "Walter, what's our lead? What's the lead, Walter?" The question became a catchphrase among political reporters to describe the search for the most newsworthy aspect of an event — the lead. "Made me moderately famous," Mears cracked in 2005.

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District 11 looking to future

Leaders ponder what’s next after superintendent’s departure

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Now that former Superintendent Michael Thomas has parted ways with Colorado Springs School District 11, the Board of Education and district leadership are left to answer a question that is on the minds of many staff members, parents and

students: What’s next? Thomas and the board announced his departure in an emotional special meeting Wednesday evening. Dan Hoff, executive director of student leadership, was selected as acting superintendent and will serve in that role until the board chooses an interim leader for the district.

“That is a discussion I have not yet had with my board colleagues,” board President Parth Melpakam said. “I hope we will be able to announce our interim superintendent, possibly as soon as within the next week.” Board members said the selection process for the next superintendent will involve a series of discussions

among themselves and with community members. “It is important that our parents and our students know that we will consider their input and we will come together with a vision so that we are moving in a direction driven by our community,” board member Sandra Bankes said. Shortly after Thomas’ departure

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Several fires ignite as snow nears area

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Several small grass fires ignited in Colorado Springs on Friday during a day the National Weather Service in Pueblo warned of high fire danger. The brush fires followed record high heat and preceded a weekend filled with wintry weather. The Colorado Springs Fire Department said on Twitter that three separate “small” fires sparked in the area of Interstate 25 and South Circle Drive about 9:30 a.m. Friday. Firefighters extinguished the grass fires about an hour after they began, the department tweeted. A third set of grass fires broke out on I-25 and South Circle Drive just before 4 p.m., according to fire officials. There were four small fires, with the largest being a quarter acre. Crews quickly knocked down the fires and planned to monitor hotspots. When asked whether the fires alongside the interstate could be related, officials said it was difficult to tell but that neither blaze seemed suspicious. A red-flag warning went into effect at 11 a.m. due to strong

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Ditching ’dos to help kids with cancer

For a 15th year, Academy District 20 students shave their heads to support Bald 4 Bucks

BY DEBBIE KELLEY
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The shear bravery (pun intended) of Bald 4 Bucks never disappoints. During Friday’s 15th annual fundraiser, about 160 Academy School District 20 students closed their eyes, scrunched their faces and listened to razors and scissors fashion a shaved head or lopped locks. “It feels so weird,” yelled 8-year-old Sebastian Foley, a third grader at Ranch Creek Elementary School, as the stylist’s cape came off and he ran his hands over his bald ’do. “It’s pretty cool,” Sebastian declared. “I like it.” The courageous act is all about showing cancer who’s boss. Sebastian and other elementary, middle and high school students spent weeks collecting pledges from family and friends. At the Rampart High School gymnasium or in their own schools, they were treated to a buzz cut or shortened look from volunteer stylists like Amanda Corralez-Rasberry of Great Clips. “Our company brings awareness to cancer because our owner was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010 and lost her life in 2015,” she said, while preparing to pack 20 haircuts into a couple of hours. “This is fun and exciting, and we’re glad to do something to give back to the community.” Money raised benefits the Colorado Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, funding research for pediatric blood cancers and helping families pay for expenses such as co-pays. The fundraiser originated in 2004, when popular English teacher, Penny Sandford, was diagnosed with cancer for the fourth time, and students held a head-shaving fair to send her family on vacation. Sandford died Jan. 5, 2007. As a senior and Rampart’s student body president, her oldest son, Berkley, asked if the fundraiser could be reinstated in her honor. Since then, the event has raised more than \$545,000 for the statewide Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Kristen Anderson, executive director for the organization’s mountain region told students at an assembly before razors got busy. The money has helped fund better outcomes in treating children who have blood cancers and improving their lives, she said. For the past seven years, Rampart has ranked as the No. 1 fundraising organization in the nation for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, said math teacher and event



Senior Ashlee Warren watches as her shoulder-length hair falls to the ground Friday as Staci Burttschi shaves her head during the 15th annual Bald 4 Bucks fundraiser at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs. Warren said she shaved her head for her grandmother who fought cancer and survived. Rampart High School has raised more than \$545,000 over 15 years for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Officers testify at Morpew hearing

Judge to decide if case gets dismissed

BY MARC SALLINGER
9News

FREMONT COUNTY • Law enforcement officers from local and state agencies investigating Suzanne Morpew’s disappearance testified in court Friday that they all agreed there was probable cause in the case but disagreed on the timing for when Barry Morpew should have been arrested. Agents with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation raised concerns in April and May that it was too early to make an arrest in the case. The former lead investigator in the case for the CBI, Joseph Cahill, testified that arresting Morpew in May was “premature” and the “worst decision that could be made.”

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STATE & WORLD

CDC: 37.8% of Coloradans have had COVID

Infection rate among lowest levels in U.S.

BY SETH KLAMANN
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Nearly 38% of Coloradans are estimated to have been infected with the novel coronavirus through January, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found, putting the Centennial State ahead of much of the rest of the nation. Only eight states, plus Puerto Rico, are estimated to have had fewer residents infected with the virus, according to CDC data. The projections indicate 2.09 million Coloradans have been infected, and roughly 10% of those cases came during the first month of the omicron wave that began in mid-December. A year ago, the CDC estimated that nearly 686,000 Coloradans had been infected. The 12 months that followed would see the wide availability of vaccine but also the emergence of two infectious variants that drove



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Medical personnel administer COVID-19 swab tests at a mass testing site in the parking lot of The Citadel mall last year in Colorado Springs.

up case rates for the latter half of 2021. The CDC's study, which it updates regularly, relies on results from "residual serum" from other, non-COVID-19 tests. That residue, collected from two private labs, is tested for antibodies for the virus. The results do not include people who have been vaccinated against the virus. The study's updated results come as Colorado — and much of the United States — emerges from the omicron wave and enters into what experts hope will be a quiet spring for a pandemic entering its third year. Cases here have dropped significantly since the omicron wave peaked

in mid-January: The state has reported fewer cases on average over the past seven days than it has at any point since July. Hospitalizations have plunged by roughly 1,300 in six weeks; there have not been this few Coloradans hospitalized with COVID-19 since the first week of August. The CDC's projections reflect several hundred thousand more infections than what's reported by the state Department of Public Health and Environment. As of Thursday afternoon, the state reports that just over 1.3 million cases have been reported here, some of which are re-infections. Overall, the CDC estimates that 43.3% of the United States has contracted the virus, putting Colorado more than 5 percentage points ahead of the national average and well into the top 10. The state similarly has had one of the lowest death rates in the nation, though more than 12,500 Coloradans have died due to COVID-19 since the pandemic began almost exactly two years ago. "We applaud Coloradans who have gone above and beyond in the past two years to slow disease transmission by getting vaccinated and staying up to date on all recommended COVID-19 vaccinations, staying home when sick and following other public health guidance like wearing masks and avoiding large crowds," a spokeswoman for the state health department said in an email this week. "With their commitment, according to the CDC, compared to other states, Colorado ranks 10th lowest for deaths per 100,000 over the course of the pandemic." Jon Samet, the dean of the Colorado School of Public Health, said Colorado has done better than average. Though the state has had moments where it was among the worst in the nation for case rates, "everybody shared that status across time." He attributed Colorado's success — relative to other parts

of the nation — to two things. "One is we've had some parts of the state that constitute large proportions of the population that have been quite adherent with vaccination and non-pharmaceutical interventions," Samet said, referring to things like masking and social distancing. "And I think the state and counties have been willing — for the most part — to implement measures as they've been needed. So I think it's a combination of doing what public health needed to do, and also people in our state — for the most part, certainly not all and it's (patchy) — but being adherent enough to the recommendations in public health orders." Nearly 73% of Coloradans over the age of 4 are fully vaccinated, according to state data, and 81.3% have been inoculated with at least one dose. Samet and a team of experts estimated last month that 90% of Colorado is likely immune to omicron, thanks to infection and vaccination.

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increase, with a few weeks of reprieve, almost ceaselessly in Colorado from July through mid-January. Nearly half of the state's COVID-19 deaths would come during that stretch. Colorado identified its first two cases of COVID-19 — a Summit County man and a Douglas County woman — on March 5, 2020. Eight days

later, the state would have its first death: an El Paso County woman, one of several deaths linked to a bridge club in Colorado Springs. In the two years that have followed, more than 1.3 million cases have been reported to the state Department of Public Health and Environment. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that just under 38% of Colorado — more than 2 million people — has been infected with the virus since the pandemic began. After that first death was re-

ported March 13, 2020, at least 12,555 more Coloradans have died from the virus. More than half died after the first anniversary 12 months ago. On Friday, Ryan took stock. After delta and omicron sent hospitalizations and cases surging, they've now dropped to their lowest levels since the summer. The positivity rate is below 5% again, after it nearly touched 30% in January. So many people have been vaccinated or were infected during omicron — tens of thousands more than were detected by state-reported testing — that

state experts project that 90% of Coloradans are immune to omicron right now. The state has doled out more than 2.5 million at-home test kits. More than 150 public testing sites have been established in the past two years, and more than 18 million test results have been reported. More than 10 million vaccine doses have been administered by nearly 2,000 vaccine providers. Among the states, Colorado has the 10th-lowest death rate and the 11th-highest booster dose rate. "It has been two very long

years," said Scott Bookman, Colorado's COVID-19 incident commander. "But Coloradans have come together to allow us to move forward, and we're at a point now where disease rates are low and getting lower by the day. We have high immunity from vaccination. So we are at a point where we can begin to look forward to our next step." Bookman said those "two very long years" helped prepare Colorado for whatever the virus would bring from here on out, and he stressed that it "is going to be with us

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danger of explosives damaging the reactors, plant managers and technicians must have unfettered access to the plants to ensure they operate safely, nuclear experts warned. Pharmacies in some Eastern European and Scandinavian countries reported a surge in demand for iodine tablets, which can be used to protect children from radiation exposure. Politicians rushed to criticize Russia's "reckless" actions, and Ukrainian authorities renewed calls for a no-fly zone to ensure Europe doesn't face another nuclear disaster. "I didn't really sleep last night," said Paul Dorfman, who led the European Environment Agency's response to Chernobyl and was glued to the news from Ukraine on his phone. "The fact is that when things go really wrong with nuclear, you can begin to write off a lot of people's lives." That's what happened on April 26, 1986, when a sudden surge of power during a reactor systems test destroyed Unit 4 at the Chernobyl power plant in northern Ukraine, which was

then part of the Soviet Union. The accident and fire that followed released massive amounts of radioactive material, forcing the evacuation of nearby communities and contaminating 60,000 square miles of land in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. The initial explosion killed two plant workers, and 28 others died within the next three months. By 2005, more than 6,000 thyroid cancers were reported among children and adolescents in the affected area, many of which were most likely caused by radiation, according to a report from the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Radiation. "Radioactive fallout scattered over much of the Northern Hemisphere via wind and storm patterns, but the amounts dispersed were in many instances insignificant," the International Atomic Energy Agency said. Twenty-five years later, an earthquake and tsunami triggered a meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, forcing the evacuation of more than 100,000 people. The accident raised safety concerns that led Japan and many other countries to curtail the use of nu-

clear power stations. Nuclear experts on Friday stressed that the Zaporizhzhia plant is much safer than Chernobyl because the reactor is housed inside a reinforced concrete containment building designed to prevent radioactive material from escaping in the event of an accident. Chernobyl didn't have this kind of structure. While a Chernobyl-type event is unlikely, the containment vessel isn't designed to withstand explosive ordinance such as artillery shells, said Robin Grimes, a professor of materials science at Imperial College London. "It is therefore staggering and reckless to the extreme that shells have been fired close to a nuclear plant, let alone targeting buildings within the plant," Grimes said. "Even if they were not aiming for the nuclear plant, artillery is notoriously inaccurate in a time of war." British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Friday called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the attack. A host of other world leaders contacted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to express shock. Among them was Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who called the attack on



ZAPORIZHZHIA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
This image made from a video released by Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant shows a flaring object landing in the grounds of the nuclear plant Friday in Enerhodar, Ukraine.

Zaporizhzhia an "unforgivable reckless act." "As a country that has experienced the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident, I said Japan condemns the attack in the strongest terms," Kishida told reporters. Ukraine's nuclear power industry began in the 1970s, when it was still part of the Soviet Union. It now has 15 reactors at four power plants around the country. Two more reactors are under construction, and the four at Chernobyl have been shut down. Together, the reactors generate about half of the coun-

try's electricity. That share is expected to grow until at least 2035, because Ukraine sees nuclear power as the most cost-effective source of low-carbon energy, according to the IAEA. That bucks the trend in the European Union, where nuclear power generation dropped by 25% from 2006 to 2020. With the war in Ukraine triggering memories of Chernobyl, some people are taking precautions. In Denmark, Sweden and Finland, sales of iodine tablets have increased sharply. Authorities in countries like Poland and Romania sought to head off a similar surge in demand by warning consumers that taking iodine pills without a doctor's supervision may do more harm than good. The tablets can be used to protect children from the effects of radiation exposure by minimizing the uptake of radioactive iodine that can damage the thyroid gland. Rosie Fisher, 42, a climate scientist who lives in Oslo, Norway, said she was startled when her 5-year-old brought a consent form home from kindergarten asking whether the school could give him iodine tablets in the event of a nuclear accident. "Normally communications from his teachers are on the subject of the number of gloves that they have or the very thick winter dress or what kind of hats they'll need and where they should put their shoes in the morning," Fisher said. While she acknowledged that the form was probably just an example of Norwegian authorities planning for every eventuality, it nevertheless caused some anxiety. "I'm trying not to Google how far away you have to be from a nuclear blast to survive it," she said. "I'm trying not to Google that."

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tors ended the day by meeting with senior leaders at Buckley Space Force Base in Aurora, where satellites are used to detect heat blooms from launches, giving America warning against intercontinental ballistic missile attacks. Russia's aggression against Ukraine has been met with condemnation and sanctions — and tracked by guardians. "We've seen a remarkable job done by the American intelligence community, including some of these assets here (at Schriever Space Force

Base) to predict the extent of Putin's invasion," Warner said. "There is a lot of symmetry between what's happening in space and what's happening in cyber. A lot of that intel is both identified here and passed on to our defense and our allies." And with a major battle in Europe looking like it will only intensify, intelligence work at Colorado military installations will remain critical. "The world as we knew it — peace in Europe for 80 years — was blown up ... by Vladimir Putin. He still has the largest nuclear arsenal in the world (and) we're in really, really dangerous times. "I've been surprised that the Russians forces haven't brought their absolute top A-team fully

into the cyber engagement. I'm surprised that the internet is still up (in Ukraine). Warner is also pleasantly surprised by the everyday Ukrainian. "The remarkable thing is the people of Ukraine are literally voting with their lives to try to get what we all take for granted," (democracy) Warner said. "Putin underestimated the willingness of the Ukrainians to resist. "Putin can't be successful. If he is successful here it will only feed his appetite for further aggression." "Amid Russia's aggression in Ukraine and an increasingly congested and contested space domain, it's more important than ever that the intelligence community and the Depart-

ment of Defense work together to protect and defend against threats to our nation's space assets," Warner said in a provided statement. "Today's visit further demonstrates the need to keep Space Command in Colorado, where the IC (intelligence community) and DoD are working in concert on a number of critical national security programs." Warner and Bennet are part of a delegation that has been working to make sure President Joe Biden understands the importance of keeping U.S. Space Command in Colorado. With U.S. Space Command, U.S. Northern Command, Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, no place

in the United States can claim more strategic importance than Colorado Springs. Colorado has the largest contingent of bases named for the new space service. It is also home to Buckley Space Force Base in Aurora, Space Operations Command and the bulk of the Space Force's 13,000 troops. Colorado Springs is the provisional home of U.S. Space Command — which oversees all military missions in orbit — through 2026. Former President Donald Trump announced in January 2021 that U.S. Space Command would be uprooted and moved to Huntsville, Ala., after 2026. But the federal Government Accountability Office and the Pentagon's Inspector Gener-

al are reviewing the decision and Congress could reverse it. "As Russian aggression threatens the international norms that have kept Americans safe, U.S. leadership and stability in space is more critical than ever, and I'm grateful Chairman Warner joined me today to see firsthand Colorado's extensive space and national security assets," Bennet said in a provided statement. "We should be spending money to build on investments that have already been made to our space mission, not on moving Space Command and starting from scratch. Our visits today, once again, reinforced that Colorado is the most strategic choice for the permanent home for USSPACECOM."

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on the final minute of a roughly 3½-minute encounter in the parking lot of a Travelodge hotel.

Police had received a tip that Albert Stuart, who had an active felony warrant for identity theft and vehicle theft, was sleeping in a car outside the hotel.

About 9 a.m. March 7, 2019, Cpl. Randall Hallas and officers James Gilman and Mark Sandoval roused Stuart, who was in the front of the vehicle, as well as Bosman, who was in the back. Although the police heard that another person with an active warrant was also at the motel, Hallas realized that Bosman was not that person.

Hallas asked Stuart to exit the vehicle, and the car alarm sounded. Hallas asked if there were any weapons in the vehicle and neither Stuart nor Bosman answered that there were. Gilman stayed with Bosman and gave him commands to get out of the car, but Bosman had trouble unlocking the door.

While Hallas was with Stuart, he called out that he had found a gun. Within another minute or two, Hallas learned from Stuart that Bosman also had a gun.

Once Hallas relayed that information to the two other officers, the encounter changed: Gilman raised his gun and warned Bosman that “if your hands go somewhere where I feel frightened, you’re probably going to get shot.”

As Bosman finally began to exit the vehicle, Sandoval pointed his gun at Bosman and said, “If your hands go anywhere below your shoulders, I’m going to shoot you.”

Bosman slid onto the ground and a gun fell onto the pavement behind him.

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U.S. District Court Judge Raymond P. Moore

The government later charged Bosman with being a felon in possession of a firearm, to which he pleaded guilty.

Bosman attempted to suppress the evidence of the firearm, arguing that the officers effectively arrested him, not knowing who he was, for having a firearm in the vehicle as Colorado law allows. U.S. District Court Judge Raymond P. Moore, in denying the motion to suppress, did not believe the officers placed Bosman under arrest when they ordered him out of the car at gunpoint.

“To me, it’s beyond dispute, at that point, that officer safety concern is absolutely valid, absolutely justified, and that the conduct, in response to that, while objectively harsh in terms of the language used, does not exceed constitutional bounds in any way, shape or form,” he said.

Bosman argued to the 10th Circuit panel that police had a right to order both men out of the car but used unreasonable force in doing so.

“The officers could have kept their guns in the low-ready position because the fact that Mr. Bosman had a gun lawfully, as far as the officers knew, didn’t heighten the danger so much that a gunpoint seizure actually was required here,” Assistant Federal Public Defender Howard A. Pincus told the panel.

The 10th Circuit judges indicated they felt the officers had justification for being assertive once they heard about the gun in the car.

“Why wouldn’t that be a

matter of real concern if all of sudden there’s a second gun and they didn’t know where it is?” Matheson asked.

“We know that the officers confronted a somewhat perilous circumstance in that there is a firearm and they don’t know where it is,” Judge Gregory A. Phillips echoed. “What is the most the officers could have done to get him out of the car and still acted reasonably? Just by saying, ‘Would you please get out of the car?’”

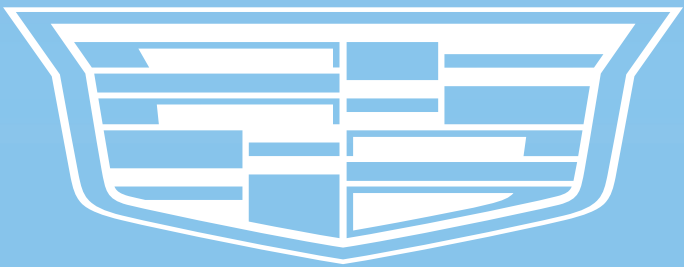
At the same time, the panel got the government to concede that the officers never asked Bosman directly about where the gun was, and there was no apparent criminal connection between Stuart and Bosman.

“Is there any reason the officers couldn’t have gotten him out of the car with his hands over his head without his being on the ground and without having actually pointed the barrel of the firearm at him?” Phillips asked.

Yes, Assistant U.S. Attorney Candyce Choi Cline responded, but the “incremental” increase in force was appropriate given the officers’ newfound safety concern.

The panel found that under the circumstances, in which police were executing a felony arrest with bystanders in the vicinity, “the officers did not act unreasonably by pointing their guns at Mr. Bosman and threatening to shoot for wayward movement,” Matheson concluded.

The case is United States v. Bosman.



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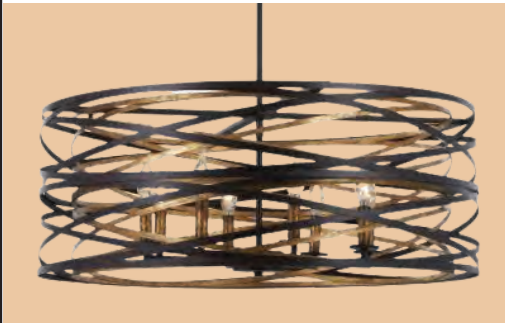
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WEATHER

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breezes, low humidity and warmer than usual temperatures, the National Weather Service said.

The blustery, warm day followed two days of record-high temperatures. Thursday hit 73 degrees, 2 degrees above the 2009 record of 71 degrees,

and Wednesday matched a 1901 record of 72 degrees, the agency said.

Friday's fire warning lasted until 8 p.m., the weather service said.

The agency predicted a 30% chance of rain overnight to start about 3 a.m. with a slight chance of snow.

More precipitation is expected throughout the weekend and into early next week with several inches of snow accumulation possible and temperatures not likely to surpass 33 until Tuesday, the weather service said.

Heavy snowfall is forecast in western and southwestern parts of the state, the Colorado Department of Transportation warned.

"Treacherous road conditions are expected," the agency said, "especially on mountain passes."

The Gazette's Hugh Johnson contributed to this report.

MORPHEW

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Cahill and his partner on the case, Agent Derek Graham, elevated their concerns to their superiors at the CBI. Their conversations led CBI Director John Camper and Deputy Director Chris Schaefer to call Sheriff John Spezze in the days before the arrest warrant was issued and ask him to hold off on arresting Morphew. CBI agents said there was still more investigative work to be done, test results they were waiting on, that they were hoping to interview more people, as well as other reasons they wanted to wait.

"I understood that they were about to make an arrest ... so I call him and told him that Barry Morphew was still speaking to our investigators and I didn't want that to come to a close," Camper said in court. "He disagreed ... one of the main concerns he expressed was that Mr. Morphew would flee. I wasn't as concerned about that."

Still, 11th Judicial District Attorney Linda Stanley and Chafee County's Spezze moved forward with arresting Morphew and charging him with murder, despite the concerns expressed by members of the CBI.

"There was no rush," Spezze



COURTESY OF THE MORPHEW FAMILY

Barry and Suzanne Morphew moved to Colorado in 2018 from Indiana. Two years later, she went missing. Law enforcement has yet to find any remains.

testified in court.

Spezze said that while he didn't have any specific concerns about Morphew fleeing and running away from authorities, he said that is always a concern. Morphew was arrested nearly a year to the day after his wife went missing.

Stanley was subpoenaed by the defense to testify Friday in the case in which she brought the charges.

Stanley has not been in court on a regular basis for several months, though it's unknown why.

The defense's motion to

dismiss the case centers around their claim that prosecutors withheld "exculpatory evidence" that would have brought into question whether probably cause would have been granted after the preliminary hearing.

Judge Ramsey Lama said he would take the motion under advisement and rule on the motion "in due time."

Suzanne Morphew has been missing since she disappeared in May 2020. Though her husband is charged with her murder, her body has never been found.

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Honorary cancer survivor and Jenkins Middle School student Jalen Thompson, 11, gets his head shaved Friday during the 15th annual Bald 4 Bucks fundraiser at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs. Jalen will be cancer-free for a year March 17.



Ranch Creek Elementary School student Sebastian Foley, 8, feels his shaved head Friday during the 15th annual Bald 4 Bucks fundraiser at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs. The Rampart community has raised more than \$545,000 over the 15 years for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



Sophomore Bobby Woolfolk and others take turns shaving junior Quinten Lyon's head Friday during the 15th annual Bald 4 Bucks fundraiser at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs.

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organizer Greg Andersen. Online donations had surpassed \$17,000 by Thursday, toward this year's goal of \$25,000. In 2019, donations topped \$100,000. Rampart's contributions include more than \$25,000 donated specifically to local families, Andersen said, including this year's "superhero," Jalen Thompson of Colorado Springs. Jalen shared his story with Rampart's 1,400 students. He was unexpectedly diagnosed in April 2018 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common childhood cancer. The 11-year-old, who attends

Jenkins Middle School in Colorado Springs School District 11, lost all his hair when he was going through chemotherapy at age 7 but wanted to shave his head on Friday as well, to benefit the cause. "I like having my hair short," he said. "I think it's more comfortable." For three years, Jalen and his family were "basically in lockdown like COVID." He couldn't attend school, eat the foods he likes, go fishing or camping, or do other fun stuff he enjoys because of his weakened immune system and the grueling treatment. On March 17, 2021 — three months earlier than expected — Jalen heard doctors say, "You're cancer-free." "I can't even express how happy I was, knowing what I had been doing for three

years wasn't going for nothing," Jalen said on stage. "I had officially beaten cancer." Jalen received loud applause, cheers and a standing ovation. Approaching the one-year anniversary of being healthy, Jalen enjoys eating cookie dough and not-well-done steak. He can go to birthday parties, run around and pretty much do everything a normal kid can. "Getting rid of three months of doctors' appointments was the best present anyone could give me," he said. Rampart junior Olivia Southcott said while she does not have cancer, she likes being able to support kids who have. "It feels really good to be a good person and represent a good cause," she said, after her pink hair gave way to a pink scalp in front of a mass

of students who were watching and filming. The charitable event has become Rampart's legacy, many students said, often marking a defining moment in their lives. "Bald 4 Bucks is important because it gives students an opportunity to make a difference and be part of something that's bigger than themselves," said student body president Jakob Walker. "Students love seeing their impact on the world." Walker, a senior, had his head shaved on television Friday morning. He's been participating since sixth grade. "Every person walks out a changed and new person," he said. "There's so much good happening today."

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Colorado Springs School District 11 and Superintendent Michael Thomas parted ways this week.

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was announced, rumors abounded concerning who the next superintendent would be. Melpakam said several of those rumors made their way into his inbox, but they are all completely false. "Names are being thrown around," Melpakam told The Gazette. "The board hasn't even had that conversation yet. Any names that are circulating are not coming from the board, so I don't know where the rumors are coming from." Officials did say the new superintendent will need to foster open, honest and respectful communication as he or she attempts to heal a community that has been sharply divided during the last few months of Thomas' tenure. Tensions in the district have been high, as evidenced during the Feb. 23 meeting — a packed gathering marked by emotional public comments and angry audience outbursts that made it difficult, at times, for Melpakam to maintain decorum in the room. "We need someone who can heal our community with grace and good communication skills," board member

Julie Ott said. "I think (the board members) can all agree that we need our kids to thrive and grow academically, and we need someone who will be able to guide that work." Melpakam said the new superintendent will be tasked with helping attract more students to the district. "We are a declining-enrollment district, and we want to change that narrative," he said. "That will be an immediate point of attention for the new superintendent." Board officials would not specify exactly when the search for a new superintendent will begin, but said conversations about search criteria will take place soon. Regardless of who is eventually tapped to lead the district, there are about three months left in the school year, and academic work must continue unabated, officials said. "Our teachers are doing an incredible job this year, facing the COVID absences and everything else that we've had to face," district spokeswoman Devra Ashby said. "And they're still out there doing the work that needs to be done. The leadership in the district will happen as the board moves forward with the process, but it's our people that will continue to push our district forward."

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BRIEFLY

Africans facing hostility from guards while fleeing Ukraine

Nigerian medical student Oduola Adebowale said he and some friends were trying to get on a train to flee Ukraine when soldiers pointed guns at them and ordered them back.

The Ukrainian troops told him they were only letting pregnant women on the service from the city of Lviv to the Polish border, but he said he saw them stop some pregnant African women from getting on board.

“When we asked why they were doing this, the soldiers pointed guns at us, endangering our lives,” he told Reuters days later after he managed to complete his journey and landed at Nigeria’s Abuja airport Friday.

Scores of foreign students have echoed his complaints in social media posts, saying they were treated badly as they queued up with the crowds trying to escape Russia’s invasion.

N. Korea conducts missile test ahead of S. Korea election

North Korea fired at least one suspected ballistic missile toward the sea to the east of the Korean peninsula Saturday, militaries in the region said, an apparent test just days before the South’s presidential election.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the launch of one suspected ballistic missile on Saturday, while the office of Japan’s Prime Minister also said it was a suspected ballistic missile.

The launch would be the ninth this year. The last was Feb. 27 when North Korea said it tested systems for a reconnaissance satellite.

The South Korean military said Saturday’s launch came from a location near Sunan, where Pyongyang’s international airport is located. The airport has been the site of previous tests, including the Feb. 27 launch.

Mexico inflation seen on the rise again

Mexico’s year-on-year inflation likely accelerated in February after cooling slightly over the previous two months, a Reuters poll showed Friday, reinforcing expectations that the central bank will continue to raise its key interest rate.

The consensus forecast of 11 analysts surveyed was for inflation to grow to 7.23% from 7.07% in January. If the prediction is correct, it would be the first increase since November, when inflation hit a 20-year high.

The core rate of inflation, which strips out some volatile food and energy items, was seen accelerating to 6.58%, which would be the highest rate since June 2001.

REUTERS

Graham faces intense pushback

Republican South Carolina senator called for assassination of Putin by the Russian people

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON • South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham is facing intense pushback from all corners of Washington after calling for the Russian people to end the Ukraine war by assassinating President Vladimir Putin. White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Friday that it is “not the position of the United States government.”

Graham, a former Air Force lawyer and longtime defense hawk, tweeted Thursday evening that “the only people who can fix this” are Russians.

“The only way this ends is for somebody in Russia to take this guy out,” Graham tweeted. “You would be doing your country — and the world — a great service.”

The tweet drew swift pushback from some of the most conservative and liberal members of Congress. Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz called it “an exceptionally bad idea.” Georgia Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Republican who was denounced this week for speaking at an event organized by a white nationalist, said Graham’s tweet was “irresponsible, dangerous & unhinged.” And Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar, a Democrat who has faced criticism over comments about Israel, tweeted: “Seriously, wtf?”



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Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., right, with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., speaks about their bill to ban Russian energy imports Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

On Friday, Psaki dismissed Graham’s idea out of hand. “That is not the position of the United States government and certainly not a statement you’d hear come from the mouth of anybody

working in this administration,” she said.

Graham’s comment comes at a fraught time for the White House, which is orchestrating a tough Western response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine while trying to avoid a direct confrontation with Russia for fear of triggering a broader war. The Russian president’s raising

of the alert level on his country’s nuclear weapons stirred fears that he may be willing to consider the unthinkable step of using them.

The U.S. has ruled out sending troops to Ukraine and hasn’t agreed to a no-fly zone over Ukraine that could lead to clashes with Russian warplanes.

With no letup in the war,

the White House has asked Congress for \$10 billion in emergency funding, with money going toward humanitarian aid and security needs. Approval could come as soon as next week. Lawmakers are also pushing the Biden administration to halt oil imports from Russia, a move that could tighten the vise on the country’s increasingly isolated economy.

But Graham is alone in encouraging attempts on Putin’s life. Russia’s ambassador to the United States, Anatoly Antonov, called his comments “unacceptable and outrageous.”

Graham was unbowed in a Fox News appearance Friday morning, saying that the best way for the fighting to end is to have “an Elliot Ness or Wyatt Earp” in Russia, referring to fabled American law enforcement figures.

“I am convinced this is a one man problem surrounded by a few people,” Graham said.

Also Friday, Graham introduced a resolution with Democratic Sens. Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen that calls for Putin to be held accountable for his actions in Ukraine, including investigations of war crimes.

Jan. 6 rioter saw Dem Pelosi as ‘evil incarnate,’ friend tells jury

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON • The first Capitol rioter to go on trial harbored a deep hatred of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and believed the U.S. was “pretty much going down the tubes,” a friend who once belonged to the same right-wing militia group testified.

Guy Refitt believed then-President Donald Trump was trying to save the country from “evil incarnate” Pelosi and repeatedly talked about his wish to forcibly remove lawmakers from office, Rocky Hardie told the jury Friday in Refitt’s trial in Washington.

Hardie, an Austin-area manufacturer of earphones, traveled with Refitt from Texas to attend Trump’s “Stop the Steal” rally as members of the Three Percenters.

Testifying under a deal with prosecutors, Hardie said that he has since left the group.

Refitt, who was turned in to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by his teenage son, is accused of leading the first group of rioters up the Capitol terrace steps, encouraging them to confront police and breach of the building. The charges include obstruction of Congress and threatening his son and daughter to keep quiet. The trial is a bellwether for others set to take place later this year.

Hardie recalled conversations he had with Refitt leading up to the riot. “We talked about President Trump and we talked about what he stood for in the country” and that he was “trying to make things right,” Hardie said. “We talked about how far do you let things go before you have to take action to protect your country.”

Refitt talked about attacking lawmakers, but Hardie said he dismissed this as hyperbole.

“I didn’t think he or anybody was going to get close to the Capitol,” Hardie said on the stand. “I thought that was impossible. I just never took it seriously.”

Both men brought guns, including AR-15 semiautomatic rifles, with them to Washington.

The jury was shown a selfie the men took in their hotel room before the riot, with Hardie wearing a shoulder holster for a pistol. Hardie said the weapons were for “self-defense” against possible antifa rioters.

Hardie described joining the mob at the Capitol and eventually getting separated from Refitt as the crowd surged forward “like a herd of cattle.” They met back at their hotel later, where Hardie said Refitt bore signs of being hit by pepper spray.

“He was red all over his body,” Hardie testified, adding that he was impressed by how far Refitt went that day. “I felt like it was kind of historically significant.”

The jury on Friday also heard from one of the Secret Service agents who evacuated then-Vice President Mike Pence and his family from the Capitol during the insurrection, as well as a former Senate employee who described the security situation deteriorating that day.

“From the moment I was told that protesters had breached the Capitol I was in a state of alarm,” Dan Schwager, former general counsel to the secretary of the U.S. Senate, told the jury. “We were in a grave situation at that point.”

Russia to block Facebook

New York Daily News

Russian President Vladimir Putin is putting his information crackdown into a new gear.

Russia’s telecommunications regulator, Roskomnadzor, said Friday that it plans to cut the country off from Facebook.

The move amounts to a major escalation in the Kremlin’s efforts to freeze its citizens’ access to independent reporting on Russia’s bloody invasion of neighboring Ukraine.

In a statement, Roskomnadzor portrayed its block on Facebook as a move to improve media freedom and cited 26 cases of “discrimination” against Russian news outlets since October 2020.

Last week, the Kremlin said it was partially restricting Facebook access in Russia, accusing the social media giant of illegally censoring Russian media. Meta, Facebook’s parent company, said at the time that Russian authorities had ordered it to stop fact-checking content from four news outlets, all government mouthpieces. Meta said it had declined.

On Friday, Nick Clegg, the president of global affairs at Meta, said the social media giant intends to push to restore access in Russia.

“Soon millions of ordinary Russians will find themselves cut off from reliable information, deprived of their ev-

eryday ways of connecting with family and friends and silenced from speaking out,” Clegg said in a statement.

“We will continue to do everything we can to restore our services so they remain available to people to safely and securely express themselves and organize for action,” Clegg added in the statement.

The Kremlin has aggressively curtailed press freedoms since last week, when it launched a vicious assault on Ukraine, a nation of 42 million people that sits in the former Soviet Union.

The BBC said Friday that it was pausing its reporting from inside Russia in response to a freshly passed law that seems to criminalize independent news gathering in the country.

Tim Davie, the director-general of the BBC, said the broadcaster was concerned about the safety of its reporters, but would continue to cover Russia from beyond the borders of the country.

Putin has weaved together a falsehood-filled rationale for his war, which has met protests in Moscow and other Russian cities.

The West, horrified and united by the invasion, has slammed the Russian economy with sanctions. Ukrainians, meanwhile, have fought hard against the invaders, stalling their push outside the capital of Kyiv.

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Pence: No room in GOP ‘for apologists for Putin’

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Former Vice President Mike Pence was to urge Republicans to move on from the 2020 election and declare that “there is no room in this party for apologists for Putin” as he further cements his break from former President Donald Trump.

Pence, in a speech Friday evening to the party’s top donors in New Orleans, was to take on those in his party who have failed to forcefully condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin for his unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

“Where would Russian tanks be today if NATO had not expanded the borders of freedom? There is no room in this party for apologists for Putin,” Pence was to say, according to excerpts from the speech. “There is only room for champions of freedom.”

Pence did not directly reference the former president in excerpts shared ahead of his remarks. But Trump has repeatedly used language that has been criticized as deferential to Putin, including calling the Russian leader “smart” while insisting the attack never would have happened on his watch.

Pence was to continue to push back on Trump’s lies about the 2020 election as he lays the groundwork for a possible 2024 presidential run. Trump, who has been teasing his own comeback bid that could potentially put the two in direct competition, has continued to falsely insist that Pence had the power to overturn the 2020 election, which he did not.

“Elections are about the future,” Pence was to say. “My fellow Republicans, we can



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Former Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the National Press Club on Nov. 30 in Washington.

only win if we are united around an optimistic vision for the future based on our highest values. We cannot win by fighting yesterday’s battles,

or by relitigating the past.”

Pence has been increasingly willing to challenge Trump — a departure from his deferential posture as vice president.

Pence has said the two men will likely never see “eye to eye” on the Capitol insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021, when Trump supporters stormed the building in an effort to stop certification of Joe Biden’s election victory. And last month, he directly rebutted Trump’s false claims that he, as vice president, could have overturned the results, telling a gathering of lawyers in Florida that Trump was “wrong.”

Still, he was to join the oft-stated view of Trump and others in the Republican Party on Friday in blaming Biden for Putin’s actions, accusing the current president of having “squandered the deterrence that our administration put in place to keep Putin and Russia from even trying to redraw international boundaries by force.”

“It’s no coincidence that Russia waited until 2022 to invade Ukraine,” Pence was to say, according to excerpts. “Weakness arouses evil, and the magnitude of evil sweeping across Ukraine speaks volumes about this president.”

While Pence allies believe that he can forge a coalition that brings together movement conservatives, white Evangelical Christians and more establishment-minded Republicans, Trump’s attacks on Pence have made him deeply unpopular with large swaths of Trump’s loyal base, potentially complicating his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Pence on Jan. 6 had to be whisked to safety with his family as a mob of Trump supporters breached the Capitol building, some chanting “Hang Mike Pence!”

‘Why are you wearing that?’

Mask shaming looms as COVID cases fall in Florida

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. • A shopper rolls her eyes at the customer wearing a mask inside Publix. A client is annoyed her stylist still insists on donning a face covering. A high-schooler feels awkward being the only one with a mask at a party.

After the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relaxed guidelines and the omicron wave diminished, there’s a new chapter unfolding in the fierce debate over masks: People now seem more likely to be shamed, or made uncomfortable, for wearing a mask than not having one.

The issue was thrust into the spotlight this week when Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis asked high school students in Hillsborough County to remove their masks during his news conference. It ignited a barrage of pro- and anti-mask comments on social media.

“Honestly, it’s not doing anything, and we’ve gotta stop with this COVID theater,” DeSantis told the students. “So if you want to wear it, fine, but this is ridiculous.”

The intense debate about masks has been an outgrowth of the coronavirus pandemic, turning schools, grocery stores and government meetings into battlegrounds for disagreement in Florida.

As COVID-19 case levels keep dropping, more people are deciding they no longer need a mask. But Michele Perez, of Sunrise, says she still wears a mask everywhere. Sometimes she wears two.

Recently she was in Publix



SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

Shoppers leave a Dollar Tree store wearing masks Thursday in Oakland Park, Fla.

and another shopper looked right at her and rolled her eyes. “I could have gotten into it with her, but I just took my cart and went in the other direction,” Perez said.

Across the country, mask mandates are falling fast, but Florida never had one and the governor has taken a strong position against them. On Thursday, Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo insisted there is no evidence masks make a difference. He held up a cloth mask during a news conference and said, “These things are not saving lives. They are not going to end the pandemic.”

Just as Floridians argue “no

one should be told what they must wear,” the new debate centers on “no one should be made to feel uncomfortable for protecting themselves.”

Kevin Brown Jr. kept his mask on at the governor’s news conference, even after DeSantis’ comment.

“I was thinking I don’t know if I should take it off or leave it on ‘cause it’s the governor,” Brown told News Channel 8 in Tampa. “He asked us to take it off but I thought about it, and it’s my right to have my mask on.”

His father, Kevin Brown, spoke out in support of his son. “I tell him it’s his choice, so he made that choice and the governor has no right to

tell no kid or no one who they can or can’t wear a mask. He doesn’t have that right.”

In South Florida, with the positivity rate below 5%, the use of facial coverings is optional at Miami-Dade County and Broward County Public Schools. Leah Schneider, a Davie high school senior, said most teens no longer wear them to school or in crowded hallways, and that choice is mostly respected. But wearing one to a party or out with friends can get awkward, she said. “People would ask, ‘Why are you wearing that?’”

Experts believe there is social psychology involved in mask shaming. The idea you are being judged for wearing

or not wearing a mask — to a wedding, a party, the grocery store — might deter you from doing so, even if you think it’s the right thing to do.

Sasha Laurence, of Tamarac, refuses to be shamed. She has a 3-year-old who can’t get vaccinated and an elderly mother who also is ineligible. Laurence, who works at a hair salon, recently got into a disagreement with a customer who refused to put on a mask while having her hair washed and was annoyed that Laurence had one on.

“She told me we are all going to die eventually, and I told her I am not going to die if I can help it,” Laurence said.

Biden won’t stand for Florida ban on abortion

The Orlando Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. • President Joe Biden says his administration “will not stand” for a 15-week abortion ban approved by the Florida Legislature.

Biden blasted Florida’s push to prohibit most abortions after 15 weeks with no exceptions for rape and incest in a tweet Friday morning.

“Last night, the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature passed a dangerous bill that will severely restrict women’s access to reproductive health care,” Biden wrote. “My Administration will not stand for the continued erosion of women’s constitutional rights.”

Vice President Kamala Harris also issued a statement Friday, saying the “bill is extreme by any standard.”

“The right of women to make decisions about their own bodies is non-negotiable,” she said. “If signed into law, Florida’s bill would violate the constitutional right to abortion that the Supreme Court has recognized for nearly 50 years.”

The Florida Senate approved the ban Thursday night, sending it to Gov. Ron DeSantis. At a news conference in Jacksonville, DeSantis said he would sign the bill.

“I think the protections are warranted, and I think we’ll be able to sign that in short order,” he said Friday. He also said he considered an abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy to be “late term.”

Abortion is legal up to the 24th week of pregnancy in Florida.

The high court is expected to rule on Mississippi’s 15-week ban over the summer.

Supreme Court reverses decision allowing Muslims’ FBI bias suit

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The Supreme Court sided unanimously with the Biden administration Friday and reversed a lower court decision that had allowed a lawsuit to go forward by Muslim men claiming FBI religious bias. But the justices’ limited decision did not end the case, and the men and their lawyers said they would continue to pursue their lawsuit.

The government had argued that allowing the lawsuit to go forward could reveal national security secrets. The high court, however, didn’t decide if that was the case, or whether the lawsuit should have

been dismissed.

Instead, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that a federal appeals court had made an error when looking at the case. He said that the appeals court was wrong to conclude that a longstanding “state secrets” privilege, which protects the government from having to reveal certain information, was altered by Congress’ passage of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. As a result, the court sent the case back for further review.

Ahilan Arulanantham, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a longtime lawyer for the men in the

case, said the Supreme Court made it clear that it was only issuing an “extremely narrow” ruling. He said he was “quite pleased” the court let the case continue and did not rule more broadly for the government.

“We look forward to pursuing our clients’ claims and to holding the FBI accountable,” he said.

The case involves three men from Southern California. They filed a class action lawsuit claiming the FBI spied on them and hundreds of others in a surveillance operation that began several years after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The men,

represented by lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union and others, claimed religious discrimination and violations of other rights, saying they were spied on solely because of their faith.

A lower court dismissed almost all their claims after the government said allowing the case to go forward could reveal state secrets — whom the government was investigating and why. But an appeals court reversed that decision in 2019, saying the lower court first should have privately examined the evidence the government said was state secrets.



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Visitors walk outside the Supreme Court building last month on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Poll: U.S. backs Ukraine no-fly zone, Russia oil ban

Reuters
WASHINGTON • A broad bipartisan majority of Americans think the United States should stop buying Russian oil and gas and work with NATO to set up “no-fly zones” to protect Ukraine from Russian air strikes, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll completed on Friday.

The poll, conducted Thursday and Friday, suggests that U.S. outrage is growing over Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, which in recent days has increasingly involved Russian bombing of urban areas.

That puts pressure on President Joe Biden to take more aggressive actions against Moscow, although he has dis-

missed the notion of no-fly zones because of the risk of open conflict between NATO and Russian forces.

It was not clear if respondents who supported a no-fly zone were fully aware of the risk of conflict, and majorities opposed the idea of sending American troops to Ukraine or conducting air strikes to support the Ukrainian army.

Some 74% of Americans — including solid majorities of Republicans and Democrats — said the United States and its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should impose a no-fly zone in Ukraine, the poll found.

An equally bipartisan 80% of Americans said the Unit-

ed States should stop buying Russian oil. The White House on Friday said it was weighing cuts to U.S. imports of Russian oil, though it is proceeding cautiously, concerned about a spike in gasoline prices that would add to high inflation.

Moreover, 81% of Americans think Washington should impose additional sanctions on Russia, up from 77% in a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted on Monday and Tuesday. Support for more sanctions was also bipartisan.

Some 77% of respondents said the United States should seize the assets of Russian oligarchs associated with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Pressure is growing on

Biden to ramp up economic pressure on Russia by targeting its massive exports of oil and gas. Some Western leaders worry such an approach could trigger a global energy crunch and possibly escalate the conflict.

However, some 62% of respondents in the Reuters/Ipsos poll said paying more for fuel and gas because of the crisis was worthwhile to defend another democratic country.

“You see increasing willingness among the American public to pay costs for that support” of Ukraine, said Craig Kafura, a public opinion expert at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Most respondents in the

Reuters/Ipsos poll — 72% — said they believed the United States should provide Ukraine with weapons.

The United States has pledged to boost weapons shipments to Ukraine, whose forces have put up more resistance to Russian forces than many experts initially expected.

Biden has also asked the U.S. Congress to approve an additional \$10 billion in military and humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

About 74% of Americans said their country should take Ukrainian refugees, a level of support Kafura said was surprising.

Biden’s handling of the crisis is getting better marks,

with 45% approval from the public, up from 34% last week. But it is unclear if this will lift his overall approval rating, which has been below 50% since August.

A separate Reuters/Ipsos poll earlier this week showed Biden’s overall popularity was near the low point of his presidency, a warning sign for his Democratic Party ahead of the Nov. 8 midterm congressional elections.

The poll on Ukraine was conducted online and in English throughout the United States. It gathered responses from 831 adults and has a credibility interval, a measure of precision, of 4 percentage points.

EXPLAINER



TECH. SGT. JACOB ALBERS, AIR FORCE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
An Air Force F-15C Eagle assigned to the 493rd Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force (RAF) Lakenheath, takes off in support of North Atlantic Treaty Organization enhanced air-policing missions with the Polish Air Force last month at Lask Air Base, Poland. Russia’s attack on Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant has renewed calls for NATO to impose a no-fly zone over Ukraine, despite the rejection of the idea by Western leaders concerned about triggering a wider war in Europe.

No-fly zone still unlikely

NATO taking steps to limit escalation

BY DANICA KIRKA
The Associated Press

LONDON • Russia’s attack on Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant has renewed calls for NATO to impose a no-fly zone over Ukraine, despite the repeated rejection of the idea by western leaders concerned about triggering a wider war in Europe.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Friday asked the people of Western Europe to demand that their leaders change course because the shelling of a nuclear power plant in Ukraine threatens the security of the entire continent.

“Immediate closure of the skies over Ukraine is needed,” he said. “Take to the streets and say that you want to live, to live on earth without radioactive contamination. Radiation does not know where the Russian border is.”

The attack did not, as initially feared, result in radiation release.

But military analysts say there is no chance that the U.S., Britain and their European allies will impose a no-fly zone because it could easily escalate the war in Ukraine into a nuclear confrontation between NATO and Russia. Here’s a more detailed explanation about

the situation:

What is a no-fly zone?

A no-fly zone would bar all unauthorized aircraft from flying over Ukraine. Western nations imposed such restrictions over parts of Iraq for more than a decade following the 1991 Gulf War, during the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1993-95, and during the Libyan civil war in 2011.

Why won’t NATO take this step in Ukraine?

In simple terms, because it would risk a direct military conflict with Russia that could escalate into a wider European war with a nuclear-armed superpower.

While the idea may have captured the public imagination, declaring a no-fly zone could force NATO pilots to shoot down Russian aircraft.

But it goes beyond that. In addition to fighter planes, NATO would have to deploy refueling tankers and electronic-surveillance aircraft to support the mission. To protect these relatively slow, high-flying planes, NATO would have to destroy surface-to-air missile batteries in Russia and Belarus, again risking a broader conflict.

“The only way to implement a no-fly zone is to send NATO fighter planes into Ukrainian airspace, and then impose that no-fly zone by shooting down

Russian planes,” NATO Secretary Jens Stoltenberg said. “We understand the desperation, but we also believe that if we did that, we would end up with something that could end in a full-fledged war in Europe.”

“We have a responsibility as NATO allies to prevent this war from escalating beyond Ukraine,” he said.

What would a no-fly zone achieve?

Ukrainian authorities and people cowering in bomb shelters say a no-fly zone would protect civilians — and now nuclear power stations — from Russian air strikes.

But analysts say it’s Russia’s ground forces, not aircraft, that are causing most of the damage in Ukraine.

What Ukrainians actually want is a broader intervention like the one that occurred in Libya in 2011, when NATO forces launched attacks on government positions, said Justin Bronk, a research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London. That’s not likely to happen when the opponent is Russia.

“They want to see the West kind of sweeping in and taking out the rocket artillery that’s pummeling Ukrainian cities,” Bronk said. “We’re not going to go to war against the Russian army. They are a massive nuclear-armed power. ... There is no way that we could possibly

model, let alone control, the escalation chain that would come from such an action.”

What is happening over the skies in Ukraine?

Predictions that Russia would quickly control the skies over Ukraine have not come to fruition.

Military experts are wondering why Russia has chosen to leave most of its fixed-wing combat aircraft on the ground during this massive land offensive. One explanation may be that Russian pilots aren’t well trained in supporting large-scale land operations, engagements that require coordination with artillery, helicopters and other assets in a fast-moving environment.

“I think that maybe they’re a little bit worried that that is a very constrained area. It’s not like the Middle East, where there’s all kinds of space to roam around in the air,” said Robert Latif, a retired U.S. Air Force major general who now teaches at the University of Notre Dame.

“They could very easily stray over borders,” he explained. “With both Ukrainian and Russian air defense systems and Ukrainian, what little they have, and Russian airplanes all flying around — that could be a very confusing. I think maybe they’re a little bit worried about actually being able to pull it off.”

Pentagon: China gave ‘approval’ to Putin, blames U.S. for war in Ukraine

BY JERRY DUNLEAVY
The Washington Examiner

While the Pentagon accuses China of “at least tacit approval” of Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, China has repeatedly sought to lay blame at the feet of the United States, calling it one of the “culprits of the crisis.”

China is Russia’s most powerful ally, and Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met at the start of the Olympics in February to announce a broad strategic partnership amid Russia’s military buildup on Ukraine’s border. Since the full-scale invasion was launched, China has carefully avoided condemning Russia as Russia seeks to shift blame for the Ukraine invasion to the U.S. and the West.

“We’ve seen, basically, through statements, some at least tacit approval by the Chinese for what Russia was doing,” Defense Department spokesman John Kirby said Wednesday. “Now, in the last few days, some of their Foreign Ministry spokespeople have appeared to walk some of this back a little bit by talking about Ukrainian sovereignty, which is welcome to see. But we haven’t seen China join the list of countries that have enacted sanctions on Russia. We haven’t seen the Chinese blame Mr. Putin for the violence he is causing.”

Kirby added: “Instead, they’ve been blaming the United States — incredibly — that our support for Ukraine has somehow precipitated this invasion of a sovereign state.”

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin reiterated the point by blaming the U.S. on Thursday and Friday.

The Chinese spokesman pointed to thoughts from the 1990s by former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union George Kennan, a recent article by “famous U.S. expert on international relations” and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, and comments by former Democratic Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who said last month that “this war and suffering could have easily been avoided if Biden Admin/NATO had simply acknowledged Russia’s legitimate security concerns regarding Ukraine’s becoming a member of NATO.”

“Those who created the problem should be the ones to undo it,” Wang said Thursday. “We hope the culprits of the crisis can reflect upon their roles in the Ukraine crisis. They should earnestly shoulder due responsibilities and take real actions to ease the situation and resolve the problem instead of shifting the blame to others.”

Wang again played the blame game on Friday.

“The U.S. has been spreading disinformation time and again, and smearing China with the Ukraine issue,” Wang claimed. “Fabricating rumors to shirk one’s own responsibility is very hypocritical and despicable. Spreading disinformation cannot help the U.S. shift its responsibility.”

Wang’s blaming of the U.S. on Thursday was precipitated by a New York Times article this week, which contended that a Western intelligence report “said senior Chinese officials told senior Russian officials in early February not to invade Ukraine before the end of the Winter Olympics in Beijing,” which indicated that “senior Chinese officials had some level of knowledge about Russia’s war plans” before the invasion.

Wang dismissed the report as “pure fake news.”

“Such practice of diverting attention and blame-shifting is despicable,” Wang said.

Putin and Xi met in Beijing on Feb. 4, just before the Winter Olympics opening ceremony.

China and Russia then issued a more than 5,300-word joint statement, claiming the “friendship between the two States has no limits” and that “there are no ‘forbidden’ areas of cooperation.” The two said “Russia and China stand against attempts by external forces to undermine security and stability in their common adjacent regions” and that they “will increase cooperation.” The China-Russia statement also said, “The Russian side ... opposes any forms of independence of Taiwan.”

The China-Russia joint statement did not mention Ukraine directly but said: “The sides oppose further enlargement of NATO and call on the North Atlantic Alliance to abandon its ideologized Cold War approaches.”

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Stocks fall again amid investors' war worries

NEW YORK • Stocks around the world racked up more losses Friday, as even a gangbusters report on the U.S. jobs market couldn't pull Wall Street's focus off its worries about the war in Ukraine.

The S&P 500 fell 0.8% and posted its third weekly loss in the past four. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.5%, and the Nasdaq composite ended 1.7% lower.

The declines for U.S. stock indexes followed sharper losses in Europe after a fire at the continent's largest nuclear plant caused by shelling raised worries about what's next. Markets worldwide have swung wildly over the past week on worries about how high prices for oil, wheat and other commodities produced in the region will go because of Russia's invasion, inflaming the world's high inflation.

Treasury yields sank again as investors moved money into U.S. government bonds in search of safety.

All the movements came despite a much stronger report on U.S. jobs than economists expected, one described as encouraging and even "fantastic." Hiring by employers last month topped expectations by hundreds of thousands of workers, more people came back into the workforce after sitting on the sidelines and jobs numbers for prior months were revised higher.

Chipotle opens a ninth location

Victory Ridge site in north Springs a 'Chipotlane' with drive-thru for online ordering

BY RICH LADEN

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Chipotle Mexican Grill is doing something in Colorado Springs that it hasn't done in 13 years: expand.

The California-based fast-casual chain, known for its burritos, tacos and other items, opened its ninth Springs location Friday in the Victory Ridge development, southeast of InterQuest and Voyager parkways in northern Colorado Springs.

And Chipotle already has another location in the works.

A proposal submitted recently to city government planners by a Denver real estate developer shows a 10th Chipotle would be built north of Dublin and Tutt boulevards on the Springs' northeast side. The site is just east of the busy Powers Boulevard residential and commercial corridor.

Chipotle, like several national brands, has been well established in Colorado Springs, though it hasn't added a location since opening in 2009 at the University Village Colorado shopping center on North Nevada Avenue.

Elsewhere, Chipotle has three restaurants along Academy Boulevard and locations on or near Powers, Garden of the Gods Road, Southgate Road and Tejon Street in downtown.

Asked why it's now expanding in the Springs, Chipotle replied via email that it has a goal of having at least 7,000 restaurants in North America and is on the lookout for new locations.

Last month, the chain opened its 3,000th location, a site in Phoenix, according to a Chipotle news release. This year, Chipotle plans to open 235 to 250 restaurants after opening 215 in 2021 in the U.S., Canada and Europe, the release said.

All locations are corporate owned;

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Strong job growth in U.S. as COVID fades

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON • In a buoyant sign for the U.S. economy, businesses stepped up their hiring last month as omicron faded and more Americans ventured out to spend at restaurants, shops and hotels despite surging inflation.

Employers added a robust 678,000 jobs in February, the largest monthly total since July, the Labor Department reported Friday. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.8%, from 4% in January, extending a sharp decline in joblessness to its lowest level since before the pandemic erupted two years ago.

Friday's hiring figures were collected before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has sent oil prices jumping and has heightened risks and uncertainties for economies in Europe and the rest of the world.

Yet the February hiring data suggest that two years after COVID-19 sparked a nationwide shutdown and 22 million job losses, the disease is losing its grip on America's economy. More people are taking jobs or searching for work — a trend that, if it endures, will help ease the labor shortages that have bedeviled employers for the past year.

In addition, fewer people are now working remotely because of the disease. A continuing flow of people back to offices could boost employment in urban downtowns. And the number of Americans who are delaying job hunts for fear of the disease fell sharply from January, when omicron was raging, to February.

"All signs are that the pandemic is easing its hold on jobs and the economy," said Jane Oates, president of WorkingNation and a former Labor Department official. "Very strong numbers in very uncertain times."

Other recent economic data also show

the economy maintaining strength as new COVID infections have plummeted. Consumer spending has risen, spurred by higher wages and savings. Restaurant traffic has regained pre-pandemic levels, hotel reservations are up and far more Americans are flying than at the height of omicron.

Still, escalating costs for gasoline, wheat and metals such as aluminum,

which are exported by both Ukraine and Russia, will likely accelerate inflation in the coming months. Higher prices and anxieties surrounding the war could slow hiring and growth later this year, though economists expect the consequences to be more severe in Europe than in the United States.

Inflation has already reached its highest level since 1982, with price

spikes especially high for such necessities as food, gasoline and rent. In response, the Federal Reserve is set to raise interest rates several times this year beginning this month. Those increases will eventually mean higher borrowing rates for consumers and businesses, including for homes,

For sale and hiring signs are displayed at an Armani Exchange store Jan. 21 in Miami Beach, Fla.

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U.N.: World food prices increased 24.1% in a year, hitting record high

Reuters

ROME • World food prices hit a record high in February, led by a surge in vegetable oils and dairy products, to post a 24.1% increase year-on-year, the U.N. food agency said on Friday.

The Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) food price index, which tracks the most globally traded food commodities, averaged 140.7 points last month against a downwardly revised 135.4 in January. That figure was previously given as 135.7.

Higher food prices have contributed to a broader surge in inflation as economies recover from the coronavirus crisis and the FAO has warned that the higher costs are putting

poorer populations at risk in countries reliant on imports.

FAO economist Upali Galketi Aratchilage said concerns over crop conditions and export availabilities provided only a partial explanation to the increase in global food prices.

"A much bigger push for food price inflation comes from outside food production, particularly the energy, fertilizer and feed sectors," he said. "All these factors tend to squeeze profit margins of food producers, discouraging them from investing and expanding production."

Data for the February report was mostly compiled before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Concerns over

tensions in the Black Sea area were already weighing on agricultural markets even before the violence flared, but analysts warn a prolonged conflict could have a major impact on grain exports.

FAO said its vegetable oils index rose 8.5% month-on-month in February to chalk up another record high, propelled by rising palm, soy, and sunflower oil prices. Ukraine and Russia account for about 80% of global exports of sunflower oil.

The cereal price index rose 3.0% on the month, with maize prices up 5.1% and wheat prices increasing 2.1%, largely reflecting uncertainty about global supply flows from Black

Sea ports.

FAO's dairy price index increased 6.4%, its sixth consecutive monthly rise, underpinned by tight global supplies, while meat prices rose 1.1% in February.

By contrast, sugar was the sole index to post a decrease, shedding 1.9% from the previous month due partly to favorable production prospects in major exporters India and Thailand.

FAO also issued its first projections for cereal output in 2022, seeing global wheat production rising to 790 million tons from 775.4 million in 2021, thanks in part to hopes of high yields and extensive planting in

Canada, the United States and Asia.

The U.N. agency cautioned however that its projections did not take into account the possible impact of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

FAO said maize outputs in Argentina and Brazil in 2022 were forecast at well above-average levels, notably in Brazil where the maize crop was seen reaching a record high 112 million tons.

World cereal utilization in 2021-22 was forecast to rise 1.5% above the 2020-21 level, hitting 2.802 billion tons. FAO's forecast for world cereal stocks by the close of seasons in 2022 stood at 836 million tons.

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Ukraine war tatters world trade

The Associated Press
MIAMI • Sanctions on Russia are starting to wreak havoc on global trade, with potentially devastating consequences for energy and grain importers while also generating ripple effects across a world still struggling with pandemic-induced supply chain disruptions.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, hundreds of tankers and bulk carriers have been diverted away from the Black Sea, while dozens more have been stranded at ports and at sea unable to unload their valuable cargoes. Russia is a leading exporter of grains and a major supplier of crude oil, metals, wood and plastics — all used worldwide in a range of products and by a multitude of industries from steel-makers to car manufacturers.

Only a handful of Russia's 2,000 cargo and tanker ships have been sanctioned by Western powers, but freezing the assets of the country's biggest banks means the business of importing and exporting from Russia will take a major hit. Intensifying the squeeze are companies from Apple and Nike to major shippers like Maersk abandoning the country, whose extensive trade ties with the West have been all but severed. "This is an earthquake like we've never seen before," said Ami Daniel, a co-founder of Windward, a maritime intelligence firm that advises governments. He added, "Com-



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A delivery man prepares packages as another man walks past an advertisement for cargo services to countries including Russia at a trading center Feb. 26 in Beijing.

panies are going well beyond what's legally required and taking actions based on their own values before their customers even demand it."

One potential escape valve for Russian exports is China, whose fast-growing economy is thirsty for natural resources. But China, perhaps the biggest beneficiary of globalization, so far has shown little appetite to fully back President Vladimir Putin despite abstaining from a U.N. vote condemning the land grab.

The strains are already being felt at Interunity Group, a family-run Greek shipping company whose 60 oil tankers and bulk carriers are operated by dozens of Russian and Ukrainian sea captains and officers.

After the invasion, the Russian part of Interunity's work-

force wondered how they'd get home after the European Union imposed a flight ban on their country. The Ukrainian half didn't know if they'd have a home to return to.

So far, the war's impact on global trade has been most severe in the Black Sea, where Russian and Ukrainian ports are major hubs for wheat and corn. Traffic has ground to a halt, effectively shutting down the world's second-largest grain exporting region.

Boosting grain supplies takes time and the sheer volume that could be diverted as a result of war and sanctions — Ukraine accounts for 16% of global corn exports and together with Russia 30% of wheat exports — means poorer countries that depend on imports could face major supply shocks.

Biden: \$54M investment by Siemens

The Associated Press
President Joe Biden has been pushing for more U.S. factory jobs — and he was joined Friday by the CEO of technology company Siemens USA to announce a \$54 million investment in producing equipment for the electrical infrastructure.

The investment will lead to 300 additional jobs at locations in California and Texas, with existing workers from those facilities participating in the White House event by video. "We're seeing more jobs, more hope," Biden said. "And we're also seeing something else: the rebirth of pride, the rebirth of pride that comes from stamping products 'Made in America.'"

Siemens USA CEO Barbara Humpton is among several manufacturing executives

who've met with Biden in recent weeks to discuss their expansion plans. Humpton said the future of manufacturing needs to merge global innovation with local production to avoid the kinds of supply chain challenges brought on by the pandemic. It's a process that she called "glocalization."

Biden has leaned heavily into the manufacturing sector as a source for economic growth and national pride. The White House previously highlighted plans by Intel to open a \$20 billion plant in Ohio and General Motors committing \$7 billion to create 4,000 jobs for making electric vehicles in Michigan.

The U.S. has about 12.6 million manufacturing jobs, about 200,000 jobs shy of pre-coronavirus pandemic levels. Past presidents have pledged a fac-

tory boom, yet the economy had roughly 17.3 million manufacturing jobs toward the start of 2000 when outsourcing to China and other countries accelerated as employers sought to lower their costs.

With supply chains squeezed after the COVID-19 outbreak, Biden is arguing that the return of factory jobs to the U.S. will help eliminate knots in the supply chain and keep inflation low.

Biden on Friday also announced details on a final rule tied to his "Made in America" executive order from January of last year. The rule will require that companies providing goods to the federal government have 75% of their product content made domestically to qualify by 2029. That's up from the prior level of 55%.

CHIPOTLE

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Chipotle says it's the only chain of its size to own and operate all of its restaurants.

"Chipotle is targeting growth in dynamic communities such as college towns and areas with interstate access, and Colorado Springs is a great fit," Chipotle said in its email.

Chipotle's new location in Victory Ridge, at 1846 Democ-

racy Point, is 2,400 square feet; it has indoor seating for 40 people and about a half-dozen outdoor tables with seating for 24 more.

The new Chipotle is the first in the Springs to offer what the restaurant chain calls its "Chipotlane" — a drive-thru pickup lane.

Customers who order and pay for their food on the Chipotle app, at Chipotle.com or via marketplace vendors can select their pickup time and drive to the pickup window to grab their food without

leaving their vehicles. Chipotle introduced the drive-thru concept in 2019.

The Chipotle planned near Dublin and Tutt boulevards, which would be about the same size as the Victory Ridge location, also would have a drive-thru lane.

Asked if existing Chipotles will be remodeled or expanded to accommodate drive-thru lanes, the company said via email that it's "exploring opportunities to expand our Chipotlane footprint in Colorado Springs."

costs and thereby further heighten inflation.

But that slowdown might not last if inflation worsens. Some staffing agencies are seeing a shift in what is driving higher pay. Previously, it was companies' need to fill jobs. Now, some workers are saying they need raises to cover rising costs.

Michelle Reisdorf, a district director at recruiter Robert Half in Chicago, who fills permanent and temporary jobs in accounting, human resources and other professional jobs, said workers are starting to cite higher gas costs when seeking a raise, particularly if they drive to offices.

"If they know they are going to have to go onsite five days a week, they are definitely asking for more money," she said.

The strong hiring in February occurred across most of the economy, with restaura-

rants, bars and hotels adding 79,000 jobs, construction 60,000 and transportation and warehousing 48,000. Though the economy still has 2.1 million fewer jobs than it did before the pandemic struck, the gap is closely fast.

A survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that Americans are now much less worried about COVID than they were in December and January.

Mask mandates and other restrictions are ending.

Data from the restaurant reservation software provider OpenTable showed that seated diners surpassed pre-pandemic levels late last month. And figures from the Transportation Security Administration reflected a sharp increase in the number of people willing to take airplane flights.

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autos and credit cards.

Chair Jerome Powell said this week that he plans to propose that the Fed raise its benchmark short-term rate by a quarter-point when it meets in about two weeks. Powell has acknowledged that high inflation has proved more persistent and has spread more broadly than he and many economists had expected.


One figure in Friday's report could provide reassurance for the Fed's policymakers as they assess inflation pressures: Average hourly pay barely grew in February. Higher wages, while good for workers, often lead companies to raise prices to cover their higher labor



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Corporate ostracism of Putin a blueprint for handling China

The war in Ukraine is nearly 2 weeks old, and it has been filled with lessons already. One of them is that Russian President Vladimir Putin is not as strong a strongman as he likes to represent himself. Another is that a determined resistance can fend off, at least for a time, even a great world power like Russia.

But perhaps the most important lesson so far has been that multinational corporations, and American corporations in particular, exercise an enormous amount of leverage and can bring it to bear quite effectively when they want to. Confronted with war crimes and an unprovoked invasion, they effectively cut Russia out of the world's banking and commercial spheres. Russian oligarchs have seen their funds frozen. The pinch of world ostracism is being felt just as much by ordinary Russians, who suddenly find themselves unable to use basic services they take for granted, such as Apple Pay.

Before this, Putin's control of Russia was seen as not only uncontested but incontestable. Now, people openly discuss the possibility of change. Life is becoming intolerable enough for a large enough share of Russians, people by now accustomed to a modern Western lifestyle, that he must at least worry about his continued hold on power.

So if the corporate world can bring Putin so close to ruin, what is its excuse for failing to act against a government that is currently using concentration camps as part of a program of ethnic genocide?

In the Xinjiang region, China is attempting to exterminate the culture of its Uyghur ethnic minority. It is rounding up and imprisoning Uyghurs in camps and using them for slave labor. Chinese officials are raping Uyghur women.

Meanwhile, China has violated its treaty commitments to respect Hong Kong's democracy. It is also threatening to invade Taiwan, a peaceful Chinese democracy

whose people want no part of the mainland's communist regime.

And just to put a fine point on it, intelligence sources indicate that China was aware of Putin's intention to invade Ukraine and asked him to wait until after the Winter Olympics.

Instead of isolating China for its atrocious behavior, American companies, ranging from Coca-Cola to Nike to Apple, have largely shown obeisance to Beijing.

The NBA is one of the worst and most hypocritical offenders. It does more than just look the other way with regard to human rights abuses — it actually punishes people

who dare speak out about world history's most murderous regime, all the while making an enormous show about denouncing pretend human rights abuses in the United States.

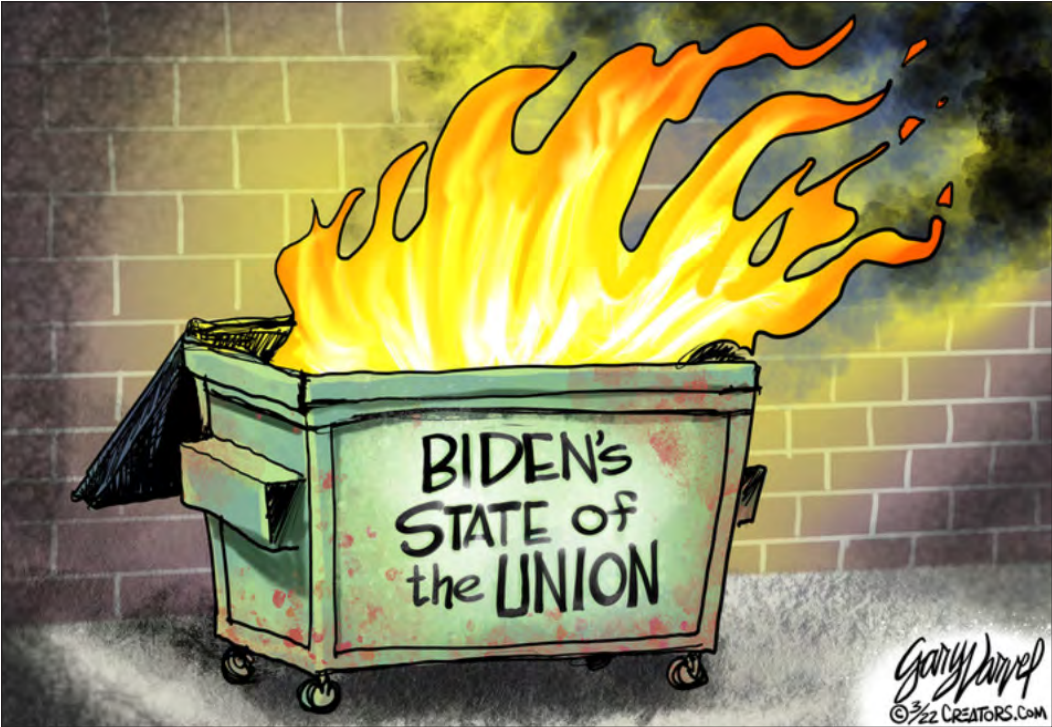
How afraid are American companies of losing favor with their Chinese Communist masters?

Hollywood famously goes so far as to change its scripts and other elements of its movies in order to placate prickly, easily offended Chinese officials.

The war in Ukraine should reinforce for American companies the idea that they have the ability to change the world for the better. But they should also be encouraged to set aside their myopic and toxic focus on wokeness. There is enough grandstanding and virtue-signaling — enough mediocrities like Colin Kaepernick in the world already. What is needed is a light to shine on grave human rights abuses by leaders such as Putin and China's Xi Jinping.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine serves as a reminder that there is real evil out there. China is an aggressive and hostile power that is actively committing genocide. Those American companies that haven't already decoupled their business operations from China should start looking now at how they can do so.

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Biden's hypocrisy on securing the border

Before President Joe Biden's State of the Union address, there was some speculation about whether he would mention the mess he has created on the U.S.-Mexico border or whether he would simply pretend it did not exist. As it turned out, he did both — he mentioned the border, and he pretended the mess did not exist.

Biden did not give the subject prominent placement — he got to the border nearly 50 minutes into his hourlong speech. He had just made a pitch for the confirmation of his Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson, and segued into the border, seeking to link the court, the border, and the broader issue of comprehensive immigration reform under the concept of "liberty and justice."

It was astonishing to hear Biden declare that "we need to secure our border," given that he has done so much to ensure that the border is not secure. After Biden's 2020 campaign promises to end restrictive Trump policies and stop deportations, millions of would-be illegal crossers flocked to the border beginning immediately after the new president took office. U.S. border officials encountered more than 2 million illegal crossers in calendar year 2021.

2022 has started on an equally bad note. In January, border authorities encountered 153,941 illegal crossers. That was almost double the number from January 2021, which was 78,414. And the 2021 figure was more than double the number from the year before that, January 2020, when authorities encountered 36,585 illegal crossers.

They are coming in huge numbers because they believe the Biden administration will allow them to stay in the United States. And indeed, as Robert Law of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports more restrictive immigration policies, points out, "removals fell by more than 70 percent in fiscal year 2021 (at the same time) the Biden administration has granted, or extended, amnesty-lite (read: work permits, Social Security numbers, driver's licenses) to approximately 500,000 illegal aliens through an abusive application of Temporary Protected Status."

And then, there is the fact that under Biden, would-be illegal crossers from all around the world — not just Mexico and the Northern Triangle countries — are coming to the U.S.-Mexico border. Look at this from the Feb. 1 Daily Memo: "A new report in Axios has some of the numbers. 'More than 800 people from India illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border into Yuma, Arizona in December,' according to Axios. 'And for the second month in a row, more than 500 migrants from Turkey crossed into El Paso, Texas.' In the area around San Diego, 2,000 Russians arrived, as well as 300 Ukrainians. There were 15,000 illegal crossers from Cuba and Haiti. And the big number: In December, according to Axios, 'Border Patrol agents arrested close to 53,000 migrants from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.'"

Beyond that, the Biden administration is also secretly relocating illegal border-crossers all around the country. It is doing so secretly because it does not want local residents to know that the U.S. government is moving un-

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vetted, illegal crossers into their towns and communities.

In late January, Fox News obtained video of a passenger plane arriving in the middle of the night at the Westchester County Airport, about 30 miles outside of New York City. A stream of single, adult men began to walk down the plane's steps. When a local security guard asked what was going on, an official with the immigrants described the arrival as "down-low stuff that we don't tell people, because what we don't want to do is attract attention. We don't want the media. Like, we don't even know where we're going when they tell us." In this case, "they" refers to the Biden administration.

In light of all that, it was downright delusional for Biden to declare that "we need to secure our border." He simply cannot have meant that statement in the way that most people would understand it, because Biden is at this moment pursuing policies that make the border less secure. This is why it was important to listen very carefully when Biden moved on to his next point:

At our border, we've installed new technology like cutting-edge scanners to better detect drug smuggling. We've set up joint patrols with Mexico and Guatemala to catch more human traffickers. We're putting in place dedicated immigration judges in significant, larger numbers so families fleeing persecution and violence can have their cases heard faster and those who don't [sic] legitimately here can be sent back. We're securing commitments and supporting partners in South and Central America to host more refugees and secure their own borders. We can do all this while keeping lit the torch of liberty that has led generations of immigrants to this land — my forebears and so many of yours.

The short version of any analysis of this paragraph is that Biden is not directing his policies toward stopping the flow of millions of people who seek to cross illegally into the United States. He will stop drug smugglers, which, if he actually accomplished it, would be a good thing but would not address the millions of illegal crossers problem. Likewise, focusing on human traffickers would be a good thing, but Biden hasn't come within a mile of doing it.

The part about more immigration judges was interesting — in the final text of the speech handed out before Biden's delivery, the sentence ended with "have their cases heard faster." Biden apparently ad-libbed (and partially mangled) the part about "those who don't (sic) legitimately here can be sent back." And then the rest of the paragraph was essentially the old "root causes" approach to illegal border-crossing that does nothing to address today's problem. From there, Biden went on to a boilerplate pitch for comprehensive immigration reform, with the admonition, "Let's get it done once and for all."

But it was Biden's reference to securing the border that was, in retrospect, a great moment in political dishonesty.

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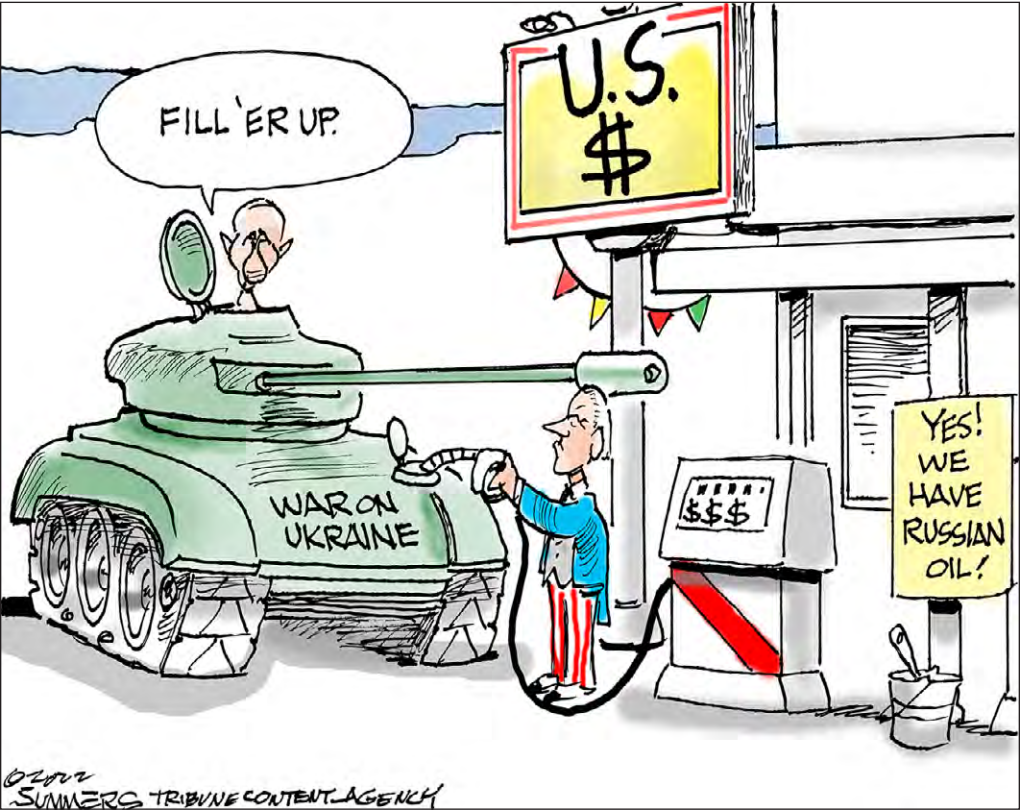
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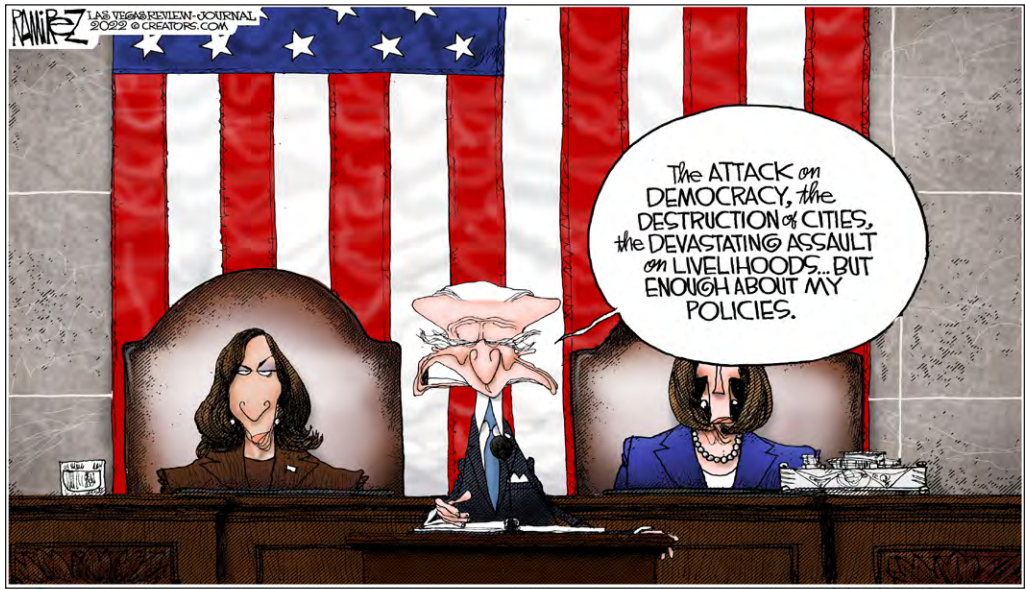
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The uncontrolled Biden inflation octopus

The Democrats will suffer historic losses in the November midterms.

This disaster for their party will come about not just because of the Afghanistan debacle, an appeased Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, the destruction of the southern border, the supply chain mess, or their support for critical race theory demagoguery.

The culprit for the political wipe-out will be out-of-control inflation — and for several reasons.

First, the Biden administration is in such denial of inflation that it sounds to Americans simply callous and indifferent to the misery it has unleashed. Biden officials have scoffed at price spikes as “transitory.” Or they have preposterously claimed spiraling costs are a concern only to the elite. They blame the Ukraine crisis. Or they fault the out-of-office bogeyman, former President Donald Trump.

The administration assures us that consumer prices are only rising at an annualized rate of 7.5% — as if the steepest increase in 40 years actually is not all that bad.

Yet the middle class knows that inflation is far worse when it comes to the stuff of life: buying a house, car, gas, meat, or lumber.

Second, inflation is an equal opportunity destroyer of dreams. It undermines rich and poor, Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals. It unites all tribes, all ideologies, all politics against those who are perceived to have birthed the monstrous octopus that squeezes everything and everyone it touches. The conservative passbook holder sees his meager life savings eaten away. The liberal teacher's car payments stretch from six to 10 years.

Third, inflation is ubiquitous, inescapable, omnipotent — and humiliating. It destroys personal dignity. And its toxicity is insidious, sort of like seeping, odorless, colorless, but nevertheless lethal carbon monoxide.

Unlike critical race theory, it cannot be avoided for a day. You cannot tune it out like one does the mess in Afghanistan or the now nonexistent southern border. Inflation attacks everyone in 24/7, 360-degree fashion.

It belittles you at the gas station. It downsizes you at the food market. It humiliates you in the obscene real estate market. It makes you look stupid when you are paying for a new car. It ridicules you when you buy lumber. Suddenly you apologize that you really cannot afford your child's braces.

Fourth, inflation undermines a civil and ordered society. It unleashes a selfish “every man for himself” mentality, the Hobbesian cruelty of a “war of all against all.” Inflation is the economic and emotional equivalent of smash-and-grab or carjacking. It is a brazen

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robber in broad daylight that so infuriates Americans by its boldness. It convinces them their very civilization is dying.

One day a friendly, hard-to-find plumber says he will work for cash only to avoid taxes that all others must pay. You notice at your neighborhood Walgreens suddenly lots of once inexpensive stuff is now pricey — and locked up because of shop-

lifting fears. You sense that price stickers are mysteriously glued on top of older, original, and cheaper price stickers.

In warranted paranoia, you begin to wonder if you are being price-hiked by the car salesman, the barber, or the mechanic, and conclude that in order to survive, you too should price-hike others.

The noble fool who won't play the inflation roulette game is reduced to the clueless standing naif victim of musical chairs — with nowhere to sit once the music ceases.

Fifth, Americans know that our current inflation is self-induced, not a product of a war abroad, an earthquake, or the exhaustion of gas and oil deposits.

Biden ignored the natural inflationary buying spree of consumers who were released from being locked down for nearly two years unable to spend. Instead, he encouraged gorging that huge demand by printing trillions of dollars of funny money for all sorts of new redistributionist entitlements, green projects, and pet congressional programs.

The Biden administration eroded the work ethic. It kept labor non-participation rates high by subsidizing with federal checks those staying at home. It nihilistically slashed gas and oil production by canceling federal leases, oilfields, and pipelines while pressuring banks not to lend for fracking. In just a year, Biden reduced America from the greatest producer of gas and oil in the history of civilization to an energy panhandler begging the Saudis and Russians to pump more of the oil that America needs but will not tap for itself.

Americans know the inflation octopus was willfully birthed. They are confused only whether Team Biden unleashed it out of incompetence — or a neo-socialist idea of eroding the value of money for those who had it while gifting cash to those who didn't.

Or was Biden deluded by crackpot “modern monetary theory,” the fool's gold that claims printing money ensures prosperity?

In the end, it doesn't matter whether Biden was deluded or diabolical. Come November, Americans will rightfully blame him for willfully damaging their lives.

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Post-pandemic, what is best for workers?

The writers address what's best for workers, post-COVID?

VIEWPOINT 1: Deborah Lovich

With the omicron surge subsiding, many business leaders are again planning to urge — and even demand — that their employees return to their pre-pandemic offices. It's understandable: U.S. businesses are paying for countless thousands of square feet of expensive office space across the country, much of which is now vacant.

But they'd be wise not to rush the office return. Most people who worked in offices prior to the pandemic are conflicted right now. They miss their colleagues and the amenities available “at work” — the coffee bar, access to high-speed copying machines and knowledgeable IT trouble-shooters — but they don't miss the commute and they're loving the freedom and flexibility remote and asynchronous work offers them.

That's why business leaders should pay close attention to the recently released Winter 2021-22 Future Forum Pulse survey, part of a series the consortium has been conducting quarterly since June 2020.

The new survey captures the views of 10,737 knowledge workers from the United States,

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Australia, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom who were surveyed last November, before omicron went wild. At the time, many of those surveyed probably were contemplating or getting ready to return to their offices — planning when and how often they would. The survey findings should give business leaders pause:

- 78% of respondents said they want location flexibility — that is, the option to regularly work from home, a co-working space close to home or some other location of their own choosing.
 - 95% said they want schedule flexibility.
- This means getting rid of the rigid (9 to 5, 8 to 6, or whatever) workday schedule that existed pre-pandemic.

One of the advantages of flexible work, as we learned these last two years, is being able to set your own pace and schedule, at least on certain projects, and being able to do other things (laundry, shopping, cooking, tutoring the kids, exercising, or just chilling) in between.

The Future Forum data tell me that business leaders pushing employees to return to the office could be creating huge problems for themselves — problems few businesses are prepared to handle in today's tight labor market.

If you don't think things can get much worse, consider another stat from the Future Forum survey: 72% of the respondents who said they're dissatisfied with the current level of flexibility they enjoy at work said they'll likely be looking for a new job this year. Telling them to hightail it back to the office likely will hasten their exit.

There's more to consider as well, especially for business leaders concerned with building a more diverse and inclusive workforce. Significant percentages of Black and Hispanic respondents said remote work has increased both their sense of belonging and their sense of being treated fairly at work. Since May 2021, Future Forum found, sense of belonging at work increased 24% for Black respondents and 32% for Hispanics, compared with only 5% for whites. Those are important gains.

The Future Forum survey also showed something else: that flex work enjoys its highest support among non-white workers, with 86% of Hispanics and 81% of Blacks, Asian-Americans and U.S. residents of Asian descent

favoring remote and hybrid work. They're sending the bosses a message.

There's already a clear disconnect between executive preferences and employee desires for flexible work. Many executives want to return to “the way things were.” Among workers, remote and hybrid work is strongly preferred.

VIEWPOINT 2: Ryan Young

COVID-19 might be winding down into an endemic disease like the cold and the flu — maybe. But even if the virus has more curveballs in store, it is time to start thinking ahead. A lot of people are ready to get back to normal, especially in the workplace. But that is the wrong way to look at it. There likely won't even be a single normal model going forward. The only constant will be change. To face this new reality, workers and employers must not chain themselves to any particular labor model.

Companies that shoehorn workers back into the office, or don't provide a workspace for employees who want one, will both have a hard time attracting talent. Industrial policy ideologues and labor unions wanting to codify their own preferences risk displacing workers, thus slowing the COVID recovery. It was all heading in this direction anyway.

Two main factors drove this shift. The first

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began about 20 years ago, when email and the Internet became widespread. That made it possible to do certain office jobs remotely for the first time, such as accounting and copywriting.

Upwork's Adam Ozimek estimates that 12 percent of workers were already full-time remote when COVID-19

first hit — which rose to over 41 % when the pandemic was at its worst. In the long run, he expects full-time remote work to remain above 22%, or almost double pre-COVID levels. And a new 2022 Pew Research poll finds that 59% of workers who can work from home are doing so.

The second factor is the rise of the sharing economy that began about a decade ago. Uber drivers set their own hours and use their own cars instead of company-provided taxis. The company was founded in 2009 and was operating in 35 cities by 2013. Taskrabbit and Fiverr, which allow office workers, journalists, translators, video editors, and musicians to market their services, were also founded around this time.

That change is deeper than just physical location. It means working as an independent contractor and not being beholden to a single boss or to the one-size-fits-all company health insurance or pension plan. Moreover, people's needs for flexibility will outlast COVID. Someone with small children or who is caring for elderly family members might be unable to work traditional office hours. But they can do gig work on a flexible schedule if they want to.

We found out the hard way that remote education works poorly. Many jobs can only be done on-site, from manufacturing to haircutting. For much of the economy, the traditional commuting model isn't changing anytime soon.

What should policymakers do? Be as flexible as possible. Let workers experiment. Let employers make mistakes and learn from them, at their own expense. Different people have different preferences. Some work better in a traditional office; some thrive working more independently. Wise employers will try to make room for both, and adapt as needed.

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State of the Union address shifted Joe Biden to the center

WASHINGTON • “Let's use this moment to reset,” President Joe Biden said midway through his State of the Union address. He was talking about the pandemic, but on a deeper level he was assessing his presidency and foreshadowing its future course.

Ukraine was the news, and the top of the speech, necessarily and properly so. Republicans predictably heard the address, with its laundry list of liberal priorities, as more of the same. GOP National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said Biden “doubled down on his disastrous and polarizing agenda.” The Wall Street Journal editorial board complained that the president offered “a rehash of his first-year domestic agenda that has brought him to his low political ebb.”

I heard something different, the sound of a presidency shifting — and not just shifting, but retrenching.

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To the extent this speech is remembered, and few such addresses are, I suspect it will be for Biden's move from placating his party's liberal base to recognizing the sober reality that his legislative options are already limited. His presidency is likely to be even more constrained after the midterm elections,

which means his political future is tied more closely to finding areas of common ground with Republicans. Of course, Biden took his jabs — for instance, at “the \$2 trillion tax cut passed in the previous administration that benefited the top 1 percent of Americans.” Of course, he dutifully ticked off the Democratic wish list: paid leave, \$15-an-hour minimum wage, protections for union organizing, negotiating prescription drug prices, protecting reproductive rights (though without mentioning the A-word) and “LGBTQ+ Americans.”

But Biden spent more than three times as long touting a pending measure to improve U.S. competitiveness with China on technology manufacturing than he did pressing for protecting the right to vote: 278 words to 87 words, by my count. He'd like to see the items on his laundry list passed, sure, but he mentioned them without conveying any certainty that would happen. Rather, Biden's immediate deliverables — “Tonight, I'm announcing” — all involved areas of broad public agreement: fixing roads and bridges, making even more free coronavirus tests available, cracking down on pandemic fraud, supporting veterans with respiratory cancers.

And his message was more Clintonian triangulation between partisan extremes than Democratic orthodoxy. “Let's not abandon our streets, or choose between safety and equal justice,” Biden said. And: “Folks, if we are to advance liberty and justice, we need to secure our border

and fix the immigration system.”

Pointedly, Biden took on a slogan that has inflicted untold damage on Democrats. “We should all agree: The answer is not to defund the police. It's to fund the police. Fund them. Fund them. Fund them with resources and training. Resources and training they need to protect their communities.”

Biden summed up with what he termed a “Unity Agenda for the Nation”: “beat the opioid epidemic,” “support our veterans,” “take on mental health” and “end cancer as we know it.” Who could be against that — and, perhaps not coincidentally, who can measure success?

“It's within our power, and I don't see a partisan edge to any one of those four things,” Biden observed. If Republicans reacted to that olive branch with more than a bit of skepticism, that's entirely expected — and why should they help him out? Where was Biden's passion for unity, they might ask, when he muscled

through a \$1.9 trillion COVID rescue plan with only Democratic votes, a precursor to his unsuccessful strategy to pass Build Back Better?

The answer is simple. If politics is the art of the possible, the contours of the possible are clearer, and more clearly constrained, now than they were then. White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain's first post-speech tweet, just minutes after Biden concluded, led with the new agenda: “Four big things. Strong bipartisan support. Time to move forward, together.”

Which is the real Biden — Build Back Better Biden or Unity Agenda Biden? The answer is both.

The answer doesn't really matter. Biden is where he is. He wanted to use the moment to reset a troubled presidency, but as he and his advisers well understand, that takes more than a single speech.

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In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

In 1849, Zachary Taylor was inaugurated as the 12th president of the United States. (The swearing-in was delayed a day because March 4 fell on a Sunday.)

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate, with Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase presiding. Johnson, the first U.S. president to be impeached, was accused of "high crimes and misdemeanors" stemming from his attempt to fire Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; the trial ended on May 26 with Johnson's acquittal.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

In 1979, NASA's Voyager 1 space probe flew past Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

A look back

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Georgia Mim, about 2 years old, poses for a studio portrait while wearing a white dress. The photograph, which comes from the Ray Turner Photograph Collection, was taken circa 1890-1900 in Colorado Springs.

BACK PAGES

IN 1922
Colorado Springs merchants and housewives, along with the rest of the country, are participating in National Canned Foods Week which is being observed from March 1 to March 8. "Canning" eliminates the seasons. In effect, it "makes summer last all year 'round," and in midwinter brings us the crops of midsummer.

IN 1947
The town of Ramona, born in 1913 northwest of Colorado Springs, will be dissolved by election April 1. Ramona, bounded by Wolfe Place, 23rd street, 26th street and St. Vrain street, became a town when Colorado City went dry, and saloon keepers wanted to continue business. Though all that is in the past, Ramona has lingered on, an independent municipality at the edge of Colorado Springs. Raymond Ross is mayor.

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Small steps make big difference

In support of Ukraine, governors across the United States cut off economic ties with Russia

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Outraged by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, governors and state lawmakers from both parties are seeking to impose economic sanctions of their own.

Governors in at least 11 states — Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, North Dakota, New York and Virginia — are pushing state entities to review or cut financial ties with Russian companies.

Lawmakers in at least seven states — California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina and West Virginia — have proposed divestment bills. Some state agencies have announced plans to cut ties with Russian businesses. And the governors of at least a dozen states have issued executive orders or sent letters to liquor regulators and state-run stores to stop sales of Russian vodka and other spirits.

Illinois state Rep. Jim Durkin, a Republican and the House minority leader, said he wants his divestment bill to move through the legislature as quickly as possible. He hopes other states take similar action.

“Let’s make this a national movement,” he said.

The wave of state sanctions likely will be more symbolic than substantive, experts say. State pension funds and state agencies aren’t deeply dependent on Russian companies. Russian goods aren’t a major presence on U.S. store shelves.

Some of the sanction proposals also could raise legal questions. The federal government has authority over foreign policy, so state sanctions that conflict with federal sanctions could be unconstitutional, said Salar Ghahramani, an associate professor of business law and international law and policy at Pennsylvania State University, Abington.

State bans on Russian-made goods could violate the U.S. Constitution or international law if they run afoul of trade agreements, he said. Or state sanctions could violate pension fiduciary duty standards if they end up lowering the value of pension funds.

But even as symbolism, the state sanctions have value, said Gary Hufbauer, a non-resident senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

Hufbauer said the surge of state-level activity demonstrates popular support for the sanctions imposed on Russia by the Biden administration. “What that symbolism does is reinforce what’s happening at the national level, with all the very heavy-duty economic sanctions of various kinds.”

Even though state action isn’t likely to materially affect the Russian economy, he said, “It does add moral weight. And that’s important.”

Courts have struck down state-level sanctions in the past, arguing that such laws are preempted by federal law. The Supreme Court in 2000 overturned sanctions Massachusetts imposed on Burma, and a federal court in 2007 ruled that Illinois’ sanctions on Sudan were unconstitutional.

But that hasn’t stopped governors and legislatures from trying to cut ties with companies doing business with governments whose actions they oppose, from apartheid-era South Africa to Iran and Cuba.

Sanctions are a family affair for Pennsylvania state Sen. Sharif Street, a Democrat. His father, John F. Street, pushed for Philadelphia to divest from apartheid-era South Africa while serving as a city council member in the 1980s.



Markiiian Ryzhuk, 5, attends a rally opposing Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 27 outside Saints Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago’s Ukrainian Village. CHICAGO TRIBUNE



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New York Gov. Kathy Hochul has ordered state agencies and public benefit corporations to cut ties with companies headquartered in Russia or aiding the invasion of Ukraine.

The younger Street is now soliciting co-sponsors for a bill that would require Pennsylvania’s pension funds and state treasurer to drop investments in companies that do business with Russia. The bill has gained bipartisan and bicameral support, Street said, although the language hasn’t been finalized yet.

In New York, Democratic state Sen. Elijah Reichlin-Melnick plans to file a bill that would require the state to block contracts with and eliminate investments in companies that do business in Russia. He also cited apartheid-era sanctions as an inspiration.

“To me, this is the same general idea,” Reichlin-Melnick said. “We use the power that we have economically, and we make a company make a choice.”

The Illinois bill and proposed New York and Pennsylvania legislation overlap with divestment steps the governors of their states — or, in Pennsylvania’s case, the state treasurer — already have taken. The lawmakers are pressing ahead.

Although Illinois Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has asked state pension systems to explore dropping investments in Russian companies and assets, Durkin said legislation on the issue would ensure divestment was codified in state law.

New York Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul has ordered state agencies and public-benefit corporations to cut ties with companies headquartered in Russia or aiding the invasion. Reichlin-Melnick’s office said in a statement that his legislation would go beyond Hochul’s order by targeting companies with any business ties to the Russian government.

“The goal of the Senator’s bill is to treat Russia the same way Iran and North Korea are treated, as international pariahs,” wrote Evan Menist, deputy chief of staff and director of communications.

In Alaska, lawmakers are urging the Alaska Permanent Fund Corp., which manages the state’s oil revenues on behalf of residents, to divest from Russia. While fund officials said earlier this week that they weren’t planning to

divest, they said they would “mitigate any issues associated with sanctions.”

The economic effect state sanctions have — and the legal issues they raise — may depend on how broadly they’re written and how many companies they blacklist, experts say.

So far, the impact has been small.

In Colorado, for example, Democratic Gov. Jared Polis asked the state pension fund and treasurer’s office to drop investments in Russian-owned companies and ordered state agencies to cancel contracts with Russian-owned businesses. But the treasurer’s office has announced that it holds no Russian-owned assets. Colorado has no ongoing contracts with Russian state-owned businesses, Conor Cahill, press secretary for the governor, said in an email to Stateline.

The Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association has identified some \$8 million invested in Russian state-owned companies, spokesperson Patrick von Keyserling said in an email

“Having enough symbolic actions really drives home the point that this is not just a small thing, this is not a small gesture. This is sort of a worldwide response.”

Mark Schrad, associate political science professor at Villanova University

to Stateline. But that’s about 0.01% of the pension fund’s overall holdings.

Polis’ request to drop such assets is “consistent” with sanctions imposed by the U.S. Treasury, von Keyserling added. The Treasury has frozen the assets of certain Russian banks, and blocked Russian banks and companies affiliated with the Russian government from issuing debt or raising capital in the United States.

In New York, state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli said in a news release that New York’s retirement fund for state employees has “minimal exposure to the Russian economy.” The fund has an estimated \$110.8 million invested in Russian companies, the release said. That’s about 0.04% of its overall holdings.

State agencies that have been asked to drop Russian vodka have said that such liquor comprises a small share of spirit sales. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board told The Philadelphia Inquirer, for instance, that Russian vodka comprised about 0.06% of total spirit sales in the state over the past year.

Although many vodka brands have Russian names, only a few are genuinely Russian, said Mark Schrad, an associate political science professor at Villanova University who’s written a book on vodka politics.

“Everybody kind of focuses in on the ones that sound

Russian, like Smirnoff and Stolichnaya,” he said of vodka brands. But Smirnoff, for instance, is run by a London-based beverage giant and made in 11 countries (not including Russia). And Stolichnaya, though marketed as Russian vodka, is made in Latvia. “[Smirnoff] has nothing to do with Russia, except for the Russian name,” Schrad said.

Overall, the U.S. and Russia engaged in about \$34.9 billion in trade in 2019, according to the office of the United States Trade Representative, the federal agency that conducts trade policy. The top imports from Russia that year were fossil fuels, precious metals and stones, iron and steel, fertilizers and inorganic chemicals, according to the agency.

In contrast, hundreds of billions of dollars in goods and services moved between the U.S. and each of its top trading partners — Canada, Mexico and China — that year.

Schrad said that although boycotts of Russian booze are largely symbolic, enough actions — from social media posts to planting a Ukrainian flag in the backyard — still can add up to a powerful message of opposition to the Russian invasion and support for Ukraine.

“Having enough symbolic actions really drives home the point that this is not just a small thing, this is not a small gesture,” he said. “This is sort of a worldwide response.”



GAZETTE PREPS BASKETBALL HIGHLANDS RANCH 54, DOHERTY 39

Doherty girls' thrilling comeback run ends

BY LUKE ZAHLMANN
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DENVER • Doherty conquered a challenge this year. The third round of the playoffs was a hurdle the Spartans simply couldn't leap, until this year. A season of triumph and overcoming previous burdens ended Friday as the Spartans fell to Highlands Ranch, 54-39.

Not taking anything for granted is what got the Spar-

Highlands Ranch takes 'Great 8' playoff battle

tans to the Denver Coliseum. It's also what propelled them for three-and-a-half quarters before the Falcons took over.

"Things went right all the way through until the fourth," coach Stephanie Leasure said. "We did exactly what we wanted to do up until then. That's all we could've asked from them."

At halftime, the Spartans had battled to a 16-16 tie. At the end of the third quarter, the deficit had only grown to one point thanks to offensive outbursts from senior Payton Sterk and junior Brooke Mansanares.

Sterk and Mansanares both finished in double digits, with the former scoring a team-

high 13 and the latter finishing with 10.

Issues came midway through the fourth quarter when the defense which had carried Doherty began to leak points. Highlands Ranch senior Alex Pirog was guarded closely all game by senior Gabby Beauperthuy, but began to find success in transition.

A charge call against the Spartans in the fourth spurned a run for the Falcons which turned a three-point lead into a double-digit lead.

The 6-foot-3 center for Highlands Ranch finished with a game-high, 17 points.

"The point was to make it difficult for her," Leasure said. "We gave our team parameters for guarding her and when to help. Gabby worked super hard on her."

Defensively, Pirog was able to hold Beauperthuy to four points after the senior led the Spartan scoring against Fruita Monument.

The trip was worthwhile, no matter the result for Leasure. Her team took every regular season game as personally as a postseason contest. The loaded PPAC served up several challengers, but none that

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NO. 3 DENVER 5, COLORADO COLLEGE 0



Colorado College forward Brian Hawkinson checks Denver defenseman Shai Buim into the boards during the first period Friday at Ed Robson Arena in Colorado Springs.

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Tigers can't hang with DU

Pioneers shut out Colorado College on Senior Night at Ed Robson Arena

BY EDEN LAASE
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Going into Friday's matchup with No. 3 Denver, Colorado College coach Kris Mayotte was steadfast in preaching to his team that the DU and CC squads who played in January, weren't the same teams taking the ice on March 4.

That may be so, but the outcome was the same.

DU topped CC 5-0 at Ed Robson Arena, spoiling senior night for the Tigers. DU shut-out CC in all three meetings this season.

"We came out with an energy,

a little bit, but right from the very first shift they won all the loose puck battles, all the 50-50 battles," Mayotte said. "And when you don't win the 50-50s, you don't touch the puck much."

DU opened the contest with a pair of goals in the first period.



NEXT
Colorado College at Denver, 7 p.m. Saturday, ALT2, 105.5 FM, 1240 AM



Colorado College forward Brian Hawkinson passes down the ice against Denver forward Cole Guttman during the first period Friday.

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DENVER 116, HOUSTON 101

Cousins delivers in spot start

Barton breaks franchise record

BY VINNY BENEDETTO
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DENVER • An unsightly streak was snapped, and franchise history was made in a 44-second span of the third quarter in the Denver Nuggets' 116-101 win over the Houston Rockets on Friday at Ball Arena.

Will Barton III hit his first 3, tying J.R. Smith's franchise record, with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

"I was like 'let just get one more, get it out the way,'" Barton remembered thinking. "Jeff was on the court. Shoutout to Jeff, he was telling me he's running plays for me to get the last one."

One possession later, Barton came off a JaMychal Green screen, stepped behind the line and splashed the 769th 3 he has made in a Nuggets uniform. Smith is now second on the career list and could soon drop to third after Jamal Murray returns from injury.

"Mal's going to break it. We all know that. We joked about it. I would've never had the record if Mal was healthy this year," Barton said. "To be able to say I have it for awhile is definitely a huge honor."

After Houston's ensuing possession, Nuggets coach Michael Malone took a timeout



NEXT
New Orleans at Denver, 6 p.m. Sunday, ALT, 92.5 FM

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THREE GAMES OUT

MARCH

COLORADO COLLEGE HOCKEY

Saturday: at Denver, 7 p.m., ALT, 105.5 FM, 1240 AM
Friday: NCHC playoffs, TBD, 105.5 FM, 1240 AM
March 12: NCHC playoffs, TBD, 105.5 FM, 1240 AM

AIR FORCE HOCKEY

Friday: AHA playoffs at Army, TBD, 1300 AM
March 12: AHA playoffs at Army, TBD, 1300 AM
March 13: AHA playoffs at Army (if necessary), 1300 AM

COLORADO AVALANCHE

Saturday: vs. Flames, 8 p.m., ALT, 92.5 FM
Monday: at Islanders 5:30 p.m., ALT, 92.5 FM
Tuesday: at Devils, 5 p.m., ALT, 92.5 FM

DENVER NUGGETS

Sunday: vs. Pelicans, 6 p.m., ALT, 92.5 FM
Monday: vs. Warriors, 7 p.m., ALT, 92.5 FM
Wednesday: at Kings, 8 p.m., ALT, 92.5 FM

AIR FORCE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mountain West Tournament (First Round)
Wednesday: vs. TBD, 12:30 p.m., 740 AM

AIR FORCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mountain West Tournament (Quarterfinals)
Monday: vs. Nevada, 3:30 p.m., 1300 AM

COLORADO RAPIDS

Saturday: at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
March 12: at Sporting KC, 7 p.m.
March 19: vs. Houston, 6:30 p.m.

LOCAL EVENTS SATURDAY

MEN'S BASEBALL
University of Nevada at Air Force, 11 a.m.
MEN'S GYMNASTICS
Air Force at Stanford, 5 p.m.
MEN'S LACROSSE
Marist at Air Force, noon
WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Pomona-Pitzer Colleges at CC, 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
UCCS at Black Hills State, noon (doubleheader)
MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
CC at Ed Boitano Invitational, TBD
WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
CC at Ed Boitano Invitational, TBD

PREP EVENTS SATURDAY

BASEBALL
Rampart at The Classical Academy, TBD; Widefield at Lewis-Palmer, 9 a.m.; Lewis-Palmer at St. Mary's, 11 a.m.; Palmer at Sierra, noon; Palmer at Harrison, 2 p.m.
BOYS' BASKETBALL
Lewis-Palmer vs Longmont, 7 p.m.
BOYS' LACROSSE
Highlands Ranch at Cheyenne Mountain, 10 a.m.
GIRLS' LACROSSE
Pine Creek at Palmer, 9 a.m.
GIRLS' SOCCER
Lewis-Palmer at Legend, 9 a.m.; Palmer at Air Academy, 10 a.m.; Fountain-Fort Carson at Coronado, noon

BETTING LINE SATURDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
FAVORITE			
Virginia	LINE 3	at LOUISVILLE	
at LSU	4½	Alabama	
at TENNESSEE	6	Arkansas	
at GEORGIA TECH	3½	Boston College	
Villanova	8½	at BUTLER	
at DAYTON	4	Davidson	
at SYRACUSE	1	Miami	
at AUBURN	14½	South Carolina	
at SAINT PETER'S	7	Fairfield	
at FLORIDA STATE	7½	NC State	
Virginia Tech	2½	at CLEMSON	
at PURDUE	10	Indiana	
Kentucky	5	at FLORIDA	
at WEST VIRGINIA	2	TCU	
at NOTRE DAME	12½	Pittsburgh	
at WOFFORD	5½	VMI	
at CREIGHTON	1	Seton Hall	
Texas Tech	2½	at OKLAHOMA STATE	
at ARIZONA STATE	6	Stanford	
at DUKE	12½	North Carolina	
NBA			
FAVORITE			
at DALLAS	LINE 10	O/U (229.5)	UNDERDOG
at PHILADELPHIA	-114	(242)	Sacramento
at CHARLOTTE	OFF	(242)	San Antonio
at MINNESOTA	OFF	(OFF)	Portland
at MIAMI	OFF	(OFF)	Philadelphia
at MEMPHIS	OFF	(OFF)	Orlando
Golden State	5½	(224.5)	at LA LAKERS
NHL			
FAVORITE			
St. Louis	LINE -132	UNDERDOG	LINE +110
at PHILADELPHIA	-114	at N.Y. ISLANDERS	
Ottawa	-111	Chicago	-105
at FLORIDA	-285	at ARIZONA	-108
at WASHINGTON	-245	Detroit	+230
at EDMONTON	-280	Seattle	+198
at TORONTO	-255	Montreal	+225
Boston	-166	Vancouver	+205
Nashville	-130	at COLUMBUS	+138
at COLORADO	-142	at SAN JOSE	+108
		Calgary	+116

BRIEFLY

BASEBALL

Air Force 7, Nevada 3

AIR FORCE ACADEMY • After falling behind 3-0 going into the fourth, Air Force reeled off seven unanswered runs en route to a win over Nevada in the Falcons home and Mountain West opener.

Zach Argo collected his first win of 2022, tossing two scoreless innings after entering in the seventh. Paul Skenes lasted a season-high six innings in his third start of the season. The sophomore allowed three earned runs, surrendering five hits while striking out four to go with three walks. All three of Skenes' runs were allowed in the top of the fourth.

NASCAR

Teen Chandler Smith wins his third Truck Series race

LAS VEGAS • Chandler Smith used a brilliant final lap Friday night to hold off both Daytona winner Zane Smith and boss Kyle Busch to win the Truck Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. It was the third victory in 40 career starts for Smith, a 19-year-old from Georgia who is in his second season driving for Kyle Busch Motorsports. Chandler Smith was side-by-side with Zane Smith as the two trucks took the white flag for the final lap around the speedway. They had raced three-wide with Busch, the winningest driver in series history, and finally broken away for a two-truck battle for the win.

AUTO RACING NASCAR



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tyler Reddick competes during a heat race Feb. 6 ahead of a NASCAR exhibition at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.

RCR confident for Vegas

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS • Tyler Reddick led 51 laps in NASCAR's season-opening exhibition, and when a mechanical problem knocked him out of the race he climbed into the stands to high-five fans.

Austin Dillon, meanwhile, went on to finish third and salvage the day for Richard Childress Racing. But the race didn't mean anything, so nothing to see here, right?

Not so fast, said reigning NASCAR champion Kyle Larson, who before the Daytona 500 listed Reddick as a driver to watch this season.

"I think Tyler Reddick is going to have an amazing season," said Larson, who praised Reddick for leading the pack during offseason testing.

"I feel when I watch him, I am watching myself just

because we are both really aggressive and he seems to be even a little more aggressive and keeps things in control better than I could," Larson added. "He's the guy that I look at this year that I feel like is going to have the breakout season and win a lot of races."

Dillon and Reddick didn't show much in the Daytona 500, but when NASCAR shifted last week to Auto Club Speedway in California, RCR was again very good. Reddick led a race-high 90 laps last Sunday — a career high for Reddick — and won the first two stages of the race before he was doomed by a flat tire; Dillon was runner-up to winner Larson.

Now as NASCAR rolls into its third race of the season Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the RCR cars real-

ly do seem much improved. So much so that Richard Childress expects to be making multiple trips to victory lane this season.

"I know we can win," Childress said this week. "We are going to win."

Childress is a NASCAR Hall of Famer who has fielded Cup Series cars for 49 years, tallying six championships with the late Dale Earnhardt and 109 victories. But the last decade has been lean with only four wins over the last eight seasons.

Dillon, his grandson, scored the last RCR victory at Texas in 2020 and RCR has not been a credible contender for years. But the organization has high hopes for NASCAR's new Next Gen race car and the early commitment to that effort from Chevrolet and ECR Engines.

GOLF ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL

Hovland leads by 2 shots

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, FLA. • Viktor Hovland had the lowest round of the day with a 6-under 66 and is off to another great start at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. This time, he has a good idea what to expect on the weekend at Bay Hill.

Rory McIlroy got a sneak preview.

Hovland played Friday morning and set the target on a warm day with increasing wind, making seven birdies and a few crucial pars saves late in the second round. Hovland posted a

9-under 135.

McIlroy played in the afternoon and was poised to catch him until his putter let him down on greens that were getting crisp and slippery. Tied for the lead, McIlroy missed a 4-foot par putt, putts from 8 feet on the next two holes for birdie and par, and he finished off his 72 by missing a good birdie chance from 15 feet.

He was two behind along with past Bay Hill winner Tyrrell Hatton (68) and Talor Gooch (68), who won his first PGA Tour title in the final event last year.

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SECOND ROUND

Viktor Hovland	69-66=135	-9
Talor Gooch	69-68=137	-7
Tyrrell Hatton	69-68=137	-7
Rory McIlroy	65-72=137	-7
Billy Horschel	67-71=138	-6
Sam Burns	72-69=141	-3
Paul Casey	71-70=141	-3
Beau Hossler	67-74=141	-3
Charles Howell III	68-73=141	-3
Patton Kizzire	69-72=141	-3
Martin Laird	72-69=141	-3
Cameron Young	70-71=141	-3
Hayden Buckley	69-73=142	-2
Russell Henley	70-72=142	-2
David Lipsky	71-71=142	-2
Jon Rahm	72-70=142	-2
J.J. Spaun	67-75=142	-2
Aaron Wise	69-73=142	-2
Gary Woodland	70-72=142	-2
Rickie Fowler	70-73=143	-1
Lanto Griffin	70-73=143	-1
Max Homa	69-74=143	-1
Stephen Jaeger	70-73=143	-1
Marc Leishman	70-73=143	-1
Troy Merritt	71-72=143	-1
Taylor Pendrith	71-72=143	-1

ON THE AIR SATURDAY

AFRICA LEAGUE BASKETBALL

10:30 a.m. ESPNNEWS — SLAC vs. DUC Dakar, Diannadio, Senegal

AUTO RACING

11:30 a.m. FS2 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
12 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
2:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Alcoso Uniforms 300, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
5:30 p.m. CNBC — AMA Supercross: Round 9, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

10 a.m. CBS — Alabama at LSU
ESPN — Arkansas at Tennessee
ESPN2 — Virginia at Louisville
FOX — Villanova at Butler
10:30 a.m. USA — Davidson at Dayton
11 a.m. ESPN — Miami at Syracuse

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (MEN'S)

8 p.m. PAC-12N — BYU at Southern Cal
COLLEGE WRESTLING
9 a.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Session 1, Lincoln, Neb.
6:30 p.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Semifinals, Lincoln, Neb.

FISHING

6 a.m. FOX — Bassmaster Series: 2022 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk, Lake Hartwell, Greenville S.C.
GOLF
2:30 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Third Round, Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi, Kenya

10:30 a.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Arnold Palmer Invitational, Third Round, Bay Hill Golf Course, Orlando, Fla.
12:30 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Puerto Rico Open, Third Round, Grand Reserve Country Club (Old), Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

NBC — PGA Tour: The Arnold Palmer Invitational, Third Round, Bay Hill Golf Course, Orlando, Fla.
3 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Hoag Classic, Second Round, Newport Beach Country Club, Newport Beach, Calif.
9 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The HSBC Women's World Championship, Final Round, Sentosa Golf Club, Tanjong Course, Sentosa, Singapore

2:30 a.m. (Sunday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Final Round, Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi, Kenya
HORSE RACING
2 p.m. CNBC — 1/ST Saturday: Triple Crown Prep
2:30 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

6 p.m. ESPN — UFC 272 Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Las Vegas
NBA BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m. ABC — Golden State at LA Lakers

NFL FOOTBALL

2 p.m. NFLN — NFL Scouting Combine: Defensive Linemen and Linebackers, Indianapolis
NHL HOCKEY
10:30 a.m. NHLN — St. Louis at NY Islanders
1 p.m. ABC — Chicago at Philadelphia

5 p.m. NHLN — Boston at Columbus
PARALYMPICS
7 p.m. USA — Men's Para Cross-Country Skiing (18km Sitting)
8:30 p.m. NBC — Primetime: Paralympics Coverage (Taped)
USA — Para Snowboarding (Snowboard Cross Qualifying) (Taped)
10:05 p.m. USA — Sled Hockey (U.S. vs. South Korea)

12 a.m. (Sunday) USA — Women's Para Cross-Country Skiing (15km Standing) (Standing)
RUGBY
7 a.m. CNBC — Premiership: Newcastle at Harlequins (Taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)
5:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Leeds United at Leicester City
7 a.m. ESPN2 — Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen at Bayern Munich
8 a.m. USA — Premier League: Chelsea at Burnley
10:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: West Ham United at Liverpool
5:30 p.m. FOX — MLS: LA Galaxy at Charlotte FC

TENNIS
7 a.m. TENNIS — Lyon-WTA Semifinals
2 p.m. TENNIS — Davis Cup Qualifiers: U.S. vs. Colombia; Monterrey-WTA Semifinals

ON THE AIR SUNDAY

AFRICA LEAGUE BASKETBALL

10:30 a.m. NBATV — REG (Rwanda) vs. AS Sale (Morocco), Senegal
10:30 a.m. NBATV — US Monastir (Tunisia) vs. CFV — Beira (Mozambique), Senegal

AHL HOCKEY

2 p.m. NHLN — Iowa at Chicago
AUTO RACING
11:30 a.m. CNBC — MotoGP: The Grand Prix of Qatar, Losail International Circuit, Doha, Qatar (Taped)
1:30 p.m. FOX — NASCAR Cup Series: The Pennzoil 400, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
8 p.m. CBSN — GT America: The Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Fla. (Taped)

10:30 p.m. CBSN — FIM: The MX2, Mantova, Italy (Taped)
11:30 p.m. CBSN — FIM: The MXGP, Mantova, Italy (Taped)
BOWLING
10 a.m. FS1 — WSOB PBA: The Roth/Holman Doubles Championship, Waawatosa, Wis.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
10 a.m. ACCN — Florida at Miami
1 p.m. ACCN — South Carolina at Clemson
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
10 a.m. BTN — Penn St. at Rutgers
CBS — Houston at Memphis
ESPN2 — Big South Tournament: TBD, Championship, Charlotte, N.C.
10:30 a.m. FOX — Michigan at Ohio St.

12 p.m. BTN — Nebraska at Wisconsin
CBS — Missouri Valley Tournament: TBD, Championship, St. Louis
CBSN — Patriot League Tournament: TBD, Semifinal
ESPN — UCF at Tulsa

2 p.m. CBSN — Patriot League Tournament: TBD, Semifinal
ESPN — Southern Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Asheville, N.C.
2:30 p.m. CBS — Maryland at Michigan St.
4:30 p.m. ESPN — Southern Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Asheville, N.C.

5:30 p.m. BTN — Minnesota at Northwestern
FS1 — Iowa at Illinois
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
10 a.m. ESPN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, Championship, Greensboro, N.C.
12 p.m. ESPN — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Championship, Nashville, Tenn.

ESPN2 — Atlantic 10: TBD, Championship, Wilmington, Del.
1 p.m. FS1 — Big East Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Uncasville, Conn.
2 p.m. ESPN2 — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Championship, Indianapolis
3:30 p.m. FS1 — Big East Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Uncasville, Conn.
4 p.m. ESPN2 — Pac-12 Tournament: TBD, Championship, Las Vegas

6:30 p.m. ESPN — Big South Tournament: TBD, Charlotte, N.C.
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)
1 p.m. PAC-12N — California at UCLA
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
5 p.m. FS2 — Big Ten Tournament: Michigan St. at Michigan, Quarterfinal Game 3 (if Necessary)
COLLEGE HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m. ESPNNEWS — NCAA Ice Hockey Selection Special
COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)
4 p.m. CBSN — Utah at Jacksonville

COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)
10 a.m. ESPN — Northwestern at North Carolina
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
11 a.m. SECN — Louisiana Tech at LSU

1 p.m. SECN — UMKC at Arkansas
COLLEGE WRESTLING
2:30 p.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Championship, Lincoln, Neb.
5 p.m. ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: Championship, Charlottesville, N.C.

6 p.m. ESPN2 — Big 12 Tournament: Championship, Tulsa, Okla.
7 p.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 Tournament: Championship, Tempe, Ariz.
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1 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
NBA BASKETBALL
11 a.m. ABC — Brooklyn at Boston
1:30 p.m. ABC — Phoenix at Milwaukee
5:45 p.m. ESPN — Toronto at Cleveland
8:05 p.m. ESPN — New York at LA Clippers

NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL
1 p.m. NBATV — Grand Rapids at Lakeland
NFL FOOTBALL
2 p.m. NFLN — NFL Scouting Combine: Defensive Backs, Indianapolis

NHL HOCKEY
2 p.m. TNT — Dallas at Minnesota
5 p.m. NHLN — Tampa Bay at Chicago
PARALYMPICS
10 a.m. NBC — Daytime: Paralympics Coverage (Taped)
7 p.m. USA — Men's Para Cross-Country Skiing (20km Race) (Taped)

9:30 p.m. USA — Women's Para Cross-Country Skiing (15km Vision Impaired) (Taped)
10:35 p.m. USA — Para Snowboarding (Snowboard Cross Finals) (Taped)
11:30 a.m. USA — Women's Para Cross-Country Skiing (15km Standing) (Taped)

RODEO
6 p.m. CBSN — PBR: The Global Cup, Championship Round, Arlington, Texas (Taped)
SOCCER (MEN'S)
5 a.m. CBSN — SPFL: Celtic FC at Livingston
7 a.m. USA — Premier League: Arsenal at Watford
9:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Manchester United at Manchester City

10 a.m. CBSN — Serie A: Spezia at Juventus
2 p.m. ESPN — MLS: Inter Miami CF at Austin
8 p.m. FS1 — MLS: Portland at LA FC
FS2 — Liga MX: Atletico San Luis at Tijuana
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
5 a.m. CNBC — FASL: Birmingham City at Arsenal

TENNIS
7 a.m. TENNIS — Lyon-WTA Final
3:30 p.m. TENNIS — Monterrey-WTA Final

NBA ROUNDUP

Pistons 111, Pacers 106

Detroit: Saddiq Bey scored 25 points, Cade Cunningham had 20 points and nine rebounds and Detroit rallied to beat the Indiana Pacers.

Marvin Bagley II, who returned after missing three games with an ankle injury, added 18 points for Detroit. The Pistons have won five of seven, winning at Toronto on Thursday night.

Malcolm Brogdon scored 26 points for Indiana. The Pacers lost for the 10th time in 13 games.

76ers 125, Cavaliers 119

Philadelphia: Tyrese Maxey made five 3-pointers and scored 33 points to lead Philadelphia to their fifth straight win.

The 76ers improved to 4-0 with James Harden in the lineup. Harden had 25 points and 11 assists. Joel Embiid added 22 points and nine rebounds.

Darius Garland scored 28 points for the Cavaliers. Isaac Okoro added 22.

Hawks 117, Wizards 114

Washington: DeAndre Hunter scored 26 points and Trae Young added 25 to help the Atlanta Hawks beat Washington.

The Wizards never led, but they pulled to within one with 5.3 seconds left when Raul Neto made a 3-pointer. Young then made two free throws with 3.7 seconds left. The first three quarters of the game each ended with a buzzer-beater, but Kyle Kuzma's attempt to tie it from midcourt hit the back of the rim, allowing Atlanta to hold on.

Bucks 118, Bulls 112

Chicago: Giannis Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 16 rebounds, Jrue Holiday came on strong down the stretch to finish with 26 points and the Bucks beat Chicago.

Holiday scored 10 points over the final five minutes as the defending champion Bucks tied the Bulls for the Central Division lead with their third straight victory. Antetokounmpo made 12 of 22 shots and had five assists, helping make up for a 10-for-19 showing at the foul line.

Pelicans 124, Jazz 90

New Orleans: Brandon Ingram scored 29 points and C.J. McCollum added 24 to power the Pelicans over the Utah Jazz.

In winning their fourth consecutive game since the All-Star break, the Pelicans led by as many as 37 points, 86-49, with 4:08 left in the third quarter. The 37-point deficit was the largest this season for the Jazz, who had entered the game winning nine of their last 10.

Timberwolves 138, Thunder 101

Oklahoma City: Karl-Anthony Towns and Naz Reid each scored 20 points to help Minnesota defeat the Oklahoma City for its third straight win.

Taurean Prince scored 18 points, D'Angelo Russell had 17 and Jaden McDaniels added 16 for the Timberwolves, who have averaged 131.3 points during their win streak. They have won six of eight overall.

Minnesota's reserves outscored Oklahoma City's 74-18.

GAZETTE PREPS ROUNDUP

BOYS' BASKETBALL

St. Mary's 81, Delta 59

At St. Mary's: The Pirates did not skip a beat and kept the dominant season going in round one of the 3A State Tournament.

No. 1 St. Mary's (22-1) was led by the usual cast. Senior Sam Howery recorded a near quadruple-double with 28 points, 14 rebounds, 10 assists, and nine steals. Cyrus Hernandez scored 18 points. Andon Mindrup grabbed a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

St. Mary's will move onto the sweet 16 on Saturday against the winner of No. 16 Lutheran (14-8) and No. 17 University (16-7).

Eaton 71, Colorado Springs Christian 56

At Eaton: The Reds dominated the Lions the entire game as they punched their ticket to the sweet 16.

No. 15 Eaton (16-8) will have a chance at a big upset on Saturday. The Reds will take on the No. 2 Sterling Tigers (21-2).

Manitou Springs 54, Middle Park 51

At Middle Park: The Mustangs stole one to upset the Panthers.

No. 22 Manitou Springs (14-9) stunned No. 11 Middle Park (18-4) on Friday. The Mustangs will move on to the sweet 16 against No. 6 Resurrection Christian (18-5).

Peyton 74, Crested Butte 43

At Peyton: The Panthers never took their foot off the gas Friday night.

No. 12 Peyton (16-6) kept its season going with a chance at the 2A Boys Basketball Region 5 championship.

The Panthers will battle No. 5 Mancos (19-3) on Saturday.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Vanguard School 50, Strasburg 44

At The Vanguard School: The

Coursers narrowly escaped a major first-round upset.

No. 30 Strasburg (9-15) played No. 3 The Vanguard School (17-4) close all game. The comeback was in reaching distance as Strasburg only allowed eight points in the fourth quarter.

The Coursers will play No. 14 Centauri (14-8) on Saturday.

Peyton 47, Ignacio 38

At Peyton: The Panthers only allowed two points in the second quarter to fuel their victory.

Sophomores Abbie Nickell (17 points) and A.J. Mannering (16) did the bulk of the scoring for No. 8 Peyton (17-5). Shaylee Gee (seven points), Tara Graham (six points), and Emme Ratliff (one point) also contributed.

Peyton will move onto the 2A Girls Basketball Region 8 championship against No. 9 Sedgwick County (15-6)

Colorado Academy 45, Ellicott 43

At Ellicott: The Mustangs pulled off the narrow first-round upset against the Thunderhawks Friday night.

No. 20 Colorado Academy (15-6) will now try to make a run at a Cinderella story as they move to the sweet 16. The Mustangs will visit the No. 4 Grand Valley Cardinals (19-4) on Saturday.

Lutheran 64, Manitou Springs 28

At Lutheran: The Lions took care of business on both ends against the Mustangs. No. 5 Lutheran (18-5) proved its ranking on Friday night. The Lions will now take on No. 12 St. Mary's (18-4).

St. Mary's 77, SkyView Academy 68

At St. Mary's: It took overtime for the Pirates to fend off the upset attempt against the Hawks.

TYLER MEGUIRE,
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

NHL ROUNDUP

Lightning 3, Red Wings 1

Tampa, Fla.: Mikhail Sergachev scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period on a power play and Tampa Bay beat Detroit on Friday night. Brayden Point and Steven Stamkos also scored for Tampa Bay, Victor Hedman had three assists, and backup Brian Elliott made 22 saves.

The Lightning, coming off a 5-1 loss to Pittsburgh on Thursday night at home, have not lost consecutive games in regulation this season.

Rangers 3, Devils 1

New York: Igor Shesterkin made 32 saves, Chris Kreider and Mika Zibanejad each had a goal and assist, and the New York Rangers beat the New Jersey Devils.

Filip Chytil also scored for the Rangers, who won the final two games of their three-game home-stand and improved to 6-1-1 in their last eight at home. Nico Hischier scored for the Devils and Nico Dawes made 29 saves. New Jersey has

lost five of its last seven games. Shesterkin made four saves on a third-period Devils power play as he earned his 27th win of the season. The Rangers improved to 19-1-3 when leading after two periods with their goalie playing a major role.

Hurricanes 3, Penguins 2 (OT)

Raleigh, N.C.: Andrei Svechnikov scored on a power play at 3:14 of overtime as the Carolina Hurricanes rallied from two goals down to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Jordan Staal scored two goals for the Hurricanes, who snapped a two-game skid and won for the fourth time in 16 chances (4-10-2) when trailing after two periods. Anti Raanta stopped 22 shots.

Jake Guentzel and Sidney Crosby each had a goal and an assist for the Penguins, who fell to 23-1-2 when leading through two periods. Casey DeSmith made 38 saves.

Kings 4, Blue Jackets 3 (OT)

Columbus, Ohio: Viktor Arvidsson

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to celebrate the accomplishment. Barton received hugs and high fives from coaches and teammates and an ovation from the home crowd.

"It was a surreal moment. It's a cool moment," Barton said. "It's something you dream of as a kid, to one day make history at the biggest stage."

Prior to his first make Friday, Barton had missed 19 consecutive 3s dating back to the Feb. 26 game against Sacramento.

"I met with him the other day one-on-one. I felt like the pressure of breaking the record was kind of getting to him. I said 'Just play your game,'" Malone said.

"I'm happy that it's over. Now we can just get back to playing basketball."

Barton finished with 11 points, while DeMarcus Cousins led the Nuggets with 31 points, nine rebounds, four assists, three steals and a block. It was his first 30-point game, Malone said, since 2018.

With Nikola Jokic ruled out with a non-COVID illness in the hour before tipoff, Cousins made his first start in a Nuggets uniform.

"Nobody replaces Nikola Jokic, but Cuz (Cousins) is pretty damn good," Malone said before running down Cousins' stats, which included 12 contested shots and three deflections.

"I'm just so happy for him because most people had given up on him. All you need is somebody to believe in you, and he's here doing his thing for us. I'm so happy that he is here."

Austin Rivers (non-COVID illness) and Zeke Nnaji (bilateral knee soreness) also missed the game, further disrupting Denver's rotations against the Rockets.

JaMychal Green led the bench with 14 points, while Jeff Green (14), Aaron Gordon (12), Bones Hyland and Monte Morris (10) also reached double figures for Denver.

Cousins hit a 3 to open the scoring, and Denver scored the first seven points. He said the spot start didn't impact his approach.

"I play the same way," Cousins said. "I'm going to come out, I'm going to play the right way. I'm going to try to take the best shots available. I'm going to try to make the right play every possession."

The Rockets scored the final five points of the quarter to take a one-point lead to the second.

The bench unit used a 17-6 run to start the second quarter to give the Nuggets a 10-point

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topped Doherty.

Now, it's about following the lead of Sterk and Beauperthuy — even as they depart the program.

This team was a special one,



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Nuggets center DeMarcus Cousins, right, argues for a call in the first half Friday against the Rockets in Denver.



Nuggets forward Aaron Gordon hangs from the rim after dunking the ball Friday against the Rockets in Denver.

advantage after Hyland hit a 3. The starters returned and stretched the lead to 15, but Houston cut the advantage to 51-46 at halftime.

Cousins scored 11 of his points in the third quarter, and Barton put up 10 points in the period, as the Nuggets stretched the lead to 17 to

start the fourth quarter and picked up their seventh win in their last eight games.

"Boogie's a force. I told someone earlier 'Let's not forget who he is.'"

"He's had some injuries, some bad breaks, some tough breaks," Barton said. "When healthy, he's still DeMarcus

Cousins, which is one of the best big men in the league, an All-Star, a guy we've seen dominate the NBA, so I'm not surprised."

Barton will look to extend his record, and the Nuggets will try for an eighth win in nine games at home Sunday against New Orleans.

but the two hope the trend doesn't stop with them.

"We had a comeback year," Sterk said. "Coming back and having these coaches support us and proving that we can do it meant a lot."

Mansanaras will return next year. Several others, who were largely relegated to the bench with Doherty's depth, will

have their opportunities to replace the duo as a communal effort.

Every year, the Spartan girls' basketball program will be handed a new team.

But if the subsequent rosters follow this one's lead, then gracing the latter rounds of the 5A tournament will no longer be a hurdle, but a stan-

dard.

"I have so many kids who can do different things," Leasure said.

"It will be a different team, but the expectation will be the same. I'm super thankful that our seniors got to have this opportunity."

"Now, we want it to be a regular thing."



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Rangers goaltender Igor Shesterkin protects the net during the second period Friday against the Devils in New York.

COLORADO RAPIDS

Midfielder’s mental discipline key heading into big year

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A constant desire to improve is evident in Mark-Anthony Kaye’s soccer career and his reading list.

The 27-year-old Colorado Rapids midfielder recently finished ‘Deep Work,’ a Cal Newport book on the importance of focus in an age where distractions are as accessible as ever. It’s a big reason why he’s started to shut down for the day at 6 p.m. so he can properly recharge. He’s moved on to Malcolm Gladwell’s ‘Outliers,’ a deep dive on some of the world’s highest achievers and what has allowed them to experience such success.

“I started to read a lot more, just trying to improve my routine. I do have a lot of time off,” Kaye said after Wednesday’s prep for Saturday’s home-opener against Atlanta United. “Soccer’s not going to last forever, so I’m just trying to continue developing my mind and the way I see the world.”



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Rapids midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye, right, is doused by teammate Jonathan Lewis while being interviewed Aug. 21 in Commerce City.

Reading might be a new hobby, but the commitment to improvement has been evident on the field. Rapids coach Robin Fraser first encountered Kaye when he was an assistant at Toronto FC and Kaye was with

the club’s reserve team. “He was a talented young player but didn’t seem to really quite get over the hump,” Fraser said. “Then, he went away to Louisville. When he reappeared at LAFC, he was one of the best

final passers in the league.” Kaye said he played primarily as a left back with Toronto and moved to the wing in his second USL stint in Louisville. He appreciates the exposure to other positions. “Personnel within teams put me in different positions which I’m very grateful for because it allowed me to improve my understanding of the game,” Kaye said. His soccer IQ wasn’t the only thing that improved between Toronto FC and his first Major League Soccer appearance with Los Angeles FC. Steven Beitashour was a first-team player when Kaye was a reserve in Toronto. The two reunited ahead of LAFC’s inaugural season and remain teammates with the Rapids. “I was so impressed with what he had become,” Beitashour said. “His work ethic, his touch, his positioning, his passing, his vision, like, man, if you asked me before preseason 2018, there’s no way.”

Kaye would go on to assist 18 goals and score nine of his own over three-plus seasons playing for former United States Men’s National Team coach Bob Bradley, who gave Kaye the chance to play his natural position. The Rapids acquired Kaye from LAFC in the middle of last season for \$1 million in General Allocation Money, a sum that could increase based on performance metrics. Kaye’s arrival in Colorado was delayed, as he was representing Canada at the Gold Cup, but he started 14 of his 15 appearances for the Rapids last season and posted two assists and a goal. The lone goal last season was a big one. With the Rapids and Rocky Mountain Cup rival Real Salt Lake locked in a 1-1 draw, Kaye got on the end of a cross and headed home the game-winning goal. “I definitely want to produce on the offense side of the game, you know, score goals and get assists,” Kaye said. “I want to get back producing high-qual-

ity stats for my teammates, getting them high-(quality) goal-scoring opportunities.” Kaye still hasn’t experienced a full preseason with the Rapids, as he helped Canada all but qualify for this year’s World Cup. He said playing alongside guys like Bayern Munich left back Alphonso Davies and Lille striker Jonathan David in international play gives him confidence when he returns to his club team. In addition to his club and country responsibilities, Kaye remains active growing the game and making the sport more equitable as a member of the MLS Players Association executive board. He’s also involved in Black Players for Change, an independent organization of MLS players and coaches. “I think it’s important that the players feel like they’re properly represented and taken care of. That’s a responsibility I have, and I love being able to care for my teammates,” he said.

RAPIDS ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The Colorado Rapids will look to take another step forward after finishing the regular season on top of Major League Soccer’s Western Conference in 2021. The 2022 roster features many of last season’s key players plus a handful of young talents looking to carve out larger roles. Here’s how the roster breaks down ahead of Saturday’s home-opener against Atlanta United at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park.

GOALKEEPER
Clint Irwin

The veteran served as Colorado’s second-string goalkeeper a season ago. Irwin made just one appearance last season and looks to be in line for a similar role this season. **Abraham Rodriguez** After spending most of the last two seasons with Colorado Springs Switchbacks, the Rapids’ former United Soccer League affiliate, Rodriguez will likely get opportunities to train with the first team, while getting valuable game experience in MLS Next Pro, a new developmental league.

William Yarbrough Yarbrough has been Robin Fraser’s first choice in goal since he arrived on loan from Mexican club Leon in 2020, and he’s likely to retain that role this season. He has allowed 52 goals in 47 regular-season appearances for Colorado and was between the posts for both playoff games since his arrival.

DEFENDER
Lalas Abubakar

With the Rapids employing three center backs at times last season, Abubakar started 23 of his 24 appearances. He’s played at least 1,500 minutes in each of his three seasons in Colorado, a streak that seems likely to continue in 2022. **Sebastian Anderson** Anderson, 19, was at one time the club’s youngest signing and goal-scorer after he made six appearances with the Rapids in 2019. Since then, he has spent the bulk of the last two seasons with the Switchbacks, serving as the team’s primary right back during a successful 2021 campaign. He could bounce between a bench role with the first team and a starting spot

with Rapids 2 this season. **Steven Beitashour** The outside back brings 250-plus games of MLS experience to the back line. After appearing in 11 matches last season, six of which were starts, Beitashour seems likely to fill a similar reserve role this season. **Michael Edwards** The Rapids acquired the center back’s homegrown rights in a trade with DC United and signed the 21-year-old last year. He acquired some valuable experience last season with the Switchbacks. An MLS debut this season would be a positive development. **Lucas Esteves** The Brazilian has made the starting left wingback spot his own since arriving in the middle of the 2021 season to replace Sam Vines. Esteves looks to be a key creator down the left side again this season. He scored one goal in 14 appearances in the second half of last season. **Aboubacar Keita** One of the additions to the 2022 squad, the Rapids sent \$300,000 in General Allocation Money, with another \$150,000 available via performance metrics, to Columbus. The 21-year-old made his MLS debut in 2019 as a homegrown player for the Crew and comes to Colorado with 37 MLS appearances to his name. **Anthony Markanich** After a standout collegiate career at Northern Illinois, Markanich was the only one of Colorado’s three SuperDraft picks to sign a contract with the club. He projects as a depth option at left back in his rookie season. **Drew Moor** The most senior defender is back for another season with the Rapids. After making his MLS debut in 2005, Moor has amassed 381 appearances in MLS, 12 of which came last season. He could again be called upon to help the Rapids close out matches as a substitute. **Keegan Rosenberry** The first-choice right back for the last few seasons looks to retain that role this season. He started all but one of his 81 appearances for the Rapids in three previous seasons. He

scored four goals and assisted eight others in Colorado colors. **Jackson Travis** A former academy standout, Travis signed a homegrown contract with the Rapids on Friday. It seems likely the 18-year-old could garner professional experience with Rapids 2 for most of the season. **Auston Trusty** The promising center back was transferred to Arsenal in January but stayed in Colorado on a short-term loan. He is expected to be one of the top players on the back line until he heads to Europe this summer ahead of the start of the English Premier League season. **Danny Wilson** The 30-year-old has been at the center of Colorado’s defense the last few seasons and will look to continue that trend in 2022. The 6-foot-2 Wilson is also a popular target on set pieces. He scored a pair of goals in 2021 and 2019 for the Rapids.

MIDFIELDER
Bryan Acosta The Rapids added the Honduran international through a trade for Toronto’s No. 2 spot in the re-entry draft. A former designated player for FC Dallas, Acosta scored two goals and registered five assists in 50 starts for the club over the last three seasons. He is expected to play a significant role in Colorado’s midfield. **Max Alves** Early returns are promising for the 20-year-old Brazilian. He scored the clubs only goal in its CONCACAF Champions League run and made his MLS debut in the season-opener. With Cole Bassett departing, Alves could be asked to become a creative force in Colorado’s midfield in his first MLS season. **Braian Galvan** After a promising 2021 campaign, Galvan suffered a knee injury in pre-season that figures to sideline him for most if not all of the upcoming season. Despite the setback, the club and Galvan agreed to a three-year contract extension this week. **Mark-Anthony Kaye** The Canadian international is looking to have a big impact in his first full season with the Rapids. After

starting his MLS career with LAFC where he contributed at least seven goals or assists in each of his three full seasons with the club, Kaye came to Colorado and started 14 of his 15 appearances. He scored his first goal with the club and added two assists for the Rapids in 2021. **Oliver Larraz** The homegrown player made his MLS debut last year before spending most of the season on loan at San Diego Loyal. He enters the 2022 season with four MLS appearances to his name for a total of 21 minutes. He could be a key contributor for the Rapids’ new reserve team if there aren’t more MLS minutes available. **Jonathan Lewis** Utilized on the wing and atop the formation at different times, Lewis finished second on the team with seven goals last season. He started 12 matches and added two assists in more than 1,300 minutes last year and featured for the United States Men’s National Team at times. His pace figures to make him a dangerous chance creator again in 2022. **Philip Mayaka** The No. 3 pick in the 2021 SuperDraft was among the Rapids players to spend last season with the Switchbacks. He did not make an appearance for the Rapids in his first professional season but could look to make his MLS debut this season. **Nicolas Mezquida** The Uruguayan signed a one-year contract extension with the club this offseason after appearing in 22 matches last season with six starts. After scoring four goals and assisting six others in 2019, Mezquida has transitioned into more of a reserve role in the last couple of seasons. **Jack Price** The captain and taker of many of Colorado’s set pieces, Price figures to be one of the first names on the team sheet each week. He led the Rapids with 12 assists last season and turned that into a contract extension in January that could keep him at the club through the 2025 season. **Colten Warner** The Denver native returned to his

home state ahead of the 2020 season and has started 15 matches for the Rapids in the last two seasons. He will likely be leaned on to provide depth in his 13th MLS season. **Darren Yapi** At 17, Yapi is one of the more promising young players on the Rapids roster. He spent valuable time playing as a reserve forward for the Switchbacks last season and scored his first professional goal in the United Soccer League. Yapi spent the offseason training with European clubs Arsenal and Club Brugge ahead of a potential MLS debut this season.

FORWARD
Michael Barrios It was a productive first season in Colorado for the Colombian winger. The 30-year-old used his pace and finishing ability to lead the Rapids with eight goals last season, and he assisted six others. After playing more than 2,000 minutes last season, Barrios is again expected to play a big role in the Rapids’ attack. **Diego Rubio** Rubio begins his fourth season with the Rapids after establishing himself as the team’s top choice at striker in the previous three seasons. His first goal this season will be his 20th with the club in league play. And he has also tallied 15 assists for Colorado. **Andre Shinyashiki** The former Rookie of the Year has become one of the club’s better success stories from the SuperDraft. After starring at the University of Denver, Shinyashiki has scored 15 goals for the Rapids, including four last season. His first start of the season will be his 50th for the Rapids since joining the club in 2019. **Dantouma ‘YaYa’ Toure** The 17-year-old made his MLS debut as an end-of-game substitute last season and trained with Arsenal and Rangers in the offseason. He spent most of last season with the Switchbacks and scored a goal during the Rapids’ preseason friendlies. More MLS minutes could be on the way this season.

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TIGERS

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The first came off the stick of Bobby Brink, who entered the game as the nation’s points leader with 50. It was his 14th goal of the season. Then, Cameron Wright netted his 20th of the season. Massimo Rizzo passed to the senior, who was able to slide the puck into a small window. CC goalie Dominic Basse had his back to Wright, and couldn’t turn his head in time. As the first period came to a close, CC was awarded a five-minute power play after Reid Irwin was called for kneeing. The play wasn’t initially called, and the officials took to the monitor at the behest of the Tiger coaching staff before issuing the major. The power play, which bled into the second period by 31 seconds didn’t amount to much for the Tigers, who were unable to score. “We got one shot on seven minutes of power play in the first period,” Mayotte said. “You deflate your own bench. You get your guys you want to have the puck, they get frustrated. It’s a ripple effect. But, it has happened to us enough this year, that we have to get over it. We can’t let it effect the rest of our game.” DU ended up adding two more goals in the second frame, one from Kyle Mayhew, and the second from Connor Caponi. The Pioneers scored their final goal with three seconds left in the game, coming off the stick of Carter Mazur.

The Tigers, who gave up three power-play goals in the last series with Denver, were able to limit the Pioneers to even-strength goals. DU had two power-play opportunities in the second period and two more in the third. “(Our penalty kill) was a little bit better,” Mayotte said. “Basse had some big saves. They still got a lot of the looks that they wanted to get, and they still got a lot of looks at the net. We were fortunate that our goalie got some saves.” In the third frame, CC nearly scored its first goal against DU this season.

Tommy Middleton fired a shot that was blocked by DU goalie Magnus Chorna. The rebound ended up on the stick of Connor Mayer, who quickly hit the puck. Chorna was able to make a diving save to keep CC scoreless. The Pioneers outshot the Tigers 37-19 and held a 37-24 advantage in faceoff wins. After the contest, CC honored its seniors — Brian Hawkinson, Bryan Yoon, Hugo Blixt and Jackson Ross — with a video presentation.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA GLANCE				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	23	.629	—
Boston	38	27	.585	2½
Toronto	34	29	.540	5½
Brooklyn	32	32	.500	8
New York	25	37	.403	14
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	22	.656	—
Atlanta	31	32	.492	10½
Charlotte	31	33	.484	11
Washington	28	34	.452	13
Orlando	16	48	.250	26
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	25	.609	—
Chicago	39	25	.609	—
Cleveland	36	27	.571	2½
Indiana	22	43	.338	17½
Detroit	17	47	.266	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	43	21	.672	—
Dallas	38	25	.603	4½
New Orleans	27	36	.429	15½
San Antonio	24	39	.381	18½
Houston	15	48	.242	27
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	39	23	.629	—
Denver	37	26	.581	3
Minnesota	35	29	.547	5
Portland	25	37	.403	14
Oklahoma City	20	43	.317	19½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	50	12	.806	—
Golden State	43	20	.683	7½
L.A. Clippers	34	31	.523	17½

L.A. Lakers	27	35	.435	23
Sacramento	24	41	.369	27½
Thursday’s Games				
Atlanta 130, Chicago 124				
Boston 120, Memphis 107				
Miami 113, Brooklyn 107				
Detroit 108, Toronto 106				
Dallas 122, Golden State 113				
Sacramento 115, San Antonio 112				
L.A. Clippers 132, L.A. Lakers 111				
Friday’s Games				
Detroit 111, Indiana 106				
Philadelphia 125, Cleveland 119				
Atlanta 117, Washington 114				
Orlando 103, Toronto 97				
Milwaukee 118, Chicago 112				
Minnesota 138, Oklahoma City 101				
New Orleans 124, Utah 90				
Denver 116, Houston 101				
New York at Phoenix, late				
Saturday’s Games				
Sacramento at Dallas, 3 p.m.				
San Antonio at Charlotte, 5 p.m.				
Orlando at Memphis, 6 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Miami, 6 p.m.				
Portland at Minnesota, 6 p.m.				
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.				
Sunday’s Games				
Brooklyn at Boston, 11 a.m.				
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 1:30 p.m.				
Indiana at Washington, 4 p.m.				
Memphis at Houston, 5 p.m.				
Utah at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.				
Toronto at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m.				
New Orleans at Denver, 6 p.m.				
New York at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.				
Monday’s Games				
Atlanta at Detroit, 5 p.m.				
Chicago at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.				
Houston at Miami, 5:30 p.m.				
Portland at Minnesota, 6 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.				
Utah at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.				
Golden State at Denver, 7 p.m.				
New York at Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.				

MEN’S COLLEGE SCORES

Friday				
EAST				
St. Bonaventure 72, Richmond 65				
SOUTH				
Belmont Abbey 108, Barton 73				
Longwood 79, NC A&T 65, OT				
Mercer 81, W. Carolina 53				
Murray St. 88, SE Missouri 74				
SC-Upstate 72, Charleston Southern 62				
Southern Wesleyan 72, Mount Olive 55				
The Citadel 84, ETSU 76, OT				
Winthrop 68, High Point 51				
MIDWEST				
Akron 57, Cent. Michigan 56				
Ball St. 64, W. Michigan 63				
Kent St. 70, Buffalo 65				
Loyola Chicago 66, Bradley 50				
Miami (Ohio) 76, E. Michigan 63				
Missouri St. 67, Valparaiso 58				
N. Illinois 58, Ohio 57				
N. Iowa 78, Illinois St. 65				
Toledo 96, Dartmouth Green 56				
WOMEN’S COLLEGE SCORES				
EAST				
Columbia 70, Cornell 57				
Georgetown 68, Providence 55				
Harvard 85, Dartmouth 52				
Indiana 62, Maryland 51				
Princeton 69, Penn 43				
Saint Joseph’s 51, Rhode Island 48				
Seton Hall 58, Butler 39				
St. John’s 76, Xavier 69				
UMass 66, Fordham 63				
SOUTH				
Belmont 63, Austin Peay 51				
Furman 64, Wofford 59				
Kentucky 78, LSU 63				
Louisiana-Lafayette 71, Texas St. 46				
Mercer 65, Samford 59				
Miami 61, Louisville 55				
Mississippi 70, Florida 60				
NC State 84, Florida St. 54				
Notre Dame 71, Georgia Tech 53				
South Carolina 76, Arkansas 54				

Tennessee Tech 68, Murray St. 62

Troy 99, Coastal Carolina 77

UALR 70, Appalachian St. 58

VCU 55, George Washington 47

Virginia Tech 87, North Carolina 80, OT

MIDWEST

Dayton 60, Davidson 55, OT

Iowa 72, Northwestern 59

Ohio St. 74, Michigan St. 58

FAR WEST

Hawaii 75, CS Northridge 62

Loyola Marymount 71, Saint Mary's (Cal) 64

N. Arizona 86, Idaho 69

N. Colorado 71, Montana St. 63

Santa Clara 86, San Diego 79

HOCKEY

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	54	36	12	6	78	186	152
Florida	56	36	13	5	77	221	161
Toronto	54	35	15	4	74	198	157
Boston	55	33	18	4	70	166	148
Detroit	55	24	25	6	54	161	197
Buffalo	56	18	30	8	44	153	200
Montreal	53	19	34	5	43	137	169
Ottawa	55	15	39	7	35	132	210

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	55	38	12	5	81	188	132
Pittsburgh	57	34	14	9	77	185	152
N.J. Rangers	55	35	15	5	75	165	138
Washington	56	29	18	9	67	180	156
Columbus	55	28	25	2	58	182	200
San Jose Sharks	51	20	23	8	48	131	146
New Jersey	55	19	31	5	43	168	200
Philadelphia	54	16	28	10	42	135	189

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Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	55	40	11	4	84	219	155
St. Louis	53	32	15	6	70	191	146
Minnesota	53	32	18	3	67	200	171

FOOTBALL

NFL

Judge OKs fix to stem race bias in concussion deal

The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA • Black retired football players who were denied payments for dementia in the NFL’s \$1 billion concussion settlement can seek to be retested or have their claims rescored to eliminate racial bias in the testing and payout formula, under a revised plan finalized Friday.

Outrage over the use of “race-norming” in the dementia testing — which assumed that Black people have a lower cognitive baseline score, making it harder for them to show mental declines linked to football — forced the NFL and players’ lawyers back to the negotiating table last year.

The revisions could allow many retired players to resubmit their claims and add \$100 million or more to the NFL’s legal tab. The NFL, through the fund, has paid out more than \$800 million to date, nearly half for dementia claims. The dementia awards average about \$600,000.

“Thousands of Black players

stand to benefit from these changes to the settlement,” said lawyer Cyril V. Smith, who represents former players Najeh Davenport and Kevin Henry, whose 2020 race discrimination lawsuit brought the issue to light.

Senior U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody in Philadelphia, who has overseen the NFL concussion case for a decade, dismissed their lawsuit but ordered the parties to address the problem. She approved the negotiated changes in an order filed Friday.

More than 3,300 former players or their families have sought awards for brain injuries linked to their playing days, more than 2,000 of them for moderate to advanced dementia.

The dementia cases have proven the most contentious, and only 3 in 10 claims have been paid to date. Another one-third have been denied, and the rest remain in limbo, often as the claim goes through several layers of review by the claims

administrator, medical and legal consultants, audit investigators and judges.

In one recent ruling that shows the difficulty families have faced navigating the claims process, the reviewer bemoaned the long delays experienced by the widow of a former player found after his 2019 death to have advanced CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

His medical records show “progressive cognitive decline and un rebutted evidence that he suffered from CTE at the time of his death,” reviewer David Hoffman wrote.

“But those diagnoses, and the supporting medical records, do not fit into the settlement’s prescribed boxes for the claimed qualifying diagnosis (of dementia),” said Hoffman, an expert in contract law at the University of Pennsylvania law school.

The player, a Black man who was 57 when he died, also had his scores normed to account for his race, age, education

and other factors, in keeping with the protocols used at the time. According to Hoffman, his claim would not qualify for an award even if his tests were rescored under the new race-blind formula.

The vast majority of the league’s players — 70% of active players and more than 60% of living retirees — are Black. So the changes are expected to be significant, and potentially costly for the NFL.

The agreement to end race-norming follows months of closed-door negotiations between lawyers for the NFL, the class counsel for the nearly 20,000 retired players, and Smith and others representing Davenport and Henry.

Ken Jenkins and his wife, Amy Lewis, have also fought for the changes, gathering thousands of petitions and pressing the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department to investigate the alleged discrimination.

The binary scoring system used in dementia testing — one for Black people, one for ev-



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Former NFL players Ken Jenkins, right, and Clarence Vaughn III, center right, along with their wives, Amy Lewis, center, and Brooke Vaughn, left, on May 14 carry tens of thousands of petitions demanding equal treatment for everyone involved in the settlement of concussion claims against the NFL, to the federal courthouse in Philadelphia.

everyone else — was developed by neurologists in the 1990s as a crude way to factor in a patient’s socioeconomic background.

Experts say it was never meant to be used to determine payouts in a court settlement.

However, it was adopted by both sides in the 2015 settlement that resolved lawsuits accusing the NFL of hiding what it knew about the risk of repeated concussions.

Trade talk eclipses free-agent buzz

QB gab centers on big names changing teams

The Associated Press

An underwhelming free agent class for quarterbacks is overshadowed by the possibility of multiple big names changing teams, most notably Aaron Rodgers.

From the potential move of Rodgers out of Green Bay to the likely departure of San Francisco’s Jimmy Garoppolo despite the 49ers reaching another NFC championship game with him, trades, not courtships, are the talk of the QB market.

The constant chatter about Rodgers drowns out a change that would be equally seismic — Russell Wilson leaving Seattle. Tension between Wilson and the Seahawks surfaced last offseason. Now the issue is what’s best for the club’s future, although the Seahawks keep saying they’re not shopping the Super Bowl 48 winner.

“I love the East Coast, but I think the West Coast is better for me right now,” Wilson said this week on NBC’s “Today” show, responding to a question from a Washington Commanders fan. “I’ve got people hitting me up every day, all my friends and all that from the East Coast. But Seattle’s the place where I’m at right now and I love it and it’s great.”

Wilson has two years left on a contract with a no-trade clause, meaning he controls where he would go. And that raises another key question: Which teams need a quarterback? Washington is on a list perhaps topped by Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh with the retirements of Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger.

Rodgers’ stalemate with the Packers last summer ended with an agreement to void the final year of his contract in 2023. The club has said it will wait as long as it takes for the MVP of the past two seasons (four overall) to decide whether he wants to play for them, or play at all.

If Rodgers seeks a trade, that adds another domino among teams seeking a starter in free agency. Those pickings aren’t much past slim, if at all.

The open market

Jameis Winston arguably tops the list of free agents because New Orleans appeared on track to make the playoffs to start the post-Drew Brees era when Winston’s season ended with a left torn anterior cruciate ligament on Oct. 31.

The flip side is the Saints were winning (5-2 after the game in which he was injured) without leaning heavily on Winston as a passer. The 2015 No. 1 overall draft pick didn’t get a second contract in Tampa Bay because he threw too many interceptions (88 in five seasons).

Marcus Mariota is forever tied to



PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers spins a football on his fingers before a Jan. 22 divisional playoff game against the 49ers in Green Bay, Wis.



49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo reacts after throwing the winning touchdown pass Dec. 12 during overtime against the Bengals in Cincinnati.

Winston as the No. 2 pick in that draft, and the other QB who also didn’t get a second contract. Tennessee moved on, so Mariota was Derek Carr’s backup in Las Vegas the past two seasons. Could Mariota get another chance to start?

Mitchell Trubisky is perhaps the most intriguing option after a tumultuous stint in Chicago was followed by a year as Josh Allen’s backup in Buffalo. The Bears declined his fifth-year option.

Cam Newton didn’t show he has anything left in a reprise with Carolina, while Denver’s Teddy Bridgewater appears headed for his fourth team in four seasons. Jacoby Brissett and Tyrod Taylor are backups at best.

Andy Dalton never gained traction in Chicago even though he signed expecting to be the starter after a year as Dak Prescott’s backup (and injury replacement) in Dallas. Everything changed when the Bears moved up nine spots in last year’s draft to get Justin Fields at No. 11.

Dalton, 34, and Ryan Fitzpatrick, 39, are the elder statesmen. Fitzpatrick

is coming off a hip injury that limited him to one start in Washington.

Let’s make a deal

The Packers aren’t pretending to know what Rodgers will decide, and seem to be putting off all major roster decisions until he does. Rodgers said he would make up his mind before free agency, but the club has less than a week to decide whether to place the franchise tag on Rodgers’ top target, Davante Adams.

Given the movement last offseason of Carson Wentz (Philadelphia to Indianapolis) and Matthew Stafford/Jared Goff (a Los Angeles Rams-Detroit swap), it shouldn’t be difficult for Green Bay to engineer a trade. There will be plenty of interested teams.

Garoppolo took the 49ers to the Super Bowl three seasons ago, when they lost to Kansas City. San Francisco fell to Stafford and the Rams in a surprising run to the NFC title game last season. But the front office has been clear that it’s ready to turn over the team to Trey Lance, the third overall pick in last

year’s draft.

Garoppolo’s cap hit is a fairly manageable \$27 million, particularly assuming he starts somewhere. However, any potential trade was complicated recent surgery on his throwing (right) shoulder.

The outlook is still unclear for Houston’s Deshaun Watson, who faces civil lawsuits over allegations of sexual assault and harassment. There has been no official word on possible criminal charges. Any club pursuing Watson will want clarity on those issues. Before the allegations became public, Watson demanded a trade, saying he wouldn’t play for the Texans again. He didn’t suit up in 2021.

Where there’s a need

There’s little reason to believe Mason Rudolph is the long-term answer for the Steelers, who haven’t been in the market for a starter in almost 20 years. The outlook is even more uncertain with the Buccaneers.

The decision to replace Winston got a quick and easy answer with Brady. Neither “quick” nor “easy” come to mind now. Journeyman Blaine Gabbert is a free agent, and third-stringer Kyle Trask has yet to take a snap. He was a second-round pick out of Florida last year. The Bucs are a strong candidate for a trade.

Washington, Carolina and Denver are still looking for quarterbacks.

The Broncos’ new coach is Nathaniel Hackett, praised effusively by Rodgers coming off three seasons as Green Bay’s offensive coordinator. Plus, Denver turned the addition of Peyton Manning a decade ago into a pair of trips to the Super Bowl in four seasons, capped by winning the 2015 championship before Manning retired.



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Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson reacts after a Nov. 20 game against Maryland in College Park, Md.

Combine to shed light on No. 1 pick

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS • Kayvon Thibodeaux looked like a lock to be this year’s top NFL draft pick — until Aidan Hutchinson played his way into the conversation.

Now, with eight weeks until draft night, offensive linemen Ikem “Ikey” Ekwonu and Evan Neal are in the debate, too.

This four-man race to the top has become a hot topic at this week’s annual scouting combine and has rekindled a familiar question: Who’s No. 1? With no quarterbacks likely to be selected right away, the guys in the trenches are the favorites.

“You have to take the player you think is the best fit for the organization and makes the biggest difference,” Jacksonville general manager Trent Baalke said. “This draft has a lot of unique players. There may not be that clear No. 1, but there are a lot of good football players at the top.”

Baalke’s job is to sort it all out in a draft that comes with several unique features.

Baalke is drafting first for the second straight year; no team other than Cleveland has held that distinction since 1988.

The one seemingly virtual certainty: A seven-year run of quarterbacks going first or second will end. None is likely to even make the conversation.

COLLEGE

Rules panel urges targeting appeal

The Associated Press

Players ejected for targeting in the second half of a college football game could be eligible to play the following game after an appeal through the conference office, if a recommendation handed down Friday by the NCAA rules committee is approved.

After four days of meetings in Indianapolis, the committee also recommended penalizing all open field blocks below the waist and creating an investigation process for allegations of a team faking injuries that could lead to conferences penalizing schools and coaches.

Recommendations need approval from the playing rules oversight panel in April.

The committee discussed changing how the game clock is managed to shorten games by both time and number of plays, but decided not to act.

The average FBS game was 3 hours, 28 minutes last season and included about 137 offensive plays.

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House pests

These 5 pests can invade your home in the winter; here's what to watch for and how to stop them



BY EVAN MOORE
The Charlotte Observer

When you're in the grip of winter, some pests may enter your home seeking warmth and food. Data from the U.S. census show that about 14 million of the 124 million occupied homeowners in America reported seeing roaches in their homes over the past year, and nearly 15 million reported seeing mice or rats. The National Pest Management Association offers these tips on how

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YEAR-ROUND GARDENING

Some must-have tools for working in the garden

BY JAN TRIMBLE
Colorado Master Gardener

The right tool for any given garden task makes the work easier and more enjoyable. When building your tool arsenal, buy the highest quality available and they'll serve you well for many years to come — even a lifetime.

These are some must-have tools for most gardening needs. **Hand trowel:** For use in containers, raised beds, or directly in yard. Look for one with a bright-colored handle. It's easy to set it down and lose track of where you've left it. **Shovel or spade:** A shovel has a pointed, rounded blade

for digging holes and moving or turning soil. A spade has a straight-edged, flat blade for digging straight-sided holes, cutting roots and making edgings. The longer the handle, the more leverage you'll have for digging. Quality matters here — get ones made of forged metal with a sharp blade edge.

Pruning shears: Bypass-style pruners make quick, tear-free cuts so plants can heal quickly. They can be used to cut or trim small branches from perennial plants, shrubs and trees. Look for razor-sharp blades and a comfortable grip. **Lopping shears:** Loppers are super-sized pruners. If a

stem is thicker than a larger-sized pencil, cutting it with a hand pruner could damage the light tool. When you're using garden loppers, with their long handles, you have a lot more leverage to prune heavier branches. You also have a longer reach. Anvil-style loppers are easier to use and

exert higher force but are less precise than bypass loppers. **Weeder (Hori-Hori knife):** Weeders come in many styles, but the all-purpose Hori-Hori knife is hands-down the best tool for your gardening needs. The blade is sharp, serrated on

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High-end wall beds today often have integrated furniture, such as the desk pictured above, allowing consumers to create rooms that serve two purposes.



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Wall beds come in a variety of sizes (twin, full and queen) and orientations; they can either hinge from the top of the bed, so they open longways, or hinge from the side of the bed.

Murphy beds go from slapstick to sophisticated

AT HOME



MARNI JAMESON

Just the name Murphy bed makes me laugh. It conjures memories of hilarious scenes in slapstick comedies, where the beds, possessed with demonic intentions, drop into rooms unannounced or swallow up (or discharge) unsuspecting characters at the most inopportune moments.

A bed tumbling out of nowhere into a living room or library seems so funny to me that when a pitch for a new generation of Murphy beds — please call them wall beds — hit my inbox recently, I almost didn’t take it seriously.

I sobered up quickly, however, as I thought about the last two years, when many of us struggled to find ways to make spaces in our homes do double even triple duty. Kitchen tables became classrooms, bedrooms became offices, garages became gyms, and family rooms doubled as

daycares. Meanwhile, more grown kids boomeranged home as elderly parents fled senior living centers to move in with their adult children, causing beds (we won’t mention patience) to be in short supply. Suddenly, a space-saving bed that cleverly disappears into a wall seems not funny, but ingenious, and quite possibly essential.

“Our company saw a big uptick in sales during the pandemic,” said Gabriella Pomata, spokeswoman for Resource Furniture, a New York-based seller of luxury Italian wall beds, with nine showrooms throughout North America. “The last time we saw a similar spike was during the economic downturn in 2008, another time when grown kids were moving back home.”

The Murphy bed was born out of necessity, albeit a different kind. William Lawrence Murphy invented the first hide-a-bed back in 1900, so the story goes, because he was smitten with a young opera singer and wanted to

have her to his place. The customs of the day frowned on a lady entering a gentleman’s bedroom, and he lived in a one-room apartment. Undeterred, Murphy figured out a way to stow his bed in the closet and turn his room into a parlor. The couple married the same year. Murphy patented his invention soon after.

Thankfully, both industry experts and, more important, those sleeping on these beds, attest: We’ve come a long way, baby, from the inelegant aesthetics and iffy inner workings of those turn-of-the-century beds. And all agree wall beds today far surpass sofa beds for comfort.

“That bar in the middle of your back!” I tell Pomata. “One benefit of a wall bed over a pullout sofa is that the mattresses are real,” she said. “I mean, any mattress you can fold in half like a stick of chewing gum is nothing you want to sleep on after the age of 12,” I said.

“Today’s wall beds are perfectly suitable for adults to sleep on every night,” she

said. “In other words,” I said, “now that it’s not your grandma’s Murphy bed anymore, you can put grandma on it?” “Exactly,” she said.

Christine Salzer, of Greenwich, Conn., recently put a queen-size wall bed in the guest room of her two-bedroom duplex, which she shares with her husband and two children. The move let her use the guest room as an office, too, and freed up her loft, where her office used to be, to create a bedroom for her children ages 2 and 4.

By day, the bed is up, and a desk that is built into the wall bed unfurls into the room. When guests come, which is often, she pulls the bed down in under two minutes. The integrated desk and even the items on it get folded up and stored under the bed. “It was the perfect solution,” she said.

For those looking for a flexible, space-saving sleeping solution, or who want to live bigger in a small space, here’s what Pomata says to consider when choosing a wall bed.

• **Placement.** When figuring out where to put a wall bed, choose a wall large enough to fit the bed, while allowing room to walk around it. Figure that, when closed, the bed’s housing will come out from the wall about 14 inches. When opened, the bed will extend into the room as much as 85 inches. Make sure that the bed when it’s down won’t block swinging doors, vents or windows. Also consider what furniture you will have to move and where when the bed comes down.

• **Framing.** To help the bed housing blend into the room, many consumers add built-in wall units, cabinets or open shelves of the same depth on either side. Wall beds often come with these components included. Resource Furniture sells wall beds that have desks, kitchen tables and even sectional sofas attached. These fold up and under when the bed comes down and allow rooms to have two functions.

• **Cost.** More than an air mattress, but a lot less than a room addition, wall beds sell

for as low as \$1,000 to \$5,000 from Costco. Resource Furniture’s luxury Italian beds start at \$6,000 and go up to \$20,000.

• **Size.** Wall beds come in a variety of sizes (twin, full and queen), and orientations; they can either hinge from the top of the bed, so they open longways, or hinge from the side of the bed.

• **Cover-ups.** The genius of these disappearing beds is that, when done right, you don’t know they’re in the room. They can lie hidden behind sliding wood doors, sliding bookcases, or art canvases.

• **Installation.** This is not a job for the inexperienced. Wall beds must be anchored to wall studs and must sit level and flush against the wall to fit and function properly. This may involve removing baseboards. Hire a professional to install it, or you, too, will become the stuff of YouTube comedy.

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GARDENING

FROM PAGE 1

one side, and can be used for weeding, cutting roots, transplanting, removing plants, sod

cutting, and splitting perennials. The built-in ruler is handy for measuring soil depth when planting bulbs.

Hoe: There are multiple hoe types; Draw, Stirrup, Circle, Swoe and Scuffle to name just a few. Start your collection with the basic Paddle or Draw hoe,

which is a good general hoe for weeding with a pulling action.

Rake: A rake with metal tines is used for smoothing soil and clearing debris or small rocks. Leaf rakes are lightweight and used for raking up leaves and lawn clippings. Metal leaf rakes will last longer

and perform better than plastic or wooden ones.

Wheelbarrow or garden cart: Both are handy for hauling bags of fertilizer or mulch, plants, tools, soil, sand, gravel or compost. A wheelbarrow is best for moving sand, soil and gravel, and for mixing concrete.

A garden cart is easier to use and will carry most things gardeners typically need.

Here are some must-have garden accessories: gloves, padded kneeler, broad-brimmed hat, watering can, apron or utility belt, moisture meter, tool sharpener

and pump sprayer with long wand.

Email gardening questions to csung2@elpasoco.com. For more information, visit facebook.com/ColoradoMasterGardeners.EPC. To sign up for classes, go to epcextension.eventbrite.com.

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This big guy is **Marley (1569370)**! He is a 6-year-old black brindle and white American bulldog mix. He has a lot of energy to go around and will need a home that can exercise him daily and be patient with teaching Marley appropriate manners. Marley's adoption is \$200.

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Loki (1569510) is a 1-year-old white domestic shorthair cat who is friendly with children, dogs and other cats. Loki is bonded to Scarlett, above, as they have been best friends for the last year as they play and nap together every day. Loki and Scarlett's adoption is \$100 for the pair.

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• **LAST WEEK:** Calamity Jane (1568391) from last week is still available for adoption, but all the other featured pets found new homes!

CALENDAR

EVENTS
Kitty Prom – To benefit Happy Cats Haven and Southern Colorado Spay and Neuter, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 23-24, Under the Sun Training and Event Center, 6540 Vincent Drive, \$5-\$10 or donation of pet supplies; gardenofthecats.com.

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

If you're a dog owner looking to add a new cat to your home, it's important to strategize.

Introducing new cat to your dog

Tribune News Service

If you're a dog owner looking to add a new cat to your home, it's important that you strategize how you will introduce the two species to each other in your household. The last thing you want is constant fighting between your pets.

The good news is there is an effective way to make sure both of them get along. The American Kennel Club's offers pet owners the right way to introduce your cat and dog to each other with the following tips:

• First, carefully consider your dog's personality and breed: There are certain

breeds, such as sight hounds, like the Ibizan hound, which were originally bred to hunt rabbits. They are most susceptible to trouble with cats because their hunting instincts are triggered by their sense of sight. When small animals move quickly, sight hounds react immediately. Make sure your dog does not have a lot of prey drive before you bring a cat into the picture.

• Keep the cat and dog separated for the first few days: It's best to get your new cat acclimated to their new home by having it live in a room with the door closed.

Make sure you provide it with a litter box, water and food so the cat does not need to leave the room.

• Your dog will know there's a new scent in the house: Let the dog sniff near the door of the room with the cat so he gets used to the smell. You can also let your cat sniff one of your dog's toys so he becomes familiar with him.

• After a few days, let your dog in the room with the cat: When doing so, leave the door open, and make sure that it is after your pup has exercised as he will be calmer. If the dog doesn't seem to behave around the cat, resort

to some basic training commands in the presence of the cat. Giving your dog a food reward for appropriate behavior in the presence of the cat will provide an incentive for him to continuing acting appropriately.

• Always make sure the cat has a way to retreat from the dog: Having a safe space the dog can't reach, but the cat can easily get to, such as a table is important for precautionary reasons. Until the cat and dog are comfortable with each other, supervise their interactions and continue to provide safe spots for the cat to escape.

PESTS

FROM PAGE 1

to prevent an infestation of certain critters in your home during the winter months.

These are the pests that homeowners must watch for:

Mice

House mice, the most commonly encountered rodents in the U.S., usually nest in dark areas like attics and basements. They can cause serious property damage by chewing through drywall and wires and are known to spread diseases like salmonella and tapeworms.

Tips for keeping mice away:

- Seal cracks and holes on the outside of your home with caulk and steel wool.
- Keep areas clear and store boxes off the floor, since mice like to hide in clutter.

• Regularly inspect your home for signs of mice, like droppings, gnaw marks or compromised food.

Rats

Similar to mice, rats often hide in basements and piles of debris. They are known to eat through almost anything, including plastic or lead pipes, to get food and water. Rats are also a vector of many diseases like jaundice and rat-bite fever.

Tips for keeping rats away:

- Check the outside of your home for any gaps or cracks and fill them with caulk.
- Eliminate sources of moisture in crawl spaces and basements.
- Inspect the inside of your home signs of infestation, like greasy rub marks caused by a rat's oily fur.

and moisture, making homes the perfect habitat for them. Commonly found in kitchens and bathrooms, they can contaminate food sources and spread bacteria. Their allergens are also known to trigger and exacerbate asthma symptoms, especially in children.

Tips for keeping cockroaches away:

- Keep your counters and floors free of crumbs.
- Vacuum your home frequently and dispose of garbage properly.
- Monitor your kitchen and bathroom areas, especially under appliances and sinks.

Cockroaches

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Spiders

Spiders like to spin webs in undisturbed places such as closets, attics, crawl spaces and basements. They can bite and inject venom if disturbed, making them dangerous to humans.

Tips for keeping spiders

away:

- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed away from your home to reduce the chance of spiders finding a way inside.
- Store clothing and shoes inside plastic containers.
- Seek medical attention if you suspect you have a spider bite.

Raccoons

Raccoons occasionally enter homes through attics or chimneys, and often carry rabies.

Tips for keeping raccoons away:

- Store your trash cans and recycling bins in sealed areas. If they are stored outside, use animal-proof lids.
- Inspect the outside of your home for access points, like broken vent covers or loose shingles.
- Install a mesh cover or cap over chimneys and other exposed openings to prevent entry.



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WORD SALSAL™

by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

BOTH START WITH A "T"

ENGLISH

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TAPESTRY
TEMPORARY
TENSE
TESTIFY
THREE
TORMENT
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TREAT
TRICK
TROUT
TURTLE

SPANISH

TOMADO
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TSTENSOMTAKENAA
RELTRUTURLPTOLR
YTAPESTRYRTSTFY

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Ei

Oi

Oi

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F4

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RACK 1

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A1

I1

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T1

Double Word Score

RACK 2

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Ei

I1

N1

N1

R1

T1

RACK 3

A1

E1

O1

N1

G2

X8

H4

1st Letter Triple

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 155-165

FOUR RACK TOTAL

BEST SCORE 223

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Level 1 2 3 4

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Solution to Friday's puzzle3/5/22

1 3 6 5 8 9 4 7 2

7 8 9 2 6 4 1 3 5

4 2 5 7 3 1 8 9 6

6 5 3 8 1 2 7 4 9

9 7 2 4 5 3 6 1 8

8 4 1 9 7 6 5 2 3

5 1 8 3 2 7 9 6 4

2 9 7 6 4 8 3 5 1

3 6 4 1 9 5 2 8 7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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CELEBRITY CIPHERby Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ U V U O I D S T C D U C E C U B J X W Z

F Z C A X C B X W J R U B K F W U H — Z X W Z U V

J C H G B ' Z K C Z G V V Z X U F A D W B C Z ,

J C ' O C K G U B K Z G K G T C O F C O R . ”

— P G D C B C T D W D G L R

Previous Solution: “I am to the crime novel in specific what Tolstoy is to the Russian novel and what Beethoven is to music.” — James Ellroy

TODAY'S CLUE: W a n k e b l e

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 5 4 ♡ 4 ♦ J 10 4 2 ♣ J 9 7 6

NORTH

1 ♡

2 ♦

EAST

Pass

Pass

SOUTH

1 ♠

?

WEST

Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 5 3 2 ♡ 7 5 ♦ K 9 ♣ Q 10 9 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 8 5 ♡ 7 5 4 ♦ K 5 ♣ A K 7 6 3

NORTH

1 ♠

2 ♡

EAST

Pass

Pass

SOUTH

2 ♠*

?

WEST

Pass

?

*Forcing for one round with at least invitational values

What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

ZITSby Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

YOU'RE WELCOME.

WHAT SHOULD I BE THANKING YOU FOR?

...IN BITCOIN.

I JUST REPAID THE TWENTY BUCKS I OWED YOU...

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BITCOIN!

IN THAT CASE, IT WAS FORTY BUCKS.

HERE YA GO.

IT'S WARM INSIDE THE RESCUE MISSION ...JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

BLESS YOU!

KENNY IS RIGHT. THE DRONE WAS HACKED, AND IT'S BEING FOLLOWED TO SHARCANE.

JUMP START

by Robb Armstrong

HERE YA GO.

IT'S WARM INSIDE THE RESCUE MISSION ...JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

BLESS YOU!

KENNY IS RIGHT. THE DRONE WAS HACKED, AND IT'S BEING FOLLOWED TO SHARCANE.

HELP

HELP

LOS ANGELES TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 “Broad City” co-creator Jacobson

5 Goya’s “Duchess of ”

9 Edit, in a way

14 Coin collector

15 Hero’s home

16 Foot specialists?

17 Became unpopular

19 One-piece dresses

20 Rendered less valuable

22 Kunis who voices Meg on “Family Guy”

23 Turned blue?

25 Olympic gymnast Raisman with six medals

26 Brings under control

28 Show dissatisfaction with

30 Throw on

31 Word with engine or pipe

35 Target division

36 Nana’s babysitting observation, perhaps

39 “Rizzoli & Isles” actress Alexander

40 He surpassed Ruth

41 10, at times: Abbr.

42 Brownstone features

44 It’s often iced

46 Quite a long time

47 First word of #1 titles by Donovan and John Denver

51 Stuff

53 Powerful ruler

56 Some game pieces

58 Major Southeast Asian financial hub

60 Prefix suggesting thrift

61 Neutral shade

62 “Ella Enchanted” villain

63 “The Dance Class” painter

DOWN

1 Soundless speech syst.

2 Alliance

3 “Nonsense!”

4 Computer support provider

5 Eventually learns to live in

6 Bank barrier

7 Like some locks

8 Buenos

9 Short albums, for short

10 Knock about

11 Drone product

12 2014 drama that earned Julianne Moore a Best Actress Oscar

13 Final, maybe

18 Dove output

21 It breaks every morning

24 Annual salutation

26 “Old Fashioned” Campbell’s soup

27 Icky-sounding snack

By Agnes Davidson and C.C. Burnikel

3/5/22

Friday’s Puzzle Solved

J E A N S T A E F F O R T

I N D I A N A N A L I C E S

F L A B B E R T R U T A B A

F I G L E T H A L R U R

S I T E A R E S M I S S

T O R T R O I W A N E

O N E P O S A D A S

K N O C K O U T G A S

B R O T H E L A E C

R A M A F O R T A R P

J A K E B I G O T R E E

A V A A R I O S E M O E

M E T A R S S M O R B O R D

B I O T A S T I A M A R I A

S T A C E Y S E R M A M

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29 Smashed

30 Analyzed in detail

32 National Mall tree

33 Nabokov novel

34 Short creator?

37 Discovery word

38 Body-building routine

43 “How ya doin’?”

45 Spout spot

48 Bouquets

49 Stay on

50 “The Dance II” artist Matisse

52 “Aladdin” star Massoud

54 ___ party

55 Goes off

57 Brand name that looks like it has a missing period

59 “Mouse in the house!”

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TMOOT

NPEDU

SIFLOS

MYSLOB

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Print your answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I need three of you to come up here and solve these.

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+1386 +988 +688

THE ADDITION PROBLEMS WRITTEN ON THE BOARD NEEDED ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Arm is moved. 2. Mailbox is missing. 3. Door lock is different. 4. Panel in door is different. 5. House is wider. 6. Neckline is different.

FRAZZ

by Jef Mallett

IF I’VE EXPLAINED IT ONCE, I’VE EXPLAINED IT A THOUSAND TIMES.

THEN IF YOU’VE EXPLAINED IT A THOUSAND TIMES, YOU’VE ONLY EXPLAINED IT ONCE.

DID YOU EXPLAIN THE COMMUTATIVE PROPERTY OF NUMBERS TO KIM?

I DIDN’T THINK SO, THEN I THOUGHT SO, AND NOW I’M NOT SURE OF ANYTHING.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

by Bil Keane

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“Could I pet your new baby?”

DENNIS THE MENACE

by Hank Ketcham

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“DIDN’T MY MOM TELL YOU I HATE CARROTS?”

MARMADUKE

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“You need pockets.”

SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J. P. Toomey



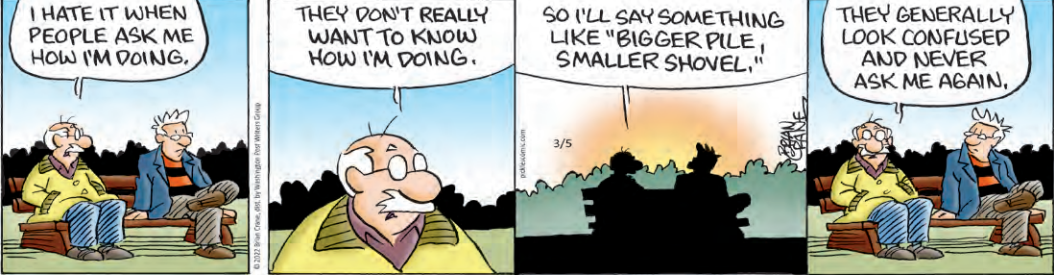
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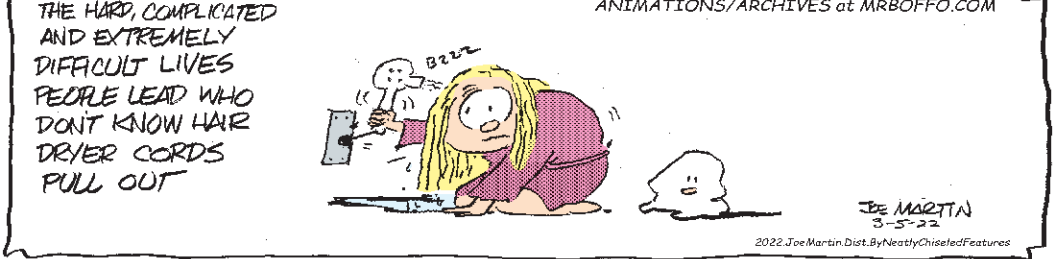
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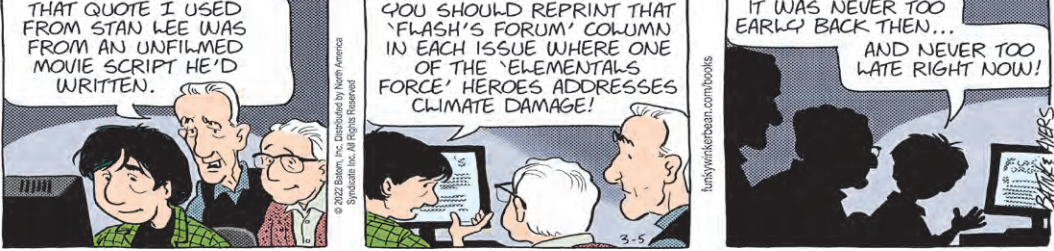
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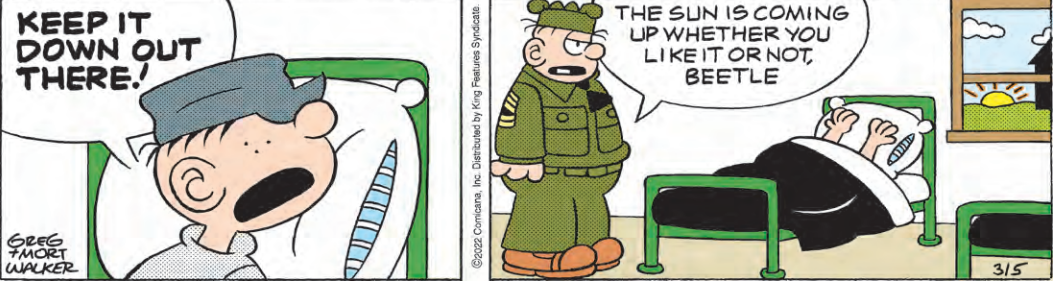
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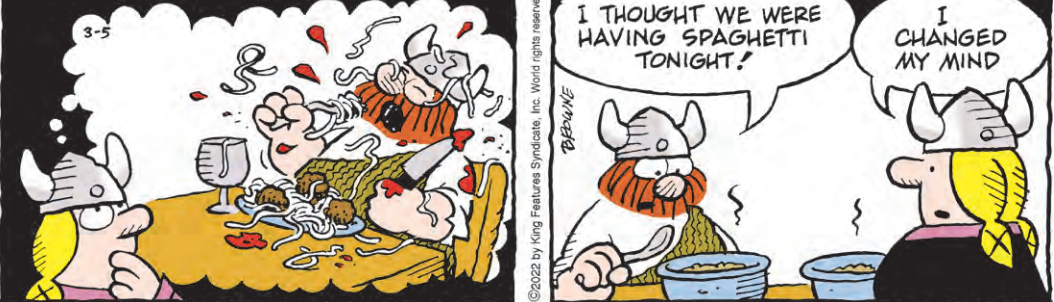
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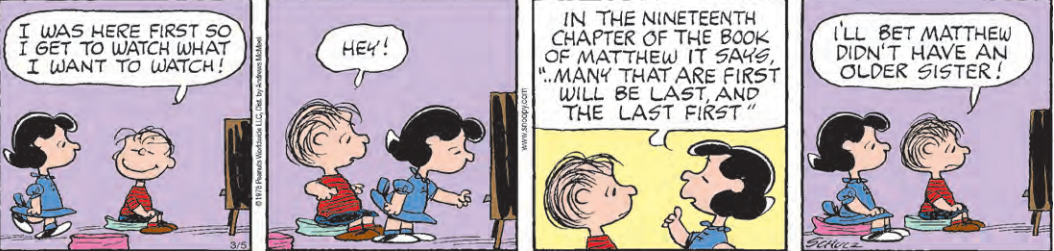
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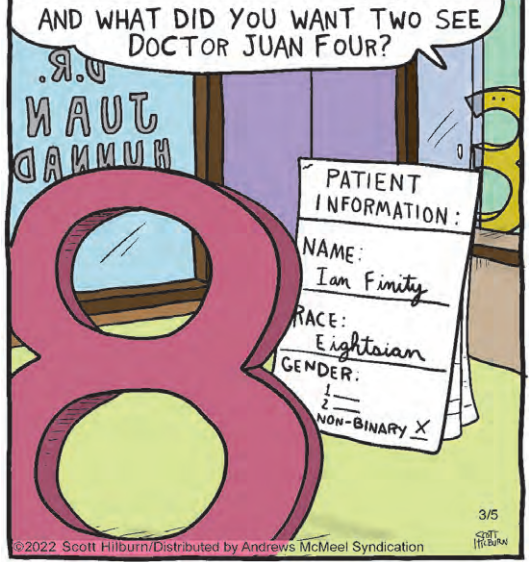
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An entry console serves as a prime location for the placement of accessories and accents, including greenery, candles and books.



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A bookcase can also serve as a showcase for interesting accents and accessories.

10 accent elements to elevate your decor

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

From flowers to figurines and bowls to books, there are so many different ways to add and incorporate accents into a space. While you have a number of traditional choices, there are some unusual ones that may surprise you. Here are some interesting accent elements to consider:

1. Figurines
Where you might place a small or tall vase, consider using a ceramic piece instead.

2. Jewelry and global pieces
Jewelry may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of an accent. However, jewelry can help

to add an interesting, global element to a space.

3. Create a showcase for a few key accents
Whether a bookcase or a shelf, look for interesting ways to display accents and accessories.

4. Vignettes
Vignettes offer a prime opportunity for accents, by grouping them in interesting and dynamic ways.

5. Texture and color
Accents offer an opportunity to infuse both texture and color into a space.

6. Books
Coffee table books can be used and displayed in different ways to help accessorize.

7. Organic elements
Wood and wood elements can provide an opportunity to bring global elements into a space.

8. Metallics
Introducing metallics can help bring in gold and silver to certain spaces in which you are looking to bring in as sense of contrast.

9. Wall hangings and alternatives to artwork
Wall hangings and mixed media can add a touch of wow factor to a space.

10. Greenery
Greenery can provide the perfect pop of color or accent in a space. You can achieve this with greenery that is either real or artificial.



DREAMSTIME
An eclectic yet harmonious vignette makes a bold statement when placed on this coffee table. There are many ways to add and incorporate accents into a space.

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Spotlight on the living room

BY AVERY NEWMARK
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The design world's attention appears focused squarely on the living room. Here are three living room trends designers at The Spruce can't get enough of in 2022.

Extend nature into the space
Because we've spent so much time at home in recent years, designers expect to see a lot of bringing bits of nature into our indoor spaces. It's known as biophilic design, a set of principles that put "an emphasis on creating calming environments with natural lighting and ventilation, incorporating plants, and creating a visual connection with nature," Amanda Thompson of ALineStudio told The Spruce. Making the most of available natural light (like cleaning windows and opening blinds), adding greenery, and using natural colors and patterns are just a few simple ways to incorporate biophilic design into your home.

DREAMSTIME
From rattan to velvet, you can embrace '70s home decor trends by sprinkling a few retro accessories here and there.

Color comeback
If you're tired of the all-white living room trend, you'll be glad to know that bright colors are making a comeback. "After more of a subdued few years in terms of fabrics, I see people embracing fun colors and unique prints in their everyday furniture," Mimi

Meacham of Marian Louise Designs said to The Spruce. "Utilizing colorful printed fabrics, custom upholstered sofas, chairs, and window treatments will be fun, fierce, and another way to bring personality into the space."

'70s retro is here to stay
"Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" more 1970s — the age of boho and disco remains in full force in 2022.

"We will be seeing more of terra cotta, sage and mustard as well as midcentury furniture trademarks — peg legs on sofas, cabinets and tables, teak wood tones and highly textured fabrics," Malka Helft of Think Chic Interiors told The Spruce.

From rattan to velvet, you can embrace '70s home decor trends by sprinkling a few retro accessories here and there. Try incorporating geometric wallpaper for added flair.

"I do love graphic wallpapers, but you should always try to use a wallpaper that doesn't give you a headache in the morning," Emma Deterding, founder and creative director at Kelling Designs, told House Beautiful. "The repeat should either be small enough to blur or large enough to be meaningful."

In loving memory of
Sarah Anne Marietta
November 1, 1989 - March 5, 2012

"In the arms of the Angels"

Magnificent, irreplaceable Sarah. We hold fast to our memories and miss you beyond measure. Love you forever, Mom, Dad, Grandpa Rubick, all your uncles, aunts, and cousins, and every heart you touched.



DREAMSTIME
If your basement has a sump pump, check and test it before the rainy spring begins.

Check out basement before spring arrives

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Ask Angi

Have you given much thought to your basement lately? It's a good idea to take a close look as spring approaches.

The winter and spring seasons place a lot of pressure on your basement walls. If you live in a cold-winter region, the freezing and thawing cycle pushes and pulls on walls. Heavy rainfall creates hydrostatic pressure that presses against your basement. Either of these can lead to leaks and cracks in the long term.

By checking your basement regularly, you can catch minor problems before they expand out of control. Basement and foundation cracks only get worse and more expensive over time, so the more quickly you hire someone to repair them, the better.

Here are some things to look for when inspecting your basement.

1. Look out for leaks and cracks.

Go through your basement and look for any signs of trouble. Cracks and evidence of water leakage are the most significant problems to look for.

If you find small new cracks, note their location and check them regularly. Consider using a pencil to mark the location of the crack so you can tell later on if it's expanding. If you find large cracks or currently expanding ones, call a pro for help.

Look closely at the walls for other telltale signs of trouble. If walls bulge inward, that's a sign that groundwater pressure is beginning to take a toll. Loose joints and cinder blocks sticking out are other trouble signs.

2. Check the basement after every rain.

Take a look right after rainfall, and you can not only determine wet spots but where the leaks are coming from. If you have a finished basement, look for wet spots in the carpet and near the corners. If your basement has a musty smell, water is probably getting in somewhere.

3. Inspect the exterior.

Some of the most essential

protections for your basement exist outside. Overflowing gutters pour a lot of water pressure onto your basement and foundation. Confirm that your gutters are clear of debris and that downspouts direct water at least 3 feet away from your home.

Look around for erosion or telltale signs of water pooling in your yard, especially close to your foundation. If that's taking place, you may need a drainage or yard grading specialist to address it.

4. Test your sump pump.

Your basement sump pump, should you have one, plays a vital role in maintaining a dry space. You should look at it every six months and make sure all is well.

Clean out the bottom of the basin of any debris, and make sure nothing is blocking the grate or discharge pipe. Make sure the pump is level, upright, and plugged in.

Fill up the basin with water. The pump should activate at that point. If it doesn't, ask a pro to take a look.

TURNER



CATHERINE "KATE" TURNER

August 10, 1952
March 5, 2008

Honey it has been 14 years passing.
I will always love you.
No more pain
We will be together one day,
We will walk the Heavens together.

Your Loving Husband,
Lloyd and Vanessa and
Henry and Grandbabies.

GOCHMONOSKY



JOSEPH "JOE" GOCHMONOSKY

December 13, 1941
February 28, 2022

Joe Gochmonosky passed away 28 Feb 2022. He is survived by wife, Patricia, and daughters Tammy, Terry, Tina, Tanya and grandchildren. Per Joe's request, there will be no services. Joe has gone fishing!

TATTERFIELD

SHIRLEY ANN (OLSON) TATTERFIELD

September 12, 1936
December 18, 2021

Shirley Ann (Olson) Tatterfield, 85, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2021. After growing up in Two Harbors, MN, Shirley travelled with her husband Don while he was in the military and retired in Colorado Springs. Shirley was predeceased by husband Don and survived by her two children Brenda and Terry. She is also survived by her six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and many loved family members and friends. Shirley lived a life full of joy and will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. A graveside memorial service will be held on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs at 3:00 pm.

MARTIN



ROBERT WALLACE MARTIN

May 21, 1944
February 24, 2022

Robert Wallace Martin passed away February 24, 2022, in Colorado Springs CO. Bob was born May 21, 1944, in Coldwater, MI to Eunice and Clarence Martin. He is survived by his wife Jerilynn Martin, sister-in-law, 2 stepchildren and their spouses, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also, 6 nephews, 3 nieces

GWENLYN B. MEYER GUSTIN

December 2, 1927
February 17, 2022

Gwenlyn Beth (Meyer) Gustin, 94, passed on Feb 17, 2022. Condolences to www.asperfh.com.

BURNES

JACK BURNES

July 15, 1946
January 20, 2022

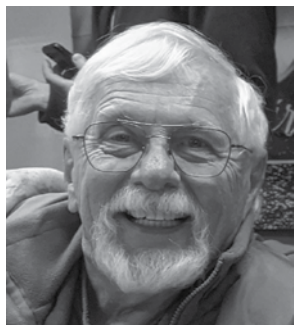
With his bigger than life personality, humor, and intellect, he was loved and respected by so many people. Born in Brooklyn NY, Jack had a huge appetite for the outdoors of Colorado Springs and Martha's Vineyard. He is survived by his loving wife Maureen Burness (Cicione) son Steve Cicione, his wife Carrie, daughter Jessica Todd, her partner Jeff Wheat, sister Claire Widmer, nephew Tony Widmer, his wife Cyndi and family, sisters-in-law Pat Walsh, Eileen Schneider, Christine Browning and their families and best friend Richie Lary. Jack took his beloved grandchildren Aden and Noah Todd, Elizabeth, Hannah and Ryan Cicione on amazing adventures that they will always remember. Jack is now on his next great adventure. Details regarding a gathering in his behalf will be forthcoming.

& numerous great nephews & nieces. Both his siblings preceded him in death.

Bob had many successful careers & enjoyed numerous hobbies.

Celebration of Life Services will be March 12, 2022, 11:00am at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 211 Carlton Avenue, Colorado Springs CO 80909. Memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross or Salvation Army for the Marshall Fire Victim's in Boulder, CO. A special thanks to the staff at Sunny Vista/ The Retreat & Liberty Heights Skilled Nursing Unit and New Century Hospice. You are all angels for the loving care you gave to Bob. Also, a heartfelt thanks to Sandra and Carrie.

BOWSER



RONALD "RON" LEWIS BOWSER

May 20, 1945
February 17, 2022

Ronald L Bowser was born on May 20th, 1945 to James Bowser and Betty Claypoole in New Kensington, Pa. Ron passed away February 17th at the age of 76. He worked for Digital Equipment

for 25 years. During that time, he also served as a Deputy Sheriff for the El Paso County Sheriff's department. He was proud of his active and reserve service in the Air Force, and his two tours in Desert Storm. Ron is survived by his wife Katherine Bowser (Kas) and his sons Scott and Benjamin, as well his granddaughter Sarah Bowser and by a large extended family. Ron is finally reunited in heaven with his son Eric and other family members who predeceased him. Ron's Memorial Service will be March 18th at 2 pm at St. James Church, 4516 Northpark Dr., 80918.

MARTIN



ROSA L. MARTIN

July 7, 1934
February 22, 2022



The viewing will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Scott United Methodist Church, 2880 Garfield St., Denver, CO 80205 from 10:00 -11:00 am with the funeral service immediately following at 11:00 – 12:00 pm (MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE VIEWING AND FUNERAL SERVICE).

ST. CLAIR



JAMES "JIM" E. ST. CLAIR

February 6, 1959
March 2, 2022

JAMES (JIM) ERIC ST. CLAIR, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away at home on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the age 63 in Lake George, CO surrounded by his loving family. A celebration of his life will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 11:00 AM at Mountain Memorial 51 COUNTY ROAD 5 | DIVIDE, CO 80814 | 1-719-687-0333. He is survived by his wife Kelly M. St. Clair, his daughter Heather L. Florke her husband Ronny E. Florke and their 6 children Rebekah, Jonnathan Ace, Kaylahh, Nancy Elizabeth, Asheley, Lita, and his great granddaughter Alexis of Wichita Falls, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald R. and Ruth E. St. Clair, his Stepmother Marjorie A. St. Clair as well as his brothers-in-law Philip L. Precord and Gilbert S.

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RIEAD



EILEEN RIEAD

April 16, 1923
February 26, 2022

Eileen Riead passed away on Feb 26, 2022 in Pueblo, CO. Born April 16, 1923 to Albert and Clara Guse. After WWII she married David Riead with whom she spent 70 happy years. She was involved in the First United Methodist Church, participating in choir, UMW, Sunday School, Sunshine

Circle, and the DUO class. She loved her family. Those who met her will remember her love, laughter, joy, and faith. She was predeceased by her parents; infant son, David Jr.; brother, Herbert; gr grand daughter Ellie; and husband, David. Survived by her brother in law, Timothy Riead, of Dallas, Texas; daughters, Janet (Scott) Epstein of Pueblo and Cynthia (Edward) Gottlieb of Colo Springs, six grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Services, 1:30 p.m. March 19, in the Lehmborg Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs. Interment at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

The Gazette

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Forecast from chief meteorologist Brian Bledsoe and the KKTV11 News Breaking Weather Team.

Sat.

Mostly cloudy
50/20

Sun.

Snow showers
31/12

Mon.

Snow showers
32/11

Tue.

Mostly sunny
44/17


Wed.

Partly cloudy
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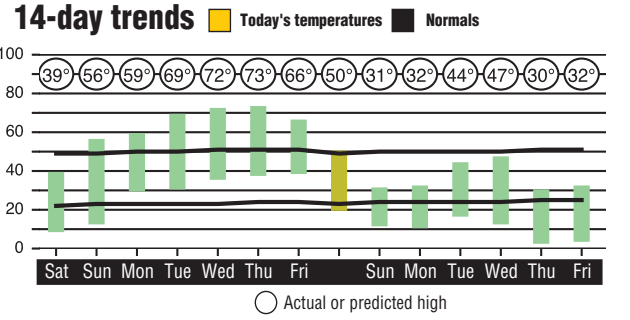
TEMPERATURE	
High yesterday	66
Low yesterday	39
Normal high	51
Normal low	24
Record high	70 (2009)
Record low	-7 (1917)
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month-to-date	0.00"
Year-to-date	0.78"
Normal month-to-date	0.08"
Normal year-to-date	0.69"
Precipitation after 5 p.m. yesterday is not included in totals	

SUN	
Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:25 a.m.
Sunset	5:56 p.m.
6:24 a.m.	5:57 p.m.

MOON	
Today	Tomorrow
Moonrise	8:10 a.m.
Moonsset	8:35 a.m.
10:21 p.m.	
First	Full
Last	New



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BAROMETER	
Readings taken yesterday	
6 a.m.	29.89"
9 a.m.	29.88"
Noon	29.82"
3 p.m.	29.72"
6 p.m.	29.71"

AIR QUALITY INDEX	
Ozone	49
Particulates	25
Carbon Monoxide	7
AQI Scale: 0-50 is good; 51-100 moderate; 101-199 unhealthy; 200-299 very unhealthy; 300 or higher is considered hazardous. Ozone measured at the Air Force Academy and Manitou Springs. Particulates measured at Colorado College. Carbon Monoxide Measured at Highway 24 and Eighth Street.	
Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. All data are collected real-time and have not been corrected nor validated.	

SNOWFALL	
Yesterday	0.0"
Month-to-date	0.0"
Season-to-date	15.2"
Normal month-to-date	0.7"
Normal season-to-date	21.4"

SNOWPACK PERCENT OF NORMAL	
Arkansas River	82%
Colorado River	97%
Gunnison River	105%
North Platte River	94%
South Platte River	95%
Yampa River	84%
Source: Water and Climate Center Snotel Network	

RESERVOIRS	
Reservoirs are 72.4%	
Reservoirs are normally 72.7%	
Source: Colorado Springs Utilities	

AVALANCHE DANGER	
Central Mountains	Moderate
Southern Mountains	Moderate

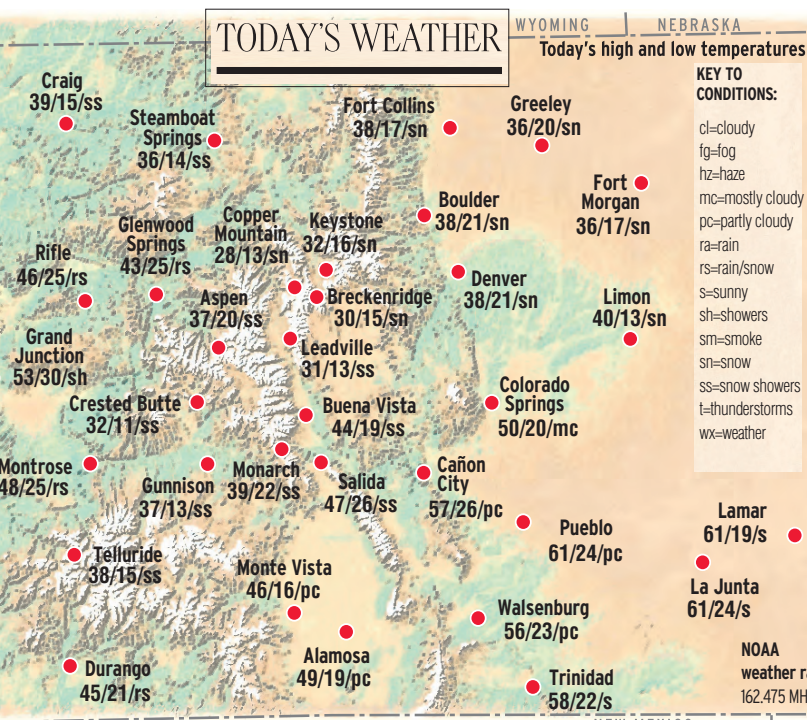
COLORADO

City	Yesterday hi/lo/wx	Tomorrow hi/lo/wx
Alamosa	59/20/mc	40/7/ss
Boulder	64/34/mc	30/14/sn
Buena Vista	45/32/mc	33/11/ss
Cañon City	65/38/mc	34/20/ss
Cortez	61/31/mc	38/16/ss
Craig	50/20/cl	32/5/ss
Crested Butte	44/15/mc	26/7/ss
Denver	65/46/mc	31/15/sn
Durango	58/28/mc	37/14/ss
Fort Collins	67/27/mc	28/9/sn
Fort Morgan	66/25/mc	27/10/sn
Fraser	27/21/mc	26/5/ss
Glenwood Spgs.	36/27/mc	36/19/ss
Grand Jctn	58/40/mc	45/25/ss
Greeley	64/29/mc	27/12/sn
Gunnison	44/15/mc	30/6/ss
La Junta	74/38/mc	41/18/ss
Lamar	75/34/mc	42/13/ss
Leadville	37/18/mc	23/5/ss
Limon	68/27/mc	28/6/sn
Montrose	56/32/mc	39/22/ss
Pueblo	71/29/mc	36/18/ss
Rifle	56/28/mc	39/19/ss
Salida	55/33/mc	35/19/ss
Telluride	41/30/mc	28/11/ss
Trinidad	70/44/mc	39/15/ss

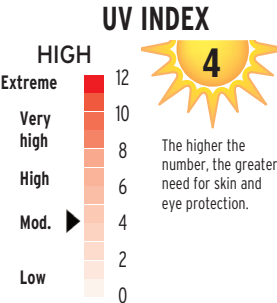
Mountain	Yesterday hi/lo/wx	Tomorrow hi/lo/wx
Aspen	50/25/mc	29/14/ss
Breckenridge	36/28/mc	26/8/sn
Copper Mtn.	36/28/mc	23/6/sn
Keystone	36/28/mc	31/9/sn
Monarch Pass	55/33/mc	29/15/ss
Steamboat Spgs.	49/24/mc	30/5/ss
Vail	36/28/mc	28/12/ss
Winter Park	27/21/mc	22/5/sn

Neighborhood	Yesterday hi/lo/wx
Black Forest	60/42/0.0
Briargate	67/33/0.0
Calhan	62/34/0.0
Downtown	66/39/Trace
Falcon	67/39/0.0
Fountain	65/34/Trace
Manitou	65/36/0.01
Monument	61/36/0.0
Rockrimmon	65/36/0.0
Woodland Park	58/27/0.0

City	Today hi/lo/wx	Tomorrow hi/lo/wx	City	Today hi/lo/wx	Tomorrow hi/lo/wx
Acapulco	92/69/pc	94/69/mc	London	45/41/ra	44/37/ra
Amsterdam	44/31/s	43/33/s	Madrid	51/38/pc	51/37/pc
Athens	57/49/ra	59/50/ra	Manila	90/77/pc	91/76/mc
Auckland	75/62/ra	72/65/mc	Mexico City	79/59/s	79/60/pc
Baghdad	71/50/s	73/55/pc	Monterrey	87/64/s	89/66/s
Bangkok	97/83/mc	94/83/mc	Montreal	25/-3/sn	43/27/ra
Barcelona	53/52/ra	50/47/ra	Moscow	31/24/cl	29/19/cl
Beijing	49/25/s	51/33/s	Nairobi	86/62/s	87/61/mc
Berlin	41/29/pc	41/30/s	Nassau	75/75/s	76/75/s
Bermuda	64/62/ra	65/63/s	New Delhi	83/57/s	86/65/cl
Bogota	62/52/ra	59/51/ra	Oslo	37/28/mc	40/26/s
Budapest	44/33/mc	45/34/mc	Paris	54/44/mc	49/38/pc
Buenos Aires	77/72/ra	78/70/s	Prague	40/29/pc	41/29/pc
Cairo	77/54/s	84/65/pc	Rio de Janeiro	88/75/pc	90/75/ra
Calgary	30/10/mc	31/19/mc	Rome	54/37/s	53/35/s
Cancun	82/75/ra	82/76/ra	Santiago	81/66/cl	78/63/s
Dublin	46/32/s	46/36/s	Seoul	42/33/s	42/31/s
Geneva	47/33/s	45/31/s	Singapore	83/77/ra	82/77/ra
Havana	81/73/ra	82/74/s	Stockholm	38/23/s	40/29/pc
Helisinki	33/16/pc	36/28/mc	Sydney	79/70/ra	73/69/mc
Ho Chi Minh	97/78/pc	97/79/cl	Tokyo	63/49/s	73/59/mc
Hong Kong	74/66/s	68/66/ra	Toronto	63/43/pc	51/45/pc
Istanbul	50/39/mc	49/43/ra	Taipei	33/26/cl	53/34/ra
Jerusalem	58/42/pc	72/50/mc	Vancouver	46/37/s	45/36/s
Johannesburg	75/59/ra	79/56/s	Vienna	42/31/pc	43/31/pc
Kabul	71/59/cl	57/53/ra	Winnipeg	27/12/cl	23/17/sn
Kuwait City	69/60/s	71/64/s	Zurich	44/27/s	43/26/s



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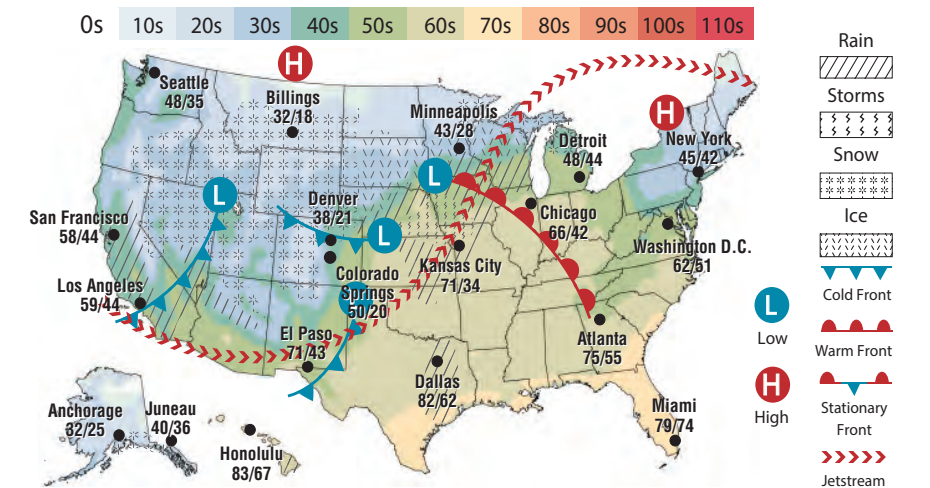
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THE STATE

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Albany	41/35/mc	63/38/sh	Columbus, GA	83/55/pc	85/58/pc	Los Angeles	59/44/pc	62/43/s	Reno	41/21/ss	46/22/s
Albuquerque	62/31/pc	53/23/pc	Columbus, OH	74/57/pc	72/49/sh	Louisville	78/62/pc	71/57/sh	Sacramento	58/35/sh	64/38/s
Anaheim	69/32/s	63/24/s	Dallas	82/62/mc	79/49/sh	Memphis	76/64/mc	79/60/sh	Salt Lake City	51/30/sh	38/22/ss
Anchorage	32/25/sn	34/16/s	Des Moines	67/29/ra	44/25/pc	Miami	79/74/ra	80/75/pc	San Antonio	80/64/mc	82/60/mc
Atlanta	75/55/mc	80/59/pc	Detroit	48/44/mc	60/33/sh	Milwaukee	60/37/mc	46/30/mc	San Diego	59/49/sh	61/45/pc
Atlantic City	48/44/mc	66/50/mc	Duluth	29/26/ra	32/11/mc	Minneapolis	43/28/ra	54/43/s	San Francisco	58/44/sh	61/45/s
Austin	81/64/mc	82/57/mc	El Paso	71/43/s	66/35/s	Monterey	52/45/sh	54/43/s	San Jose	58/36/sh	63/35/s
Baltimore	56/47/mc	74/56/mc	Fairbanks	28/13/sn	29/3/s	Montgomery	83/54/s	85/61/pc	San Juan	81/71/pc	80/72/sh
Billings	32/18/sn	33/19/mc	Fargo	28/18/cl	23/4/mc	Nashville	79/63/pc	77/62/sh	Santa Fe	49/26/pc	41/18/s
Birmingham	80/56/s	81/62/pc	Flagstaff	36/14/ss	37/15/ss	New Orleans	79/67/pc	81/68/mc	Seattle	48/35/pc	51/36/pc
Bismarck	25/13/sn	27/11/mc	Fresno, CA	53/36/ra	60/37/pc	New York	45/42/mc	70/50/sh	Sioux Falls	38/18/ra	30/14/mc
Boise	51/27/mc	48/23/s	Goodland, KS	44/17/mc	36/13/sn	Newark	46/42/mc	72/51/sh	Spokane	49/26/s	50/29/s
Boston	41/34/mc	62/45/sh	Great Falls, MT	27/13/mc	31/16/mc	Norfolk	61/56/mc	78/61/mc	Springfield, IL	73/42/mc	54/37/pc
Buffalo	50/43/cl	62/34/sh	Green Bay	49/36/sh	44/28/mc	Okla. City	79/42/pc	53/34/sh	St. Louis	74/48/pc	61/40/pc
Casper	29/16/ss	26/12/ss	Hartford	43/33/mc	64/44/sh	Omaha	70/25/sh	42/22/pc	Tampa	90/65/s	91/66/s
Charlotte	70/57/mc	79/60/mc	Helena	31/17/mc	32/18/mc	Orlando	84/64/s	85/65/s	Topeka	75/30/ra	51/27/pc
Chattanooga	75/57/mc	78/60/pc	Honolulu	83/67/pc	84/68/pc	Palm Springs	65/46/s	69/49/s	Tucson	71/38/s	80/34/s
Cheyenne	28/11/sn	19/6/sn	Houston	80/67/mc	81/66/mc	Philadelphia	54/45/mc	73/56/mc	Wash., D.C.	62/51/pc	76/59/mc
Chicago	66/42/mc	49/34/pc	Indianapolis	75/59/pc	64/42/pc	Phoenix	69/44/sh	64/45/s	Wichita	77/33/pc	50/27/ra
Christon, SC	75/61/mc	80/62/pc	Jacksonville	80/62/pc	83/63/pc	Pittsburgh	72/53/mc	70/48/ra	EXTREMES		
Christon, WV	80/60/pc	73/58/pc	Kansas City	71/34/sh	51/30/pc	Portland	51/31/pc	52/33/s	NATIONWIDE YESTERDAY		
Cincinnati	77/59/pc	72/53/sh	Knoxville	76/56/pc	77/60/mc	Portland, ME	37/31/pc	51/39/sh	Hottest		
Cleveland	58/54/mc	63/38/pc	Las Vegas	58/41/sh	62/42/pc	Raleigh	65/57/mc	80/60/mc	Coolest		
Columbia, SC	76/59/mc	85/60/pc	Little Rock	74/61/mc	77/55/ra	Rapid City	27/13/sn	28/14/mc	90 in Columbia, La. -24 in Houma, N.H.		



TAKE OUR ADVICE



AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: A few days after Christmas this year, a friend stopped by our house with her husband and her sister.

Knowing that they were all vaccinated and boosted, we invited them in and enjoyed their company.

The next morning, I received a text that my friend had a high fever and that the other two had scratchy throats.

Sure enough, those three and I tested positive for COVID-19 (she had contracted it from a family member on Christmas). My husband and I immediately quarantined.

One afternoon, I checked in to see how she was feeling. That morning she'd had a temp of 100.5 and her sister was feeling worse.

To my shock and disbelief, the sisters were just returning from getting manicures and pedicures.

When I questioned this, she brushed it off saying, "Oh, it was fine. We wore masks, they wore masks."

I hung up feeling stunned that they could be so reckless and selfish that they would endanger others for something so vain.

How do they know if the people who worked on them lived with high-risk



DR. ROIZEN

Q: I'm having a knee replaced, and my doctor is going to prescribe me opioids to manage the post-op pain. Should I take them? I am afraid of becoming addicted. — Kate R., Denver

A: First, I want to say that for acute pain from a difficult surgery, opioids can be the best medication, and your chance of addiction, if your doctor prescribes a low dose for limited days, is very low. Risks do go up, however, if you struggle with other dependencies, such as alcohol, nicotine or other drugs.

However, if you use modern opioids for pain control for more than six months, there's up to a 25% chance of becoming addicted. That's unacceptably high-risk. Luckily, there are nonopioid alternatives that control post-op pain — either immediately or after using opioids for a short period of time.

They include acetaminophen and NSAIDs like aspirin and ibuprofen, as well as some topical NSAID creams.

A study in the Canadian Medical Association Journal looked at 40 randomized controlled trials of more than 5,100 adults and their post-op pain. People who took NSAIDs reported better pain scores after six hours

Send questions to askamy@amydickinson.com or to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPES BY MAGI HELENA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You can probably complete your weekend "to do" list faster if you have someone along to keep you company.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Stick closely to the rules when you are playing a game and you may be rewarded by someone's heightened respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You may go to great lengths to make your home safer, but you could become more aware of liabilities, too.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Stick to the positive and enjoyable; spend time with loved ones without bringing up controversial subjects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Loved ones might seem low on tolerance and high on fussiness. You may feel obligated to pay a bill for someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A partner or loved one might seem overly dependent on creature comforts, but you can master your own urges, diet or habits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Whether you and family members do chores or adventure together, you can have a great time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Anyone can have hopes and dreams. But it takes intention, self-discipline, timing and persistence to make them become a reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Bring your honor and honesty to every situation, and the law of cause and effect will return the favor many times over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Depend on proven, longtime friends; refuse to relax your standards or put too much trust into new or casual acquaintances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Once you have visualized an improvement in your surroundings, someone might be happy to help you accomplish it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Don't confuse self-care with self-indulgence. One improves your attitude and your health; the other might create new problems.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 5
You may be filled with a great deal of confidence during the upcoming three to four weeks. Embrace any opportunities that come along as they may represent a stroke of luck. The decisions you make now can prepare you for upcoming changes in April, when you will be able to exercise additional freedoms.



HINTS FROM HELOISE

Dear Heloise: When my mom was a senior citizen home alone, she would call her cousin, who was also a senior citizen home alone, each morning at 7 a.m. They would enjoy their morning gossip session, after joking that they both were still alive. They lived in the same town but not near each other.— Carolyn McDonough, Canaan, Conn.

Dear Heloise: This is about the guy who fell in his bathroom and couldn't reach the phone. The same thing happened to a friend of mine. She fell in the bathroom and couldn't reach the phone, but she had Alexa (Amazon's virtual assistant device). She told Alexa to call 911, but the device didn't understand. So she told Alexa to call a friend, and then told the friend to call 911. After she recovered, she taught Alexa to call 911. — Patricia Roberts, via email

Patricia, thanks for this great idea. The bathroom can be a dangerous place. You also can take your cellphone with you, just in case. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: Don't

Send hints via email to heloise@heloise.com or via post to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001

What to watch SATURDAY

March 5, 2022

All times Mountain. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Profiled: The Black Man

Discovery+ ■ Season Finale

The first season of this docuseries that explores the history of negative stereotypes that continue to cause difficulties and damage for Black men concludes with “Black Men Don’t Cry.”

31 Days of Oscar on HBO Max: ‘Rocky’

HBO Max

Today’s Oscar-winning film streaming on HBO Max that won’t be found during linear cable sister network TCM’s 31 Days of Oscar is Rocky, the classic 1976 boxing drama led by Best Actor and Best Original Screenplay Oscar nominee Sylvester Stallone in one of his most iconic roles, Rocky Balboa. The film won three Academy Awards: Best Picture,

Best Director (John G. Avildsen) and Best Film Editing (Richard Halsey and Scott Conrad).

NHL Hockey: Chicago at Philadelphia

ABC, 1 p.m. Live

A Saturday NHL matinee on ABC has Alex DeBrincat and the Chicago Blackhawks in Philadelphia to skate against Cam Atkinson and the Flyers.

NBA Basketball: Golden State at L.A. Lakers

ABC, 6:30 p.m. Live

ABC’s Saturday primetime NBA matchup features Steph Curry and the Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles’ Crypto.com Arena to face LeBron James and the Lakers.

2022 Paralympic Winter Games

NBC, 7 p.m. Live;

USA Network, 8 p.m. Live

NBC offers an hour of coverage of the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games from Beijing, followed by six hours of coverage on USA Network.

Murdoch Mysteries

Ovation, 8 p.m.

In “The Things We Do for Love – Part Two,” to save his former lover (Lisa Faulkner)



HGTV

and son (Etienne Kellici), Murdoch (Yannick Bisson) makes a risky deal with a Black Hand henchman.

Holmes Family Rescue

HGTV, 9 p.m.

While recovering from a life-saving transplant, electrician Frank has been dealing with his own home’s structural issues left by a previous contractor. The Holmes family is determined to help their friend finally return to a safe and stress-free home.

Saturday Night Live

NBC, 9:30 p.m. Live

Oscar Isaac, star of the new live-action Marvel series Moon Knight, coming to Disney+ on March 30, makes his SNL hosting debut tonight. Charli XCX, whose new album, Crash, will be released March 18, makes her second appearance as musical guest.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD

Django Unchained (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz **VH1, 7 p.m.**

Snowkissed (2021, Romance) Jen Lilley, Chris McNally **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Knives Out (2019, Mystery) Daniel Craig, Chris Evans **Bravo, 8 p.m.**

Minions (2015, Children) Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm **TNT, 8:30 p.m.**

Godzilla (2014, Science fiction) Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe **BBC America, 9 p.m.**

Wanted (2008, Action) James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman **SYFY, 10 p.m.**

Ant-Man and The Wasp (2018, Action) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly **TNT, 10:30 p.m.**

Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008, Romance-comedy) Jason Segel, Kristen Bell **Bravo, 11:30 p.m.**

Straight Outta Compton (2015, Biography) O’Shea Jackson Jr., Corey Hawkins **FX, 11:30 p.m.**

Grease (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John **Sundance, 12:30 a.m.**

Salt (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber **SYFY, 12:30 a.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

31 Days of Oscar: Best Cinematography Winners & 1980s Winners

TCM, Beginning at 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

This month, as part of Turner Classic Movies’ 31 Days of Oscar celebration, Saturdays will be divided into two themes. From the morning into the early evening, the network will feature winners in a specific Oscar category from throughout Hollywood history. The evening will then feature winners in various categories from the 1980s. Today’s

lineup, beginning in the early morning, starts out with the following films that took home Academy Awards for their cinematography, either as their only win or among other winning categories: **The Good Earth** (1937), **The Thief of Bagdad** (1940), **Around the World in 80 Days** (1956), **She Wore a Yellow Ribbon** (1949) and **Doctor Zhivago** (1965). Starting in primetime, TCM then airs four Oscar-winning classics from the 1980s: **Tootsie** (1982) – 10 nominations, one win: Best Supporting Actress (Jessica Lange); **Rain Man (pictured)** (1988) – eight nominations, four wins: Best Picture, Best Actor (Dustin Hoffman), Best Director (Barry Levinson) and Best Original Screenplay (Ronald Bass and Barry Morrow); **Raging**



MGM

Bull (1980) – eight nominations, two wins: Best Actor (Robert De Niro) and Best Film Editing (Thelma Schoonmaker); and **Fanny and Alexander** (1982) – six nominations, four wins, including Best Foreign Language Film (Sweden) and Best Cinematography. – Jeff Pfeiffer

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SPOTLIGHT:

JPMorgan Chase committing \$12 million to increase homeownership opportunities

BUSINESS WIRE

JPMorgan Chase recently announced five organizations will receive philanthropic capital as part of the firm's \$400 million five-year commitment to improve housing affordability and stability for underserved households, particularly in Black, Hispanic and Latino communities. JPMorgan Chase's commitments will support organizations working to scale innovative housing models such as single-family housing production to increase the supply of affordable housing and homeownership. These commitments are part of JPMorgan

Chase's firmwide effort to address the housing affordability gap by using the firm's business, data, policy and philanthropic resources. The announcement works alongside efforts in Chase's Home Lending business to help drive change in the mortgage industry through:

- Hiring and expanding its presence within underserved communities.
- Enhancing products and services.
- Promoting increased diversity in the appraisal industry.
- Participating in policy reform.

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– Abigail Suarez, head of neighborhood development, JPMorgan Chase

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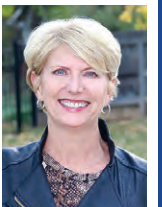
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HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Additionally, JPMorgan Chase’s Policy Center is advancing data-driven policy solutions to improve homeownership opportunities weakened by the pandemic.

“Owning a home is a key factor to providing family stability and building generational wealth, but out of reach for far too many people, especially Black, Latino and Hispanic households,” said Abigail Suarez, head of neighborhood development at JPMorgan Chase. “Today’s announcement will help address current barriers to homeownership and allow more families access to wealth building opportunities.”

As a result of uneven access to homeownership, the homeownership disparity between White households and Black, Hispanic and Latino households continues to grow. Long-term financial instability, a supply gap in affordable homes for purchase, and rising home prices continue to decrease the number of Black, Hispanic and Latino individuals and families becoming homeowners, with many of these problems being exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic downturn.

These challenges are being addressed by the organizations receiving philanthropic commitments, including:

Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership (ANDP): With JPMorgan

Chase’s \$2.5 million three-year commitment, ANDP will work to advance affordable housing and racial equity by scaling its single-family housing production model, growing its community development financial institution (CDFI) lending platform, and prioritizing risk-sharing business partnerships with smaller, locally based Black-owned real estate firms.

Center for Community Self-Help: With JPMorgan Chase’s \$2.5 million three-year commitment, the Center for Community Self-Help will work in Charlotte, Chicago, Milwaukee and other markets to increase access to homeownership by creating a 100% LTV and specialized mortgage product to address savings and debt-to-income challenges and launching a Savings Account for Emergencies Program that operates like a mortgage reserve account.

Grounded Solutions Network: With JPMorgan Chase’s \$2 million three-year commitment, Grounded Solutions Network will work in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston and Minneapolis to advance affordable housing by increasing technical skills, production rates and capacity of community land trusts and other nonprofit housing programs through shared equity program supports, creating a shared-equity

mortgage conversion approach through the BIPOC Homeownership Stabilization Program to help distressed homeowners remain in their homes, preserve equity already accrued and share in a portion of future appreciation.

The Housing Partnership Network: With JPMorgan Chase’s \$3 million three-year commitment, the Housing Partnership Network will work in cities across the U.S. to increase the supply of and access to affordable single-family homes by launching the Building Neighborhoods Fund to make flexible, equity-like capital available to develop, acquire and renovate new and existing single-family homes, increasing the volume and velocity of mortgages to Black, Latino and Hispanic borrowers through a new Equitable Homeownership Collaborative, comprised of CDFIs committed to expanding access to homeownership.

Parity Homes: With JPMorgan Chase’s \$2 million three-year commitment, Parity Homes will scale its approach to sparking upfront demand for homeownership opportunities in West Baltimore neighborhoods experiencing hyper vacancy by creating pathways for existing residents and other social collectives to purchase homes together block-by-block as a means of community-building and wealth-building.

“Innovation and scale are desperately needed to address the growing race-based homeownership gap and resulting wealth disparity,” said John O’Callaghan, Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership president and CEO. “This support from JPMorgan Chase will enable us to grow our model, deploy more capital through small, undercapitalized Black-owned real estate companies, and develop homes that provide affordable housing and generate critical wealth for families.”

JPMorgan Chase will work with the Urban Institute to test and scale these innovations, including measuring impact and sharing insights with the housing industry to advance housing stability and affordability for Black, Hispanic and Latino households.

“I am proud of Urban’s work with JPMorgan Chase to identify, assess, and expand these solutions,” said Urban Institute President Sarah Rosen Wartell. “I look forward to supporting the grantees as they advance innovations to address the nation’s housing affordability crisis and overcome homeownership barriers that have stifled opportunity for households of color.”

ADVANCING DATA-DRIVEN POLICY SOLUTIONS

Last year, the JPMorgan Chase Policy Center released data-driven

policy recommendations to increase equitable access to stable, affordable and sustainable homeownership. These recommendations mirror the impact of the work being done by the organizations receiving philanthropic commitments. For example, the firm is supporting policies and industry practices that:

- Build on COVID-19 protections to effectively support homeowners experiencing income disruption.
- Expand funding to increase supply of affordable homes for purchase.
- Advance reforms to increase mortgage market liquidity and improve access to affordable sustainable mortgages that better serve Black, Hispanic, Latino and low-income borrowers.
- Advance fair housing and mitigate bias and discrimination in the home valuation process.
- Create potential pilots, including those that evaluate establishing mortgage reserve accounts.

These commitments are part of the firm’s \$30 billion commitment to advance racial equity and drive an inclusive economic recovery that was announced in October 2020. To learn more about these initiatives, visit www.jpmorganchase.com/racialequity. ■

Home Depot Foundation expands skilled trades training to more than 250 schools in over 30 states

PR NEWSWIRE

The Home Depot Foundation has granted \$5 million to expand its Path to Pro trades training program to more than 250 schools in over 30 states, in partnership with Home Builders Institute (HBI) and Construction Ready.

In 2018 the Foundation announced a \$50 million commitment to train the next generation of skilled tradespeople, diversify the trades industry and address the growing labor shortage in the U.S. The incremental funding will expand Path to Pro training and certification opportunities for youth, high school students, separating military service members and underserved communities.

HBI’s Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) curriculum, including hands-on training, will be offered to 11th and 12th grade students interested in exploring career opportunities in the construction trades. In 2021 the partnership fueled programs in more than 30 Title 1 schools, where more than 40% of the students live in low-income communities.

Additionally, the Foundation and HBI will open a new academy program in Sacramento to train hundreds of skilled workers that will help meet the needs of the city’s housing market. This community-based education program delivers training and certification for

diverse adult populations, bringing together students of differing age, gender, race and background. To date, Path to Pro-funded BuildStrong Academies in Denver and Orlando have successfully trained 422 people.

Nonprofit partner Construction Ready helps the Foundation give back with trades training programs for K-12 youth and underserved communities on Atlanta’s westside and across Georgia through classroom and hands-on training courses.

“As Path to Pro enters its fifth year, the program has introduced more than 15,000 people to the skilled trades,” said Shannon Gerber, The Home Depot Foundation’s executive director. “The Foundation is successfully extending opportunities to those who will support the country’s construction efforts and tracking toward its \$50 million commitment. This growth doesn’t happen without our industry-leading partners who help us serve underrepresented communities and diversify the talent pipeline to withstand the significant shortage of skilled tradespeople. We look forward to advancing our efforts with this incremental commitment to support this critical issue.”

The Foundation first launched its trades training program with HBI in 2018 on one U.S. military base. Today,

the Path to Pro military program is offered on 10 U.S. military bases and provides exiting service members access to a free, 12-week program that provides industry-recognized PACT and OSHA 10 certifications. The military base programs partner with Habitat for Humanity International, another Foundation nonprofit partner, to serve local communities, gain field experience and build industry relationships. On a few occasions, military-program students were hired by Habitat for Humanity affiliates after graduation.

“Thanks to The Home Depot Foundation and their partnership with Home Builders Institute, I was able to attend a Path to Pro program that not only helped with residential construction training, but I can directly credit my job with Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity to the training I received,” expressed John Pomelow, a former Path to Pro military program graduate and veteran. “It all started with the Path to Pro program and now, I’m a construction site supervisor and a qualifier for General Contracting. Since I’ve been hired, I’ve helped build approximately 40 new homes, participated in five rehabs and completed multiple home repairs for veterans and hurricane-impacted families.” ■



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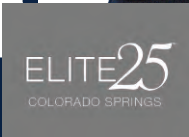
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ON GARDENING:
New Shasta daisies like dessert for the landscape

BY NORMAN WINTER, TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Shasta daisy lovers will rejoice as the Amazing Daisy collection is more than doubling with the addition of three new varieties for 2022. The Garden Guy can hardly wait to get his hands on Amazing Daisy Marshmallow.

This Shasta is nothing short of riveting in its appearance. Indeed, it looks good enough to eat and, when I look at it, I feel like it has a little coconut drizzle. The glistening white flowers are large, double and puffy, reaching 3.5 inches wide.

If Marshmallow sounded good enough to eat, just wait until you see Amazing Daisy Banana Cream II. This banana-colored Shasta holds the color longer before turning white. They are also quicker to bloom and even more floriferous than the original Banana Cream, which is still considered a favorite.

The last new introduction for the 2022 collection is Amazing Daisy Spun Silk. This stunning daisy will be on all collectors' must-have lists as it features long narrow petals with fringed edges giving a spidery look. The flowers are large too, reaching 4.5 inches wide.

These new introductions get about 24 inches tall with an equal spread. Marshmallow is a little shorter, topping out at 22 inches. They are considered perennial in zones 5-9, the quintessential cottage flowers to be planted in sweeps or drifts with blue salvias, yellow coreopsis, rudbeckias and coneflowers or echinacea.

Son James always pushes the envelope and thus has taught me over the years that Shasta daisies like Banana Cream or Daisy May can bring this same floral show to containers and tubs to be enjoyed in commercial settings by customers going to shop or dine in local restaurants. These pristine white blooms indeed light up the spring and summer garden like few other flowers.

No matter the variety you select, know that they will need at least six hours of sun and wonderfully tolerate a little afternoon shifting shade. The



soil must be fertile, organic rich, moist and very well-drained. If plagued by tight, heavy soil that does not drain, then amend with 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and till to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. This regimen gives clear indication why they can work so well in mixed containers as potting soil certainly drains freely.

Space plants 12 to 15 inches apart. Plant at the same depth they are growing in the container. Apply a layer

of mulch after planting. Of course, in mixed, designer-type containers, you will be using the Shasta as a pocket or filler plant complementing all the other companions.

Maintain moisture through the long hot summer and feed with a light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks. Keep the flowers deadheaded for both a tidy look and increased flower production, as these vigorous varieties often are known to repeat.

Divide in the fall, spacing as recommended. This will be a yearly event in the South if you want the best blooms and healthiest plants. In the exclusive shopping center mixed containers, the plants will be removed in time for cool season color, but they did their job, as the shopping experience felt as though you were in the Garden of Eden.

You, on the other hand, can leave yours in the container, or better

yet move them to the landscape in the fall. Shasta daisies can give the gardeners years of perennial performance with just a little work. ■

Norman Winter is a horticulturist, garden speaker and author of "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @ NormanWinterTheGardenGuy.

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Arhaus introduces outdoor 2022 collection

PR NEWSWIRE

Arhaus, a leader in artisan-crafted and responsibly sourced home furnishings, recently debuted its Outdoor 2022 Collection.

With hundreds of new style introductions, Arhaus pulls inspiration from the striking islands of Greece — the destination captured in its latest Outdoor Living catalog — to present an assortment that is reminiscent of paradise abroad. The complete collection is now available online at Arhaus.com.

“Of all the places our team has traveled, few are more special to us than the Greek Isles,” said John Reed, Arhaus co-founder and CEO. “From the fabled white buildings resting on the coastlines to the stunning blue horizon, this collection opens the door to infinite design inspiration, where laughter can linger on the breeze and the days stretch out as endlessly as the views — right in the comfort of your own backyard.”

The vibrant shades of Greece’s shores and natural splendor are brought to life with the color palette expressed across the collection’s wide variety of outdoor décor, ranging from lighting and performance rugs to solutions for both shade and fire. New artisan-crafted pillows and poufs are offered in cobalt and sapphire blues that capture the rippling Aegean waters, while an eclectic assortment of accent furniture, throw blankets and entertaining essentials arrive in warm neutrals inspired by the shades of the stone shorelines as the sun sinks toward the waterline.

From the handwoven wicker of the Paros Collection to the sleek lines of the contemporary Naxos Collection, Arhaus’ new outdoor furniture offerings serve as the ideal foundation for the Grecian colors to shine through, with expanded categories that include dining tables, sofas, sectionals, lounges and chairs.

Continuing its commitment to luxurious pieces made for everyday life, Arhaus joins sophistication and durability through intentional design using high-quality, all-weather materials that are built to last. InsideOut Performance Fabrics make any piece feel like home, such as the expanded Melbourne Collection, available in new shades and silhouettes, and the Canyon Outdoor Collection, available in teak or all-weather aluminum finishes.

More highlights from Arhaus’ 2022 Outdoor Collection include:

Milos Collection: The classic shape and curved silhouette is simple, timeless and made for cozy fireside moments and memorable gatherings. Available in dining and lounge options.

Crew Hanging Chair: An unforgettable seat woven from all-weather wicker, suspended from braided rope to sway in the breeze.

Porto Sectional: Inspired by the pristine beauty of a sun-soaked beach, the Porto Sectional brings the best of comfort and modernity with channel-back detailing and modular design to easily fit any space.

Coburn Outdoor Collection: An indoor sectional so loved that Arhaus reimagined the design for the outdoors with modular pieces that can be rearranged as often as the tide comes in.

Adones Collection: Inspired by fifth century B.C. Greek Klismos design, the Adones Outdoor Collection introduces modern styling to traditional aesthetics for a versatile, transitional look.

Beach Towels and Outdoor Throws: Warm up by the fire or dry off by the sea with a new assortment of beach towels and throws.

Visit arhaus.com/catalog for more information and inspiration. ■



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Frontgate partners with celebrity chef

PR NEWSWIRE

Leading home furnishing and lifestyle brand Frontgate has partnered with celebrated American chef Michael Symon to launch the brand’s new Outdoor Kitchen Collection, available just in time for spring.

The Frontgate Outdoor Kitchen includes three distinct collections with more than 15 modular pieces — adding style, flexibility and functionality to any al fresco space. As the official launch partner, Chef Symon will share exclusive content featured on frontgate.com, showcasing how to set up and stock your outdoor kitchen, as well as thoughtful ways to maximize its use. Throughout the year, Chef Symon will also share expert culinary tips and gourmet recipes that inspire elevated, outdoor entertaining.

“You no longer need to be a chef to enjoy high-quality kitchens, and that notion should extend beyond the walls of your home,” said Chef Michael Symon. “There’s nothing better than being able to entertain your friends and family with ease outside, and what I love about Frontgate’s collection is not only the quality, but the fact that the modular design provides the storage, flexibility and style to make it your own.”

The past two years have fundamentally shifted consumer behavior. The comfort of home and safety of the outdoors have become central to the ways in which we socialize — with our own backyard becoming the destination of choice. As the 2022 outdoor season gets underway, consumers will be more inclined than ever to turn their backyard into an outdoor oasis by incorporating stylish yet functional pieces to prep, grill and entertain.

Frontgate’s three Outdoor Kitchen collections — Westport Teak, Westport Aluminum and Isola Kitchen — offer modular designs that fit any space as well as seamlessly integrated appliances, including grills, wine refrigerators and compact freezers. They also feature durable, scratch-resistant countertops and thoughtful storage for entertaining essentials.

“We couldn’t be more excited to launch the outdoor season with such an amazing partner,” said Tom Bazzone, president of Frontgate. “Michael’s leadership and expertise in cooking and entertaining provides the inspiration and education for our customers to go outside in style and cook with confidence.”

As the national leader in outdoor furniture and decor, Frontgate prides itself on not only exceptional product quality, but also exclusive designs that boast both functionality and style. The launch of the Outdoor Kitchen Collection does that and more, providing high-end entertainment solutions that you cannot find anywhere else. “We are thrilled to build on our extensive assortment of outdoor furniture by adding these collections to enable our customers to enjoy more time outside hosting family and friends,” said Bazzone.

The partnership between Frontgate and Chef Symon will serve customers and those communities that continue to suffer devastating losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Frontgate has pledged to donate \$25,000 to the Michael D. Symon Foundation, which serves Cleveland area food banks, the Salvation Army, and restaurant/hospitality employees and their families, among others. “We are proud to help Michael’s goals for his Foundation and to assist those in the communities it serves,” Bazzone said.

Learn more at frontgate.com/outdoor/dining/cabinets-bar-carts/. ■

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- 17143 Blue Mist Grv. \$345,000
- 989 Burning Bush Pt. \$355,000
- 1236 Timber Run Hts. \$382,000
- 63 N Washington St. \$400,000
- 7248 Berrybrook Ln. \$450,000
- 17071 Buffalo Valley Path \$510,000
- 2835 Roberts Dr. \$570,000
- 2564 Lakes Edge Dr. \$595,000
- 17630 Water Flume Way \$637,500
- 640 Paint Brush Ln. \$755,000
- 16286 Windsor Creek Dr. \$790,000
- 3021 Lakefront Dr. \$835,000
- 15845 Transcontinental Dr. \$850,000
- 1410 Regal Glen Ct. \$890,000
- 16950 Vincent Ave. \$899,000
- 731 Panoramic Dr. \$966,475
- 17870 Solitude Ct. \$1,250,000

80133

- 617 Forest View Ct. \$1,250,000

80808

- 30247 Lonesome Dove Ln. \$360,000
- 23555 Sweet Rd. \$625,000

80817

- 237 N Vine St. \$275,000
- 7698 Sandy Springs Pt. \$295,000
- 529 Blossom Field Rd. \$299,900
- 879 Daffodil St. \$300,000
- 9765 La Pintura Pt. \$320,000
- 1730 Luna Dr. \$340,000
- 346 Iris Dr. \$345,000
- 7336 Colonial Dr. \$355,000
- 977 Square Dance Ln. \$376,000
- 7010 Stowe Cir. \$400,000
- 7757 Barn Owl Dr. \$405,000
- 7491 Fortman Ave. \$410,000
- 1320 Ancestra Dr. \$410,000
- 2112 Bent Tree Ln. \$430,000
- 8497 Dassel Dr. \$435,000
- 8335 Dassel Dr. \$437,500
- 7239 Trione Ln. \$445,000
- 827 Ridgebury Pl. \$455,000
- 9538 Wind River Ct. \$458,000
- 6638 Camino Del Rey \$460,000

- 6563 Ancestra Dr. \$480,000
- 7834 Treehouse Ter. \$505,000

80829

- 5550 Founders Pl. \$500,000

80831

- 10760 Sandlilly Ln. \$205,000
- 11985 Sand Pl. \$265,000
- 19835 Oasis Ave. \$330,000
- 17540 Sage Crest Rd. \$350,000
- 17685 Sage Crest Rd. \$350,000
- 11005 Avena Rd. \$361,170
- 6678 Gelbvieh Rd. \$371,250
- 7767 Swingarm Grv. \$389,900
- 11481 Moonrock Hts. \$395,000
- 11562 Moonrock Hts. \$410,000
- 9291 Ballyunion Rd. \$414,700
- 7793 Hirshorn Pt. \$425,000
- 10067 Beckham St. \$455,000
- 10319 Mt Wilson Pl. \$460,000
- 12553 Jetton Ct. \$460,000
- 9833 Granite Park Ln. \$463,303
- 7311 Chelsey Way \$515,000
- 9856 Antler Creek Dr. \$535,000
- 15645 Alta Plz. \$537,000
- 8428 Bohleen Rd. \$550,000
- 9701 Winding Bend Ln. \$588,402
- 10377 Boulder Ridge Dr. \$620,000
- 9897 Golf Crest Dr. \$655,000

80903

- 930 Desert Cir. \$162,500
- 611 N Hancock Ave. \$327,500
- 5410 Escapardo Way \$369,000
- 6 E Mill St. \$380,000
- 519 N Prospect St. \$445,000
- 1132 N Institute St. \$524,000

80904

- 1308 Race St. \$312,700
- 931 N 18th St. \$440,000
- 1504 W Pikes Peak Ave. \$480,000

80905

- 312 Longfellow Dr. \$159,000
- 2036 S Corona Ave. \$260,000
- 1209 La Junta Ave. \$320,000
- 617 Kinnikinnik Dr. \$400,000
- 619 N Spruce St. \$435,000
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- 91 N Raven Mine Dr. \$619,047

80906

- 1408 Willshire Dr. \$310,000
- 4785 Endicott Dr. \$313,000
- 4348 Prestige Pt. \$320,000

- 118 Creekside Ln. \$335,000
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- 422 Kearney Ave. \$430,000
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- 140 Ravenglass Way \$795,000
- 3291 S Electra Dr. \$987,000
- 765 Nebula Ct. \$1,243,000
- 950 Colonnade Ct. \$1,480,000
- 4930 Willow Stone Hts. \$2,200,000

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- 2660 Mesa Springs Vw. \$295,000
- 3313 Pennsylvania Ave. \$326,000
- 3330 Templeton Gap Rd., # 11 \$340,000
- 1430 Hollyhock Dr. \$355,000
- 878 Westmoreland Rd. \$392,000
- 2625 Templeton Gap Rd. \$406,000
- 411 E Del Norte St. \$430,000
- 924 Magnolia St. \$437,000
- 20 W Monroe St. \$995,000

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- 1642 Shasta Dr. \$260,000
- 7410 Mount Elbert Pt. \$335,759
- 1715 Rose Quartz Hts. \$407,505
- 7164 Sand Lake Hts. \$410,000
- 8884 Vanderwood Dr. \$420,000
- 1709 Rose Quartz Hts. \$422,915
- 7422 Mount Elbert Pt. \$425,000
- 7640 Frigid Air Pt. \$432,200
- 8098 Mockorange Hts. \$435,500
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- 8230 Scoby Ct. \$507,000
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- 6050 Mountain Shadow Vw. \$800,000
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- 4005 Walker Rd. \$1,928,958

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- 2557 E Caramillo St. \$357,000
- 2435 Clarkson Dr. \$400,000
- 708 Potter Dr. \$407,000
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- 4014 Valli Vista Rd. \$425,000
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- 5034 Bradley Cir. \$310,000
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- 918 Boggs Pl. \$320,000
- 2915 Greenwood Cir. \$335,000
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HOUSING REPORT:

Home prices hit all-time high ahead of spring buying season

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New data suggests spring home-buying fever has already set in, as the U.S. median listing price hit a new all-time high of \$392,000 in February, according to the Realtor.com Monthly Housing Trends Report. Additionally, home prices grew at an unusually fast February pace in many of the 50 largest metros, led by Las Vegas, Miami and Tampa, Florida with annual increases of at least 31% each.

“Over the last five years, we have seen home prices break records early in the season as buyers try to get ahead of the competition. But this is the first time the record has been broken in February, signaling that competition is already heating up weeks before the start of the Spring buying season in a typical year,” said Realtor.com Chief Economist Danielle Hale. “While the number of homes on the market remains woefully behind buyer demand, in February we saw declines in new listings improve for the first time since November 2021, indicating potential hope on the horizon. Whether inventory continues to improve will depend on a variety of economic and geopolitical factors, including the conflict in Ukraine and mortgage rate hikes, which haven’t impacted home sales or price growth so far, but will increasingly lessen buyers’ purchasing power.”

Housing affordability is increasingly an issue for 2022 buyers, partly due to climbing mortgage rates, which reached the highest level in nearly three years within the first two months of the year. With further hikes looming, February data suggests competition intensified as motivated buyers raced to lock in relatively affordable monthly payments. As a result, the national listing price exceeded the record set during the 2021 summer frenzy. While it is not uncommon for home price growth to begin accelerating in February, Realtor.com data history shows listing prices did not surpass previous peaks until at least March every year from 2017-2021.

In February, the U.S. median listing price increased 12.9% year-over-year to a new all-time high of \$392,000, surpassing the 2021 peak (at \$385,000 in July).

Home prices posted smaller yearly gains in the 50 largest U.S. markets, up by an average of 7.8% year-over-year, mostly due to a larger number of smaller homes coming on the market.



FEBRUARY 2022
HOUSING METRICS – NATIONAL

Metric	Change Over February 2021	Change Over February 2020
Active Listing Count	-24.5	-62.6
New Listings	-0.5	-14.5
Median Listing Price	12.9	26.6
Median Days on Market	-17 days	-32 days

On average, big metro listing prices per square foot (+11.6% year-over-year) increased nearly as quickly as the overall national pace.

February’s biggest listing price gains were in southern (+12.5%) and western (+12.1%) metros, led by Las Vegas (+39.6%), Miami (+31.6%) and Tampa, Fla. (+31.5%).

Home prices declined over last year in 13 markets, including Rochester, N.Y. (-18.2%), Detroit (-16.5%) and Pittsburgh (-14.0%). However, on a square foot basis, February listing prices were down in just five metros.

Improvements offer potential light in the supply shortage storm

For the first time since last fall, yearly inventory declines improved slightly in February, largely due to rising numbers of new sellers. In fact, during the final two weeks of the month, more new sellers entered the market than during

the same time last year. Further, new listings growth, which is typical heading into the spring, will be key to inventory’s forecasted recovery from 2021 lows. However, with 5.8 million new homes missing from the market and millions of millennials at first-time buying age, housing supply faces a long road to catching up with demand. Additionally, recent bigger picture developments, like geopolitical tensions in Europe, could play a wildcard in consumer sentiment related to major financial decisions, including homebuying and selling.

The U.S. inventory of active listings declined 24.5% year-over-year in February, improving slightly over last month’s annual gap (-28.4%). However, there were still 122,000 fewer available listings than during a typical day in February 2021 and inventory was down 62.6% from February 2020.

Relative to all active inventory, annual declines in new listings improved more

significantly in February, down just 0.5% nationwide versus the 9.1% drop registered last month. Additionally, new listings grew on a year-over-year basis in the final two weeks of the month.

Inventory remained below February 2021 levels in 46 of the 50 largest U.S. markets, but grew in Riverside, California (+6.3%), Phoenix (+4.2%), Austin, Texas (+1.5%) and Sacramento, California (+0.3%), marking the first month that supply increased in any large metro since October 2021. In another early Spring sign of rising for-sale home options, more new sellers entered the market than last year in nearly half (23) of the 50 largest markets. Furthermore, seven of these metros posted double-digit annual new listings gains: Milwaukee (+21.9%), New York (+19.5%), Oklahoma City (+16.3%), Kansas City (+15.6%), Philadelphia (+15.5%), Portland, Oregon (+12.5%) and Birmingham, Alabama (+11.6%).

Homes continue to fly off the market, selling a month faster than in 2017-2019

Following a record-setting first month of the year, February time on market trends showed no signs of slowing down. Motivated in large part by climbing mortgage rates, buyers snatched up the inventory of new and active listings more quickly than in any prior February, and over a month faster than in 2017-2019, before the onset of COVID-19. Relative to national time on market, home sales notched an even faster-moving February across the 50 largest U.S. metros, only three of which posted time on market gains.

In February, the typical U.S. home spent 47 days on market, over two weeks faster (-17 days) than in 2021 and over a month (-38 days) faster than typical February timing from 2017-2019.

Homes moved even more quickly in the 50 largest U.S. metros, at an average of 39 days on market in February. Homes sold in the least amount of time, at 16 days or less each, in Denver; San Jose, California and Nashville, Tennessee.

Among large metros, February’s biggest declines in time on market were registered in Miami (-34 days), Orlando, Florida (-29 days) and Indianapolis (-21 days). Time on market increased in just three metros, which were Buffalo, New York (+10 days), Oklahoma City (+6 days) and Cincinnati (+4 days).

“It can be easy to get swept up in competition, so buyers should take the time to assess how higher mortgage rates could impact the affordability of monthly payments and consider adding a cushion at the top of their budgets,” said George Ratiu manager of economic research and senior economist at Realtor.com. Tools like the Realtor.com Mortgage Calculator can help you scenario plan for various rates so you’re better prepared — not only for a successful buying experience, but also to comfortably afford your monthly housing costs once you have the keys in-hand.”

Ratiu’s advice is also relevant to the many sellers simultaneously buying a home, who can use tools like the Realtor.com Seller’s Marketplace to help them manage the many fast-moving parts of both processes and explore selling options like initial cash offers from Opendoor. ■

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Legal Notices

District Court El Paso County 270 S Tejon Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903

In the Matter of: Jeanine Marie Ortega Case Number: 2022PR58

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION TO \$15-10-401, C.R.S.

TO: Eva Castro Last Known Address, if any: Unknown

A hearing on Legal Guardianship will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued: DATE: April 18, 2022 TIME: 3:00 PM Division: W/W150 ADDRESS: 270 South Tejon, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903

Attorney or Party Without Attorney: Jeanine Marie Ortega 1526 Sanderson Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80915

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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Notice is hereby given that final payment will be made on or after the 4th day of April, 2022, on a contract dated August 4, 2021 between the City of Cripple Creek (Owner) and Hartland-Reliant, JV LLC for construction of the Community of Caring Interior Remodel Project at 100 W. Bennett Avenue. All persons, companies or corporations that have furnished labor, materials or other supplies or service used by, under and in connection with the said contract and whose claim has not been paid by the Contractor shall, by the 4th day of April, 2022, file with the Owner a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such settlement will relieve the owner from any or all liability for such claims.

Owner, City of Cripple Creek, By: Malissa Gish, City Clerk

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Creditor Notice

DISTRICT COURT EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO 270 S. Tejon Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Case Number: 2022PR30028

In the Matter of the Estate of: Kathleen Anne Evans, a/k/a Kathleen A Evans, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of El Paso County, Colorado, on or before July 1, 2022 or the claims may be forever barred.

Personal Representative for Kathleen Anne Evans, a/k/a Kathleen A Evans, Deceased,

Attorney for Personal Representative Bryan T. Fredrickson Fredrickson Johnson & Belveal, LLC

831 Royal Gorge Blvd. Ste 329 Canon City, CO 81212

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Adoption

DISTRICT COURT EL PASO COUNTY 270 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Case Number: 211A279

In the Matter of the Petition of: PATRICIA BEVERI, For the Adoption of a Child

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: John Doe, & Stephanie Jo Schneck

Pursuant to §19-5-208, C.R.S., you are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner(s) has/have filed in this Court a verified Petition seeking to adopt a child.

If applicable, an Affidavit of Abandonment has been filed alleging that you have abandoned the child for a period of one year or more and/or have failed without cause to provide reasonable support for the child for one year or more.

You are further notified that an Adoption hearing is set on April 15, 2022 at 10:30am, in the court location identified above.

You are further notified that if you fail to appear for said hearing, the Court may terminate your parental rights and grant the adoption as sought by the Petitioner(s).

Please be aware that it is both expected and required that Custodial Parent, Petitioner, and Child appear at the hearing.

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Creditor Notice

DISTRICT COURT EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO 270 S. Tejon Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Case Number: 2022PR030276 Division: W Courtroom: 150

In the Matter of the Estate of: Hillary Edward Bender, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of El Paso County, Colorado, on or before June 27, 2022 or the claims may be forever barred.

Personal Representative for Hillary Edward Bender, Deceased,

S/Timothy J. Priebe 1880 Office Club Pt. Ste. 120 Colorado Springs, CO 80920

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Creditor Notice

DISTRICT COURT EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO 270 S. Tejon Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Case Number: 2021PR031725

In the Matter of the Estate of: James Edward Dalton, aka James E. Dalton, aka, James Dalton, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of El Paso County, Colorado, on or before June 22, 2022 or the claims may be forever barred.

Personal Representative for James Edward Dalton, aka James E. Dalton, aka, James Dalton, Deceased,

Whitney A. Hey, #51575 Attorney for Personal Representative 517 S. Cascade Ave., Suite A Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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This vehicle(s) is private party tow that has not been claimed.

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Public Hearing to Consider Approval of 2021 Budget Amendments for Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority

Title: The Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority 2021 Budget Amendments

Description: The Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority will hold a public hearing to consider and approve the 2021 Budget Amendments at 11:00 AM on March 9, 2022. This meeting will be held thru Zoom. Link listed below:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81968501725>
Meeting ID: 819 6850 1725

Contact Person: Jariah Walker, Executive Director
Email: Jariah.Walker@coloradosprings.gov
Phone: 719-385-5714
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1575, MC 628, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-1575.

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BID #22-002

The City of La Junta is accepting bids for the sale of a parcel of land located at 301 SANTA FE AVE. PARCEL NUMBER 1172.04, Tax District 010. La Junta Colorado 81050.

Sealed bids for this sale will be accepted until 2 PM local time, on Wednesday MARCH 9TH 2022, at which time the bids will be opened publicly at the office of the Director of Purchasing and read aloud. All bids must be received prior to the above stated date and time at the office of:

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
515 LACEY AVENUE
P.O. BOX 489
LA JUNTA, CO 81050
PHONE: 719-384-7546
FAX: 719-384-8412

Bids may also be emailed to the following address: jennifer.smith@lajuntacolorado.org.

Bid packets may be picked up at the above address. Bids must be marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope with bid #22-002, LAND SALE 03/09/2022. Bids returned by email must be labeled the same. Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

The City of La Junta reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive irregularities and accept the bid, which in its opinion best serves the needs and purposed of the City. Successful bidder shall be required to sign a lease finalizing the contract. The City of La Junta is and Equal Opportunity Employer.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A:

How do I get my deceased husband’s name off the deed?

BY GARY M. SINGER, TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: My husband passed away recently, and we jointly own a condo. How do I get his name off the deed?

— Kathy

A: Unlike the title to your car, where an actual certificate of ownership gets physically signed over, no single document controls the ownership of real property. Instead, it is necessary to look at various documents, primarily deeds, to determine who owns the property. These documents, the evidence of ownership, are known to lawyers as “muniments of title.” Property deeds are a formalized way of verifying someone’s intent to transfer their property to someone else. They get recorded in public records to put the world on notice of the change. This is all lawyer-speak for telling you that rather than removing someone from a deed, you need to record another document showing the ownership change. When two spouses purchase a house, they are said to own it as “tenants by the entirety.” This form of ownership goes back hundreds of

years into the history of the law. Back then, property owned by spouses was not owned by them together or even individually because the law considered the couple to be one person. Instead, the marriage, something distinct from the spouses, was considered to own the property. Back then, women did not enjoy the same rights as men, which allowed the male half of the couple to maintain control of almost everything. Even so, the law provided at least one strong protection for the wife — survivorship. Despite his substantial control of the property during the marriage, the husband could not sell the property without the wife’s consent. When the husband died, the wife remained the sole owner and gained control over the property. Back then, most privately owned property was income-producing, such as farms, to put this in context. A few hundred years passed, and laws were enacted known as the “Married Women’s Property Acts” that went a long way toward treating each spouse equally in control of marital property. As society progresses, so does the law, and this form of ownership

now applies to married couples of any gender, with each spouse being treated equally. Some things, however, do remain the same. Therein lies the answer to your question. When your spouse passed away, you stayed the owner — now the sole owner — of the property. To prove this to the world and effectively remove your deceased husband from the title, you simply have to record his death certificate in the public records. Because every situation is different, it would be best to consult an experienced attorney before acting. ■

Gary M. Singer is a Florida attorney and board-certified as an expert in real estate law by the Florida Bar. He practices real estate, business litigation and contract law from his office in Sunrise, Fla. Singer is the chairman of the Real Estate Section of the Broward County Bar Association and is a co-host of the weekly radio show Legal News and Review. He frequently consults on general real estate matters and trends in Florida with various companies across the nation. Follow him on Twitter @GarySingerLaw.



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That’s why we designed lights with proven mosquito repellency. With the flip of a switch, and without the need for sprays or yard treatments, the string lights create a space where people can unwind and relax.” The string lights feature three diffusers with replaceable repellent pods that last up to 200 hours and provide a protection zone of up to 330 square feet. With no sprays, no mess and no odor, they will provide a hassle-free environment all summer long. For more information, visit www.tikibrand.com/bitefighter-led-string-lights/. ■



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