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Panel weighs options for 'Depot District'

By Noah Eckstein
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HUDSON — The city's Historic Preservation Commission weighed updated information, material selections, and design concepts on Friday regarding the Galvan Foundation's plan to construct a 75-unit mixed-income apartment building on 75 N. 7th St. and 708 State St.

The commission passed a resolution in April approving the size, roof, fenestration and storefront designs of the Galvan Foundation project dubbed "The Depot District." But because the proposed project would require the demolition of three buildings, one of which (65 N. 7th St.) is a part of the nationally registered Hudson

Historic District, the commission held a special meeting to discuss further the Foundation's plans before officially issuing a certificate of appropriateness for the project.

According to the U.S. Department of the Interior's website, a certificate of appropriateness is a document stating that a proposed project will fit the historic

district in question and meets criteria in the local code.

"The Depot District meets an urgent need for housing in Hudson, while also pursuing ambitious environmental sustainability goals," said Vice President of Initiatives of the Galvan Foundation Dan Kent.

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65 N. 7th St. is a vacant home on the national register of historic places in Hudson. If "The Depot District" gets the official green light from the Historic Preservation Commission, the home will be demolished. If the project does not get the go-ahead, "The Depot District" would have to decrease its 75-unit project to 38 units.

By Noah Eckstein
Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — The Common Council voted to award the job of refurbishing the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Green Street for pedestrian safety to A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. at its formal meeting Tuesday.

The council also allocated \$139,565 of Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds and \$79,845 in city funds to A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. for the project.

The city awarded Creighton Manning, an Albany-based engineering firm, the contract for designing pedestrian safety plans and overall improvements to the intersection. The intersection is located on a busy truck route that has a significant amount of pedestrian traffic.

"I look forward to the improvements," 5th Ward Councilmember Dominic Merante said Friday. "It's a long time coming for the residence in that area and improved traffic safety." Merante grew up in Greenport near the intersection and recalled dodging cars as a child.

The council allocated \$367,840 to Creighton Manning, the only bid for the project that the city received in

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Intersection project awarded to local contractor



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The intersection at Fairview Avenue and Green Street (Routes 9 and 23B).



COVID boosters planned for kids 5 to 11

By Natasha Vaughn-Holdridge
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HUDSON — Children ages 5 to 11 will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster vaccination.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to be authorized for the use of a booster shot in children 5 to 11 who have completed their first round of shots at least five months prior to receiving the booster.

"We found we had great success at AB Shaw and at the Chatham Fire House," Columbia County Department of Health Director Jack Mabb said. "Because we were able to segregate the kids and they didn't have to see other kids getting the shot at both locations. So we are planning on contacting both of those firehouses again to see if we can run pods there, specifically for those 5 to 11."



FILE PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE GROLL

The FDA approved the Pfizer booster shot for children ages 5 to 11. The FDA authorized the Pfizer booster in children ages 12 to 15 in January.

The COVID-19 Community Level is considered to be high

in both Columbia and Greene counties by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention. Greene County has had about 65.5% of the population 5 and older fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. In Columbia County, about 78.5% of the population of those 5 and older is fully vaccinated.

"I don't know if that's going to be something that a pediatrician has to make a decision on versus public health but at this point we would have no plan to establish a pod," Greene County Administrator Shaun Groden said Friday.

The CDC recommends that children ages 5 through 11 should receive a booster shot five months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series, the CDC announced Thursday. During the pandemic

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96	71	53

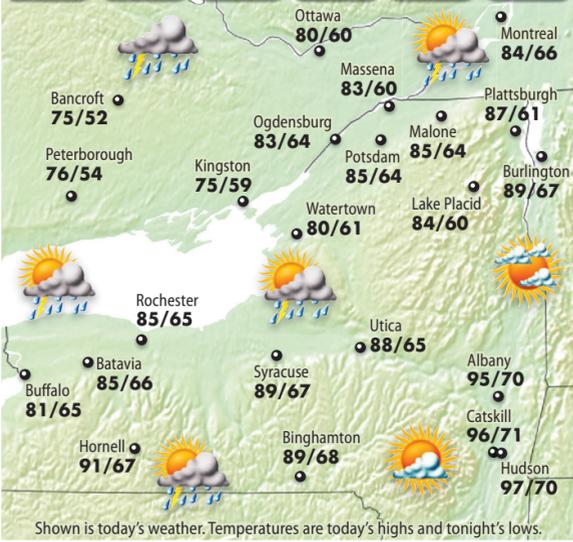


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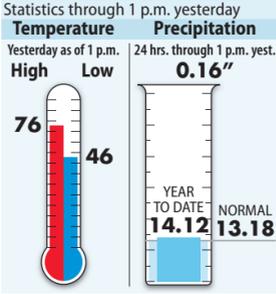
Top Biden health officials sound warning on rising COVID infections

FORECAST FOR HUDSON/CATSKILL

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Partly sunny, hot and humid	Mainly clear and very warm	Hot; a stray p.m. t-storm	Cooler with clouds and sun	Partly sunny and nice	Mostly cloudy
HIGH	LOW	96	74	76	72
96	71	53	47	50	56



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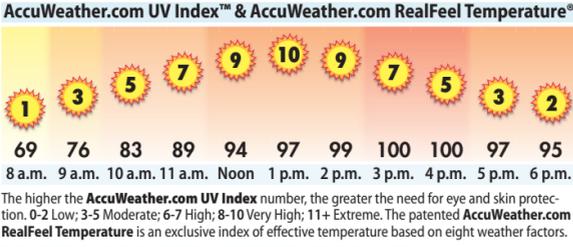
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Sunset	8:16 p.m.	8:17 p.m.
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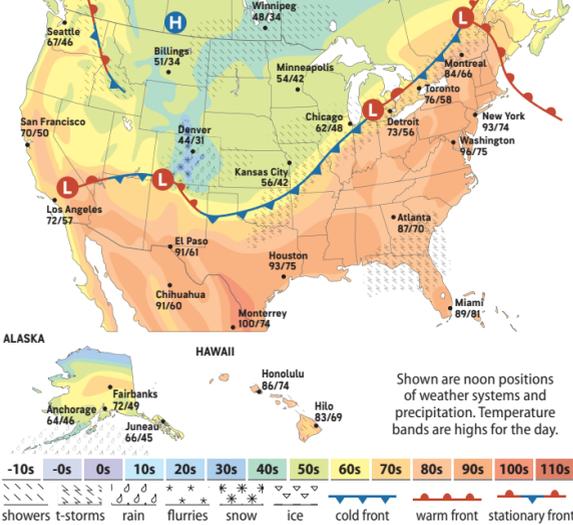
Phase	Date
Last	May 22
New	May 30
First	Jun 7
Full	Jun 14

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CONDITIONS TODAY



NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Sun.		City	Today		Sun.	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W		Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Albuquerque	82/49	pc	80/56	s	Little Rock	87/61	t	67/58	t
Anchorage	64/46	s	62/47	pc	Los Angeles	72/57	pc	71/57	pc
Atlanta	87/70	t	86/67	t	Miami	89/81	pc	88/78	c
Atlantic City	80/68	s	73/63	pc	Milwaukee	58/47	sh	60/46	pc
Baltimore	97/75	s	92/65	t	Minneapolis	54/42	pc	59/44	pc
Billings	51/34	pc	58/39	c	Nashville	92/68	t	73/58	t
Birmingham	90/72	pc	84/66	t	New Orleans	91/77	t	85/74	t
Boise	66/42	s	68/45	pc	New York City	93/74	pc	92/62	pc
Boston	90/70	pc	92/66	pc	Norfolk	92/72	t	88/68	pc
Charleston, SC	85/72	t	88/72	pc	Oklahoma City	60/46	c	65/54	pc
Charleston, WV	90/65	pc	79/53	t	Omaha	59/40	sh	68/53	s
Charlotte	90/68	t	90/68	t	Orlando	84/73	t	91/74	t
Cheyenne	47/31	pc	54/37	c	Philadelphia	96/74	pc	93/65	pc
Chicago	62/48	sh	63/47	pc	Phoenix	93/71	s	98/70	s
Cincinnati	88/65	t	70/50	t	Pittsburgh	90/68	pc	76/49	t
Cleveland	83/65	t	67/50	t	Portland	72/55	pc	74/60	pc
Columbus, OH	88/68	t	69/52	t	Portland	72/49	pc	75/53	pc
Dallas	85/57	t	71/63	pc	Providence	92/66	pc	88/64	s
Denver	44/31	sn	55/38	pc	Raleigh	93/72	t	92/69	t
Des Moines	54/40	sh	66/48	pc	Richmond	97/72	t	93/66	t
Detroit	73/56	t	66/46	pc	Sacramento	87/53	s	91/57	s
Hartford	97/71	pc	94/63	s	St. Louis	73/50	t	66/50	pc
Honolulu	86/74	pc	83/72	t	Salt Lake City	65/45	pc	69/46	pc
Houston	93/75	pc	82/71	t	San Francisco	70/50	s	68/54	s
Indianapolis	84/53	t	66/47	pc	Savannah	86/70	t	90/68	t
Kansas City	56/42	pc	66/50	pc	Seattle	67/46	s	70/49	pc
Knoxville	87/69	t	80/65	t	Tampa	86/76	t	92/76	t
Las Vegas	85/66	s	91/70	s	Washington, DC	96/75	s	91/63	t

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-ice.

Yasmeeen Abutaleb

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WASHINGTON — Top Biden administration officials warned Wednesday that one-third of Americans live in communities experiencing rising levels of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations and urged them to resume taking personal protection measures, including wearing masks.

The increase in new infections - nearing 100,000 a day - comes as the nation heads into Memorial Day weekend with its large gatherings and travel. That case count is almost certainly an undercount, officials said, given the widespread use of at-home tests whose results are often not reported to health officials.

Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, strongly encouraged those living in communities designated yellow or orange - indicating they have large numbers of new infections and hospitalizations - to consider wearing masks in indoor public spaces and taking other steps to protect themselves.

"As we're currently seeing a steady rise of cases in parts of the country, we encourage everyone to use the menu of tools we have today to prevent further infection and severe disease, including wearing a mask, getting tested, accessing treatments early if infected and getting vaccinated or boosted," she said.

Wednesday's warnings from Walensky and two other officials - Ashish Jha, White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator, and Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser - came on the same day the United States surpassed the grim milestone of 1 million COVID deaths, a toll that even the starkest predictions at the start of the pandemic in 2020 did not anticipate.

While officials stressed the



Washington Post photo by Jabin Botsford

White House Covid-19 Response Coordinator Ashish Jha and other Biden administration officials warned Wednesday about a rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

current situation is far less dire than the winter omicron surge, they cautioned the country would be ill-prepared to respond effectively in coming months if Congress does not soon appropriate billions of dollars in COVID aid to purchase a new tranche of antiviral treatments, vaccines and tests.

Walensky said the seven-day average of new infections has climbed to about 94,000 per day, an increase of 26% over the previous week and a threefold increase over the last month. Hospitalizations are also beginning to rise, she said, with admissions increasing about 19% over the previous week, to about 3,000 per day.

Biden officials and experts have said they expect a summer surge in the South as the heat forces people indoors, as happened the two previous summers. Some experts have warned this summer's surge could be worse than last year's because cases are currently higher than they were in May 2021.

They have also warned of a possible fall and winter wave that could result in about 1 million daily coronavirus infections driven by omicron subvariants that have shown a remarkable ability to escape immunity. That wave could be deadly if the administration cannot buy more vaccines, antivirals, tests and high quality masks, officials said.

"We have a pretty high degree of immunity in our population," Jha said. "But we're also seeing at this moment a lot of infections across the country. . . . What is primarily driving that is these incredibly contagious subvariants. . . . with more immune escape."

Adding to that challenge: immunity fostered by vaccines and previous omicron infections wanes within a couple of months, meaning people can become reinfected in a short time span.

Moderna and Pfizer are working on new booster shots that combine versions of the coronavirus to protect

against the omicron family of variants. But it remains unclear whether those shots will be more effective than existing vaccines. Even so, officials said the administration will struggle to purchase enough doses of the new vaccines without money from Congress.

"I'm confident we'll find money to be able to get some Americans vaccinated. Maybe just [those at] the highest risk," Jha said. "But these are not decisions we want to be having to make. . . . I think we would see a lot of unnecessary loss of life if that were to happen."

The administration requested \$22.5 billion in COVID aid several months ago, a deal that collapsed over differences about how to pay for it. In early April, the Senate hammered out a bipartisan \$10 billion deal, but backlash over the Biden administration's decision to relax pandemic restrictions at the border imperiled passage of the compromise. Its prospects remain unclear.

The rise in cases comes as most mitigation measures, including mask mandates and limits on capacity at venues such as bars and restaurants, have been lifted. CDC guidance advises implementing mask requirements when hospitalizations rise, and many counties now meet that threshold.

The Washington Post's Dan Keating contributed to this report.

Yasmeeen Abutaleb joined The Washington Post in 2019 as a national reporter covering health policy, with a focus on the Department of Health and Human Services, health policy in Capitol Hill and health care in politics. She previously covered health care for Reuters, with a focus on the Affordable Care Act, federal health programs and drug pricing.

Stock futures point to a rebound after a bruising week

Taylor Telford

The Washington Post

Stock futures pointed to a higher open Friday, putting the major U.S. indexes on track for some recovery but not enough to make up for the sweeping losses they endured this week in the face of soaring inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average was poised to pop 260 points, or 0.8 percent at the open but remained on track for its ninth straight losing week. The S&P 500 pointed to a 1 percent jump but remains at risk of tipping into a bear market, defined as coming down at least 20 percent from a recent peak. It is currently down more than 18 percent for the year. Nasdaq futures climbed 1.5 percent, but the tech-heavy index is deep into its own bear market.

Global markets got a boost Friday from news that China had unexpectedly slashed a key interest rate as the country grapples with the fallout from strict pandemic restrictions, but fears of a growing global slowdown are still hanging over trading according to Russ Mould, investment director at AJ Bell.

"Investors are worried that corporate earnings will come under pressure, businesses will invest less money and consumers will cut back on their

spending," Mould said Friday in commentary. "Markets price in what they think will happen and increasingly investors fear recession."

2022 has been a relentless storm of volatility for investors, from the war in Ukraine and supply chain meltdown, to the highest inflation in decades and the pandemic's endless complications. Cboe's VIX, dubbed Wall Street's "fear gauge" is up 66 percent for the year according to MarketWatch.

Gas prices hit a fresh record high Friday, with the U.S. average surpassing \$4.59 a gallon, according to data tracked by AAA. Surging fuel prices represent just one of the inflationary pressure points for consumers and businesses; this time last year, the average for a gallon of gas was just \$3.04.

Soaring energy prices present one of the biggest challenges for Group of Seven finance ministers at their upcoming meetings, as well as potentially deepening sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine. Europeans have discussed new measures to cut into Russia's oil and gas revenue - the United States has already banned energy imports from Russia - but any such move could push prices up even further.

JPMorgan said this week that the market is pricing in a 70 percent chance of near-term recession, suggesting investors lack confidence the Fed can contain inflation without triggering a downturn. Fed Chair Jerome Powell himself recently said the central bank should have moved faster to raise rates and has left the door open for more aggressive action.

The Fed has raised its benchmark interest rate twice this year, including by half a percentage point on May 4, and is expected to do so five more times this year to ease inflationary pressures. Fed officials have been attempting to pace increases so as not to smother economic growth, a difficult balance to strike. If the economy cools too quickly, it could fall into a recession, generally defined as two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth.

Asian markets closed higher across the board, led by Hong

Kong's Hang Seng Index, which surged nearly 3 percent. The Shanghai Composite index gained 1.6 percent and Japan's Nikkei 225 advanced nearly 1.3 percent.

European indexes followed suit, with Britain's FTSE100 and Germany's DAX climbing nearly 2 percent in midday trading. The benchmark Stoxx 600 index added 1.7 percent.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Most events and meetings are cancelled or have been moved online due to the virus outbreak. Please call ahead to confirm.

Saturday, May 21

- Germantown History Department 9 a.m.-noon 1767 Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown 518-537-6687
- Stuyvesant Rail Station Restoration Committee 9 a.m. Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant 518-758-6248

Sunday, May 22

- Germantown Town Board special meeting in executive session 4 p.m. Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown and via Zoom See link at germantownny.org

Monday, May 23

- Canaan Recreation Committee 7 p.m. Upstairs Town Hall, 1647 Route 5, Canaan 518-781-3144
- Claverack Town Board Workshop 7 p.m. Town Office Building, 91 Church St., Mellenville 518-672-7911
- Columbia County Environmental Management Council (EMC) 6:30-8 p.m. via Google Public Link: https://youtu.be/jRKMZr_b_A
- Columbia Economic Development Corporation 1 p.m. One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301, Hudson Check website for details
- Copake Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Gallatin Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 667 County Route 7, Gallatin
- Ghent Commercial Zoning Review Committee 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, 2306 Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644
- Kinderhook Village Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882
- Philmont Village Board Workshop 7 p.m. Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7032
- Rhinebeck Town Board 6:45 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
- Stuyvesant Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant 518-758-6248
- Tivoli Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Historic Watts dePeyster Hall, 1 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli 845-757-2021

Tuesday, May 24

- Chatham Central School District Board of Education 6:30 p.m. High School Library, Chatham 518-392-2400
- Greenport Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 600 Town Hall Drive, Hudson 518-828-4656
- Hudson Development Corporation 1 North Front St., Hudson
- Rhinebeck Planning Board 6:45 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
- Stuyvesant Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant 518-758-6248 (as necessary)

Wednesday, May 25

- Claverack Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Court Building, Route 217, Mellenville 518-672-7911
- Clermont Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Clermont 518-537-6868
- Columbia County Board of Supervisors Public Works Committee 6 p.m. 401 State St., Hudson. 518-828-1527
- Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Kinderhook Town Historical Committee 7 p.m. Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie
- Philmont Village Board Workshop 7 p.m. Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7032
- Pine Plains Zoning Commission 5:15 p.m. Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains 518-398-7155
- Red Hook Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m. District Office Conference Room, Mill Road Elementary School, 9 Mill Road, Red Hook 845-758-2241
- Red Hook Town Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4606
- Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638

Thursday, May 26

- Chatham Village Board 7 p.m. Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Chatham St., Chatham 518-392-5821
- Chatham Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 488 Route 295, Chatham 518-392-3262
- Copake Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Germantown Planning Board 7 p.m. via Zoom All meeting and Zoom access information can be found on the Town website at <https://germantownny.org/calendar-events/>
- Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency noon One North Front St., Hudson
- Kinderhook Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, Valatie
- Kinderhook Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-758-9882

Two charged in Philmont Reservoir altercation

By Bill Williams
Columbia-Greene Media

PHILMONT — Two Columbia County women are facing charges from an incident that occurred on Saturday afternoon in Philmont, said Aaron Hicks, public information officer for state police Troop K.

Brittany Skelley, 32, of Philmont, and an unidentified woman, 18, also of Philmont, were charged with misdemeanor offenses, Hicks said.

The 18-year-old was not identified due to her age.

On Saturday, at about 5:59 p.m., state police responded to an area near the Philmont Reservoir on Lake View Drive. Several youths were involved in a verbal altercation at that location. Skelley, a mother of one of the children involved, arrived at the scene and threatened to hurt a child, and menaced that child with a



BILL WILLIAMS/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

Two Philmont women face charges, following an incident on Saturday at the Philmont Reservoir.

knife, Hicks said. There were no reported injuries, Hicks said. On Sunday there was a similar altercation, in which the 18-year-old shot another child

with a BB gun. The BB gun pellet did not break the skin of the child that was struck, Hicks said. The Sunday incident was related to the original altercation



FILE PHOTO

The Philmont Reservoir, where an incident on Saturday has led to the arrest of two women.

on Saturday, Hicks said. Skelley was arrested Tuesday and charged with second-degree menacing, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, all class A misdemeanors, Hicks said.

The 18-year-old was arrested Wednesday and charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, a class A misdemeanor, Hicks said. Both women were issued appearance tickets for Village of Philmont Court.

FASNY offers lifesaving barbecue and grilling tips for the warmer months

ALBANY — As New Yorkers look towards nicer weather and Memorial Day weekend, many will be firing up their grills for the first time in months. The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) recommends that all New Yorkers follow some basic rules and tips to avoid accidents and injuries. We also urge everyone to never hesitate to call for help when needed.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an average of 19,700 patients per year (2014–2018) went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half of the injuries were thermal burns, including burns from both fire and contact with hot objects. Grills alone were involved in an average of 8,900 home fires per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires.

“We want all New Yorkers to enjoy the warm weather outdoors, but we also want them to be safe. Keep an eye on your grill, your kids, and stay aware of your surroundings,” said FASNY President John P. Farrell, “We are here to help — no matter how big or small an incident seems. Don’t hesitate to call your local fire department because a few minutes can make a big difference.”

Children under age five accounted for an average of 2,000 or 39%, of the contact-type burns per year. These burns typically occurred when someone bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill parts or hot coals. It is also extremely important to keep your grill away from your house, flammable objects and in a location with low foot traffic to limit the risk of contact with the grill’s hot surfaces.

You can keep everyone safe by following the important tips below.

Tips from the NFPA and FASNY:

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

Never leave your grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

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OUR VIEW

\$800 worth saving a life

To anyone who has waited what seems to be an unconscionably long time for an ambulance, minutes or even seconds can be matters of life and death.

Sadly but somehow unsurprisingly, Greene County finds itself in the throes of a shortage of emergency medical technicians. The Greene County Legislature took a bold step Wednesday when it unanimously approved funding of a new initiative that will pay the \$800 training fee for any candidate willing to take the EMT course and serve at least 18 months. Lawmakers authorized the

training of up to 10 students at a cost of \$8,000, paid to the Greene County Emergency Medical Services Council in Cairo. The EMS Council will conduct the training.

By taking this step, county lawmakers hope to address a serious shortage of personnel that communities across Greene County have experienced in their EMT units. All squads are short of EMTs to some degree. Once, there were between 15 and 25 students per class. Today, that enrollment has been reduced by 50% or more. The state recently withdrew its

reimbursement to municipalities for the cost of the EMT course, so it is an \$800 expense for a student who wants to take the class. Lawmakers believe that, for \$800 per student, the county could get another EMT onboard, or five or 10 more. This can benefit all the people of the county.

We are not making a direct link between number of EMTs and response time, but we think an additional EMT or two can cut down on the time it takes to assemble a crew. It will save time, save the call to a squad in another town to respond and save a life.

ANOTHER VIEW

Jan. 6 panel just dropped a big hint. They'd better have the goods.

Little by little, the House select committee examining the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection attempt is moving toward a more sweeping account of those fateful events that indicts not just Donald Trump but large swaths of the GOP as well.

At the core of this expanding focus lie several questions: How deep into the GOP did the insurrection attempt really reach? How much Republican culpability can the committee really establish? And how far will Republicans go to cover up Trump's corrupt and possibly criminal conduct?

On Thursday afternoon, the committee dropped another big hint about its investigative direction. It called on a House Republican to divulge what he knows about tours that Republicans might have led before Jan. 6, supposedly giving people who stormed the Capitol an advance look at their target.

In a letter to Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga., the committee's co-chairs, Reps. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., and Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., indicate they want to talk to him.

"Based on our review of evidence in the Select Committee's possession, we believe you have information regarding a tour you led through parts of the Capitol complex on January 5, 2021," their letter says.

The key there is the committee's claim it has "evidence" that such a tour actually did happen. That's a pretty big assertion.

In the past, Republicans have angrily denied any role in giving participants in the insurrection tours of the Capitol complex before the storming. Those denials have been unequivocal.

The allegation that such tours did occur was first raised a week after the attack by Rep. Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J. She suggested vaguely that she had personally witnessed "members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol" on Jan. 5.

Sherrill described this as "reconnaissance for the next day, those members of Congress that incited this violent crowd." In a subsequent letter, Sherrill and many other Democrats amplified the charge, claiming to have witnessed GOP-led "tours" of "outside groups in the complex" who "appeared to be associated" with the subsequent Jan. 6 rally.

That's some pretty loaded language, suggesting GOP lawmakers essentially helped violent insurrectionists case the joint.

That prompted sharp denials from Republican members. In response, Republicans on the House Administrative Committee said, staff was tasked with reviewing

security footage in the two days before Jan. 6. According to a GOP aide, there was nothing to the Democrats' allegation:

"There were no tours, no large groups, no one with MAGA hats on."

Yet now the letter from the Jan. 6 committee flatly states: "The Select Committee's review of evidence directly contradicts that denial." It's an extraordinary allegation from the committee - one you'd hope it wouldn't make without an airtight reason to.

The letter is silent on a key question, though: whether the committee has evidence Republican lawmakers knew they were giving tours to people who would go on to attack the Capitol and try to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power.

Regardless, all this again suggests that the committee appears to be going big in its efforts to establish that the insurrectionist plot reached far beyond Trump and his inner circle and into the Republican Party.

The committee has suggested it has evidence that House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., knows more about Trump's state of mind on Jan. 6 than McCarthy has let on. It has suggested that other Republican lawmakers were neck-deep in the scheming to corrupt state officials. It has suggested they worked to corrupt the Justice Department in service of Trump's coup attempt. And it has suggested they might have tried to seek presidential pardons in advance.

There is already a good deal of evidence that some GOP members do know more than they've told us; their likely refusal to testify constitutes a coverup on Trump's behalf. Yet many public signs coming out of the committee hint that it has established that this story, including the involvement of GOP lawmakers in the plot, is much bigger than we know.

It would be a fiasco, not just politically for Democrats but also for the country's efforts to reckon with the insurrection attempt, if those intimations turned out to be more lurid than the truth. If committee members are going to drop hints like these, one hopes they have the goods.

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From the Miami mayor's office to the White House? Why not?

MIAMI -- The mayor of the nation's most progressing and least progressive large city says "a confluence of macro factors" explains both attributes. Abundant sunshine here and equally abundant misgovernance in other U.S. municipalities help Miami. The most important factor, however, is that so many residents of this haven for immigrants have been, Mayor Francis Suarez says, "traumatized by our origin story." Note the "our."

Miami has always been a magnet for people from elsewhere, from northern states, then Cuba, followed by Colombia, Venezuela, Nicaragua and other places where socialism and other permutations of abusive, prosperity-preventing government are not abstract theories but vivid memories. In a city where most were born elsewhere, Suarez, 44, is the first mayor who was born here. He is the son of Miami's first Cuban American mayor: Xavier Suarez, the ninth of 14 children in a family once put under house arrest by Fidel Castro, arrived in the United States at age 12 in 1961 speaking little English. He is the author of six books, and the recipient of Villanova and Harvard degrees. The Suarez family, like this city, believes in what Abraham Lincoln called "the right to rise."

National Democrats' demography-is-destiny theory reflects the mentality of a party soggy with the tribalism of identity politics: The "browning of America" will supposedly guarantee Democrats' dominance. This theory is being slain by Florida facts: In 2016, Donald Trump carried Florida by 110,000 votes; in 2020, by nearly 400,000. Until recently, the largest swing state in presidential politics, Florida might be following Ohio in removing itself from the list of such states.

"We live," Francis Suarez says, "in an experiential

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world." The Miami experience, which is expected to attract more than 300,000 new residents by 2032, includes:

The lowest tax rate since the 1960s, the mayor says, despite a 65% population increase. Two trillion dollars in managed financial assets — equivalent to almost 200% of Florida's gross domestic product, and 8.6% of 2021 U.S. GDP — have moved here recently. Suarez says Congress's cap on the deductibility from federal income taxes of state and local taxes has made Miami 13% less expensive than many non-Florida cities, and Florida's absence of state and local income taxes approximately doubles that advantage. Miami ranks first among U.S. cities in the migration of tech jobs, and first in percentage of tech job growth among cities with at least 10,000 job postings. Because covid-19 popularized remote work, Miami is no longer a net talent exporter: Do your Connecticut job here. Approximately 47,000 residential units will be built in the next 36 months. The homicide rate, down 15% in a year, is the lowest since 1957. Despite an inviting climate, Miami has its lowest homeless rate since 2013.

Miami is the heart of Miami-Dade County, which is two-thirds Hispanic. Hillary Clinton carried it with 64% in 2016 but, in 2020, Joe Biden won only 53% as Trump nearly doubled his 2016 vote total. Today, Latino voters and non-Hispanic White voters

are about equally likely to describe themselves as conservatives. Progressives might try muting their message that this nation was born from racism and remains essentially awful. (See above: Origin story, traumatized by.)

Miami's mayoral elections are nonpartisan, but Suarez, who was reelected last year with 79% of the vote, is a registered Republican, albeit one who did not vote for the party's presidential nominee in 2016 and 2020. He is not coy about his interest in what he calls "the big job." His decision about seeking the Republicans' 2024 presidential nomination will not be contingent on what a 75-year-old, sulking 70 miles north of here, decides to do with his dwindling days.

The ambitions of most of the GOP's presidential aspirants are larger than any executive experiences that might make their ambitions more seemly. Someone needs to banish the Republican miasma of stale anger. As a candidate, Suarez would offer a generational transition with Miami Republicans' traditional agenda of lightly taxed and lightly regulated social dynamism. Republicans here say, "Somos los hijos de Reagan" ("We are the children of Reagan").

Suarez has more pertinent governing experience than a 43-year-old Illinois state legislator had accumulated by 2004, four years before being elected president. The nation has never plucked a president directly from a mayor's office, but considering the disappointing results of traditional candidate selections, why not try something novel? The nation could do worse. It usually does and probably will, but need not.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

'It's better to have a rich soul than to be rich.'

OLGA KORBUS

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How to spot a hazardous tree situation due to wind damage

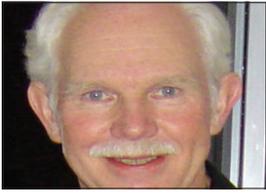
By Bob Beyfuss
For Columbia-Greene Media

It is lilac season in my neighborhood and once more, I am delighted at the sight and scent of these tough, hardy, long lived, deer resistant (usually) and often highly fragrant, shrubs. It is not totally uncommon to come upon an ancient lilac grove in a forested area, making a person wonder why it was planted there. Upon investigation, you may discover the old foundation of a long abandoned, burned down or razed house that has been outlived by its landscaping. Lilacs come in many shades of pink, purple, some maroon and white. There are semi dwarf varieties and they may be grafted. As they get older, they are prone to an insect pest (lilac borer) that may cause them to split. Hence this week's main topic.

As I drove through central New York on my way home and when I finally got here, I was struck by how many trees were blown down and how many branches were littering the roadsides. I guess we need to add "wind damage" to the list of weather related issues that seem to be increasing in the past few years. I hope your property was not damaged by a falling tree, or branches falling during the recent windy weather. In most cases, homeowners are very surprised when a seemingly healthy tree topples over, or breaks apart, but most of the time, trees provide clues that they are in danger long before they actually fall.

Here are some "red flags" that should alert you to a potentially hazardous tree situation, if you have large trees nearby your house. A professional arborist will certainly be able to recognize these, but there are a few things you can look for yourself.

GARDENING TIPS



BOB BEYFUSS

First, recognize that certain tree species are far more prone to issues than others. Black locust is a very hard wooded species, with durable, rot resistant heartwood, but it is also very shallow rooted and sometimes blows over in a storm. These trees grow quite quickly if adequate moisture is present and may appear old and stately well before their time. A general rule is that if a tree grows very quickly, it often dies young. Willows, poplar and cottonwood also grow very quickly and are more likely to fail than slower growing species, like oaks, beech, pines, firs, hickory or sugar maples. Fast growing red and silver maple were widely planted as street trees back in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Today, most of these trees have had to be removed, after 60 years or so, whereas sugar maples often live 100 years or more. Sugar maples are highly salt sensitive though and for that matter, they are not great choices where they will be exposed to road salt.

Blue spruce are one of the most popular trees for landscape purposes, as they are handsome evergreens and one of the very few deer resistant species. Unfortunately, they don't generally thrive for long (40 to 60 years) in our area before they begin to decline. Once they start to decline, they also seem to topple over more so than other species

of spruce, such as Norway or white spruce.

Perhaps the biggest red flag to look for with any species of tree that may threaten your house is a sudden "leaning" in one direction or another. If the ground on one side of a tree appears to be lifted up, above grade, even a few inches, this is a serious concern. This is called a "partial heave." It indicates the roots that should be anchoring the tree have rotted and the tree is pretty likely to topple, sooner than later. Any sort of trenching, or excavation in the root zone of a tree can lead to catastrophe within a few years, even if no damage is apparent at first. Re-doing a septic tank, re-paving a driveway, putting in a sidewalk or drainage ditch, even installing a new deck that requires excavation, are all possible causes of root rot and trees failing. Paving or putting concrete over a tree's root system can also kill it, but never does this happen suddenly.

Trees that split apart usually give clues that will happen, long before it occurs. Vertical branches, especially the central branches (central leader) that grow closely to each other, forming a narrow crotch angle, such as if you hold up your index and middle fingers on one hand, with the fingers touching, and not as a "v." As each branch grows (widens) in diameter, it pushes against the other branch, forcing it further away and this often leads to rot in between the two branches. The rotted area is what fails and causes the tree to split. It would be great if somehow these two vertical branches grafted into each other over time, but that does not happen, generally. More on this next week.

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As the resident 'Serfer Dude,' my life is busy and good

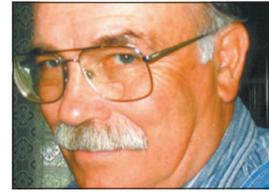
By Dick Brooks
For Columbia-Greene Media

I like the way I start my day. I usually am the first to arise. I put the coffee on and attend to the needs of our furry pack of completely famished felines who beg and badger me until their food bowls are filled. I putter around the kitchen until the coffee is done. I fill the beer stein that serves as my coffee mug and retire to my Fortress of Solitude (my faithful recliner) to watch the mists on the river through the window and have my morning ponder.

A morning ponder should be a requirement performed by all adults, a quiet time to review life and lay out the day's activities. It's kind of like a mental junk drawer, it may not be orderly but you can't live without it. This morning's ponder involved the intricacies of the family feudal system and its evolution. Please note that I said feudal and not feud — feud would mean fighting and that's never pleasant on a family level. Nope, I said feudal and I meant feudal. Bet you thought it was out of date, that it was a system that went out of fashion in the Middle Ages. I think it's alive and well and is found in most functional family structures in some form or another. It brings order and a chain of command that is essential to the family unit as long as all members know where they fit into its ancient structure.

Unlike the old political feudal system, there is almost

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constant shifting and changing in the family system so you must pay attention or you might lose track of your position and status. I have had the most change in status over the years.

Thirty odd years ago, I was a knight in shining armor, riding from quest to quest, unfettered and adventurous. Then I met this beautiful princess, slew a few dragons to impress her and won her hand and a whole bunch of other good parts. We found a lovely castle, in need of interior decoration, with an affordable mortgage and moved right in. My Princess gradually and gracefully evolved into The Queen. Her job as Princess was filled with the coming of a beautiful baby daughter, the present day Princess. The Queen runs our little kingdom, a kind and wise monarch, she is in charge of all things social, financial and of a decorative nature. She has a large group of advisors to help her, most of them can be found on the Home and Garden Channel. She spends more and more time preparing the current

Princess for her future role as Queen. It's good to be Queen.

I, on the other hand, traded my white horse in on a yellow lawn tractor. Fighting dragons was replaced by crabgrass combat and weed whacking. I tried to keep the armor from rusting but not even WD 40 worked, it became a garden ornament for a while, then went cheap at a yard sale. No horse, no armor — I didn't qualify for the title of Knight anymore. I became "The Serfer Dude," he who keeps the castle functioning and looking nice. It's an important role and I try hard to live up to my responsibilities. Basically, if it looks bad, smells bad, needs repairs, is some form of rodent or large hairy insect, or slimy, it falls into my domain. Tending the crops and animals takes up much of my time as does driving the carriage to royal events and functions. My life is busy and good, it's nice to be the Serfer Dude. I do have one small worry though, I have seen signs lately that my status may be changing to the position of "Court Jester." Guess I'll ponder on that tomorrow.

Thought for week — "If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe." — Carl Sagen

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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Grafton Lakes State Park to hold National Trails Day

CROPSYVILLE — Grafton Lakes State Park and the Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park will host a National Trails Day event 8:30 a.m.-noon June 4. The summer has just begun, and the park could use your help. Join us to restore and maintain the trail system. Pre-registration is recommended. Spots are limited. The event is free of charge.

Has the outdoors been a haven for you during the pandemic? Have you had the privilege of enjoying Grafton Lakes State Park's 25 miles of hiking and biking trails? The park invites patrons to help clean up and improve trails on Saturday morning and indulge in the trail activities they enjoy most in the afternoon. There will be a range of

projects good for all abilities. This event is geared specifically towards adults, minimum age of 13.

Please call Grafton Lakes State Park to register: 518-279-1155.

Clean up and trail improvement will take place between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own lunch to enjoy afterwards.

To make this possible, Grafton Lakes State Park is proud to partner with local trails clubs and organizations including Taconic Hiking Club, Grafton Trail Riders, Saratoga Mountain Biking Association, and more!

Grafton Lakes State Park is located off of Route 2, twelve miles east of Troy, New York. Please use the park's main

entrance on Grafton Lakes State Park Way for this event. There is no entrance fee for this event. For more information, please call the park at 518-279-1155.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by 78 million people annually. A recent study found that New York State Parks generates \$5 billion in park and visitor spending, which supports nearly 54,000 jobs. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit parks.ny.gov connect with us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram.

Albany Symphony's 2022 American Music Festival

ALBANY — Music Director David Alan Miller and the musicians of the Albany Symphony announce the 2022 American Music Festival: TrailBlaze NY, a month-long celebration of new music in the Capital Region and Upper Hudson Valley. Join the Symphony for an intensive week of performances featuring the leading and emerging voices of our generation in Troy and Cohoes, and then hit the trail with Miller and the musicians as the orchestra presents free performances in Schuylerville, Kingston, Hudson, Schenectady, Albany and Amsterdam.

"The Albany Symphony and I are excited and proud to present our 2022 American Music Festival: TrailBlaze NY, a celebration of New York State's glorious new Empire State Trail. Taking inspiration from our past celebrations of New York State history, Water Music NY and Sing Out, NY, we wanted to amplify the amazing story of the incredible 750-mile walking and cycling rail trail that now connects all residents of New York State to one another," Miller said. "Each weekend will focus on different communities, with a day of music and celebration followed free Albany Symphony orchestra performance. It's so much more than music—we'll be partnering with communities on all sorts of events, from historic kayak trips, to yoga on the trail, to a sunset chamber music happening at Olana National Historic Site, and percussion pop-up and chamber music performances. It will be an absolutely unforgettable month

of sights, sounds and experiences highlighting our region."

TrailBlaze NY is the Albany Symphony's latest regional tour of free concerts designed to spotlight the beauty, history and diversity of the region. The Empire State Trail, completed in 2020, connects Manhattan north to Canada and Albany west to Buffalo. In that spirit, the Albany Symphony is harnessing its role as pioneers of contemporary music to bring people together in celebration.

TrailBlaze NY is supported in part by New York State through a Market New York grant from I LOVE NY, the state's Division of Tourism, through the Regional Economic Development Council initiative, and the New York State Council on the Arts, with vital additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts and corporate and individual donors from across the region.

The Festival kicks off with a wall-to-wall week of new music in Troy and Cohoes, including performances by the Albany Symphony at the historic Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and the Dogs of Desire, the Symphony's new-art chamber music group, at the historic Cohoes Music Hall. Both groups are led by Maestro Miller.

In addition to the Albany Symphony concert, the Dogs of Desire will present a program of five world premieres inspired by the Empire State Trail. The week also features recitals by Cheng and the quartet Sandbox Percussion, special chamber music performances, and more. (See complete schedule below.)

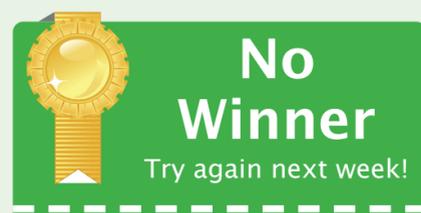
After Troy and Cohoes, the Albany Symphony, David Alan Miller and local musical guests hit the trail to present free outdoor concerts and events in Schuylerville at Hudson Crossing Park, in Hudson at Basilica Hudson with a special wind quintet sunset concert the following day at Olana National Historic Site, in Schenectady at Mohawk Harbor, in Albany at Jennings Landing, and in Amsterdam at Riverlink Park. Each stop features a daytime schedule of health and wellness events on and around the Empire State Trail, hiking and cycling opportunities, free activities for kids, craft food and drink selections by local vendors and more, tailored to celebrate the bountiful offerings of each community.

At 7:30 p.m. at each stop, the Albany Symphony will present a program featuring new music and summertime favorites including music by John Williams and John Philip Sousa, plus a folk-song sing-along. Many of the stops will feature a post-concert fireworks display.

"TrailBlaze NY is a unique opportunity for people from all over the Northeastern US and Canada to discover some of the most extraordinary towns in New York State and the glorious nature that surrounds them," Miller said. "I hope all our friends and supporters will also join us to celebrate New York State in all its wonder and natural beauty, as well as our resilient communities and the things that connect us and bring us together, all the trails we explore, real and imagined."

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Marguerite A. "Cissy" Howes

December 19, 1944 - May 16, 2022

Marguerite A. "Cissy" Howes, 77, of Valatie, NY, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 16, 2022 at her home in Valatie.

Born December 19, 1944 in Albany, NY, she was the daughter of the late Gilbert and Marguerite (Callahan) Ringwood. Cissy was a graduate of Ithaca Crane High School and the Colonna School of Beauty in Albany and was a hairdresser for most of her life. She previously owned Peg's Place in Valatie which was the site of the present Chris's Cafe and for 20 years she was a bus driver with the New Lebanon School District. She was also a member of the Kinderhook Lake Improvement Association.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews; Sue Ann, Steven and Karen Ringwood, Rox Ann Wheaton, Edward, Eugene V. and Jacqueline Ringwood and 18 great and 17 great great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband William R. Howes, and her brothers Gilbert, Edward and Eugene Ringwood and her great nephew Edward V. Ringwood.

A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie. Visitation hours will be from 11:00am - 1:00pm prior to the service. Burial will follow in St. John The Baptist Cemetery, Valatie.



Nancy Plank Conklin

January 13, 2022

Rhinecliff, NY - Nancy Plank Conklin, 81, passed away January 13 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She is survived by her husband, Jack Conklin of Rhinecliff, her son David Straub of Conshohocken, PA, and stepsons, Thomas Conklin of Greensboro, NC, and Todd Conklin of Brandan, FL., four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and her sister, Mary Jane Copp of Brookfield, CT.

Nancy was the daughter of Curtis and Katherine Plank of Catskill, NY, and a graduate of Catskill High School and Albany Business College. She was employed by the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank, was Office Manager for United Way of Dutchess County, and joined IBM Poughkeepsie in 1981. Nancy retired in 1996 as a manager responsible for the maintenance and furnishing of several IBM properties in the Poughkeepsie area.

Nancy was a member of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie and co-founder of the Hyde Park Historical Society Museum. Nancy joined the initial year of Bard College's Lifetime Learning program.

There will be no calling hours.

Memorial Services are Friday, June 10th, 11:00 AM at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home.

Memorial donations in Nancy's memory may be made to a charity of choice.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com



Thomas Henry Curley

September 10, 1938 - May 11, 2022

Thomas Henry Curley, 83, of Hudson, NY, passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, NY.

Born on September 10, 1938, in Troy, NY, he was the son of the late Hugh Augustine and Margaret Elizabeth (Vandercaer) Curley. Thomas married Ada "Betty" Waters on March 8, 1969, in Pleasantville, NY. Betty predeceased him on February 8, 2005.

Tom proudly served in the US Army from 1956-1959. He also served his community in many ways. He was a Chairman for the City Fire Committee, an ACTQU Local 791T Auditor (1984-1989), the President of Hudson Housing Services Corporation (1987-1988), and a member of CSEA Local 050, CSEA-AFSMCE Local 1000, City of Hudson Zoning Board of Appeals, NAACP, the Upper Hudson Valley Labor Council, City of Hudson's Citizen Advisory Board (1985-1987), and the Community Council Committee.

In addition to his service, Tom was a toll collector for the NYS Bridge Authority based at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge in Catskill. In his free time, Tom had a passion for photography. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor by all who knew him.

Tom is survived by his niece and caretaker, Pauline Brunick of Hudson, NY; his great niece, Melissa Brunick of Greenville, NY; his niece, Tina Curley of East Durham, NY; his brother, Peter Curley of Rockwell, CT; his dear friend, Beverly Weckesser of Rhinebeck NY; his devoted cats, Chloe, Grace, Piper and Socs; and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his wife, Tom is predeceased by his brothers, William, Jack, James and Donald Curley.

In lieu of funeral services, and to honor Tom's memory, we ask that all who wish to participate make a donation to the ASPCA, online at <https://www.aspc.org> or the animal shelter of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.



Antoinette M. Stalker

In Memory of Antoinette M. Stalker, 94, of Hudson, A funeral mass service will be held at Holy Trinity (Saint Mary's Church) in Hudson, NY, on Saturday May 28, 2022 at 10am. Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the community hospice.

Bonnie Gene Kroha

May 18, 2022

Bonnie Gene Kroha, 74, of Valatie, NY passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on May 18, 2022 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She approached her final year with strength, heart, and an appreciation of a life well lived. Bonnie was born in Hudson, NY to Susan and Marshall Losee. She received her BS and Masters in Education from SUNY New Paltz where she met her husband of 53 years, John Kroha.

Bonnie was a dedicated and caring elementary school teacher who wholly embraced her career in the Ithaca Crane CSD until her retirement in 2004. She loved working with children and enriched her 3rd graders by having them perform a play for the other classes and their families. She traditionally ended the school year by throwing a pool party at her home for all of her students.

Bonnie was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. She was interested in the lives of others and demonstrated this by asking thoughtful questions and being a great listener to young and old. Bonnie was cheerful and kindhearted and immensely enjoyed all activities with her grandchildren. She loved planting flowers, swimming, jogging, traveling, and hiking. Bonnie's life was filled with a love of family and friends, patience, honesty, compassion, generosity, happiness and selflessness.

Bonnie was predeceased by her parents, Susan and Marshall Losee, and her sisters Marsha and Sandra Losee. She will be remembered and loved always by her husband John C. Kroha, her son John Michael Kroha and his wife Kimberly Kroha, her granddaughter Caroline, her daughter Sarah JK Noel, her grandchildren Ashton and Autumn Noel, her brother John M. Losee, and her nieces and nephews. A private service will be held at a later date with immediate family. Memorial donations in her name may be made to the Community Hospice.org.

Online condolences and messages can be added on the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home website.



Ronald H. Barber

January 8, 1948 - May 20, 2022

Ronald H. Barber, 74, of Castleton, NY, passed away suddenly on Friday, May 20, 2022 at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born January 8, 1948 in Hudson, NY, he was the son of the late Harris P. and Doris C. (Fraleigh) Barber.

He is survived by his wife Patricia A. (Stockman) Barber and a very large family.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. For those who wish, contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 159 County Route 26A, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie NY.

James A. Vining Sr.

May 18, 2022

James A. Vining Sr, 97, passed peacefully on 05/18/22 at the Fireman's Home in Hudson, NY.

A life-time resident of Hudson, he was pre-deceased by his adoptive mother, Madeline Vining, his wife of 60 years, Victoria (Iaccino) Vining, and son James A. Vining Jr.

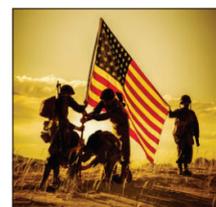
James attended Hudson schools and served his country in WWII as a fighter, gunner, and pilot for the U.S. Navy. After working as an insurance salesman for a short time, he was employed by Pitcher Accessories. He later purchased Central Auto Parts with partner Robert F. Cole. In 1975 they purchased Pitcher Accessories renaming it Pitcher-Central Auto Parts Inc. In 1984 he and two sons opened Catskill Auto Parts Inc. in Catskill, NY, and later a branch store in Hudson. He spent his retired years traveling, camping, bowling, and fishing.

He is survived by two sons, Edward (Donna) Vining of Albany and Robert (Kathy) Vining of Florida, grandchildren James Vining III (Rose), Teena (Thomas) Graf, Anthony (Melanie) Vining, Kelly (Brian) Mack, Kimberly (Scott) Harden, Joseph Vining, Christine (Anthony) Rogers, 13 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous great-great-grandchildren, and his partner Eleanor Chaikowski.

The family would like to give special thanks to all the staff at the Fireman's Home for their excellent care.

The family also requests that any and all donations be made to the Fireman's Home, Hudson, NY, in lieu of flowers.

There will be a memorial at The Bates and Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home on Green Street in Hudson, Monday, June 20 from 4 to 6 PM for anyone wishing to attend.



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Record heat surges toward East Coast

By Matthew Cappucci

The Washington Post

A major heat wave that blasted Texas with historically high May temperatures is swelling toward the Ohio Valley and East Coast, where highs are set to catapult above peak summer levels through Sunday.

The abnormally hot weather — arriving more than a month before the summer solstice — is an ominous signal of the effects of human-caused climate change, which is increasing the intensity, frequency and duration of heat waves and expanding summerlike conditions deeper into both spring and fall.

By Saturday, temperatures are predicted to surge into the 90s for millions along the heavily populated Interstate 95 corridor from Richmond to Boston. The scorching temperatures — some 20 degrees above normal — combined with moderately high humidity will increase the risk of heat-related illness.

When the heat peaks on Saturday, scores of daily record highs are predicted; a few locations in the Northeast could register their highest temperature ever observed during May and their hottest weather recorded so early in the calendar year. Some locations in the interior Northeast could see temperatures higher than they typically see through an entire summer.

Heat advisories are in effect for much of the Acela Corridor in the Northeast, including Philadelphia, Newark, parts of the New York City metro, Hartford, Conn., Providence, R.I., and Boston, where heat indexes — reflecting how hot it feels factoring in the air temperature and humidity — could range between 100 and 105 degrees. It's the first heat advisory issued during the month of May by the National Weather Service in New York dating back to at least 2006; the same is true for the Boston office.

The hot weather is

coinciding with a busy weekend for outdoor activities, including many college commencements and the 147th running of the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, where record highs in the mid-to-upper 90s are expected.

The first instance of excessive heat is often the most dangerous, as people are not yet acclimated to high temperatures. Outdoor workers, older adults, young children and people without access to air conditioning are most vulnerable to heat-related illness.

"The abrupt beginning of hot temperatures early in the season after a relatively cool spring brings an increased risk of heat illnesses unless proper precautions are taken," the National Weather Service serving Washington and Baltimore wrote in a special statement. "Reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Plan to wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing, and seek shade from the sun. Schedule frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments."

A staggering 125 million Americans are slated to experience temperatures topping 90 degrees in the next several days. Already the heat has gathered across the southern United States, the product of sinking air, high pressure and a "zonal" west-to-east jet stream that's allowed toasty temperatures to build northward.

Parts of Central Texas made it above 105 degrees on Thursday, and mid- to upper 90s were ubiquitous across the South. Dallas is having its hottest May on record so far, and Abilene has seen a record number of 100-degree days during the month. San Antonio has notched more 100-degree days this May than it did in the entirety of last summer.

Now the air flow ahead of a strip of low pressure approaching from the Midwest and Ohio Valley will allow the skyrocketing temperatures to surge up the East Coast, with

90s from the Gulf Coast of Florida to northern Vermont and the Canadian border.

The heat will reach a climax on Saturday before being shunted to the immediate Interstate 95 corridor ahead of a cold front on Sunday. By Monday, highs some 15 to 20 degrees cooler — more commensurate with seasonal norms — will return.

In Boston, a 91-degree high is forecast for Saturday and 94 degrees on Sunday. But just a few miles inland in the Merrimack Valley, highs might climb into the upper 90s. It's not out of the question that, with westerly winds and downsloping air, one or two locations may nick 100 degrees. Downsloping is the process by which air descending from a high elevation to a low one compresses and warms, drying out and heating up further.

That'll likely net a record in Boston for Sunday, where the current number to beat is 93 degrees, set in 1959.

Hartford is expected to hit 97 or 98 degrees on Saturday and 96 on Sunday. That will smash daily records if realized and threaten an all-time monthly record of 99, last set in 2010. The average high for mid to late May is 73 degrees.

Average high temperatures during the month of May in Hartford have warmed 1.5 degrees since 1950, and 90-degree days are nearly twice as common, boosted by human-caused climate change.

Worcester, Mass., is slated to shatter its monthly record two days in a row. Since bookkeeping began in 1892, the city hasn't jumped above 94 during the month of May. It is forecast to hit 97 on Saturday and 97 on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the New York City metro area will see highs climb into the upper 90s just west of the city on Saturday and Sunday. Central Park might hover around 91 degrees, falling shy of the 93 and 96 records for Saturday and Sunday, respectively, that have stood since 1996.

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

ELIZAVILLE — The Elizaville Methodist Church, 740 County Route 2, Elizaville, will be holding an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Supper 4-7 p.m. May 21. This supper is being hosted by alumni of the Elizaville Sunday School. Adults, \$10 adults; children 3-8, \$5.

BAKE AND RUMMAGE SALE

COXSACKIE — The First Reformed Church of Coxsackie, 285 Mansion St., Coxsackie, bake sale and rummage sale will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 21.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

CAIRO — Resurrection Lutheran Church, 186 Main St. Cairo, will be hosting a GriefShare support group beginning June 14. GriefShare is a Christian-based weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. It's a place to be around people who understand what you are feeling. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information about recovering from your grief and renewing your hope for the future. This is video and conversation based group and is facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Victor Nelson. The group meets 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays beginning June 14. Register online at WWW.RLC.LIFE/GRIEFSHARE or call the church at 518-622-3286. There is no cost and the program is open to all with loss.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CELEBRATION

ALBANY — Charismatic Renewal Celebration 2022, Pentecost, celebrated June 5 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany, Rev. Martin Fisher, presiding. Prayer and praise with music by Joyful Heart at 4:30

p.m. Mass at 5 p.m. followed by healing prayer. This is the 46th year of celebration.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

ATHENS — The First Reformed Church, 18 North Church St., Athens, will serve a Frese's Chicken Barbecue noon-1 p.m. June 5, take out only. The cost is \$15. Tickets need to be purchased by May 28 and they may be purchased from any Church member or by calling 518-945-1801 to leave a message.

ROAST PORK DINNER

COEYMANS HOLLOW — Trinity United Methodist Church, 1313 Route 143, Coeymans Hollow, will serve a roast pork dinner 4-6 p.m. June 8, take out only. The menu includes roast pork, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, applesauce, roll and pie. Adults, \$14; children, \$5.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

STUYVESANT FALLS — Emanuel Lutheran Church is located at the junction of US Route 9 and County Route 46 in Stuyvesant Falls. Church services are at 8:30 a.m. Sunday and all are welcome and invited.

ST. MARK'S SECOND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HUDSON — St. Mark's Second Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8 Storm Ave., Hudson, worships 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month with Pastor Stan Webster. Child care is offered during the service and Sunday school after the service ends. For information, call the Church office at 518-828-9514.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

STUYVESANT — St. John's Lutheran Church, 159 Route 26A, Stuyvesant, has in-person and live online worship services at 10:15 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School is at 9 a.m. for children 3 and older. Face masks are optional if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do so. Social

distancing is still in effect. The live broadcasts are on www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Lutheran.

TRI COUNTY LUTHERAN PARISH

VALATIE — The following is the worship schedule for the Tri County Lutheran Parish. Visit TCLParish.org website for weekly Zoom worship schedule and link.

Columbia County: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 506 County Road 46, Stuyvesant Falls, worships at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Christ Our Emmanuel, 19 Park Row, Chatham, 9:30 a.m. Sunday. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St., Valatie, worships at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with Sunday School also at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Emanuel/St. John's Lutheran Church, 20 South Sixth St., Hudson, worships at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Greene County: Zion Lutheran Church, 102 North Washington St., Athens, worships at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Rensselaer County: Trinity Lutheran Church, 68 Green Ave., Castleton, worships at 9 a.m. Sunday. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 751 County Route 7, East Schodack, worships at 11 a.m. Sunday.

LUTHERAN PARISH OF SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY

GERMANTOWN — Lutheran Parish of Southern Columbia County has updated its worship schedule. In-person worship has resumed by prayerful discernment of the Church Councils. St. John's in Manorton, Elizaville, 9 a.m. June and August; Christ Church in Viewmont, Germantown, 9 a.m. May and July; St. Thomas in Churchtown at 11 a.m. Communion celebrated on first Sundays and Holy Days.

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

HUDSON — Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union St., Hudson, worships at 9 a.m. Sundays in person and online. Masks are optional. Live broadcast on Facebook.com/ChristChurchEpiscopalHudson.

son, or christchurchepiscopalHUDSON.org. Midweek Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the church, join us for a quiet and uplifting service with anointing and prayers. Office hours and Emergency Food Shelf 9 a.m.-noon weekdays. For information, call 518-828-1329 or email christchurch1802@gmail.com.

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

KINDERHOOK — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 8 Sylvester St., Kinderhook, Holy Communion in person at 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays. Face masks and distancing required regardless of vaccination status. For information and news, www.saintpaulskinderhook.org/ or follow us on Facebook. Subscribe to our newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/cG4YSv>; 518-758-6271 or saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com. Office open 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and by appointment.

KINDERHOOK REFORMED CHURCH

KINDERHOOK — The Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad St., Kinderhook, will have in person and live online Sunday worship include Sunday 8:45 a.m. prayer group 1; 9:30 a.m. worship and youth Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. coffee hour; and 11 a.m. prayer group 2. Weekly Bible studies available. Live broadcast on <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCTUNikeMHshkf-mqhM-NxCw> or www.facebook.com/KinderhookReformedChurch. For information, call 518-758-6401 or kinderhookreformed-church.com.

CLAVERACK REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH

CLAVERACK — The Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Route 9H, Claverack, worships at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the sanctuary. For information, call 518-851-3811.

GHENT REFORMED CHURCH

WEST GHENT — The Ghent Reformed Church, 1039

County Route 22, West Ghent, worships at 9 a.m. Sundays. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. Sunday for pre-school to middle school aged children. In accordance with the New York state mandate, masks will be required. Cleaning is as diligent as always. Coffee time follows worship.

REFORMED CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN/MT. PLEASANT REFORMED CHURCH

GERMANTOWN — The congregations of the Reformed Church of Germantown, 20 Church Ave., Germantown and the Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, 33 Church Road, Hudson. The Germantown congregation meets at 9 a.m. and the service at Mt. Pleasant begins at 10:30 a.m. A weekly Bible Study on the book of Revelation meets at the Germantown Church Office at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH

RED HOOK — St. John's Reformed Church, 126 Old Post Road North, Red Hook, worships at 10 a.m. Sundays in person and via Zoom. Worship services can be viewed after the service on YouTube.com at "St. John's in Red Hook." Social distancing and hand sanitizing encouraged. Masks are not required. Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome. Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. For more information, call the Church Office at 845-758-1184, email office@stjohnsreformed.org, check out St. John's website www.stjohnsreformed.org or follow us on Facebook.

GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

RHINEBECK — Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck, worships at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Sunday School for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. Women's bible study and Grace Bible

Institute meets at 7 p.m. Mondays. Mid-week prayer meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For information, call 845-876-6923 or cdcfirone@aol.com.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF ATHENS

ATHENS — First Reformed Church of Athens, 18 North Church St., Athens, worships at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Senior Choir rehearsal is at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. We ask that you be vaccinated if you would like to join us. Hudson River Bells will resume rehearsals in the Fall. For information, call the church at 518-945-1801.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF COXSACKIE

COXSACKIE — The First Reformed Church of Coxsackie, 285 Mansion St., Coxsackie, worships at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Sunday School is available during the worship service time. Free Food Fridays provide a meal for anyone at 6 p.m. on the third Friday of each month; www.firstreformecoxsackie.com.

LIVING FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

MAPLECREST — Living Faith Community Church, 54 Route 56, Maplecrest, welcomes locals and visitors to worship together at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Adult Bible Study meets before service at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship meal follows service on the second Sunday of each month. For information, call 518-734-4275.

SOUP KITCHEN OPEN

CATSKILL — The Camp Grace Inc. Soup Kitchen, located at the First Reformed Church of Catskill, 310 Main St., Catskill, is open noon-1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For information, call Director Lamont Taylor at 518-249-7009.



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KINDERHOOK SCOUTS WORK ON CLEANING ELECTRIC RAIL TRAIL ON APRIL 23



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Kinderhook Boy Scout Troop 113 has been working hard on their philanthropic duties. On April 23 the Scouts participated in the Electric Rail Trail clean-up in Valatie.

Woodward Bridge to close for replacement beginning first week of June

GALLATIN — Be advised that as a part of the Columbia County Department of Public Works ongoing and perennial efforts to replace and/or rehabilitate its population of aging, structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete public bridge structures, construction of the replacement of Woodward Bridge, carrying Columbia County Route 7 over a tributary to the Roeliff Jansen Kill, is scheduled to begin the first week of June. Posting of the detour will take place and the bridge

is expected to close on or about June 13 and construction should be complete in early September 2022. Woodward Bridge is located in the Town of Gallatin, approximately a quarter mile east of the intersection of County Route 7 and Elsohn Road. This nearly 70 year-old County bridge has had a problematic reduced load posting of 15 tons for several years. It suffers from numerous steadily deteriorating structural deficiencies, thus is in

need of complete replacement. In order to replace this structure, it will need to close the bridge and County Route 7 at the bridge approaches, with all County Route 7 traffic being re-routed temporarily on an off-site detour. The posted off-site detour will traverse County Route 7, New York State Route 82 and Elsohn Road, and will be utilized for the estimated 4-5 month duration of this bridge replacement project.

75th annual Memorial Day community service and parade in Philmont

PHILMONT — Minkler-Seery American Legion Post 252 of Philmont announced that the 75th Annual Memorial Day community service and parade will be held on Memorial Day May 30. This year marks the 103rd Anniversary of the Minkler-Seery American Legion Post in Philmont. A special project was taken on by American Legion in Philmont, which was the Home Town Hero Banner program. Legionnaire and Chairman Montie Jennings had this project in the works for a year but COVID held it back. He presented the program to the American Legion and the program moved forward. Chairman Jennings starting contacting local families that had members in the military that had served or still serving in the military in the Philmont/Mellenville area. Once the word got out through letters that were sent and social media, orders for the local Home Town Hero's started coming. As of this Memorial Day, 70 banners were sponsored by families, friends of the American Legion and local business. Chairman Jennings contacted the Village of Philmont DPW Supervisor Siter

and, along with the Town of Claverack DPW Supervisor LaMont, The Village of Philmont and the Town of Claverack highway personnel helped put up the banners that line Main Street, Maple Avenue, Summit Street, Church Street and in Mellenville. Many families requested that their military family member be placed by the homes where they once lived or where they are still living. The Guy Minkler and John Seery banners are placed by the Memorial Park on Main Street that the post was named after. Veterans that were killed in the line of duty banners are also on poles close to the park. The American Legion is welcoming the village residence and visitors to the village to walk the main street and read all the banners names and our rich history. Minkler-Seery Post 252 will honor those veterans that gave their lives for us with a service at each cemetery and at the Village Memorial Ball Field Park, beginning at 6 p.m. May 27 at the ball field on Main Street. The 75 Annual Memorial Day parade and service will be held on May 30. Parade will line up at 8:30 a.m. on

Maple Avenue and step off at 9 a.m. Parade will travel down Main Street to the Memorial Park where the service will be held. Guest speaker will be LTC (retired) Stephen May. He has 32 years of combined service, four years active enlisted service in the USMC from 1966 to 1970 and 28 years Commissioned service New York Army National Guard. He is a 24 year member of the American Legion in Philmont. The parade will include Minkler-Seery Post 252 members, the Village of Claverack and the Village of Philmont Officials, Taconic Hills Band Drum line, Girl Scouts and other youth groups and the Town of Claverack Fire Companies. The American Legion Post will have decorated about 960 graves by May 27 with the help of the local Girl Scouts. Occasionally, grave sites are missed because a grave maker is no longer there. If a community member notices that the grave of their loved one has not been decorated they are invited to call Chairman Jeff French. We the American Legion of Philmont would like to ask everyone to display their American Flag to express gratitude to our veterans.


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MAY 21

VALATIE — The Tri-Village branch of Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a Tag & Bake Sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 21 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Route 9, Valatie. All proceeds directly benefit patients at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

OLD CHATHAM — A screening of 'All of Us' will be held at 7 p.m. May 21 in the Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, Old Chatham, across from Pitt Hall Road and Powell House. We will not be having a potluck. SYNOPSIS What if, away from tensions around questions of identity and the fear of others, we had found other realities? What if we had stories to tell of audacious citizens who, with a strong desire for people of different beliefs to live together in harmony, have found ways of reinventing family, education, social relations, culture, and work, and have done so despite existing difficulties and frictions? What if, thanks to these stories, gathered from around the world, we can begin to see the emergence of what could be the multi-identity and yet harmonious world of tomorrow? And what if we all took part in it? Admission is free and open to the public. A moderated discussion will follow. There will be refreshments. For information, call 518-610-3735. For directions, www.oldchathamquakers.org.

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale 9 a.m.-noon May 21 at the American Legion Hall, North Main Street, Pine Plains. You can purchase flowers, vegetables, and herbs grown by members. Proceeds benefit the Pine Plains Garden Club scholarship. Additional information or questions may be sent to pineplainsgardenclub@gmail.com.

VALATIE — The Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church St., Valatie will have its annual Plant and Bake Sale 9 a.m.-noon May 21. Many plants including annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs, ground covers and houseplants will be available. If you have any plants to donate, contact Judy Bury at 518-758-6384.

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library's Teen and Youth Job Fair will be held noon-2 p.m. May 21 at the library, 9091 Route 22, Copake. Interview with area businesses who are hiring this summer — from camps and state parks to restaurants, retail and more. Meet employers from places like the Hillsdale IGA/Supermarket, Four Brothers Pizza and Inn, Columbia Greene Workforce NY, An American Craftsman, CO-ARC and more. The event will move indoors if it rains. There will be light refreshments. Bring your resume. For information, call 518-325-4101.

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hosted by alumni of the Elizaville Sunday School. Adults, \$10 adults; children 3-8, \$5.

ALBANY — Capital District Genealogical Society meets at 1 p.m. May 21 via Zoom. Registration is free and will open to the public May 16. See www.CapitalDistrictGenealogicalSociety.org under meetings and events. There is a 100 person limit. Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate by Bonnie J. Lewis is a great opportunity to explore your options on saving the special pieces of a senior's life and what to do with the other 'not-so-cherished' possessions. We encourage our older family members to put their estate in order (power of attorney, a health care proxy, a will or trust) but what is the missing link? The family history and family artifacts. It can take just two generations for memories of an ancestor to disappear from the memories of our descendants. What happens to the family memories, artifacts, stories, and photographs is really up to you. This program from the University of Minnesota Extension provides people with practical information about the inheritance and transfer of non-titled personal property (such as a treasured pie plate, a favorite workshop tool or fishing rod). It assists families communicate, make decisions, and lessen the conflicts when transferring personal property.

MAY 22

STOCKPORT — The Hudson American Legion, 107 County Route 25, Hudson (Stockport) will hold an antiques and flea market 8 a.m.-2 p.m. May 22. Set up begins at 7 a.m. Vendors \$40; veterans are \$35 with ID. Free public admission. Indoor rest rooms. For cancellations, postponements, more information, catch us on Facebook. Call/text or email Rick Howland, 518-423-8747 or Rhowlandjr@aol.com

MAY 24

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, is hosting the Columbia-Greene Workforce NY 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 24. Columbia-Greene Workforce and One Stop Career Center has resources to help connect people looking for work with employers looking to hire. These resources include workshops for resume writing, how to use social media, interview preparation, transferable skills, goal setting, and completing job applications. They also have financial assistance for training programs in in-demand occupations such as health care, hospitality, truck driving, and trade jobs (carpentry, automotive repair). Stop by the Library and speak with representatives of Columbia-Greene Workforce and learn more. For information about the Roeliff Jansen Community Library, call 518-325-4101.

MAY 25

OLD CHATHAM — Wayne Finegar, the new director of Quaker House in Fayetteville, will speak about it 7-8 p.m. May 25 at the Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, Old Chatham. Questions and refreshments will follow.

MAY 29

MILAN — The Town of Milan in honoring all of those who served our great nation. The Memorial Day Parade will

be held at noon May 29 at the Milan Town Hall, Route 199, Milan. Contact supervisor@milan-ny.gov for additional information.

JUNE 1

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., will hold Guided Garden Tours 11 a.m.-noon June 1 through Aug. 31. Tour the Garden led by our Volunteer Guides who provide an overview of the 24-acre Garden, its history and mission. Free with admission, tours leave from the Visitor Center at 11 a.m. daily. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

JUNE 2

COPAKE — Do you have stories to write? Are you writing a memoir, or have you been thinking about writing one? Would you like to pass your stories to a wider audience or to your friends and family? Join the Roe Jan Memoir Group every month and share your story in a supportive, creative atmosphere and get inspired to keep writing. Whether you have reams of pages already written or have just an inkling of an idea, this is the place to stretch your storytelling muscles, together. The group will meet 5-7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month beginning June 2 at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake. For information on hours and events, call 518-325-4101.

JUNE 3

HUDSON — Friends of the Hudson Area Library are again hosting a Book & Bake Sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 3 and 4 and 1-3 p.m. June 5 in the Community Room of the Hudson Area Library, 51 North Fifth St., Hudson. New and gently used books, as well as CDs and DVDs, will be available. Hardcover are \$2, 6 for \$10; paperbacks \$1, 6 for \$5. Back by popular demand, there will also be selection of delectable baked goods and chocolate bars from Vasilow's Confectionary available for purchase.

JUNE 4

CHATHAM — The Friends of the Chatham Public Library present a talk with writer and historian Hugh Howard about his new book, Architects of an American Landscape at 2 p.m. June 4 at the Chatham Middle School, 50 Woodbridge Ave., Chatham. Howard is the author of numerous books on architecture and design. This event will be held in person. Advance registration is requested but not required at bit.ly/CPL_060422. This program is presented as part of the Friends of the Chatham Public Library's ongoing Author and Artist Series. Books will be for sale at the event in partnership with the Chatham Bookstore. For more information about this lecture series and other library programs, visit chathampubliclibrary.org.

JUNE 5

COPAKE — Author Nancy F. Castaldo will speak about water conservation and waterways at 4 p.m. June 5 at the West Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Route 82, Taghkanic. Castaldo, author of When the World Runs Dry, the Earth's Water in Crisis, will share her knowledge of water scarcity, water protection and what we can do to help. Several members of the Taghkanic

Headwaters Conservation Plan Committee, facilitated by the Columbia Land Conservancy, will discuss conservation plans for the Taghkanic watershed, which includes parts of Hillsdale, Copake, Taghkanic and Claverack. These large forests, streams, wildlife habitats, highways, farms and towns are in the midst of a wildlife corridor that connects the Appalachian Mountains to New England. The conservation of this area and the plan's recommendation for protection will be explained in this brief presentation. Copies of Castaldo's book will be for sale. This presentation is presented through a partnership with the Claverack Free Library, Columbia Land Conservancy, Taghkanic CAC, Climate Smart Claverack and The Spotty Dog Books and Ale.

JUNE 8

HYDE PARK — The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents "MARY CHURCHILL'S WAR: A Conversation with Emma Soames and Erik Larson" at 2 p.m. June 8. Churchill granddaughter Emma Soames, editor of MARY CHURCHILL'S WAR: THE WARTIME DIARIES OF CHURCHILL'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, will speak with bestselling author Erik Larson about her mother's wartime diaries and will be available for a book signing following the program. Copies of the book may be purchased in the New Deal Store. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home (local health metrics permitting) and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event, but registration is required for in-person attendance. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

JUNE 11

KINDERHOOK — The 22nd Kinderhook OK5K, sponsored by Community Bank, will be held June 11 in the village of Kinderhook. Start time is 9 a.m. Online registration, day-of-race registration, free kids' one mile fun run, reading ramble, awards and community spirit. Chip certified 5K race, chip timed-walkers welcome. For information, contact kinderhookok5krace@gmail.com. To learn more, go to www.ok5krace.com.

NORTH CHATHAM — Derek Gelato will lead a workshop on strength training noon-1 p.m. June 11 at his gym, Thrive Strength and Wellness, 3339 Route 9H, Valatie. He wants people of all ages to be strong, but he especially wants "older" folks to regain muscle strength lost over the course of aging. He knows getting stronger will mean better function and mobility when tackling the daily tasks of living: lifting, carrying, climbing stairs, reaching, and moving about. He will lead a workshop on strength training for the North Chatham Free Library. To register for the free event, email registerNorthChathamLibrary@gmail.com or stop by the North Chatham Free Library to sign up. Reserve your space by 5 p.m. June 9.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents Symbiosis - ART/GARDEN Gallery and Outdoor Sculpture 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 11 through Oct. 28.

The curator, renowned art collector Beth Rudin deWoody, brings her exceptional art prowess to BBG for an amazing season. Outdoors, she has curated a sculpture collection created by prominent artists, displayed throughout BBG's gardens. Indoors, visitors are treated to a rotation of three consecutive exhibitions in the Leonhardt Galleries, interpreting our seasonal theme. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents the online program Gardening for Baby Boomers: 10 Ways to Garden Smarter as We Get Older 10-11:30 a.m. June 11. Even dedicated gardeners wonder how long they can maintain the perennial borders, foundation plots and vegetable gardens they created over the years. We can reshape our garden design, types of plants we use, the process itself and our attitudes too. Non-members, \$18; members, \$12. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

JUNE 16

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents Shades of Summer in Natural Wines 6-7 p.m. June 16. This wine workshop will explore refreshing wines in not-so-typical styles from not-so-typical grape varieties. We will also reveal our favorite summertime wines, along with some extra special bottles for those special evenings. Bring a curious (and thirsty) palate and explore the world of wine with us. Non-members, \$49; members, \$39. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

JUNE 18

HUDSON — The FASNY of Firefighting will be hosting Big Truck Day at the Museum 10:30 a.m.-noon June 18 at the Museum, 117 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson. Admission is free for the in-person event and reservations are not required. Learn all about big trucks and even sit in the truck cabs. Firetrucks, a garbage truck, a street cleaner, a school bus and many more vehicles will be visiting the Museum for the day, so come check out all the BIG truck action. When you complete your BIG truck tour, try your hand at the BIG truck prize punch game. All activities are free and will be outdoors (rain or shine). Free admission to the Museum will also be offered to all who attend this special event. For information, visit www.fasny-firemuseum.com or call 518-822-1875.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents Terrariums with the Plant Connector 10 a.m.-noon June 18. This communal workshop teaches you the basics of terrarium-making as you create your own miniature, symbiotic world inside glass. We'll provide all the fixin's including 8" glass vessels, potting soil, moss, and plants to bring your world to life. We'll also teach

you the proper care of your terrarium and tricks to keep it thriving. Non-members, \$65; members, \$55. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

JUNE 20

SPENCERTOWN — Spencertown Academy Arts Center, in collaboration with Chatham Bookstore, presents Alexis Portillo and Jana Laiz in an event celebrating their new book, "Thirty-Five Days To Baltimore/35 Días de Camino a Baltimore" at 7 p.m. June 20 at the Academy, 790 Route 203, Spencertown. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.spencertownacademy.org and will be available at the door pending availability.

JUNE 21

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents the online program Herbs for Lyme Disease 5-6 p.m. June 21. Herbalist and wellness coach Hannah Jacobson-Hardy will share a botanical approach to the prevention and treatment of Lyme disease, using herbal remedies made from local plants. Wellness protocols with specific herbs will be discussed, along with recipes and information on sourcing remedies. Students will receive a coupon code for free shipping at the Sweet Birch Herbs Online Shop during the class. Non-members, \$15; members, \$10. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents Golden Hour in the Garden: Horticulture Walks with the Director of Horticulture Eric Ruquist 5:30-7 p.m. June 21 and July 19. Each month join BBG head of Horticulture Eric Ruquist for a golden hour tour of the garden. Each tour will feature a different seasonal topic, highlighting areas of specific interest in the garden. Topics will vary depending on the season, they may include native plants, trees, and shrubs, interesting annuals, favorite perennials. With more than 30 years of experience, Eric will offer horticultural knowledge and design insights in real-time. Join us for this unique opportunity to get an intimate look at the garden during one of the most beautiful times of the day. Non-members, \$20; members, \$15. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

JUNE 23

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass., presents Fireflies in the Meadow 8-9:30 p.m. June 23. Explore the magic of fireflies with Mass Audubon. Learn about fireflies and how best to view or gently catch and release these mystical glowing lights of summer. We'll take an evening walk in the meadows for firefly viewing while keeping our eyes open for the stars, planets, and twilight birds and mammals. Non-members, \$19; members, \$15. For information, visit <http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>; call 413-298-3926; or email info@berkshirebotanical.org.

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CLASS OF '65 MEETS TO PLAN REUNION



LANCE WHEELER PHOTO

They listened to AM radio, talked about their medications, shared pictures and held their reunion meeting on the grounds of the former Hudson High School. St. Mary's and Hudson High School 1965 graduates finalized plans for the Aug. 20 reunion symbolically seated inside a vintage '60s Mustang for good luck. "Yesterday, Once More" is scheduled for Aug. 20 at Kozel's Restaurant in West Ghent. If you have questions or answers, contact John Pollack on his home phone 518-828-7527 or Bart Delaney at 518-965-1093. Pictured from the left are John Cody, Cathy Gallo, Lucille Canape Whelan, Edith Dinehart and John Pollack.

Annual Master Gardener Program Great Plant Swap and Sale

KINGSTON — The Annual Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's (CCEUC) Master Gardener "Great Plant Swap & Sale" will be held June 4 at the Forsyth Park Pavilion, 157 Lucas Ave., Kingston. Plants to swap are dropped off Saturday morning between 9 and 10 a.m. Swappers will receive vouchers for the value of the plants they drop off, and then return at 11 a.m. to swap vouchers for plants. At 11:30 a.m. the swap will open to the public for the plant sale. No early birds.

To make this event a wonderful and rewarding experience for all, please review the following rules and information. Master

Gardeners will refuse any plants not meeting the following criteria:

Bring only healthy, well-cared for plants. No wilted or just dug plants will be accepted.

Examine plants for pests and water regularly; feed them if necessary.

Plants must be in containers, with sufficient soil - no boxes or bags.

No plants on the NYS Invasive list will be accepted. The list is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/265.html>

Plants must be labeled with plant name and flower color.

No more than 12 plants of any one variety will be accepted.

Seedlings under 3" will be grouped and valued together.

If you wouldn't buy it in the store, don't bring it to the Plant Swap.

For more information please call Courtney Churchill at 845-340-3990 ext. 335 or email cmc534@cornell.edu, or visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/mgplantswap>.

Master Gardener volunteers will also be answering gardening questions and have lots of gardening information available.

For information about Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's community programs and events, go to ulster.cce.cornell.edu/.

Arts Center of the Capital Region releases two calls for art

TROY — The Arts Center of the Capital Region announced two Calls for Entries, Artificial Eye: The 41st Annual Photo Regional and Capture: A City Wide Photography Exhibition.

Call for Entries: Artificial Eye: 44th Annual Photo Regional. The Arts Center of the Capital Region is inviting photographers to submit work for Artificial Eye, the 44th Annual Photo Regional. Impressions of life in built, urban environments present a challenge in photography, as the shooter's own gaze often creates a heavy influence on resulting imagery. Street photography, by nature and definition, is often most successful when executed in real-time, unplanned, fleeting scenarios. The capture of specific moments, personalities and textures in urban environments creates the basis for the questions that street photography poses and the mystery that it creates. Artists are requested to submit imagery produced through new, present or continuous relationships with Street Photography.

Artificial Eye is a juried exhibition. This year we invite Lena

Petersen to join as our guest juror. Petersen is currently co-director of Carrie Haddad Gallery in Hudson, NY, where she represents a vast array of artists from the Hudson Valley. She curates and installs seven group shows per year and works one on one with art consultants, designers, and collectors to place artists' work in prominent and private collections. She has also gathered curatorial and gallery experience at the Richard and Dolly Maass Gallery at SUNY Purchase, The Williams Center Gallery at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, and Gagolian Gallery. Submissions will be juried by The Arts Center's Curator in collaboration with juror Lena Petersen.

The submission fee for The Arts Center of the Capital Region (ACCR) members is \$30, and \$40 for non-ACCR members. Visit artscenterofthecapitalregion.submittable.com to submit. The submissions deadline has been extended to June 1.

Artificial Eye will be presented June 24 through Aug. 20 in the Main Gallery. A reception will be held on 6-8 p.m.

June 24 during Troy Night Out. Capture: A City Wide Photography Exhibition

Smartphones are equipped with cameras that allow users to capture and create activities including but not limited to self reflection, social interaction, and community. The Arts Center invites visitors to come to Troy and take a snapshot of themselves with their smartphone in public art locations around Troy.

The Arts Center will print the images that are captured weekly and place them on our Gallery walls in an exhibition called "Capture". Participants are encouraged to title their works and share their images with the Arts Center or tag us on Instagram @capregionartscenter or Facebook @TheArtsCenteroftheCapitalRegion with the hashtag #CaptureTroy. If social media is not an option, images can be emailed to info@artscenteronline.org. All are welcome.

Capture will be presented June 24 through Aug. 20 in the Arts Center's Wallace Gallery. A community reception will be held 6-8 p.m. on July 29 during Troy Night Out.

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Depot

From A1

The Galvan Foundation is a nonprofit that refurbishes, in part, historic buildings for commercial use, and is dedicated to increasing the affordable housing stock in Hudson while simultaneously increasing the general economic prosperity of Columbia County.

Kent said Friday that all three buildings, owned by the Galvan Foundation, are vacant. The residents at 75 N. 7th St. were relocated to another Galvan property. They declined comment for this story, because they are still moving boxes.

In the special meeting Friday, Jorge Chang, the architect for 75 N. 7th St. and principal at Urban Architectural Initiatives, a New York City-based architecture firm, said The Depot District would have energy recovery ventilators, triple-glazed

windows and solar panels for on-site energy, making it a sustainable project. The main focus for constructing The Depot District is on the housing it would create in a city in dire need of more affordable options.

"We appreciate the thoughtful input provided by the Historic Preservation Commission as we work to create mixed income housing that is both environmentally sustainable and compatible with Hudson's historic fabric," Kent said Friday.

According to the Hudson Anti-Displacement Housing Report prepared by Hudson Housing Justice Director Michelle Tullo and Sara Black, administrative coordinator for the Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency, intense housing competition persists in Hudson and there is limited housing for low- to mid-income level families.

The Depot District, according to the Galvan Foundation, would provide low-

moderate- and middle-income housing at the 75 N. 7th St. location and 20% of the 708 State St. location would be considered moderate-income housing. The rest would be middle income, which is essentially market rate housing.

Moderate housing is 80% of the area median income, which according to the U.S. Census Bureau was \$39,292 for 2020. Middle-income housing is from 80% to 130% of the area median income.

Median housing sale prices rose 40% in Columbia County in the last three years, from \$233,800 in November 2018 to \$390,500 in November 2021, according to the Hudson Anti-Displacement Housing Report. While prices rose dramatically during the first year of the pandemic, the rising price trend has not stopped: Columbia County saw a 13.2% increase in median home prices from November of 2020 to November of 2021.

This is, in part, why the Galvan



PHOTO FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A concept design rendering of the building on North 7th St.

Foundation wants the commission to give the project the official green light. If they do not get the go-ahead from the commission regarding the houses that exist on the proposed project site, The Depot District would have to shrink from 75 units to

38. According to Kent, at that size, the project would not be financially feasible.

Kent added Friday that the area is one of the only parts of the city that is zoned to allow for apartment buildings. That is why the Galvan Foundation

selected this location and saying that they are unable to build the project elsewhere.

The Commission's next meeting is June 10 where it is expected, and anticipated by Kent, that a vote on the certificate of appropriateness will be made.

Project

From A1

April. The bid was substantially higher than the firm's estimated bid from about a year ago due to price increases and supply shortages.

A. Colarusso & Son also submitted the only construction bid on the intersection project, located at Routes 9 and 23B, which resulted in it being the lowest bid.

The intersection has been a dangerous problem for citizens of Hudson and Greenport for many years. It is the hope of the

Common Council that construction will begin as soon as possible.

In 2020, Stewart's Shops, the gas and convenience store owners located at the intersection, donated \$200,000 to the city to begin improvement work, specifically for renovating crosswalks, sidewalks and adding new traffic lights.

In response to the donation, the city provided a \$16,870 contract to the Albany-based engineering firm Creighton Manning to design an improved and safer intersection.

The subsequent improvement design was completed by the company in April of 2021 and found that the project would

cost about \$241,000, well over the donated funds available.

Since then, the costs to complete the project have gone up due to supply chain issues, shortages and an increase in the cost of construction.

The estimation for the project's cost in February was \$339,565, over \$139,000 more than original amount of \$200,000. In May, however, the total project cost is estimated at \$419,410, more than double the original amount.

Four items in Colarusso's line item costs exceeded the engineer's estimate by 25% or more. Conduit excavation and backfill are estimated to be more expensive due to the presence of

underground utilities, and the requirement of more expensive backfill materials and operations.

Basic work zone traffic control, a traffic sign pole and a video vehicle presence detector system are priced at a higher cost than originally anticipated.

The intersection is heavily traveled by trucks, according to a truck route traffic study completed in August by Clifton Park-based MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.. The intersection also receives heavy pedestrian traffic to the Stewart's Shops, located on the corner of Route 9 and Route 23B.

Man sentenced to 24 years for setting Big Sur wildfire that killed 12 endangered condors

Nathan Solis

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A man who was convicted of setting a wildfire in Big Sur that burned 125,000 acres, seriously injured a firefighter and killed 12 endangered California condors was sentenced this week to 24 years in state prison.

Ivan Gomez, 31, who was sentenced Wednesday, was found guilty last month of setting the 2020 Dolan fire, cultivating marijuana in the Los Padres National Forest and 12 counts of animal cruelty tied to the condor deaths, according to the Monterey County district attorney's office.

The fire destroyed a number of homes and injured several firefighters, including one seriously, authorities said. A dozen condors perished in the fire and their nesting grounds were burned.

California State Parks and Recreation officers first spotted flames on Aug. 18, 2020, in the forest known as the "top of the world," according to the DA's office. Around the same time, officers received reports of a man throwing rocks at vehicles on Highway 1 and the Lime Creek Bridge.

The man, later identified as

Gomez, was carrying multiple lighters when confronted by officers and admitted to starting the fire at an illegal marijuana field nearby.

Gomez also told officers he had killed five men, though no evidence of any homicides was found, authorities said.

The U.S. Forest Service's Wildland Fire Investigation Team determined that the fire originated at the marijuana field identified by Gomez, prosecutors said. Multiple lighters matching the ones Gomez was carrying were found near the fire's origin, according to evidence presented during the criminal trial.

Gomez admitted numerous times to starting the fire during a three-hour interview with detectives from the Monterey County Sheriff's Department, prosecutors said.

The fire was finally contained on Dec. 31, 2020. The cost of fighting the fire was estimated at \$63 million, according to the DA's office.

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Booster

From A1

Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series, the CDC announced Thursday. During the pandemic over 4.8 million children aged 5 to 11 have been diagnosed with COVID-19, according to the CDC's announcement, and 15,000 have been hospitalized and more than 180 have died.

"Today, I endorsed ACIP's (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) vote to expand eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine booster doses," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky said in a statement Thursday. "Children 5 through 11 should receive a booster dose at least five months after their primary series. Vaccination with

a primary series among this age group has lagged behind other age groups leaving them vulnerable to serious illness."

The safety of a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in the 5 to 11 age group was assessed in about 400 children who received a booster dose at least five months (range five to nine months) after receiving their two-dose primary series, according to the FDA's announcement.

The most commonly reported side effects are pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, as well as fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain and chills and fever.

"Vaccination continues to be the most effective way to prevent COVID-19 and its severe consequences, and it is safe," FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert M.

Califf said in a statement. "If your child is eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and has not yet received their primary series, getting them vaccinated can help protect them from the potentially severe consequences that can occur, such as hospitalization and death."

The booster dose for the 5 to 11 age group is a smaller dose of the same vaccination given to adults, which is similar to the primary vaccination series given to children that age, Mabb said. He said he believes the children-size dosage is about one-third of the adult dosage.

Adults who are 50 or older and received a first booster shot at least four months ago or people 12 or older and are moderately or severely immunocompromised, and received a first booster shot at least four months

ago are eligible for a second booster shot.

New York State will issue guidance on the booster for 5 to 11 year olds in the near future, Gov. Kathy Hochul said Thursday.

"Parents and guardians across New York can rest assured knowing their children will be able to safely access a tool that protects against serious illness from COVID-19," Hochul said. "As we head into summer vacation, there is no better time to get our children boosted and protected against COVID-19 for the fall school year. Boosters are doctor-recommended, widely available, free and safe, and we need as many eligible New Yorkers to take advantage of this life-saving tool. When we protect ourselves, we protect our families and our neighbors."

Cracks in U.S. economy start to show as recession warnings mount

Rich Miller

Bloomberg

The late Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Samuelson once quipped that Wall Street had predicted nine out of the last five recessions. This time, the stock market may be right.

The U.S. economy is starting to show signs of strain under the weight of decades-high inflation and climbing interest rates — raising the risk of a downturn.

Investors are taking note, with equities nosediving this week as earnings gloom at retailers like Walmart and Target fueled the growing fears. And the trend could spell trouble for President Joe Biden, whose Democrats must defend thin congressional majorities in November's midterm vote.

Squeezed by higher prices for gasoline and food, American households are taking on record amounts of debt to help make ends meet. Socked by higher mortgage rates, homebuilders are turning gloomier about the outlook. Small firms are also struggling with rising business costs and difficulties in hiring or retaining workers.

"I don't think you can have a completely benign soft landing of the economy at this point," where inflation comes down but unemployment doesn't go up, said Ethan Harris, head of global economics research at Bank of America. "We're either going to have a weak economy or a recession."

Wall Street economists are

cutting their growth forecasts in response to a tightening of financial conditions engineered by an inflation-fighting Federal Reserve. The last six months have seen a drop in equity prices, higher interest rates, and a stronger dollar.

Most economists are betting that the economy has enough momentum — and pent-up demand for automobiles, housing and travel, thanks to savings built up in the pandemic — to carry it through the end of this year without stumbling. It's next year and beyond where they see the greater danger. And even then, the consensus is for a slowdown rather than a slump.

In a May 18 note, JPMorgan Chase chief U.S. economist Michael Feroli said he now sees growth easing from 2.4% in the second half of this year to 1% in the latter half of 2023 as the Fed's hikes cool off demand, like they're intended to. Goldman Sachs economists led by Jan Hatzius also downgraded their outlook in the past week. On Friday, Bank of America Corp. economists cut their forecasts too, predicting the economy will only be growing at a 0.4% pace at the end of next year.

But a growing number of analysts are warning that something worse could be in store.

"We put the odds that the economy will suffer a downturn beginning in the next 12 months at one in three with uncomfortable near-even odds of a recession in the next 24 months,"



Bloomberg photo by Al Drago

Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve, speaks during a news conference following a Federal Open Market Committee meeting in Washington on May 4, 2022.

Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi said in a May 16 note.

A lot depends on what happens with inflation and the Fed. If inflation stays well above the central bank's 2% target -- it's more than 3 times higher now -- policymakers may feel compelled to respond forcefully to bring it down, tipping the economy into recession.

The Fed raised interest rates by 50 basis points earlier this month and Chair Jerome Powell has signaled it's on track to

make similar-sized moves at its meetings in June and July.

The Fed chief acknowledged for the first time on May 17 that the central bank's pivot to tighter policy might result in higher joblessness, though he argued that wouldn't necessarily deliver a hammer blow. "You can still have quite a strong labor market if unemployment were to move up a few ticks," Powell told a Wall Street Journal event.

Powell also admitted that the central bank's ability to pull off what he called a "soft or softish"

landing of the economy may depend on events outside its control. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is pushing up food and energy prices and casting a pall over global growth. China's strict Covid Zero policy is hobbling the world's second-largest economy and further snarling supply chains.

History is not on the Fed's side. After examining 15 Fed tightening cycles since 1950, Bloomberg Economics' chief U.S. economist Anna Wong concluded that "the central bank will be hard-pressed to avoid a downturn and may need to embark on a steeper rate hike cycle than markets currently expect."

The housing market is on the front line of the Fed's drive to slow growth by raising the cost of credit. Since the end of last year, mortgage rates have risen by more than two percentage points, the fastest run-up in roughly four decades.

"Housing leads the business cycle and housing is slowing," said National Association of Home Builders Chairman Jerry Konter, after the industry group reported that confidence among its members slumped for a fifth straight month in May, to the lowest since early in the pandemic.

Doug Duncan, chief economist at Fannie Mae, said he expects the economy to fall into a modest recession in the second half of next year as Fed rate-increases bite. He sees

unemployment rising to 4.4% in 2023 — from a current rate of 3.6%, which is close to a 50-year low.

National Federation of Independent Business chief economist William Dunkelberg also sees a recession coming. A majority of small-business owners surveyed by the NFIB in April expect conditions for their firms to worsen over the next six months, the most downbeat outlook in 48 years. About one-third said inflation was their biggest headache, the most since 1980.

Inflation is top of mind for households as well — and a key reason why consumer sentiment, as measured by the University of Michigan, has slumped to the lowest since 2011. In the latest survey of household finances by the Census Bureau, more than one-third of respondents reported difficulties in paying their bills — close to the worst readings at the height of the pandemic in 2020.

Beset by rising prices, Americans are increasingly relying on credit to keep on buying, according to Goldman's Hatzius — who reckons that can't last.

Consumer borrowing "supports spending in the short term but ultimately is not going to be a sustainable source of big increases in spending," he told Bloomberg Television on May 17. "So it builds in a slowdown, sort of down the road."

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GETTING NASTY

Saban, Fisher spar as NIL drama overtakes SEC



Head coaches Nick Saban of the Alabama Crimson Tide and Jimbo Fisher of the Texas A&M Aggies meet before their game at Kyle Field on Oct. 9 in College Station, Texas. Getty Images

Des Bieler and Scott Allen
The Washington Post

A public spat between two of college football's most prominent coaches, Alabama's Nick Saban and Texas A&M's Jimbo Fisher, prompted the SEC to issue their public reprimands Thursday for failing to meet "established expectations for conduct and sportsmanship."

The episode highlighted a new dynamic in college football brought on by recent rule changes that have benefited players -- and irked more than a few coaches. In addition to giving athletes last year a one-time opportunity to transfer and play right away, leading to much more movement, the NCAA relaxed its restrictions on players' ability to profit off their name, image and likeness.

The NIL issue was at the center of Saban's blunt appraisal Wednesday of Fisher's ability to lure a top-rated recruiting class this year. While the NCAA's guidelines prohibit schools from using money to lure recruits, Saban said pay-to-play rules are unenforceable, and he insinuated that schools such as Texas A&M are taking advantage.

"We were second in recruiting last year. A&M was first," the Alabama coach, who has used an annual influx of elite prospects to rack up six national championships with the Crimson Tide, said at an event involving Birmingham business leaders. "A&M bought every player on their team, made a deal for name, image and likeness, all right? We didn't buy one player, all right? But I don't know if we're going to be able to sustain that in the future, because more and more people are doing it. So it's tough."

Fisher alerted media members Thursday morning of his intention to address the

accusation that his Aggies "bought" their recruiting class.

"It's a shame that we have to do this. It's really despicable," Fisher, who worked on Saban's staff at LSU from 2000 to 2004, said during a fiery news conference in College Station.

"It's despicable that somebody can say things about somebody and, more importantly, 17-year-old kids," the 56-year-old coach continued. "You're taking shots at 17-year-old kids and their families, that they broke state laws, that they're all money, that we bought every player on this group. We never bought anybody. No rules were broken. Nothing was done wrong. . . . It's despicable that a reputable head coach could come out and say this when he doesn't get his way or things don't go his way."

Later Thursday, Saban expressed regret for his comments, saying on SiriusXM Radio (via ESPN), "I should have never singled anybody out, and I apologize for that part of it."

The SEC cited league bylaws in issuing its reprimands.

"A hallmark of the SEC is intense competition within an environment of collaboration," Commissioner Greg Sankey said in a statement. "Public criticism of any kind does not resolve issues and creates a distraction from seeking solutions for the issues facing college athletics today."

In his Wednesday remarks, Saban noted that 25 members of last year's Alabama team combined to earn \$3 million via NIL benefits "by doing it the right way."

"Name, image and likeness, to me, is a great concept for players," Saban said. "Players have always been allowed to work. This is just a different opportunity for them to make money by working and using their own name,

image and likeness, whether it's signing autographs, whether it's doing commercials or ads for some company or whatever. So there's nothing wrong with that. . . . The issue and the problem with name, image and likeness is coaches trying to create an advantage for themselves."

Fisher repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

"We do things right. We're always going to do things right," he said Thursday. ". . . I hate it for our players who are coming here, who did things the right way, have done things the right way and will continue to do things the right way."

Fisher became the first of Saban's former assistants to defeat him when the Aggies upset the Crimson Tide, 41-38, in October. He said Saban called him after Wednesday's comments were first reported by AL.com, but he didn't answer and didn't plan to go forward.

"We're done," he said.

Texas A&M's athletic director subsequently likened Saban to "an emperor who loses their dynasty" and suggested the 70-year-old coach was anxious about possibly losing his long-standing perch atop the sport.

"I don't know why Nick Saban would say what he said except he's threatened," the Aggies' Ross Bjork told Sports Illustrated.

"This is personal. Coach Fisher views this as a personal attack on his integrity and on Texas A&M's integrity," Bjork added. ". . . Everyone knows NIL is here to stay. We've embraced it. We have all the tools and technology. We are educating our athletes and boosters. There is all kinds of awareness here. The part that is frustrating is to say NIL is the only reason

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TRACK & FIELD

Maple Hill boys, C-A girls win Patroon titles

Tim Martin
 Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — The Maple Hill boys and Cossackie-Athens girls were crowned champions at the Patroon Conference Track and Field championships at Hudson High School.

Maple Hill finished with 161 points to finish comfortably ahead of second place Chatham, which had 115 points. Taconic Hills was third with 93 points.

The C-A girls finished with 170 points, well ahead of second-place Maple Hill, which had 101. Rensselaer took third with 77 points.

Taconic Hills' Neil Howard III and Maple Hill's Ben Marra were the big winners in the boys competition. Howard III won the 110-meter hurdles (:15.37), the 400-meter hurdles (:55.31), the long jump (23-06.25) and the pole vault (13-0). Marra took first in the 800-meter run (2:04.74), the 1,600-meter run 4:47.17), the 3,200-meter run (10:29.16) and the 3,000-meter steeplechase (10:24.16).

In the girls competition, Cossackie-Athens' Alyssa Soto won the triple jump (32-02.5), the 400-meter hurdles (1:13.69) and was a member of the winning 4x400-meter relay team.

Maple Hill's Angelina Pusateri won the 3,000-meter run (11:27.65), the 2,000-meter steeplechase (8:12.70) and was a member of the winning 800-meter relay team.

Taconic Hills' Izzabell Bosko was a double winner, taking first in the 400-meter dash (1:02.71) and the 800-meter run (2:35.63).

Results

GIRLS

Cossackie-Athens 170, Maple Hill 101, Rensselaer 77, Taconic Hills 50, Hudson 47, Chatham 45, Cairo-Durham 43, Greenville 36, Albany Leadership Charter 14, Watervliet 4, Catskill 1

100m: Kimora Wiggins (ALC) :13.37, Alana Burden (R) :13.41, Emma DeLeon (CA) :13.46; 200m: Emma DeLeon (CA) :27.65, Torri Carr (H) :28.53, Ella Mulholland (G) :28.68; 400m: Izzabell Bosko (TH) 1:02.71, Marissa Fiacco (R) 1:04.58, Ella Uhlar (Chat) 1:04.81; 800m: Izzabell Bosko (TH) 2:35.63, Hanna Crown (CA) 2:36.80, Rachel Frazier (MH) 2:42.99; 1,500m: Rachel Frazier (MH) 5:28.48, Claire Hubert (CA) 5:32.71, Bryn Fitzmaurice (G) 5:32.94; 3,000m: Angelina Pusateri (MH) 11:27.65, Claire Hubert (CA) 12:07.41, Rachel Frazier (MH) 12:29.59; 100m hurdles: April Jacobs (MH) :17.63, Alyssa Soto (CA) :17.70, Amelia Scheriff (Chat) :18.40; 400m hurdles: Alyssa Soto (CA) 1:13.69, Ava Hubert (CA) 1:14.71, April Jacobs (MH) 1:14.73; 2,000m Steeplechase: Angelina Pusateri (MH) 8:12.70, Ellie McCarthy (CA) 8:48.00, Ava Noel (MH) 8:59.20; 4x100m relay: Rensselaer Slingerland, Fiacco, Fleurimond, Burden) :52.50, Greenville (Slater Mulholland, O'Hare, Kosich) :53.13, Cossackie-Athens (DeLeon, Strom-Warren, Wolbert, Chimento) :53.30; 4x400m relay: Cossackie-Athens (Bartels, Soto, Crown, A. Hubert) 4:31.87, Rensselaer (Fiacco, Moo, Dunlavey, Burden) 4:36.29, Maple Hill (Deso, Fletcher, Noel, Thomas) 4:36.40; 4x800m relay: Maple Hill (Deso, Frazier, Pisateri, Noel) 11:04.19; Cossackie-Athens (Bartels, Crown, E. Hubert, A. Hubert) 11:10.78, Greenville (Fitzmaurice, Aloisi, Crawley, Smith) 11:38.46; High jump: Maeve Squier (CA) 4-09, Olivia Mann (H) 4-03, Amelia Scheriff (Chat) 4-03; Pole vault: Ainsley Rausch (CA) 7-00, Sarah Inzerillo (CA) 7-00, Anna Inzerillo (CA) 7-00; Long jump: Kendall Hayes (Chat) 15-08, Marissa Fiacco (R) 15-07.50, Olivia Mann (H) 15-02; Triple jump: Alyssa Soto (CA) 32-02.50, Mahalia Ingram (TH) 31-06, Haley Olson (TH) 31-00.50; Shot put: Tessa Goldstein (H) 31-01, Korinee Hawley (CD) 29-08.75, Alyana Fletcher (MH) 28-06.75; Discus: Alana Burden (R) 114-08, Korinee Hawley (CD) 89-02, Mackenzie Wolbert (CA) 87-09; Pentathlon: Mikayla Khadijah (CD) 2291, Isabelle Jepson (H) 1630, Natalie Hinrichsen (CA) 1605.

See PATROON B4

Mets' Scherzer diagnosed with oblique strain, will miss six to eight weeks

Matthew Roberson
 New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Max Scherzer's official injury diagnosis is in.

The Mets' pitcher will miss six to eight weeks with a "moderate to high grade" internal oblique strain, according to the team.

Something was definitely wrong when Scherzer, perhaps the most intense competitor of his generation, took himself out of the game on Wednesday night. In the middle of a sixth-inning showdown with Albert Pujols, Scherzer immediately made a signal to the dugout indicating that he was done. The initial language from the Mets was that he was experiencing "discomfort in his left side."

After the game, Scherzer called the feeling a "zing" and said he didn't believe it was a major strain. The tests, unfortunately, proved that to be

See SCHERZER B4



Max Scherzer (21) of the New York Mets leaves a game in the sixth inning against the St. Louis Cardinals with assistant athletic trainer Joe Golia at Citi Field on Wednesday. Getty Images

Stan Van Gundy and Reggie Miller explain why stars reject the Knicks

Stefan Bondy
 New York Daily News

Stan Van Gundy is not only down on the Knicks' current roster, he's skeptical that the vaunted connections of Leon Rose and William Wesley can make the team any better.

"The Knicks right now — do you love their roster? Because I don't. People always say we've got talent. Well, hell, it's the NBA. Every team has talent," said Van Gundy, the former NBA head coach and executive who is now an analyst for TNT. "But relative to the other teams — do you really look at the Knicks roster this year compared to the teams that were in the playoffs and say, wow, our roster is more talented than theirs? I don't. I don't think that's a very talented roster relative to everyone else."

Indeed, the Knicks, as constructed, are probably the worst in a division with Boston,

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Julius Randle of the New York Knicks celebrates a basket against the Boston Celtics during their game at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 6. Getty Images

ML Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	28	10	.737	—
Tampa Bay	23	15	.605	5.0
Toronto	20	18	.526	8.0
Boston	16	22	.421	12.0
Baltimore	15	24	.385	13.5
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	22	16	.579	—
Chicago White Sox	19	19	.500	3.0
Cleveland	16	19	.457	4.5
Kansas City	14	23	.378	7.5
Detroit	13	25	.342	9.0
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	14	.632	—
L.A. Angels	24	16	.600	1.0
Texas	17	19	.472	6.0
Seattle	17	22	.436	7.5
Oakland	16	24	.400	9.0

Wednesday's games

Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 1
Minnesota 14, Oakland 4
Boston 5, Houston 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 2
Seattle 5, Toronto 1
Texas 6, L.A. Angels 5, 10 innings
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 2

Thursday's games

Baltimore 9, NY Yankees 6
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 4
Boston 12, Seattle 6
Texas at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Friday's games
Tampa Bay (Beeks 1-0) at Baltimore (Wells 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Skubal 3-2) at Cleveland (Civale 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Ray 4-3) at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 2-2) at Houston (Javier 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Smeltzer 0-0) at Kansas City (Lynch 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Blackburn 4-0) at L.A. Angels (Silsbeth 1-0), 9:38 p.m.

Saturday's games

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 4:10 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Mets	26	14	.650	—
Philadelphia	18	20	.474	7.0
Miami	17	20	.459	7.5
Atlanta	17	21	.447	8.0
Washington	13	26	.333	12.5
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	24	14	.632	—
St. Louis	20	18	.526	4.0
Pittsburgh	16	21	.432	7.5
Chicago Cubs	15	22	.405	8.5
Cincinnati	11	26	.297	12.5
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	25	12	.676	—
San Diego	24	14	.632	1.5
San Francisco	22	15	.595	3.0
Colorado	18	19	.486	7.0
Arizona	19	21	.475	7.5

Wednesday's games

Milwaukee 7, Atlanta 6, 11 innings
Colorado 5, San Francisco 3
L.A. Dodgers 5, Arizona 3
Washington 5, Miami 4, 10 innings
Philadelphia 3, San Diego 0
N.Y. Mets 11, St. Louis 4
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2

Thursday's games

San Diego 2, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings
Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Friday's games
Arizona (Castellanos 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 2-3), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Thompson 2-3), 6:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Morton 2-3) at Miami (Rogers 2-4), 6:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Urias 2-3) at Philadelphia (Suarez 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Fedde 2-2) at Milwaukee (Lauer 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 3-1) at Colorado (Marquez 1-3), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Manaea 2-3) at San Francisco (Junis 1-1), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's games

Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Wednesday's game
Cincinnati at Cleveland, PPD
Thursday's game
Cincinnati 4, Cleveland 2
Friday's game
Cincinnati (Castillo 0-1) at Toronto (Ryu 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Saturday's game
Cincinnati at Toronto, 3:07 p.m.

Pro basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINAL (Best-of-seven)
Thursday, May 12
Miami 99, Philadelphia 90, Miami wins series 4-2
Dallas 113, Phoenix 86
Friday, May 13
Boston 108, Milwaukee 95
Golden State 110, Memphis 96, Golden State wins series 4-2
Sunday
Boston 109, Milwaukee 81, Boston wins series 4-3
Dallas 123, Phoenix 90, Dallas wins series 4-3

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

Tuesday
Miami 118, Boston 107, Miami leads series 1-0
Wednesday
Golden State 112, Dallas 87, Golden State leads series 1-0
Thursday
Boston 127, Miami 102, series tied 1-1
Friday
Dallas at Golden State, 9 p.m., TNT
Saturday
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m., ABC
Sunday
Golden State at Dallas, 9 p.m., TNT
Monday
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m., ABC
Tuesday, May 24
Golden State at Dallas, 9 p.m., TNT

WNBA

Eastern Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	4	1	.800	—
Atlanta	4	1	.800	—
Connecticut	2	1	.667	1
Chicago	2	2	.500	1.5
Indiana	2	4	.333	2.5
New York	1	4	.200	3
Western Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	4	1	.800	—
Phoenix	2	2	.500	1.5
Dallas	2	2	.500	1.5
Seattle	2	3	.400	2
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3

Wednesday's games
Seattle 74, Chicago 71
Thursday's games
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
Indiana at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Basketball Flashbacks

1975 — Rick Barry scores 36 points and the Golden State Warriors defeat the Washington Bullets 92-91 in Game 2 of the NBA Finals.
1979 — Washington's Larry Wright scored 26 points and hit two free throws with no time remaining to give the Bullets a 99-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.
1993 — Charles Barkley caps a 28-point, 21-rebound effort by hitting the game-winning basket with 1.8 seconds left as the Phoenix Suns advance to the Western Conference finals with

a 102-100 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 6 of the second-round series.
1995 — Mario Elie connects on a go-ahead 3-pointer with 7.1 seconds left and the Houston Rockets survive 46 points from Kevin Johnson to post a 115-114 victory over the Phoenix Suns in Game 7 of second-round series. The Rockets won the final three games.
1997 — Michael Jordan scores 37 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to an 84-77 victory over the Miami Heat in the opening game of the Eastern Conference finals.
2000 — Minnesota Timberwolves forward Malik Sealy is killed by a drunk driver in an auto accident at age of 30.
2001 — Allen Iverson has 21 points and 16 assists and the Philadelphia 76ers advance to the Eastern Conference finals with an 88-87 victory over the Toronto Raptors in Game 7 of the second-round series.

Pro hockey

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
Monday, May 9
Colorado 5, Nashville 3, Colorado wins series 4-0
Thursday, May 12
St. Louis 5, Minnesota 1, St. Louis wins series 4-2
Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
Friday, May 13
Florida 4, Washington 3, OT, Florida wins series 4-2
Dallas 4, Calgary 2
Saturday
Carolina 3, Boston 2, Carolina wins series 4-3
Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 1, Tampa Bay wins series 4-3
Edmonton 2, Los Angeles 0, Edmonton wins series 4-3
Sunday
N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT, N.Y. Rangers wins series 4-3
Calgary 3, Dallas 2, OT, Calgary wins series 4-3

SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7 (x-if necessary))

Tuesday
Tampa Bay 4, Florida 1, Tampa Bay leads series 1-0
Colorado 3, St. Louis 2, OT, Colorado leads series 1-0
Wednesday
Carolina 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, OT, Carolina leads series 1-0
Calgary 9, Edmonton 6, Calgary leads series 1-0
Thursday
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1, Tampa Bay leads series 2-0
St. Louis 4, Colorado 1, Series tied 1-1
Friday
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Sunday
Florida at Tampa Bay, 1:30 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 3:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Monday
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

Pro football

USFL

Friday, May 13
Tampa Bay 27, Michigan 20
Saturday, May 14
New Jersey 27, New Orleans 17
Sunday, May 15
Birmingham 30, Philadelphia 17
Pittsburgh 21, Houston 20
Saturday's games
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Michigan at Birmingham, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, noon
Houston at New Jersey, 4 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
Baltimore Orioles - Acquired RHP Luis Osorio from the Arizona Diamondbacks for P Paul Fry. Sent RHP Dean Kremer on a rehab assignment to Bowie (EL).
Boston Red Sox - Outrighted RF Jaylin Davis to Worcester (IL).
Chicago White Sox - Activated RHP Lucas Giolito from the COVID-19 IL. Optioned SP Davis Martin to Charlotte (IL). Optioned RHP Kyle Crick to Charlotte (IL). Transferred RHP Lance Lynn from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.
Kansas City Royals - Optioned RHP Brady Singer to Omaha (IL).
Los Angeles Angels - Designated RHP Cesar Valdez for assignment. Outrighted 1B Aaron Whitefield to Rocket City (SL). Recalled SP Jose Suarez from Salt Lake (PCL).
Minnesota Twins - Activated SS Carlos Correa from the 10-day IL. Optioned SS Royce Lewis to St. Paul (IL).
Oakland Athletics - Optioned LHP Zach Logue to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled SS Nick Allen from Las Vegas (PCL).
Seattle Mariners - Sent 1B Evan White on a rehab assignment to Tacoma (PCL).
Tampa Bay Rays - Selected the contract of RHP Luke Bard from Durham (IL), optioned him to Durham (IL). Optioned RHP Phoenix Sanders to Durham (IL). Transferred RHP Chris Mazza from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.
Texas Rangers - Sent C Mitch Garver and RHP Albert Abreu on a rehab assignment to Round Rock (PCL).
National League
Arizona Diamondbacks - Optioned LHP Tyler Gilbert and RHP Edvin Uceta to Reno (PCL). Placed LF Cooper Hummel on the COVID-19 IL. Recalled 2B Yonny Hernandez and the COVID-19 IL.
Chicago Cubs - Activated RHP David Robertson from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Mark Leiter Jr. to Iowa (IL).
Cincinnati Reds - Sent CF Nick Senzel on a rehab assignment to Louisville (IL).
Colorado Rockies - Optioned RHP Ashton Goudeau to Albuquerque (PCL).
Los Angeles Dodgers - Optioned RHP Ryan Pepiot to Oklahoma City (PCL).
Milwaukee Brewers - Placed SS Willy Adames on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 16. Recalled 2B Keston Hiura from Nashville (IL).
New York Mets - Optioned SP Adonis Medina to Syracuse (IL).
San Diego Padres - Activated LHP Blake Snell. Optioned LHP Raymond Kerr to El Paso (PCL). Sent RHP Michael Baez and LHP Adrian Morejon on a rehab assignment to San Antonio (TL).
San Francisco Giants - Sent LHP Jake McGee on a rehab assignment to Sacramento (PCL).
St. Louis Cardinals - Optioned LHP Packy Naughton to Memphis (IL).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisiana State - Announced G Xavier Pinson has left the program and will transfer to New Mexico State.
Oklahoma - Announced G Umoja Gibson has left the program and will transfer to DePaul.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Duke - Announced T Peace Aado has left the program and will transfer to Temple.
Eastern Michigan - Announced DB Jarrett Paul has left the program and will transfer to Kansas.
Indiana - Announced RB Tim Baldwin Jr. has left the program and will transfer to UMass.
Memphis - Announced DT Morris Joseph has left the program and will transfer to Auburn as a graduate.
Oklahoma - Announced WR Cody Jackson has left the program and will transfer to Houston.
Pittsburgh - Announced WR Jordan Addison has left the program and will transfer to USC.
Purdue - Announced DB Marvin Grant has left the program and will transfer to Kansas.
Utah - Announced G Marist Talavou has left the program and will transfer to San Jose State.
Utah - Announced QB Peter Costelli has left the program and will transfer to Troy.

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
Arizona Cardinals - Signed DE Myjai Sanders to a four-year, \$5.04 million contract.
Baltimore Ravens - Announced P Sam Koch has retired, placed him on IR/Retired list.
Cincinnati Bengals - Signed DB Tycen Anderson to a four-year, \$5.97 million contract.
Cleveland Browns - Waived DB Reggie Robinson II.
Green Bay Packers - Signed CB Jaire Alexander to a four-year, \$84 million contract extension.
Indianapolis Colts - Cut RB Max Borghi.
Los Angeles Rams - Signed TE Roger Carter, DB T.J. Carter, DB Daniel Inion, and WR Lance McCutcheon.
Miami Dolphins - Cut QB Chris Streveler.
New York Giants - Cut DE Raymond Johnson III and QB Brian Lewerke. Placed DB Jordan Mosler on IR from waivers. Signed DB Michael Jacquet III.
Waived DT Antonio Valentino.
Philadelphia Eagles - Signed DB James Bradberry.
Washington Commanders - Cut T Drew Himmelman.

Pete Alonso's walk-off blast in 10th powers Mets to dramatic win

Anthony Rieber

Newsday

NEW YORK — Pete Alonso's 10th-inning leadoff, walk-off, two-run homer gave the Mets a 7-6 victory over the Cardinals on Thursday afternoon at Citi Field.

The Mets were trailing 6-5 entering the bottom of the 10th with the extra-inning ghost runner on second when Alonso unloaded on the no-doubt game-winner to left off St. Louis closer Giovanny Gallegos.

Alonso has 10 home runs and leads the majors with 36 RBIs. It was his third career walk-off homer.

On the day the Mets learned they have lost Max Scherzer for six to eight weeks because of an oblique injury, they overcame a blown save in the ninth to take three of four from St. Louis.

The Mets (26-14) were one out from victory in the ninth when St. Louis tied the game on an infield single by Paul Goldschmidt off Edwin Diaz that ticked off the glove of third baseman Eduardo Escobar.

St. Louis then used its ghost runner to take the lead in the 10th on an Albert Pujols double-play grounder.

Chris Bassitt, the last man standing from the Mets' projected rotation Big Three, was charged with four runs in 6 1/3 innings on the day the Mets learned they have lost Scherzer for an extended period of time because of an oblique strain he suffered on Wednesday night.

Jacob deGrom has yet to throw a pitch this season, of course.

Jeff McNeil hit a tie-breaking, two-run single in the fifth inning The Mets were trailing 3-2 entering the fifth. Brandon Nimmo drove in the tying run with a grounder to first for the second out of the inning. But the Mets weren't done.

Mark Canha singled to knock out starter Dakota Hudson. Francisco Lindor singled off reliever Nick Wittgren and Alonso walked on a 3-and-0 slider that barely missed hitting him in the head as Alonso



New York Mets first baseman Pete Alonso (20) celebrates with teammates as he steps on home plate after hitting a game winning two run home run against the St. Louis Cardinals during the tenth inning at Citi Field on Thursday. USA TODAY

hit the dirt.

McNeil followed with a line drive to center that eluded the sliding Harrison Bader for a two-run single and a 5-3 lead.

Bassitt left with runners on first and third and one out in the seventh. Drew Smith came in to face Goldschmidt, who had hit a solo homer in the third.

Goldschmidt lofted a deep fly ball into the leftfield corner. McNeil slightly overran the ball, but caught it with a leap in the sliver of foul territory between the foul line and the fence. The runner scored from third to make it 5-4, but McNeil threw out Brandon Donovan trying to tag and go to second, with Luis Guillorme blocking the bag with his foot to keep Donovan from reaching the base.

Bader led off the ninth against Diaz

with an infield single and stole second before moving to third on a groundout. With the infield in, Diaz struck out Tommy Edman looking at a 101-mile-per-hour fastball for the second out before walking Donovan to bring up the red-hot Goldschmidt.

Goldschmidt hit a slow grounder to the left of Escobar, who booted it and then kicked the ball into the outfield as the tying run scored. It was scored as a base hit and error allowing the second runner to get to third. Diaz, who blew his second save opportunity in 11 chances, had converted eight in a row.

Diaz then walked Nolan Arenado to load the bases before striking out Juan Yezpe to send the game to the bottom of the ninth tied at 5.

Orioles beat Yankees on Anthony Santander's 3-run walk-off homer

Andy Kostka

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — For all the talk of the wall, of how difficult it was to hit a ball over it, Anthony Santander proved in the biggest moment Thursday afternoon that it could be done.

With two runners on base in the bottom of the ninth inning, Santander turned on an inside cutter, powering a three-run home run over that left field wall for his first career walk-off, sealing the Orioles' 9-6 victory that ended a six-game losing streak and avoided four-game sweep against the New York Yankees.

Earlier in the inning, a throwing error by Yankees third baseman Josh Donaldson allowed Austin Hays to reach first base, and a one-out single from Trey Mancini on the 10th pitch of his at-bat brought Santander to the plate. Santander had already doubled twice and walked once Thursday, and he didn't need to see more than that first-pitch cutter under the hands. When he reached home plate, the Gatorade bath waited for him among a throng of players.

And then Santander raised his fingers to the sky -- he had broken a six-game losing skid that began against the Detroit Tigers last Friday.

Santander's blast capped a breakout offensive for Baltimore (15-24), which hadn't scored six or more runs since May 9. And it covered for a blown save from right-hander Jorge Lopez, one of the few cracks from the bullpen this year.

The three runs in the ninth matched the sixth-inning outburst, which also began with Santander. He opened the sixth with a walk and shortstop Jorge Mateo followed, reaching via a catcher's interference call. Tyler Nevin's single scored one and Cedric Mullins' sacrifice fly scored another. Nevin tagged up on Mullins' deep fly, moving from first to second, a savvy play that proved valuable.

That bit of base running set up Rowned Odor's RBI single, bringing in the Orioles' sixth run.

The three-run sixth built on a two-run homer from Robinson Chirinos over the left field wall, his first of the season and first from an Orioles catcher. And in the third, Mateo's single drove in Santander, who had reached on a second straight double.

Those efforts backed up a shaky start from left-hander Bruce Zimmermann, who allowed a season-high five runs in five innings, raising his ERA to 3.48.

Bullpen backs up Zimmermann
If the first ball off Giancarlo Stanton's

wouldn't leave the yard -- a 114-mph rocket that turned into a two-run single -- the second never had a doubt. Amid a series in which the Yankees have complained about the new dimensions of Camden Yards, calling it a "create-a-park," Stanton became the first visiting player at Camden Yards to scale the mountain.

He clubbed a solo homer in the fourth inning off Zimmermann to level the game at three, finding an ounce of redemption for his earlier blast that cascaded off the wall.

For as rocky as Zimmermann's first inning was, allowing a walk and a double before Stanton's long run-scoring single, the left-hander rebounded in the second. His five-pitch frame allowed him to push deeper in the outing, completing five innings while giving up seven hits and five runs. It wasn't as efficient an outing as Zimmermann has produced lately, conceding hits to the first two batters he faced in the sixth before manager Brandon Hyde replaced him with right-hander Bryan Baker.

Those two inherited runners scored in the sixth, and then Lopez allowed one more in the ninth to force Santander's heroics.

Story's three HRs, seven RBIs lead Red Sox rout

Field Level Media

Trevor Story went 4-for-4 with three home runs, seven RBIs and five runs as the Boston Red Sox beat the visiting Seattle Mariners 12-6 on Thursday night.

The Mariners led 4-0 through 1 1/2 innings, but Story's homers in the second and third innings helped the hosts tie the score. Boston added two runs in the sixth and three in both the seventh and eighth.

Story capped his second career three-homer and seven-RBI games with a three-run shot to left in the eighth. J.D. Martinez (4-for-5, three runs) and Alex Verdugo (3-for-5, four runs) also had big nights for the Red Sox, who logged season highs in runs and hits (16) on their way to a second straight win.

Julio Rodriguez (3-for-5) and Dylan Moore (four RBIs) both homered and Eugenio Suarez went 2-for-5 with two runs for Seattle. G

earn his 15th save in 16 opportunities. Manny Machado added two of the 10 hits for the Padres, who shut out the Phillies for the second time in the three-game series.

REDS4, GUARDIANS2

Cincinnati scored three runs in the eighth inning for a victory over host Cleveland.

The Reds swept the two-game series and have won eight of their past 12 games after a 3-22 start as the Guardians have lost five of six. Tyler Naquin had a pair of hits and a home run for Cincinnati.

The Reds jumped all over reliever Trevor Stephan (2-1), who was rocked for three runs on three hits in two-thirds of an inning in the eighth. It ruined an outstanding start by right-hander Cal Quantrill, who surrendered one run on five hits in seven innings. He didn't walk a batter and struck out five.

WHITESOX7, ROYALS4

Luis Robert was 3-for-4 with a home run and four RBIs as Chicago defeated host Kansas City, taking the rare five-game series three games to two.

Robert's homer in the eighth gave the White Sox their largest lead, capping six straight runs for the Sox. The White Sox scored five of their seven runs on hits with an

D-BACKS3, CUBS1

Daulton Varsho's homer highlighted a three-run fourth inning, while Zac Gallen yielded a run and pitched out of trouble in the fifth, as visiting Arizona snapped its six-game losing streak with a win over Chicago.

Josh Rojas and David Peralta (two hits) each delivered RBI singles for the Diamondbacks, who needed only one inning of offense to halt its longest skid of the season. Gallen (3-0) retired the first eight Cubs, but gave up an RBI double to Yan Gomes (two hits) in the fourth for one of the two hits he allowed.

ASTROSS, RANGERS 1

Framber Valdez recorded his fifth consecutive quality start and Houston extended a pair of winning streaks with a victory over visiting Texas.

Valdez (3-2) allowed one run on six hits and two walks with seven strikeouts over seven innings,

Celtics bounce back, blitz Heat in Game 2

Field Level Media

Marcus Smart watched the opening game of the Eastern Conference finals from the bench and didn't like what he witnessed.

Smart liked his view much better on Thursday, when he electrified Boston with a superb all-around effort as the Celtics rolled to a 127-102 victory over the host Miami Heat, evening the series at one win apiece.

Smart returned from a one-game absence caused by a right foot injury and contributed 24 points, 12 assists, nine rebounds and three steals in 40 minutes. Smart also made five 3-pointers to help the Celtics avenge their Game 1 setback.

The NBA Defensive Player of the Year didn't look the least bit hampered as he was his usual pesky self on defense while accumulating at least 20 points and 10 assists in a postseason game for the third time in his career.

"I was pumped. I felt bad that I couldn't be out there with my teammates and go to battle with them," Smart said of his absence. "We're playing against a really good Miami Heat team. I got to get my rest, I got my health back, I got to watch and see some things and come out to execute this game."

Smart also received top-notch help as Jayson Tatum scored 27 points, Jaylen Brown registered 24 points and eight rebounds and Grant Williams added 19 points for Boston.

Jimmy Butler led the Heat with 29 points. Gabe Vincent and Victor Oladipo added 14 points apiece while Tyler Herro scored 11 for Miami.

Smart helped hound Butler, who scored 41 points in Game 1.



Miami Heat guard Tyler Herro (14) guards Boston Celtics guard Marcus Smart (36) during the second half of game two of the 2022 eastern conference finals at FTX Arena on Thursday. USA TODAY

"My assignment was to make everything tough for him," Smart said. "We knew he would hit some shots. If he did, he was going to have to work for them."

"We all know Jimmy is a great player. Jimmy has been doing this for a long time. He knows what it takes and he has that heart. It took a full team effort. I started on him but everybody got a shot."

Game 3 is Saturday night at Boston.

The Celtics were outscored 39-14 in the third quarter of Game 1 as an eight-point halftime lead turned into a 118-107 loss. They had no such troubles this time.

Boston led by 25 points at halftime and played the Heat to a standstill (26 points apiece) in the third quarter to take a 96-71 lead into the fourth quarter.

Smart buried a 3-pointer to push the lead to 103-73 with 9:55 left as the Celtics continued to roll. Boston's biggest lead was 34 points.

"This has to hurt," Butler said of the margin of defeat. "They tried to embarrass us, they did embarrass us. We have to realize that."

"It can't get too much worse. They whipped our tails on our home floor."

Al Horford (COVID-19 protocol) also returned

for the Celtics after missing Game 1 and had 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting. Horford cleared the protocol hours before tipoff.

Miami lost P.J. Tucker to a left knee contusion in the third quarter. He had five points and four rebounds in 22 minutes before exiting.

The Heat were also without Kyle Lowry (left hamstring) for the eighth time in the past 10 games.

The Celtics shot 51.2 percent from the field, including 50 percent (20 of 40) from 3-point range. Tatum and Brown each made four 3-pointers.

Miami connected on 44.2 percent of its shots and was 10 of 34 (29.4 percent) from behind the arc.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said his team can't let the crushing loss linger.

"This only counts as one (defeat)," Spoelstra said. "That's what experienced players and staff in the locker room understand. We don't like it. They played extremely well."

Boston made 12 of 19 3-point attempts (63.2 percent) in the first half while building a 70-45 halftime lead. The Celtics led by as many as 29 before the break.

Boston's onslaught occurred after it fell behind by 10 just 4 1/2 minutes into the game.

Brown drained a 3-pointer with 3:44 left in the first period to start a string of 17 straight points as the Celtics eventually took a 32-21 lead. Boston led 35-24 at the end of the quarter.

Williams' layup made it 68-39 with 1:16 remaining in the second quarter before Boston settled for the 25-point halftime cushion.

Nets' championship hopes hinge on amicable solution with Irving

Kristian Winfield

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — No matter which side of the Kyrie Irving fence you sit on, it's important to remember one thing:

If he leaves as a free agent this offseason, so do the Nets' championship hopes because they don't have the cap space to outright replace him.

That's the gamble the Nets made in the summer of 2019, and what Nets GM Sean Marks must keep in mind when insinuating it's unclear whether or not Irving "is the right fit" in Brooklyn.

There is no more right fit. The only right fit is whatever it takes to bring an NBA championship to the borough, and Irving, one of the most skilled players of all-time who hit the shot to deliver Cleveland the title in 2016, gives you a real chance when he's on the roster.

And when he's on the floor, which understandably is the Nets' sticking point here. That is what substantiates Marks' stance, and is the pill Irving himself must swallow: Chalk Year 1 up to the nagging injuries, but sitting games for personal reasons including the riot at the Capitol in Year 2 -- and then also getting hurt in the playoffs -- couldn't have been a worse precursor to effectively abandoning his teammates by deciding not to get vaccinated in Year 3.

For a player seeking a long-term extension in an attractive market on a championship-caliber team, Irving's pattern of absences is simply a bad look. Few other players could pull what he did and still be in the conversation for a max contract.

But few players in the league are as skilled or as capable of doing what Irving can with a basketball. Irving is spectacular to watch on television and even more so in person. To lose that is to lose the very thing the Nets built this contender on in the first place -- star power, and Irving's is almost irreplaceable.

Not to mention the numbers, which are ugly: Durant makes \$44M, Ben Simmons gets \$34M, Joe Harris takes home just under \$19M and Seth Curry's on the hook for \$8.5M. There's also Patty Mills' \$6M player option, Jevon Carter's dead cap hit of \$4M, \$2M each for rookies Cam Thomas and Day'Ron Sharpe, plus \$10M in cap holds on free agents Bruce Brown and Nic Claxton.

That's \$129M on the payroll with a \$122M projected salary cap, which would render the Nets handicapped in signing free agents. The alternative



Kyrie Irving of the Brooklyn Nets reacts during Game Four of the Eastern Conference First Round Playoffs against the Boston Celtics at Barclays Center on April 25 in Brooklyn. Getty Images

would be to find a sign-and-trade scenario Irving would agree to, with a team that knows the Nets are running short on options.

Sticking to the plan is the best course of action, and whether they like it or not, the Nets are stuck with Irving. To choose the alternative, in many ways, would be to forfeit the best chance this franchise has had at winning a championship since Jason Kidd steered the ship from New Jersey to back-to-back NBA Finals losses at the turn of the century.

Every season Irving and Durant are on the roster is a season an NBA Finals appearance is on the table, and the Nets aren't as far off from winning big as a first-round sweep would suggest. They have the tools to build a coherent, dare one say complete roster around both Irving and Durant for the first time since they arrived in Brooklyn three summers ago. To mess that up to prove a point, would be prioritizing the point over the goal.

That's why the charade between Marks and Irving's camp should end. The Nets are well within their rights to demand an incentive laden contract with multiple team options to maintain their future flexibility. They must insulate themselves against random acts of Ky-ness to every extent allowed in the collective bargaining agreement, and Irving must accept that it's his decisions that made the organization feel the need to move this way.

But to suggest Irving isn't the right fit is to suggest the alternative fits better, and the alternative, under most scenarios, is a step backwards. Another step backwards puts the Nets in a fourth consecutive season below expectations, having mortgaged its entire future on star power with nothing to show but luxury tax payments and a list full of what-ifs.

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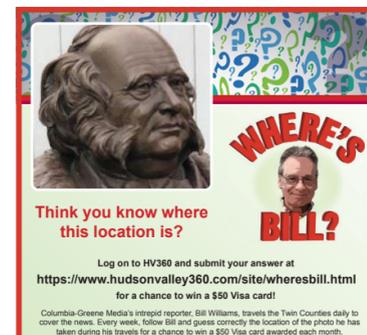
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Megan Rapinoe hails 'a huge step forward' in U.S. Soccer

Jonathan Tannenwald
The Philadelphia Inquirer

SEATTLE — For anyone who's ever been associated with the U.S. national soccer teams, Wednesday will stand forever as one of the biggest days in the sport's history in this country.

After decades of fighting on the field, in courtrooms, in boardrooms, and across the media, the players of the American women's team finally achieved a collective bargaining agreement that grants true equal pay with men.

The news produced a torrent of celebrations that swept all the way to the White House, where President Biden saluted the news on Twitter. But nowhere were the emotions stronger than among the players who fought for this era-defining triumph.

When it comes to the leaders of that fight, even the most casual followers know Megan Rapinoe's name. From her brightly colored hair to her World Cup-winning goals to her clashes with Donald Trump, the veteran winger has been at the forefront of the charge for years. Now, at last, she and her teammates can celebrate -- and also let out their relief.

"It's just a little bit surreal, but I think it's a huge step forward," Rapinoe told The Philadelphia Inquirer. "I feel like this is the dawn of a new era, hopefully."

Rapinoe saluted her colleagues who put in the hard work at the bargaining table. And she admitted that "a lot of us older players, I know myself personally, took a step back" from that table this time.

There were still some veterans, such as current captain Becky Sauerbrunn. But a new generation of leaders emerged alongside them. 'A big source of pride'

It's never a given that new players -- or new members of any labor union -- will be as active as their predecessors. But Rapinoe said that next era of stars is very much on board, and called that "very rewarding."

She specifically praised Tiarna Davidson, Crystal Dunn and Midge Purce -- the last of whom has twice joined Rapinoe for White House events on gender pay gaps.

"Having that engagement, not just from this CBA, but just, whether it's politically or social issues off the field, it all affects us," she said. "I love it. I feel like they're like my little kids -- really, they're not that young -- but it's, yeah, a big source of pride for us older players."

It's also a big source of pride that the men's national team players' union worked together with the women, and made some sacrifices necessary to achieve a true equal pay setup.

But in truth, the new men's team CBA -- the first formal deal for the men's union in three-and-a-half years -- got those players long-overdue raises, too. The match fees and bonuses are among the highest for any national team on the planet.

On this point, Rapinoe was glad to vouch for the men's team.

"Obviously, it helps us, but I've been saying for a long time: if they're skirting us on money like this, they're probably skirting y'all the men's/3 on the money like that too, in some way or another," she said. "We're the labor force in this negotiation -- we're this shared labor force. And I think insofar as we were split, or had different rifts, or whatever, or were not supporting each other, it only works to hurt both of us."

Now there is a broad pathway for everyone to work together. The United States' hosting of the 2026 men's World Cup and 2028 Olympics are a huge opportunity, and there's likely to also be a women's World Cup in 2027 or 2031.

"Both teams, I think, can do so much and have done so much to grow the game," Rapinoe said. "If we can do this together, like, come on, that's just a no-brainer -- I've always felt like that. So to have their support on this, to be able to come together with

them on this, is huge." Returning to the field

At the end of a long day, Rapinoe took her customary courtside seat at a Seattle Storm game to watch her fiancée, Sue Bird, star for the home team. During a timeout, the public address announcer saluted the U.S. women's team's deal. The cameras focused on Rapinoe, who plays on the other side of downtown Seattle for the NWSL's OL Reign. The crowd erupted.

Reign fans haven't been able to cheer for Rapinoe much lately, though, because an ankle injury sidelined her until the start of this month. National team fans haven't gotten to cheer for her at a game since Carli Lloyd's finale last October, thanks in part to injury and in part to manager Vlatko Andonovski calling in a raft of big-time young prospects instead.

But now Rapinoe is returning to fitness, including a 23-minute run for the Reign against the rival Portland Thorns last Friday. The Reign host Washington on Sunday (3 p.m., Paramount+), a game in which Rapinoe could face one of her heirs apparent in Trinity Rodman.

The national team has two friendlies against Colombia late next month that will be the warmup games for July's Concacaf W Championship -- a tournament that serves as qualifying for next year's World Cup and the 2024 Olympics. The time seems right for Andonovski to finally bring back the veterans he has left out in recent months.

If Rapinoe can get back in good form with the Reign, could she return to the national team this summer?

"I hope so -- yeah, definitely," she said "Feeling good physically, so just looking forward to building those minutes in the NWSL. Obviously we have a big game Sunday, Washington coming to town, so definitely looking forward to getting out and playing more minutes and building from there."

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are choosing our program. That is hypocritical, and I don't know why we are the target."

Saban wondered aloud on his radio appearance if the sudden surge in NIL agreements was a positive development for his sport.

"It's the whole system, and is this a sustainable system," Saban asked, "and is it good for college football?"

"There is tremendous frustration concerning the absence of consistent rules from state to state related to name, image and likeness," Sankey said in his statement. "We need to work together to find solutions and that will be our focus at the upcoming SEC Spring Meetings."

In his earlier remarks, Saban also angered Jackson State Coach Deion Sanders.

"We have a rule right now that says you cannot use name, image and likeness to entice a player to come to your school," Saban said Wednesday. "Hell, read about it in the paper! I mean, Jackson State paid a guy a million dollars last year that was a really good Division I player to come to school. It was in the paper and they bragged about it. Nobody did anything about it."

Defensive back Travis Hunter, the nation's top-ranked high school recruit, surprised observers in December when he spurned Florida State and committed to Jackson State, where Sanders, the Pro Football Hall of Famer, is entering his second year. There was a rumor at the time that Hunter had signed a \$1.5 million NIL deal with Barstool Sports, which produced a docuseries about Sanders.

"That's the biggest lie I've ever heard," Sanders said during an appearance on ESPN the next day. "You

know what that is? That means we kicked your butt, we took what was ours, and now you've got to make up an excuse why. Ain't nobody getting no million and a half. I wouldn't pay my son a million and a half in NIL. How am I going to coach a guy making more than me?"

Hunter and Sanders responded to Saban's comments Thursday. "I got A mil?" Hunter tweeted with the crying-laughing emoji. "But my mom still stay in a 3 bed room house with five kids."

"I don't even make a million!" Sanders wrote, along with 13 crying-laughing emoji.

Saban isn't the first SEC coach to suggest that Fisher and Texas A&M have paid players to come to College Station.

"I joked the other day, I didn't know if Texas A&M was going to incur a luxury tax in how much they paid for their signing class," Mississippi Coach Lane Kiffin said in February.

"To have coaches in our league and across this league to say it, clown acts," Fisher said the next day. "Irresponsible as hell. Multiple coaches in our league. And the guys griping about NIL and transfer portal are using it the most and bragging about it the most. That's the ironic part. ... It's a joke. It does piss me off."

Fisher, entering his fifth season with the Aggies after leading Florida State to a national title in 2014, was every bit as angry Thursday.

"It's the second time we've had to do this with grown men who don't get their way and want to pout and throw a fit and act up," he said. "Just go ask the people that work for him; you'll know exactly what he's about. My dad always told me this: 'When people show you who they are, believe them.' He's showing you who he is."

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Johnson (W) :52.88, Sam Starrantino (MH) :54.71, Gavin Haller (MH) :54.90; 800m: Ben Marra (MH) 2:04.74, Tobias Jeralds (Chat) 2:04.81, Anthony Braden (CA) 2:15.88; 1,600m: Ben Marra (MH) 4:47.17, Finn Kosich (G) 4:47.24, Tobias Jeralds (Chat) 4:51.39; 3,200m: Ben Marra (MH) 10:29.16, Eli Russo (TH) 10:32.31, Finn Kosich (G) 10:46.43; 110n hurdles: Neil Howard III (TH) :15.37, Eli Charlebois (MH) :58.79, Timmy Jeralds (Chat) 1:01.70; 3,000m steeplechase: Ben Marra (MH) 10:24.16, Eli Russo (TH) 10:49.18, Timmy Jeralds (Chat) 10:55.24; 4x100m relay: Green Tech (Sylvain, Barba,

Mitchell, Berg) :45.54, Chatham (D. Baneni, Sitzer, J. Baneni, Narofsky) :48.20, Catskill (Hill, Fisher, McCann, Henry) :48.45; 4x400m relay: Maple Hill (Haller, Charlebois, Sterantino, Brewer) 3:38.11, Chatham (D. Baneni, Sitzer, J. Baneni, To. Jeralds) 3:43.44, Cairo-Durham (MacGiffert, Mutinsky, La-Marche, Dinh) 3:55.57; 4x800m relay: Chatham (Sitzer, Ti, Jeralds, Haner, To. Jeralds) 8:58.05, Greenville (Davis, Barnes, Baumann, Motta) 9:13.25, Coxsackie-Athens (VanHousen, Braden, Chan, Rausch) 9:34.69; High jump: Konur Barlow (Chat) 5-06, Isaac Sylvain (GT) 5-06, Gavin Haller (MH)

5-03; Pole vault: Neil Howard III (TH) 13-00, Jack Pomykaj (MH) 11-00, Ronin Rausch (CA) 9-00; Long jump: Neil Howard III (TH) 23-06.25, Isaac Sylvain (GT) 21-03.50, Konur Barlow (Chat) 19-06.25; Triple jump: Konur Barlow (Chat) 40-03.25, Jonny Robles (TH) 38-07.00, Kyle Coyne (MH) 38-00.25; Shot put: Patrick Darling (Cats) 43-06.75, Bo Burns (TH) 41-06.25, Ryan Wilson (Chat) 37-04; Discus: Anthony Sturgis (MH) 126-04, Emius McCann (Cats) 121-01, Matthew Donnelly (MH) 111-04; Pentathlon: Ethan Zaccaroli (TH) 2047, Ryan Slingerland (R) 1986, Geddy Williams (CA) 1972.

Knicks

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Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Toronto. But Van Gundy went further down the list and brought up the Washington Wizards, which finished 12th in the East last season (one spot below the Knicks).

"Washington can potentially be out there with Brad Beal, (Kristaps) Porzingis and (Kyle) Kuzma next year," said Van Gundy, who is calling the Western Conference finals between Golden State and Dallas. "I'd much rather have that than what I see on the Knicks. And that's a team that didn't even get in the play-in. So I just don't think the talent level is high enough right now."

The Knicks, who own the 11th pick in next month's draft, are capped out this summer but could create space with trades. Their disappointing 2020-21 campaign was stoked by the regression of Julius Randle, whose max extension kicks in next season.

Much of the chatter around New York's potential for major upgrades has centered on

Jalen Brunson, who is an unrestricted free agent this summer (the Knicks could acquire him from the Mavericks in a sign-and-trade) and Donovan Mitchell, who is reportedly uneasy about his future in Utah and might prefer a relocation to his hometown team in NYC.

Executives Leon Rose and William Wesley had no experience in a front office before being hired by James Dolan to run the Knicks, but their connections as longtime agents and backroom operators were lauded as powerful tools to recruiting stars. Both Brunson and Mitchell, for instance, have a history with Rose.

Van Gundy disagrees with the premise. There had been rumors earlier in Rose's tenure about attracting former clients Devin Booker, Karl-Anthony Towns and Joel Embiid, but those have turned quiet.

"Guys aren't making decisions like, 'I want to go play for a certain general manager.' Or, 'I want to go play for whatever Wes is there with the Knicks.' Or even that, 'I want to go play for a coach,'" Van Gundy said. "No. 1 is money. And then -- am I going have a chance to win? Who am I playing with?"

And where do I want to live? ... The fact that Leon Rose has ties to somebody, that's all well and good. I don't think that means anything. I don't mean that as a knock on Leon Rose, or a knock on Wes. I just think that's the way it is. Players aren't making decisions for those reasons."

Reggie Miller, a villain to the Knicks as a player, said the pressure and media scrutiny surrounding the team is a deterrent. It's a theory seemingly backed by Kevin Durant, who once said he chose the Nets over the Knicks because, "I didn't want to be the savior of the Knicks or New York. I didn't care about being the King of New York. That never really moved me. I didn't care about being on Broadway. I just want to play ball and go to the crib and chill. So I felt like that's what Brooklyn embodied."

"I'm not sure guys want to play for the Knicks anymore. That's the problem," Miller, who is working alongside Van Gundy in the conference finals as a TNT analyst, said Thursday on the network's media conference call. "Why go through the headache of the New York media? I hate to

say that but they don't have to do that anymore. Then on the flip side, there's only really one way for the Knicks to go, and that's up. So if you win in New York, you get a lot of pats on the back. But if you're mediocre or if you're losing, that's a lot of headache for a superstar. I think a lot of these guys are like, I don't need it. I can go somewhere else and get the same amount of (money) and not the headaches of the media. A lot of players don't want that."

The Knicks are still only one year removed from finishing the fourth in the East. Their reasons for optimism include RJ Barrett, Immanuel Quickley and Obi Toppin -- all players 24 years old or younger -- but Van Gundy is confident that the relationships of the front office won't be a factor moving forward.

"And how they get (to being a good team)? I don't have an answer," Van Gundy said. "But I don't think people are going to line up because Leon Rose used to be an agent. There's a lot of guys out there running teams that used to agents. So I don't think that's going to be an answer."

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Panthers give up game-winner with 3.8 seconds left and now trail Tampa, 2-0

David Wilson
Miami Herald

SUNRISE, Fla. — The clock showed 0.9 seconds remaining and the Florida Panthers were frozen on the ice. Ross Colton had stumbled to the ice in joy and the Panthers were gobsacked.

With virtually no time left on the clock, the Lightning stunned Florida for a 2-1 win Thursday in Sunrise.

The Panthers' season -- the best in franchise history -- is on life support, down 2-0 in a postseason series to Tampa Bay for the second straight year.

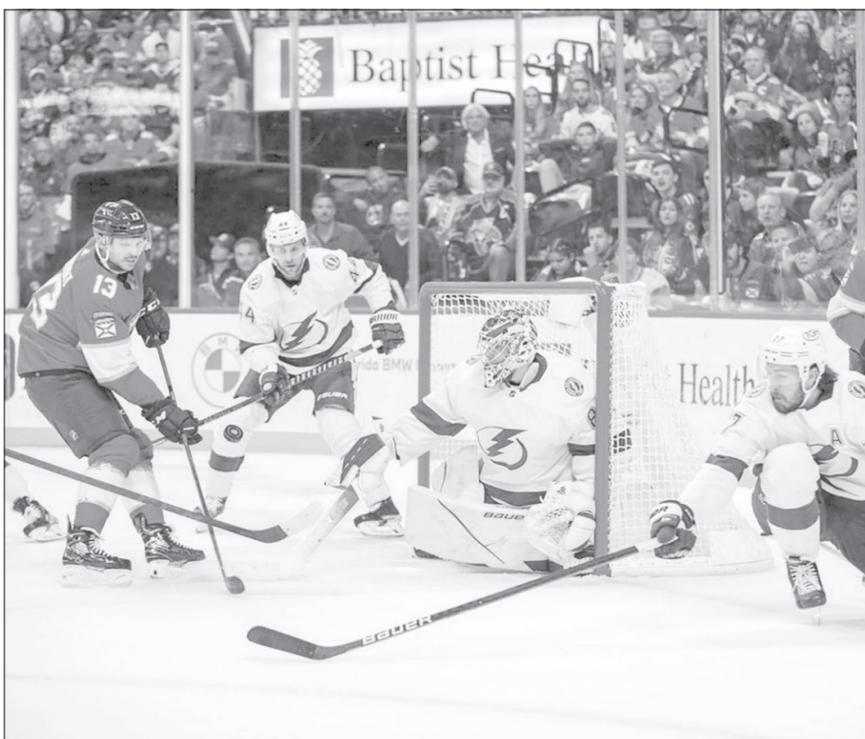
Colton actually beat star goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky with 3.8 seconds left, but the actual time left on the clock was meaningless. Florida lost in near-inexplicable fashion with overtime mere seconds away.

It happened off a stunning breakdown by the Panthers' defense. The Lightning rushed into Florida's zone for one final try as the clock ticked away in the third period and too many Panthers followed Nikita Kucherov as he went behind the net. It left Colton all alone in front of the net and the star right wing teed up Tampa Bay's versatile forward for a game-winning one-timer, leaving the crowd of 19,716 at FLA Live Arena speechless, except for those Lightning fans who traveled across the state and were chanting "Let's go Bolts" long after the arena had otherwise emptied out.

For the second straight year, Florida will head to Tampa for a pair of games, needing to win at least one to keep its season alive and guarantee one more home game.

The Panthers felt like they missed a chance in Game 1. It happened again in Game 2, as Florida outshot Tampa Bay, 36-27, and spent most of the third period coming close to scoring its own go-ahead goal.

Once again, the Panthers dug itself an early hole. For nearly 12 minutes, they mostly controlled the pace against the Lightning, but



Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) defends the net against an incursion by the Florida Panthers' Sam Reinhart (13) during the first period in Game 2 of the second-round playoff series at FLA Live Arena on Thursday in Sunrise, Florida. Miami Herald

Tampa Bay got the break it needed with 8:31 left in the first. Defenseman Brandon Montour hooked Ross Colton as the versatile Lightning forward wrapped around behind the Panthers net. Tampa Bay went on the power play for the first time and needed only 37 seconds. Florida left Steven Stamkos alone for too long at the left faceoff circle and the superstar forward made an easy centering pass to Lightning right wing Corey Perry, who deflected a go-ahead

goal past star goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky.

It was Tampa Bay's fourth power-play goal of the series -- all coming in just 35:44 of game time -- and put the Panthers in a hole for the fifth straight game.

In Round 1, Florida shrugged off three of those deficits to finish its six-game, first-round victory with three straight come-from-behind wins against the No. 8-seed Washington Capitals. In Round 2, the Panthers have yet to pull

off any of the comeback heroics they made into an identity in the regular season, when they tied the NHL record with 39 come-from-behind wins to win the Presidents' Trophy for the first time.

On Thursday, they came close, and even tied the game up in the second period when center Eetu Luostarinen rocketed a slap shot from the top of the left faceoff circle and got it to trickle past star goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy with 1:53 left in the period.

About a minute later, winger Anthony Duclair nearly gave them the lead when he ripped a power-play one-timer for the bottom right corner of the net, only to have Vasilevskiy rob him with a sliding left-pad save.

As close as Duclair came, the near miss only compounded Florida's biggest problem in this series so far: The difference through two games has been the Panthers' ineptitude on the power play and the Lightning's special-teams excellence.

When Tampa Bay went up 1-0 with its first-period power-play goal, the Lightning improved to 4 of 7 to start the series and 11 of 40 to start the Cup playoffs. When Florida failed to convert on any of the power plays it got in the first period, the Panthers fell to 0 of 6 in the series and 0 of 23 in the playoffs.

On the first two, Florida never even really came close. The Panthers put just one shot on goal on each of those first two power plays and spent about half the time on the second one just trying to get into the zone after an early misplay by star defenseman Aaron Ekblad chased them back into their own end.

Florida got its third with 46.9 seconds left in the second and tested Vasilevskiy three times in the final 10 seconds of the period before taking another 1:14 of power-play time into the third.

On the second half of the power play, the Panthers didn't get off a single shot, then they failed on two more down the stretch.



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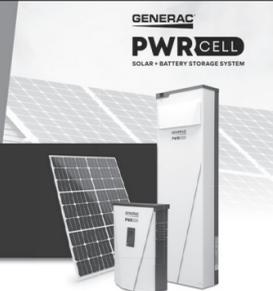
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Reeling from suicides, college athletes press NCAA: 'This is a crisis'

Molly Hensley-Clancy

The Washington Post

When the first college athlete died by suicide this year, Kate Intile thought of the time her own sport had left her in months of darkness. After she was cut from a storied college running program, "I wasn't able to find any worth in myself," she said. "I've never felt like less of a human."

As an elite college cross-country runner, Intile said she had been body-shamed, pushed through injuries and made to feel worthless when her times did not measure up. When she learned in March of the suicide of Katie Meyer, a charismatic goalkeeper who had helped Stanford to a national championship in soccer, Intile feared for her former teammates and other college athletes.

"It felt like it was only a matter of time," Intile said.

At least four more NCAA athletes have died by suicide in the two months since Meyer's death, three of them young women. Intile, who now runs for Oregon State, said the fear has only grown.

"It's a constant worry you have in your life, on top of everything else," Intile said. "This could happen to me; this could happen to my teammates. My parents are worrying about me. It's this vicious, anxious spiral of 'Where is everyone at?' and 'If someone's not okay, what do I even do?'"

Intile, other current and former college athletes and advocates told The Washington Post they see the moment as a mental health crisis for college athletes. The factors that have exacerbated it - the pandemic, social media, the rising pressures on young people - are shared by many college students, experts say.

But the deaths of Meyer and the other athletes have shaken the close-knit community of elite college sports, sparking fear and anxiety, according to athletes and others working in college sports.

"Nervous is a good word for it," said Christopher Bader, the assistant athletic director of mental health and performance at the University of Arkansas. "One of the scariest parts of our job as psychologists, in general, is the not knowing. I can see somebody every week for an hour a week, and that's only 1/168th of their week. There's 167 other hours that I don't see them; that's the scary part when you hear of things like this."

For some athletes, including Intile, the concern has sharpened into anger at a system they say is inherently harmful to college athletes' mental health. As athletes have traded news of the deaths, they've been strategizing how to keep one another safe and brainstorming ways to reform what they view as broken systems at their colleges. Meanwhile, Intile said, "Not once have I seen the NCAA even make a statement."

In a statement to The Post, the NCAA said it required schools to provide mental health services to athletes and that it consulted extensively with experts to create best practices for care.

"The mental health crisis in this country touches every aspect of society, and the NCAA acknowledges the urgency and magnitude of this issue," said an NCAA spokesman, Christopher Radford. "We also understand that the mental health crisis has been exacerbated - for student-athletes and others - by the isolation and other impacts of COVID-19."

But athletes and advocates have pushed back against the idea that the deaths by suicide are simply a reflection of the wider, and well-documented, mental health crisis among all young people. The challenges faced by athletes are sharply distinct from those of other college students, they argue: relentless hours, physical injury, limits on social circles that are confined to teams and can disappear with injury or poor performance.

The family of one athlete who died by suicide in recent months, Wisconsin runner Sarah Shulze, said in a statement that they believed the stress of college sports had contributed significantly to her death. "Balancing athletics, academics and the demands of everyday life overwhelmed her in a single, desperate moment," they wrote in April.

Scholarships and spots on teams can hang on individual games and meets; coaches and athletic departments, paid and funded based in part on how athletes perform, lean heavily on the young people they are tasked with overseeing.

And unlike with most students, advocates said, there is a billion-dollar oversight body charged with guiding and protecting college athletes. The NCAA last convened a formal task force on mental health in 2017, and though it updated its best practices in 2020, critics said the organization has not done enough to prioritize athletes' mental health when it comes into conflict with issues such as practice time, coaching and compensation.

Athlete safety and the NCAA's business model are "fundamentally opposed to one another," said Andrew Cooper, a former college runner and activist who has called for dismantling the NCAA. "The more money pumped into the system, the more pressure on coaches, the more pressure gets put on athletes."

For some, the NCAA's silence in the face of athletes' deaths this year, and the worries of their teammates and competitors, has been conspicuous.

"Saying something would be better than nothing," said Morgan Ferrara, a former



Christine Hill points to a photograph of her daughter, Jayden, at home in Allendale Charter Township, Mich. Washington Post

Division I soccer player who is now a PhD student at the University of Houston, of the NCAA. "I want to see them acknowledging these things are going on, putting in place some sort of steps that you're going to force institutions to follow."

Chad Asplund, a sports medicine doctor who worked in several Division I athletic departments, compared the NCAA's focus on how college athletes should be allowed to profit off their personal brands with what the organization has done in the face of the recent deaths of athletes.

"All this [name, image and likeness] talk," Asplund said, "and there's been zero talk of the epidemic of suicide."

Mackenzie Fitzpatrick's dark moments came after a string of injuries kept her off the softball field for much of her career at the University of Connecticut.

"I was really struggling - I just felt completely isolated from my team, really alone," she said. "I felt like a burden to everyone around me, [to] our trainers and doctors, being in the training room every day."

For a while, she hid all of it from coaches and teammates. Like many people struggling with mental health in and out of sports, Fitzpatrick feared being seen as weak, she said. But the reasons behind it were, she thought, particular to college sports.

"It's the culture of college athletics - we talk about the grind, no days off, no time off, the idea that the people that are successful are the ones that never turn off their switch," Fitzpatrick said.

When she finally sought therapy on the advice of the team doctor, her coaches were supportive. But she found that between classes and sports, she didn't have a single hour in her schedule for therapy. Fitzpatrick had to ask her coach if she could come late to practice once a week, she said, an accommodation she knows some coaches would never allow.

Pietro Sasso, an assistant professor at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas who has studied mental health in college sports, calls it an "athletic tax." College sports "have such compressed schedules," Sasso said. "Their demands don't let them get access in the same way other students have the privilege of."

College athletes experience mental health struggles at the same or higher rates than typical college students, studies have shown. Many college students, especially part-time students and those with families, face time pressures, and mental health stigmas persist in virtually every corner of society.

A 2015 study found that college athletes had a lower rate of suicide than the general college population. In the midst of a broader crisis in mental health on college campuses, there is no data yet to show how the suicides of college athletes in 2022 compare with the rate of young people as a whole.

But the number of NCAA athlete suicides in the first four months of 2022 alone appears to be substantially higher than the rate in the past. That 2015 study found 35 college athlete suicides between 2003 and 2012, less than four per year. The vast majority of those deaths - 29 - were men, another significant difference from this year.

Dan Romer, the research director at the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, pushed back against the idea that there was a particular crisis among athletes, arguing that the system of mental health care is broken across colleges as a whole. Romer researches mental health in young people, including the effects of social media and suicide.

"It's not just athletes - the real crisis is in the university and colleges themselves," Romer said. When students approach colleges with mental health struggles, Romer said, particularly in the midst of a crisis, they often push to remove the student from campus. And Romer said that he has seen colleges effectively cover up student suicides, fearing contagion with other students - but also fearing bad publicity.

"If students feel like they aren't going to get help, then they aren't going to seek it," Romer said.

But even as young people everywhere experience mental health problems at unprecedented rates, young athletes' particular struggles are often deeply ingrained in the culture of college sports.

Jayden Hill, a Division II track runner at Northern Michigan University, was "always



Kate Intile, a cross country runner at Oregon State University, said pressure from her previous university fueled her depression. Washington Post

the first person" to reach out to someone struggling with their mental health, said her mother, Christine Hill. She saw herself as an advocate, Hill said, and would support friends and even strangers by text and over social media.

When it came to Jayden's own lifelong struggle with mental health, though, she was hesitant to speak up publicly, Christine Hill said. "She never wanted to be seen as weak. She was so terrified that somebody would think that she wasn't strong."

Hill was one of several college athletes who died by suicide in April.

Her identity had been wrapped up in her sport since she was small, Hill's family said. She dreamed of running in the Olympics, keeping a framed USA sprinter's uniform outside her room. But when she started running in college, Hill's times dropped, her mother said. "She put so much pressure on herself to do well," Christine Hill said.

Hill's coaches were supportive, her mother said. But she worried about disappointing them anyway, worrying they had expected more when they brought her to the university. "I think she started to feel like she was a burden, like to her coaches she was a burden," Christine Hill said. "She didn't want to be a burden."

An increasing focus on mental health in sports has led more colleges, especially at larger Division I schools, to add mental health professionals who work exclusively with athletes, increasingly from inside locker and training rooms.

The NCAA's best-practices guidelines, released in 2016, call for campuses to create "interdisciplinary teams" focused on mental health, including trained practitioners who are not simply performance coaches focused on on-field showings. The organization recommends screening students for mental well-being along with physical health.

At Arkansas, Bader heads a team of three mental health professionals who are focused on outreach to athletes. He has seen "huge growth" in the past 15 years, he said, as awareness grows.

Bader said he's happy with the NCAA's best-practices guidelines. Anything more rigid, he said, such as requirements for every school, could impose unnecessary standards in a field where flexibility and adaptability are necessary. "We need to put continued attention on it," Bader said. "Advocacy and education are huge for us."

For activists such as Intile and Cooper, more significant systemic changes are necessary. The pressures and stressors faced by young athletes, they argue, are linked directly to the massive college sports industry, and especially to the NCAA.

Especially at the top divisions, NCAA sports, they say, incentivize winning above all else, tying pay and bonuses for coaches and athletic departments whose athletes notch victories. That is true in nonrevenue sports, such as running, and even moreso in sports like football and basketball, where winning teams can rake in millions for colleges.

"It was drilled into our head, the goal is to compete for and win national championships, and that implies 'at any cost,'" Intile said of her time running cross-country at the University of Colorado Boulder. "It's a sink-or-swim program, and if you sink, you sink hard."

Intile described practices she said were damaging to her mental health and that of her teammates, including pushing her to run through injuries that later became more serious. She underwent a "body composition test" monthly, she said, where a clinician would pinch their bodies as they stood clad in a sports bra and running shorts. The exam room's large windows looked out on the weight room, where other athletes were often present.

"We would fight for the early morning appointment so you wouldn't have to eat breakfast, and football [players] wouldn't be there [in the weight room]," Intile said. "You walk out with Sharpie marks all over your body. Everyone knows you got body comped this morning - it was like a physical representation of the fact that you had to go through trauma."

In a statement, the University of Colorado said it recently made body composition tests voluntary as a result of athlete concerns, consulting with a Student Athlete Advisory Council in recent months about the policy, and that it offers "extensive resources" to athletes in



Christine Hill poses for a portrait inside her home holding a photograph of her daughter, Jayden Hill. Washington Post

mental health.

The university "is committed to the physical and mental well-being of our athletes, and that commitment serves as the cultural foundation of not just our cross-country team, but of all our programs," said Steve Hurlbert, the university's director of communications.

Many college athletes "are viewed as wins and losses, not as people," said Asplund, the sports medicine doctor. Asplund is now the executive director of the U.S. Council for Athletes' Health, a consulting firm that specializes in college sports.

"They're disposable commodities where coaches and universities chew them up and spit them out," Asplund said. "There's not a focus on the individual athlete; it's all on the outcome."

On the other side of the coin from coaches paid to win games, Cooper notes, are college athletes who are not paid a cent - but who put what is often the equivalent of a full-time job into their sport, despite an NCAA rule that technically caps the time they spend on athletics at 20 hours per week of official practices and training. That number excludes many mandatory activities for athletes, like travel and physical therapy.

"People don't understand the demands that are placed on athletes," Cooper said. "You're going constantly from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, month in and month out."

Cooper argues that the only way to deal with the conflict he sees between the NCAA's incentives and athletes' mental health is to dismantle the organization, or at least dramatically reform the structure of college sports. Allowing athletes to unionize and be paid for their labor, he said, gives them control over their working conditions.

"The NCAA has created an environment where athletes are treated like cattle," Cooper said.

Other dramatic reforms include pushing to incentivize athlete development and health in coach pay and evaluations at competitive programs; substantially cutting back hours, off-season training and travel; and cracking down on abusive coaching practices.

New rules that give college athletes control over their own name, image and likeness have finally given athletes a chance to make money off their sport. But that, too, has come with a mental health cost, something the NCAA acknowledged as part of a review of how the new rules have affected athletes.

Young female athletes, especially, have found that the main way they can earn income through college sports is with their social media presence.

Sedona Prince, an Oregon basketball player who is among the most famous college athletes on TikTok - and whose viral video ignited an uproar over the NCAA's unequal treatment of men and women at its basketball tournaments - posted a tearful video last month saying she was taking a break from the platform. She described how her growing fame among her classmates had led them to treat her like an object.

"I'm not any different because I'm on TikTok. I'm still a person," Prince said in the video. "My mental health has really been declining for a long time, to the point where I'm really at my lowest right now."

In their frustration with the NCAA, some college athletes have taken it upon themselves to act.

Weeks after Katie Meyer died, Fitzpatrick remembers being shaken. "That's when I recognized this is a crisis," Fitzpatrick said. "I was like, 'This needs to be bigger.'" She went on a "rant" on Instagram, she said, demanding change from the broader athletics community.

"It's not about 'checking in' anymore. It's not enough," Fitzpatrick wrote on her page.

Just a few days after the post, Fitzpatrick's own close-knit sport lost a student to suicide: Lauren Bennett, the starting catcher on the James Madison team that starred at the Women's College World Series last year.

Fitzpatrick met with her team administrator and printed fliers with QR codes that direct athletes to mental health resources. But she wants to see the same urgency from college sports' most powerful forces.

"I don't know what's going on with the NCAA," Fitzpatrick said, "but there needs to be more."

Teen hoops players' goal? A new path to the NBA

Andrew Greif
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The most interesting basketball game in Atlanta on a Friday night in March wasn't the one played in the city's downtown NBA arena. It was happening three miles north, between six-figure-earning teenagers in a gym that opened only seven months earlier as part of a league that didn't exist one year before and whose primary audience couldn't watch the action unfold live.

Tipoff of the second game of a playoff series to determine the inaugural champion of Overtime Elite, a three-team league featuring some of the country's top players from ages 16 to 18, was still hours away when Ausar Thompson stopped by an always open snack bar on the first floor of the league's headquarters.

Emerging from his team's shoot-around, he grabbed a bowl of proteins and grains on his way to rest and prepare in the league-provided apartment he shared with his identical twin, Amen, and another league player in the upscale Atlantic Station neighborhood nearby.

"I'm confident," he said of his team's chances.

A 6-foot-6 wing with preternatural playmaking and impeccable manners, whose skills one league staffer breathlessly compared to the athleticism of Russell Westbrook and passing of Jason Kidd, Thompson was raised in San Leandro, Calif., began high school in Florida and once considered taking the conventional route to reach his NBA dream. Kentucky was his school of choice, though Florida State had impressed as well.

Then last year, recruiters called the brothers touting an attractive yet unproven alternative known by its three initials: OTE.

At the time, the New York-based social media company Overtime, founded in 2016, could only provide blueprints of a still-under-construction league to launch in the fall of 2021. Players would attend an in-house school and earn Georgia-accredited diplomas. They would earn guaranteed salaries of at least \$100,000 and be provided with financial support if players wanted to later attend college as a student. The biggest selling point was basketball.

"We both wanted to go to college," Ausar said. "But then we realized that we could get a lot better in this year than we would have gotten in high school."

He arrived at that idea because of the three-story league headquarters the size of a city block where players could access a state-of-the-art show court, two practice courts, weight rooms rivaling an NBA practice facility, and coaches with NBA and college experience.

They were only the third and fourth players to commit, and by taking the salary they elected to forgo their NCAA eligibility should the best-laid plans not work out. Joining, Amen Thompson recalled, was a "leap of faith."

"You just had to like, really trust them," he said. "And then they actually ended up doing what they said they were going to do."

Just as the Thompsons believed their best route to the NBA went through Overtime Elite, the league was founded on a conviction that millions of Gen Z, cord-cutter and cord-never users -- and the brands that covet that demographic -- would follow those journeys through social media, one post at a time.

Overtime chief executive Dan Porter wouldn't say how much it cost to get the league up and running. "I can say," he added, "it cost us a gallon of blood, two gallons of sweat and three gallons of tears."

In transforming from a theoretical league to proof-of-concept, OTE has become

one of American sports' most closely watched experiments. Overtime had attracted investors such as a fund run by Jeff Bezos, along with Carmelo Anthony, Drake, Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson, but observers say its league's first year legitimized the basketball side by offering evidence it could develop its top-level talent. It could affect your favorite alma mater's recruiting class, or develop your favorite NBA team's future rookie.

"It's their first year, and at the end of the day, there are going to be growing pains," said one NBA scout who had watched Overtime Elite play and spoke on the condition of anonymity. "I came away thinking that it was better than I thought it would be."

Along with the two-year-old G League Ignite, the NBA-sponsored team that signs high school graduates and tutors them for one year before they become eligible for the draft, Overtime has shown it can be a "disruptor" to the NCAA, said Jay Bilas, the ESPN college basketball analyst.

"I wouldn't call them any sort of existential threat to the NCAA system because they're not going to be taking all of the players," Bilas said. "But they'll be taking some of the top players, and that is certainly going to impact the college game."

Because Overtime has yet to sell its live media rights for game broadcasts, wanting to first build its social following, it registers most with its young fans. On TikTok, Overtime's general account has 19 million followers and Overtime Elite's account surpassed 1 million in May -- more than 25 NBA teams.

The NBA gathered this week for its annual scouting combine in Chicago, with a few OTE players participating. The bigger impact could come in one year. The prospect of the Thompsons attending and becoming first-round 2023 lottery selections -- as some NBA observers believe is possible -- is a feat that Overtime Elite believes will help it land on the radar of mainstream fans.

"When Amen and Ausar walk across that stage and shake hands with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver next year, there's going to be a lot of people who lean to their friends while they're watching the draft and say, 'Oh, that's the Overtime Elite kid I was telling you about,'" said Joe Leavitt, Overtime's Los Angeles-based head of brand partnerships. "That's a really interesting dynamic of this idea of discovery, and that's frankly how we've gotten where we are."

The OTE show court has room for more than 1,200 fans, but its most rabid following stems from those nowhere close to the building because this arena is engineered to be optimized for social media. One staffer dubbed it essentially a basketball version of the "TikTok mansion" -- a place where creators put their enviable lives on display and fans watching through the players' lens clamor to visit.

From the arena's broadcast booth, action is narrated by AMP, a team of YouTube celebrities who reference music and culture as much as the box score. High-arching video boards along the sides lit in the league's orange-and-blue motif shine brilliantly by high-definition lights found in only two other arenas -- Crypto.com Arena and Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

"We designed this hybrid of like, an NBA-caliber practice facility, a small schoolhouse and a show court sort of designed as 'basketball meets inside your video-game console,'" said league commissioner Aaron Ryan in March, one month before he left the company, citing the "personal toll" of splitting time between work in Atlanta and his family in New Jersey.

Steps from the court is a

room that is Overtime's answer to the TV production truck -- three rows of computers and color-coded boards controlling a wall of monitors that receive footage from at least 15 cameras on standard game nights. To put that in context, the broadcast of an NBA game at Crypto.com Arena typically uses about 11 cameras. That number jumped to 29 cameras during March's best-of-three OTE finals series, a count that included at least five iPhones, nine cameras equipped for virtual reality, and 15 pro-style cameras, said Marc Kohn, Overtime's chief content officer.

"It's all the horsepower that a television or streaming network would have, but we just utilized it differently," said Kohn, who arrived from digital-first Bleacher Report's video department. "We think of just: What are the 50 pieces of content that we can create and distribute across all the different social channels?"

For now, live streaming is available only for players' families on a closed circuit. Games are still spliced into quick-hitting highlights and delivered on social platforms by the five full-time social media employees who work for the league in a room dubbed "The Kitchen," next to the production center. The league's individual Instagram account has nearly 400,000 followers and drew at least one like or comment from 800,000 unique users during the first season, according to Comscore, the web analysis firm.

Surprising insights into its online audience have led Overtime to post condensed game recaps sometimes 50 minutes long on YouTube. On the internet, that's an eternity. But demand from viewers watching longer than expected, with a significant portion on connected televisions, prompted the longer uploads.

The footage, plus more gathered throughout the week, eventually flows to a first-floor room housing six rows of desks where more employees work on documentary features.

Viewers might see the school in one, high-ceilinged hallway whose common areas are broken into rooms for different subjects. One whiteboard listed a history lesson on the Trail of Tears. Another showed the remnants of a business lesson -- the components of everything that goes into a Chick-fil-A meal. Players' days are structured into blocks, with basketball in the morning and school in the afternoon, that flip-flop the next day.

Viewers might also see the dining area, splashed with Gatorade logos, the basket stanchions wrapped in State Farm's logo, the winter dunk competition that was broadcast in virtual reality within Meta Quest, Facebook's virtual-reality headsets, and the Topps trading cards with players' images. They are the result of "brand partnerships" Leavitt helped orchestrate that he called multiyear, multimillion-dollar deals.

"We make money the same way other sports leagues do -- we build a robust sponsorship pipeline, group licensing around trading cards and more," Porter said. "We also build media rights and grow those over time starting with an already engaged Overtime audience."

That digital audience wants to see the dunks, daily life and personality of players such as Jahzare Jackson, a soft-spoken center who stands 6-foot-11, 315 pounds and grew up in Oceanside, Calif. After playing in middle school with social-media phenom Mikey Williams and teaming up on the AAU circuit with Bronny James, living under the camera's watchful eye had become "second nature," Jackson said.

"You really have to be

working with somebody to escape it," Amen Thompson said. "But it's fun knowing that if one person doesn't get the shot 3/8, then the other person's going to get it."

When the Thompson brothers began high school in Florida, their father came with them. For this season, both parents are in San Leandro, and Ausar has enjoyed the extra freedom.

"The only thing is," he said, "now I've got to wash my own stuff."

The league's soaring ambitions and corporate backing could obscure that often the most pressing daily issues revolve around how to manage and support more than 20 teenagers living and training in close proximity, many for the first time away from their loved ones. Players missed their families. They learned to redirect conversations when friends asked how much money they were making. With help from a company that taught players financial literacy, Jackson was learning to prepare and file his taxes for the first time.

"Forget the basketball, like, does he need Tylenol, or does he like swallowing pills yet?" said Brandon Williams, a former Sacramento Kings executive who oversees Overtime's basketball operations. "There are kind of life lessons in everything when you have a 16-year-old, 17-year-old."

Employees felt strongly those lessons would help when their second season launches in the fall. Williams' top priority is a tougher schedule, saying he'd like to face G League Ignite. By the time the league was announced, most U.S. teams were already booked for the 2021-22 season, leaving a smattering of lower-level squads to face. In

addition, COVID wiped out a planned trip to Europe.

The best competition on their 23-game schedules usually came against OTE teams. The familiarity between Overtime's teams had a way of increasing the intensity rather than dulling it. One game in March ended with a heated scrap, coaches holding back players and disciplinary action. The footage spread, of course, on social media.

There are growing pains. Yet OTE has already fulfilled part of its mission -- attracting up-and-coming talent it hopes will sustain interest and follower growth. Naasir Cunningham, rated by 247Sports as the top player in the 2024 class, committed in April with a twist: He will not take a salary to maintain his NCAA eligibility, though the 6-foot-7 wing from New Jersey still can earn money off his name, image and likeness.

Bilas said that though Overtime's guaranteed six-figure salaries drew initial headlines, they are just one factor players must consider, particularly now that the explosion of sanctioned cash available within the NCAA thanks to NIL deals has left college teams able to compete monetarily.

Colleges can offer the spotlight of March Madness. If the ultimate goal is the kind of NBA contract that can dwarf the money offered by Overtime Elite, G League Ignite or college NIL deals, then it becomes a question of player development. Ausar Thompson spoke glowingly of all-hours access to the gym. Amen Thompson's offseason plans included preparation for next year's pre-draft workouts. Players consult with Damien Wilkins, a 10-year NBA veteran who is Overtime's "dean

of athlete culture and experience."

"In the G League and Overtime Elite, you're more likely going to be working maybe even more on your game than you do in college and you're going to be doing it with an NBA system," Bilas said. "So there's an argument to be made that you can develop as an athlete just as well if not better and those two options would argue it's a better path to development."

Former NBA player Ryan Gomes and former DePaul and Virginia coach Dave Leitao are on a coaching staff overseen by 13-year NBA guard and former Connecticut coach Kevin Ollie. One NBA scout expected the influence of the coaching to be more evident, the play more disciplined.

"At first, when they would introduce a bunch of new plays to me, I was like, 'Oh, what am I doing?'" Ausar said. "Now I feel like there's a pattern to basketball and I'm learning it."

Joining OTE, Ausar said, is not for prospects unwilling to treat it like a job.

"You have to come in with a certain mindset," he said. "You have to be prepared."

Hours later inside the show court, Ausar scored 17 points by making 63% of his shots to help Team Elite even its championship series against Team OTE, which was headlined by his brother. Two days later, Ausar earned most-valuable-player honors and sealed a championship by scoring 20 points, making 53% of his shots.

Fans curious how the brothers could fit in the NBA will have to wait until 2023. Until then, they'll have to go online and tap the "follow" button.

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2022-23 Athletics' Supplies
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The Work of the project will be let as follows:

Contract No.	General Work including Asbestos Abatement
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Contract No. H.1	HVAC Work
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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Kaaterskill Cottage LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/29/2022. Cty: Greene. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to P.O. Box 336, Tannersville, NY 12485. General Purpose

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Notice of Formation of YOUANDME LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-02-22. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to YOUANDME LLC: PO Box 847 Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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May 13, 2022 To Whom It May Concern: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Philmont will hold a Public Hearing on the 24th day of May, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall to consider the following: The application for an area variance by Philmont Holdings LLC., PO Box 404, Bellmore, NY 11710 for lot line adjustments at the properties of 3 and 5 Elm Street and 83 Main Street, Philmont, NY 12565. Tax map #'s 113.13-1-15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. The applicant is requesting relief for the proposed boundary line adjustments to adjust the interior adjacent boundaries so that the new lot configurations are more harmonious with existing structures and uses, while also resolving several pre-existing encroachments between the adjacent lots as required by the Philmont Village zoning code. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested will be heard at the above time and place. Kurt Basl, Kurt Basl, Chairperson Zoning Board of Appeals

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NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF TAXES Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1428

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF LIVINGSTON PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at 7 P.M. on Wednesday June 01 2022, the Town of Livingston Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Livingston Town Hall, 119 County Route 19, Livingston, New York on an application for subdivision by Jonathan and Lorraine Salkin pursuant to the Livingston Town Subdivision Law. The property that is the subject of the application is located at 2279 Route 9, Livingston, NY, 6.18 acres into 2 parcels. Tax Map Number 170.00-01-10-2. Members of the public may be heard on the application at the public hearing or may submit comments in written form. The application materials are on file with the Town of Livingston at the Town Hall and are available for public inspection.

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Giants' Jones 'confident' despite declined option

Field Level Media

New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones chose his words carefully Thursday when discussing new general manager Joe Schoen's decision not to fully guarantee his fifth-year option for 2023.

Jones, however, was clear in saying that he remains sold on his abilities.

"Yeah, I'm certainly confident in myself. I'm confident in the team we have and the coaches and the system," Jones said. "I think we're all learning it, and we're improving daily with it. There's a lot of reasons to be confident, I think, when you look at all those pieces. We've got to focus on what we're doing now. We can't focus on results and the season. That's a long way away."

He missed six games last season with a neck injury.

Jones has shown glimpses of potential in the three seasons since the Giants selected him with the sixth overall pick of the 2019 NFL Draft. Those glimpses weren't enough, however, as Schoen elected against paying the quarterback \$22.3 million in 2023.

"That was certainly out of my control, out of my hands, and that's the business part of it. I understand that," said Jones, who turns 25 next week.

"My job is to prepare to play as well as I can, help the team win games, and that's certainly what I'm focused on."

And he'll try to do so under new head coach Brian Daboll, who previously aided in the development of Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen.

Jones completed 64.3 percent of his passes for 2,428 yards and 10 touchdowns in 11 starts last season. He had seven interceptions and seven fumbles.

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College student is tested trying to reason with mom

Dear Abby, I am a freshman at a Midwestern university, and I love it. I finished my first semester with straight A's, and my second semester has been strong. I have a great group of friends and have already made plenty of memories. My problem is I have been having a disagreement with my mom. I would like to rush a sorority in the fall, and while my dad is fine with it, my mother won't even entertain the topic.

I've never shared a lot with her regarding my social life because she has always been very strict (for instance, my dad knows I enjoy tailgating and partying as long as my grades are good). I am very responsible and always take care of everything that needs to be completed before I let myself have fun. Dad knows this and trusts me. However, I couldn't fathom telling my mom about it.

I think part of the problem is she grew up abroad, and when she came to the U.S. for college in the 1990s, she faced a severe culture shock. We have always been very different people. Contrary to what she may think, my main reason for joining a sorority is not "to party." It's an attractive option for off-campus housing, and I think it would be an effective way to meet more people (especially at such a big school). If I don't like how rush pans out for me, I have no issue with dropping out, but I think it would be worth a try.

I want to have an open conversation with Mom, but she is very close-minded. I don't want to go behind her back, because I think that would only do more harm than good. How should I navigate this conversation?



DEAR ABBY
JEANNE PHILLIPS

Going Greek?

As much as you dread it, you must have a sit-down, comprehensive conversation with your mother about this. Emphasize the benefits of being in a sorority. She may be concerned

because in some Greek organizations there have been severe abuses of the pledges, some of which were so dangerous that students lost their lives. You may also want to research the compliance history of the Greek organizations on your campus before addressing the subject with your mother, so you can allay any concerns she has.

Dear Abby, I'm in my early 40s. A few months ago, I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. I keep reading the five-year survival rate is only 28%, and I'm concerned that despite receiving treatment (hormone therapy injections), I don't have many years left. The cancer has been found in my spine and pelvis as well. I am a person of faith, so I'm not afraid of death. I'm just worried about leaving my daughter behind, along with friends and family.

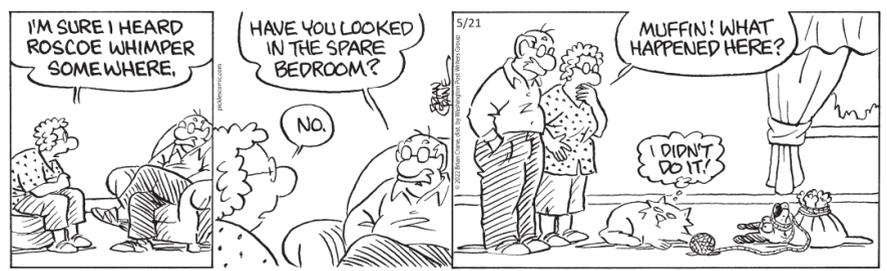
My question is, should I make a will? I live in an apartment and don't have many assets except for some savings. I plan to start a trust, so my daughter will receive that money at the appropriate time. I have never had a reason in the past for a will. I don't know what sorts of things go into a will. I also have a 2-year-old cat, and now I'm worried he will outlive me. I don't want him to have to go back to the Humane Society if I pass on. He's like a child to me, and I only want the best for him.

Making Plans For The Future

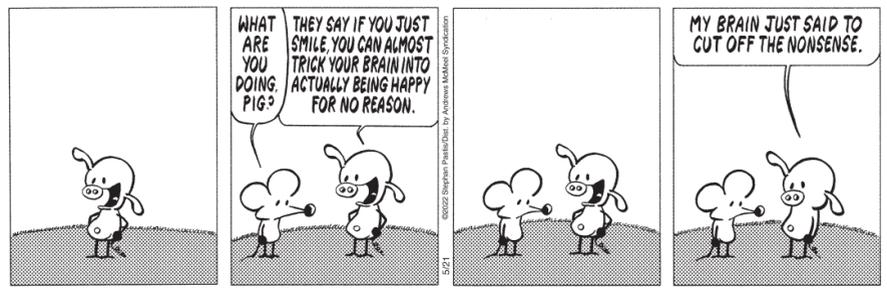
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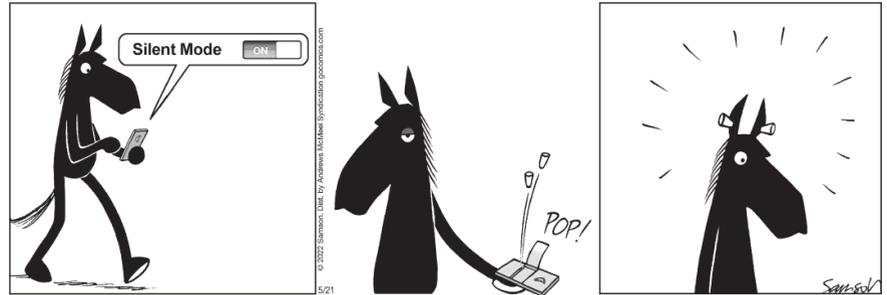
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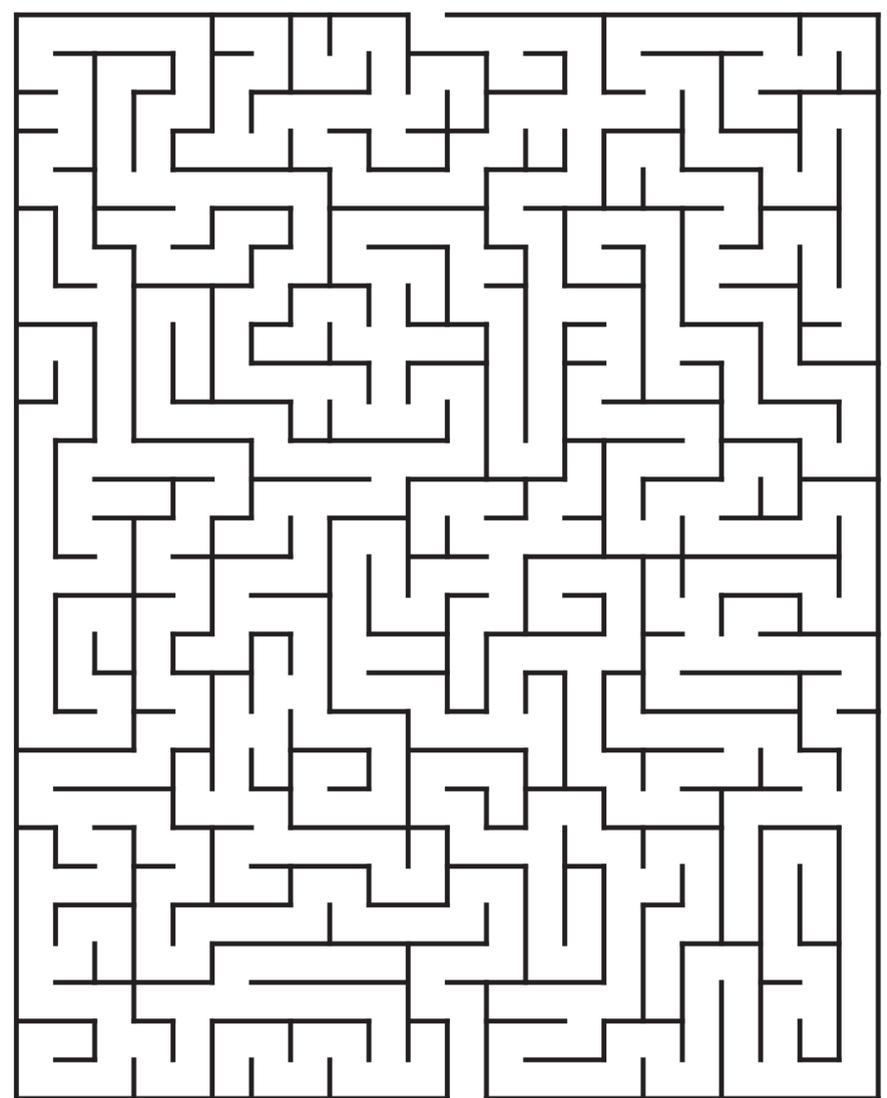
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are never afraid to say what you think, and do the things that put your feelings and beliefs into motion in practical ways. If this brings you into conflict, so be it, but like so many Taurus natives, you are never one to shrink from a challenge, especially when it is ideological in nature. You are a natural strategist, capable at all times of assessing a situation and coming up with the most effective plan possible for dealing with it.

When it comes to your personal affairs, you can be rather standoffish, and you prefer that only those who need to know about your private life actually do. This is not because of you having anything to hide, of course, but rather because you believe that your personal and business affairs can and must be separate.

Also born on this date are: The Notorious B.I.G., rapper; Mr. T, actor; Raymond Burr, actor; Fats Waller, musician; Lisa Edelstein, actress; Leo Sayer, singer; Al Franken, comedian and politician; Henri Rousseau, artist.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If it's happened before, it can happen again, and today is likely the day for something to sneak up on you for which you should have been ready.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be confusing a benefit with a liability today; figure out where your strengths really lie, and you can rely upon them more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can have a lot of fun today — after you get your work done. For only then will you be able to free your mind and

really let go!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone you know only a little is likely to reveal more to you than ever before, and the result leads you to make a last-minute decision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You feel as though you are ready for anything, but you must be honest with yourself today and acknowledge the few things you want to avoid.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be able to solve a stubborn mystery today when someone offers you a clue that doesn't look like a clue until you examine it closely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may be perilously close to passing up an opportunity that could change things for the better — now and in the future. Be ready!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're selling yourself short if you think that you're not up to par, but the truth is that you are looked upon as a true and able leader.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Others may affix all manner of labels on you today, but much that you do and much of who you are can't be categorized in that way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'll want to be sure that you keep up with others in the search for knowledge and usable information. Falling behind leads to trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You want to dig into things a bit more than usual, and today you'll have the chance to invest more completely in several activities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your focus may have to be divided between two important issues today — but you know that one more than the other will demand more time of you.

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Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 764♥KQ64♦AQ8♣652

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♠
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A864♥AK3♦AJ7♣A104

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A65♥984♦J6♣QJ1053

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	1♥	?

What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 86♥AK5♦AKQJ64♣KJ

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ AQJ653♥K1075♦73♣8

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What call would you make?

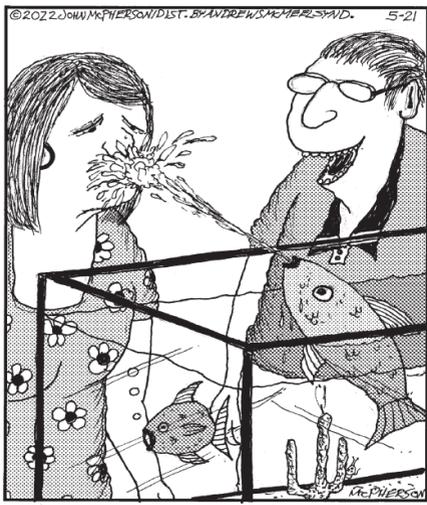
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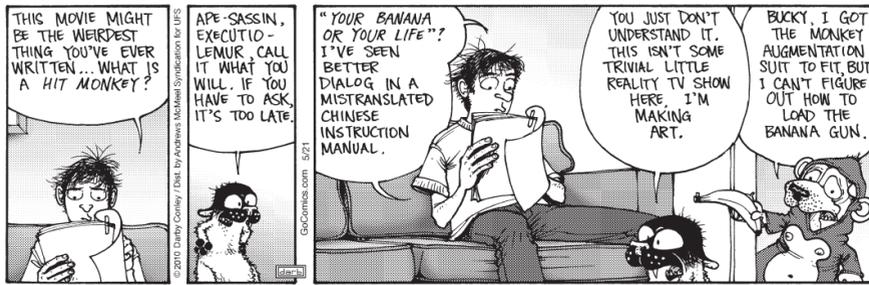


"That's my clown fish, Boppy."

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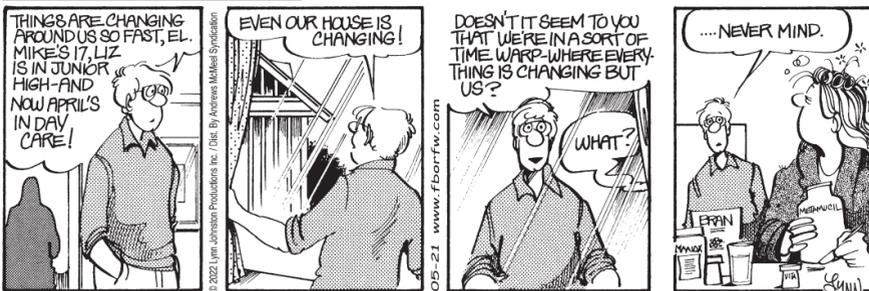
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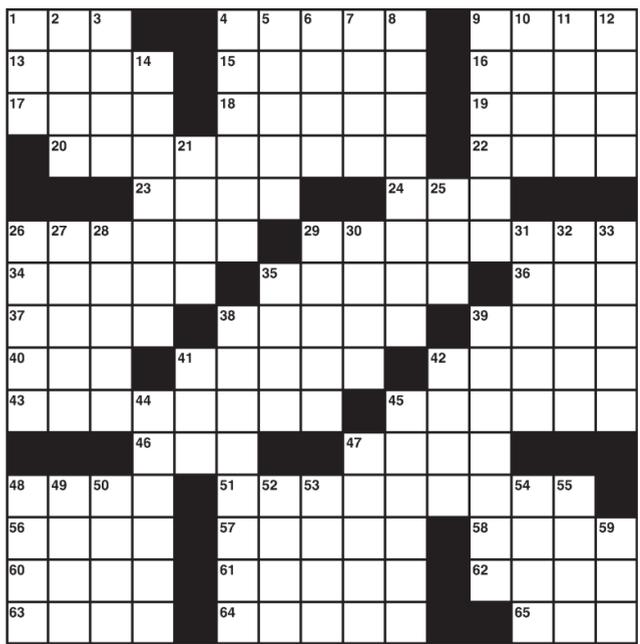


For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Put forth effort
 - 4 Daisylike flower
 - 9 "Beat it!"
 - 13 "Little Red Riding ___"
 - 15 Declare
 - 16 Errand runner
 - 17 TV bear
 - 18 Anglo-___
 - 19 Currier's partner
 - 20 Virile
 - 22 Cincinnati team
 - 23 Sporting event
 - 24 Nintendo console
 - 26 Not susceptible, as to a disease
 - 29 Inkjet machines
 - 34 Din
 - 35 Plastered
 - 36 Groove
 - 37 Price
 - 38 Feeling remorse about
 - 39 Party sandwich
 - 40 Top club
 - 41 Actress Claire
 - 42 ___ point; center of attention
 - 43 ___ lettuce; taco ingredient
 - 45 Hard-shelled insect
 - 46 Garland
 - 47 Pond dweller
 - 48 Pleased
 - 51 Forefathers
 - 56 Uncommon
 - 57 Lunch hours
 - 58 ___ and tear
 - 60 Play parts
 - 61 Evil spell
 - 62 ___ a soul; nobody
 - 63 ___ Picture; Oscar category
 - 64 Stopped
 - 65 Pass on
- DOWN**
- 1 "Love ___ neighbor"
 - 2 Kitchen or parlor
 - 3 Lotus-position exercise
 - 4 Take for granted
 - 5 No longer fresh
 - 6 Cab
 - 7 College for boys only
 - 8 Ordering more "Time"
 - 9 Enthusiasm
 - 10 Primitive dwelling
 - 11 Old
 - 12 Nickname for Teresa
 - 14 Repugnance
 - 21 Oldster's prop
 - 25 Pen contents
 - 26 Tribe members of Peru
 - 27 Be a freeloader
 - 28 Money hoarder
 - 29 Asked nosy questions
 - 30 Trots
 - 31 Build
 - 32 Of the countryside
 - 33 Embezzled
 - 35 Sand mound
 - 38 Warm glow
 - 39 Square dance
 - 41 Ike's initials
 - 42 Daring deed
 - 44 Firstborn
 - 45 ___ around; gave orders to
 - 47 Not relaxed
 - 48 Snatch
 - 49 Doily fabric
 - 50 Painting & pottery
 - 52 Part of speech
 - 53 Drape puller
 - 54 Well-___; knowledgeable
 - 55 Calcutta garb
 - 59 Bread variety



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Friday's Puzzle Solved



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SUDOKU

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Solution to Friday's puzzle 5/21/22

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1	5	4	7	6	2	9	3	8
7	9	6	5	8	3	4	1	2
4	8	3	6	9	1	7	2	5
5	7	2	4	3	8	1	9	6
6	1	9	2	7	5	3	8	4

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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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MPIYL
GNOREL
WGLEGA

Mr. Nelson composed songs like "On the Road Again" in a way that wasn't...
I take my songs seriously. They need to last.

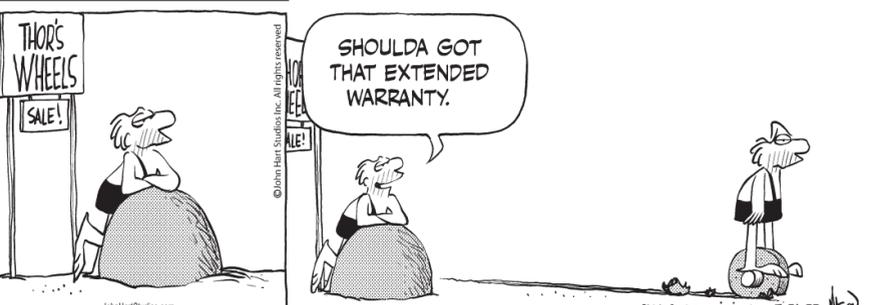
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Tuesday
Yesterday's Jumbles: IGLOO SLOSH NOGGIN UTOPIA
Answer: The train was late, and their final goodbye on the train platform was going to — LAST SO LONG

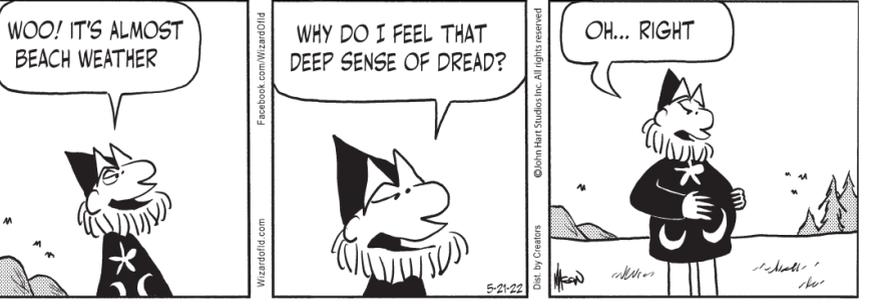
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R-E-L-A-X

The importance of staggering books

This avid reader doesn't stick to just one at a time

By LAURIE HERTZEL
Star Tribune

It's important to have more than one book going at a time — just like it's important to have more than one dog.

A couple of weeks ago, I finished "Dombey and Son," my second slow read of the year. When I turned that last page, I felt bereft. Oh, no, I thought; I'm done! Now what?

Such a great novel. Such great characters. And how typical of Charles Dickens to leave no mystery, no questions, but to tie up every loose end and finish the story of every character. (I knew Mr. Toots was going to marry Susan, I just knew it.)

It's hard, after finishing a book that captivates and consumes, to plunge into something new, don't you think? That book you just finished is still in your mind.

And yet there's no bleaker feeling than having nothing to read. That feeling of being "between books" is unsettling. It makes me feel, sometimes, that I will never read another book. I pace. I fret. I play a lot of solitaire on my phone.

But of course there is an easy solution: Always have more than one book going.

And so when I finished "Dombey," I had options: I was only halfway through the other novel I was reading, and only about a quarter of the way into a book of narrative non-fiction.

It's much easier to keep going with something you've already started than it is to just start something new. This is one reason why I always stagger my books.

I compare it to my philosophy of owning dogs: Two at a time.

Because when one dies — as, sadly, dogs eventually do — you already have another dog to keep you going. And after a while you realize that the solo dog needs a buddy, and voila! You're back to two. At least that's how it's always worked for me.

There are other happier, less death-centered reasons to read more than one book at a time.

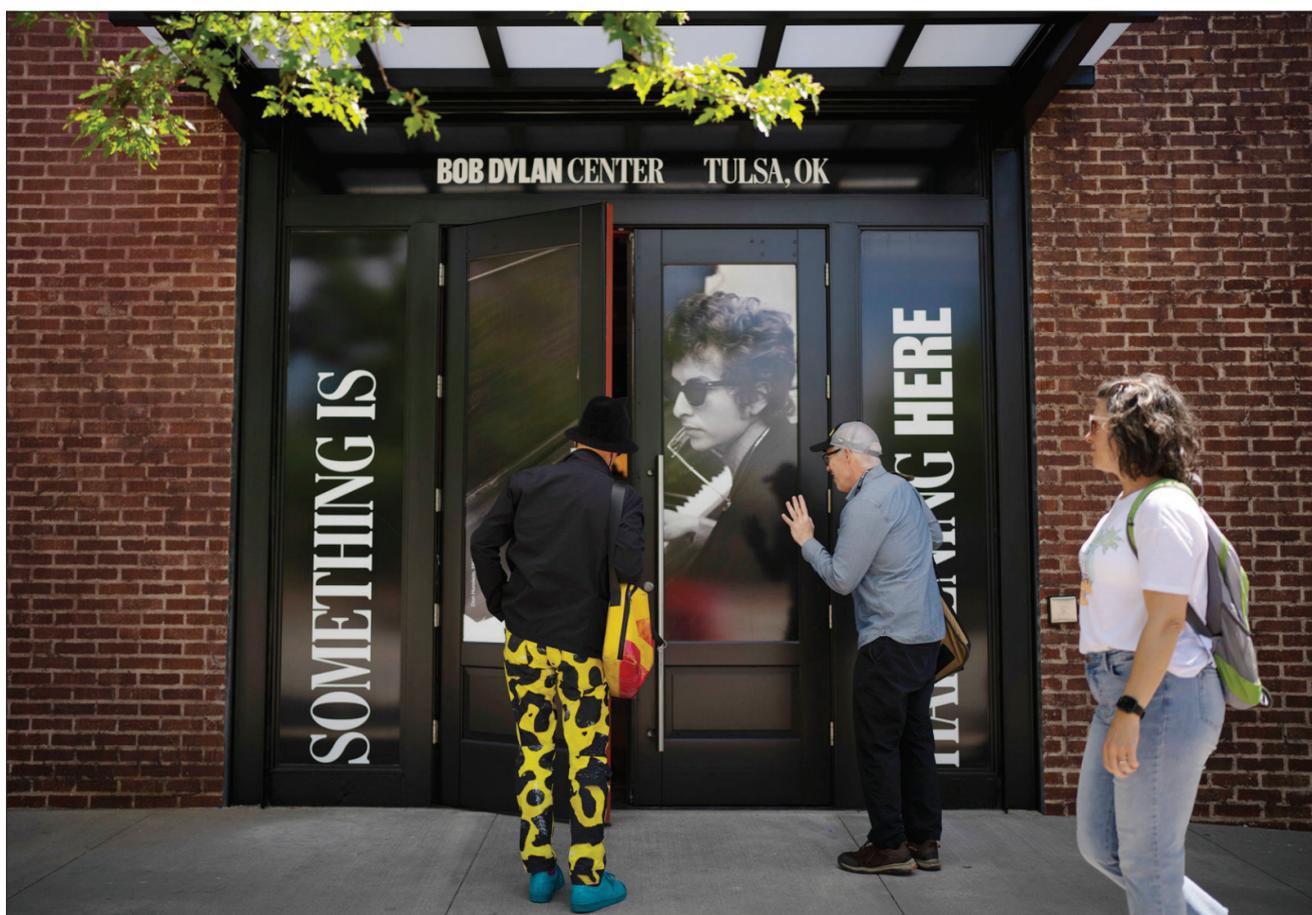
We have different moods for reading. These moods are mysterious and yet there's no denying their power.

Sometimes we feel like tackling something difficult. Sometimes we're just looking for entertainment or to pass a bit of time.

Sometimes we're sitting on the front porch under a blanket and it's pouring down rain

See **BOOKS C2**

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The entrance of the Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa, Okla., on May 6. Jeff Wheeler/Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS

Living legacy

Lost footage of Bob Dylan's 1969 Isle of Wight performance unearthed

By GEORGE VARGA
San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — David Peck's birthday gift came early this year. The founder of San Diego's 30-year-old Reelin' in the Years Productions — a leading archive for rare music film and video footage — on Monday announced the discovery of previously unseen 1969 concert footage of Bob Dylan and The Band.

The two-minute clip is the first known professionally shot film of Dylan's Isle of Wight performance. It marked his official full-concert return to the stage following a three-year hiatus after Dylan's 1966 motorcycle crash in Woodstock. Dylan's Isle of Wight gig drew three members of The Beatles, two members of the Rolling Stones, one member of Pink Floyd, and Eric Clapton, along with Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Jane Fonda and hundreds of thousands of other fans.

The footage Peck unearthed features performance excerpts of three classic Dylan songs — "Highway 61 Revisited," "Like a Rolling Stone" and "Rainy Day Women 12 & 35." The quality and rarity of the footage prompted Emmy-winning director Jennifer Lebeau to incorporate some of it into the immersive film experience she created for the Bob Dylan Center, which opened Tuesday in Tulsa, Okla.

"The Isle of Wight performance is a critical landmark in Dylan's story," Lebeau said in a statement. "Having the opportunity to debut this beautiful footage Reelin' in the Years Productions has uncovered enables storytelling I haven't yet had the opportunity to portray, thanks to its quality and breadth of songs. I'm thrilled the material will make its debut for the film at the Bob Dylan Center."

"Dylan, in front of a British crowd three years after his last shows in Europe, with members of The Band by his side — ironically, on an island in the Atlantic, versus at home in Woodstock, N.Y.

"I screamed when I saw it! My first call was to Jeff Rosen, Dylan's manager for the past 33 years, and he'd never seen the Isle of Wight footage."

DAVID PECK

Founder of Reelin' in the Years Productions — a leading archive for rare music film and video footage



The first members of the public to enter the Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa, Okla., watched a multimedia presentation on May 10. Jeff Wheeler/Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS

— captures the visceral energy one would hope to find."

Reelin' in the Years founder Peck discovered the Dylan and The Band footage earlier this year, buried in a trove of 1960s news clips his company acquired from the German TV network WDR.

In February, Peck and WDR mediagroup GmbH signed a deal granting Peck exclusive worldwide rights to license WDR's vast library of music-related footage.

"I screamed when I saw it!" said Peck, 56, who shares the same May 24 birthday as Dylan, 80.

"My first call was to Jeff Rosen, Dylan's manager for the past 33 years, and he'd never seen the Isle of Wight footage. Neither had

Jennifer Lebeau, who's done a lot of Dylan-related film work.

"The BBC had shot a little bit of Dylan and The Band doing 'The Mighty Quinn (Quinn the Eskimo)' at the Isle of Wight. And another news crew shot a bit of another song. But both those were shot from a different angle, from the right, and all the microphones are in the way. The footage we found was shot from the left and is better."

"So, this new Isle of Wight footage is historically significant — and a great birthday gift for me."

Peck has posted the two-minute clip of Dylan performing at the Isle of Wight for fans to watch online. His Reelin' in the Years

Productions began in Peck's bedroom when he was a teenager. His quest to collect rare rock music film footage saw his hobby turn into his lifelong profession.

His company has long been a regular source of footage for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and other companies and projects, including "Sonic Highways," the Foo Fighters-fueled HBO TV music series.

Reelin' in the Years' "Jazz Icons" DVD series of European concert specials earned international acclaim, while its "The American Folk Blues Festival 1962-1966 Volume One" garnered a 2004 Grammy nomination.

See **DYLAN C2**

Documentary looks at UFO phenomena

William Shatner, experts weigh in in 'A Tear in the Sky'

By **STEPHEN SCHAEFER**
Boston Herald

Caroline Cory has been entranced by what was flying so quickly by in the skies. "Since I was 5 years old," said the producer-director of the UFO documentary "A Tear in the Sky." "It didn't look like anything I could understand of course, but it was more of a gut feeling, who else is out there in the universe? Because of that, I stayed open to the idea that we may be visited by extraterrestrials or something along those lines

throughout my life." Cory, born in France but raised around the world ("I've been all over. I lived in Japan for a while"), financed and filmed an investigative squad of military personnel, scientists, even William Shatner, that hoped to capture without any doubt a real UFO phenomenon. Based in Laguna, Calif., the team had just five days to come up with compelling evidence. Only very recently has the government said anything about what might be visitors from another galaxy. Or not. Why such secrecy going back to the 1950s? "A few reasons," Cory said in a phone call from her Montana ranch. "Perhaps some of



"Star Trek" actor William Shatner speaks after flying into space on Oct. 13, 2021, near Van Horn, Texas. Shatner is featured in a new documentary about UFOs. Mario Tama/Getty Images/TNS

it has to do with 'black projects.' I would understand why they would want to not

disclose certain things that they're working on. "The other part of the story is that this will show that they don't know everything — and they don't have control over everything. Just the idea that there could be potentially intelligent (aliens) or maybe a foreign government that is capable of technologies that we don't have, puts them in a very vulnerable place. I think that's the reason why it's been one coverup after another throughout the whole process. Anyone who talks about it was ridiculed for the longest time. "Until 2017. When the Navy and the Pentagon has to finally admit, 'Wait a minute! There's something anomalous here. We don't know what it is. We're looking into it.'

"At least the fact that they have admitted there is something anomalous was a huge, huge step in the right direction." 2017 was when The New York Times reported on the Pentagon's research into unidentified flying objects. This immediately gave legitimacy and credence to the cause. "After that first article, everyone covered the subject from CNN to the Washington Post and so on. That gave us permission to finally talk about these experiences without sounding like 'crazy people.' "It was a game changer that changed the conversation. We can now talk about this with more validation."

The long and gruesome history of people trying to live forever

By **THEO ZENOU**
Washington Post

The Renaissance philosopher Montaigne quipped that "death has us by the scruff of the neck at every moment." He could have added: until, finally, it strangles us. But what if we knew how to escape death's chokehold? What if we could avoid death and live forever?

Immortality might seem like the stuff of science fiction, yet it's increasingly becoming the focus of real science. In 2013, Google launched Calico, a biotech firm whose objective is to "solve" death. PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, meanwhile, has pledged to "fight" death. And last year, it was reported Amazon chairman Jeff Bezos had invested in Altos Labs, a company that plans to "rejuvenate" cells in order to "reverse disease." (Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

There's even a start-up developing drugs so that dogs can live longer. Clinical trials are scheduled to start this year. If they're conclusive, the plan is to apply the same science to people.

Immortality — or anti-aging, as researchers soberly call it — is the next big thing. Estimates put the industry's worth at a staggering \$610 billion by 2025.

From Silicon Valley to Cambridge, England, scientists are writing the latest chapter in the tortuous history of our quest for eternal life. It's a history that goes back a long way.

We've been trying forever to live forever. Our species' oldest story, "The Epic of Gilgamesh," is about that very longing.

Etched on clay tablets four millennia ago in Mesopotamia, it concerns King Gilgamesh, a "wild bull of a man" with

gigantic muscles and an even more gigantic ego. After the death of his best friend, Gilgamesh is forced to confront his own mortality. "Must I die too?" he cries to the heavens.

In his grief, he sets out on a mission to "overcome" death. He fails, but uncovers the meaning of life along the way:

But the rest of humanity didn't get the memo. Take the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, who ruled in the 3rd century B.C. and was hellbent on living forever.

Like Gilgamesh, Qin was terrified of death. So much so that he outlawed any discussion of the topic at court under penalty of — you guessed it — death.

According to Stephen Cave's book "Immortality," when Qin learned of a graffiti prophesying that he too would eventually die, he ordered his troops to kill whomever was responsible for this affront. But the miscreant eluded capture. So the emperor had everyone in the area slain. (For someone with such a neurotic fear of death, Qin was pretty casual about slaughtering his subjects.)

One day, an enigmatic sorcerer named Xu Fu claimed he knew how to grant the emperor immortality. All the latter had to do was imbibe the "elixir of life." This special beverage could be found on a magical island of the East China Sea. Qin, ever credulous, funded Xu's expedition there.

But, of course, there was no island. Xu was a con man so brazen he made Charles Ponzi look like Desmond Tutu.

Still, the emperor remained obsessed with prolonging his existence. To that effect, he took to drinking a weird concoction;

he died at 49 of mercury poisoning.

Qin was not the only historical figure convinced a cocktail could bestow immortality. Diane de Poitiers, reputedly the most beautiful woman in 16th-century France, drank gold to preserve her good looks.

Poitiers didn't arbitrarily pick gold as her panacea. The element was associated with immortality thanks to alchemy, the biotech of the Middle Ages, which centered on the search for the Philosophers' Stone. It was believed to transmute base metals into gold and bestow eternal life.

A 14th-century Parisian alchemist, Nicolas Flamel, actually discovered the hallowed stone and is still alive today. Or so goes the legend, which inspired the first "Harry Potter" book.

Throughout history, blood has been a popular anti-aging remedy. In 1492, the moribund Pope Innocent VIII was injected with the blood of children, putting into practice the Italian polymath Marsilio Ficino's recommendation that the elderly suck the blood of the young "like leeches" to turn back their biological clock. (Should that be too gross, Ficino advised mixing the blood with hot water and sugar.) Alas for the Supreme Pontiff, it was hogwash. Innocent died, along with his youthful blood donors.

But what about bathing in the blood of virgins? At the turn of the 17th century, Hungarian countess Elizabeth Bathory was apparently an adept. She believed regular dips would keep her skin from wrinkling.

Fast-forward two centuries, and an eminent neurologist

credited injections from guinea pig and dog testicles with making him "feel thirty years younger." An enterprising surgeon ran with the idea, grafting monkey testicles onto elderly men's private parts in a bid to reverse aging. Learn more, at your own peril, in his treatise "Life; a Study of the Means of Restoring Vital Energy and Prolonging Life."

The quest for immortality even extended into the darkest hour of the 20th century. At the height of World War II, Nazi leader Heinrich Himmler embarked on a quest to locate the Holy Grail. The SS chief, steeped in the dark arts, believed the Grail would grant him superhuman abilities, including eternal life. Since the Middle Ages, it's been said that drinking from the Grail would annul death. (Himmler never did find the Grail; he died in 1945 when he took a cyanide pill upon capture by the British.)

However, if you're hoping to live forever, ditch the medieval fairy tales. Study instead the emerging science of cell programming, or "hacking" cells to recode them. It came under the spotlight recently thanks to a conference at the prestigious London Institute for Mathematical Sciences (LIMS).

"In principle, life could be engineered to live longer," LIMS director Thomas Fink told The Post. A physicist trained at Caltech and Cambridge, he sees immortality as a mathematical challenge. To solve it requires first asking why we age. "The canonical answer," Fink explained, "is that aging is inevitable and a fundamental condition of life." Every organism degrades over time and eventually breaks down. End of story.



Possible representation of Gilgamesh as Master of Animals is shown in an Assyrian palace relief from between 713-706 B.C. As the story goes, after the death of his best friend, Gilgamesh is forced to confront his own mortality. "Must I die too?" he cries to the heavens. Wikipedia

Books

From **C1**

and we don't want to get up for hours, and we need something that will keep us engrossed all afternoon. ("Dombey" was good for that, but so is just about any mystery.)

And then at night, I want to read something soothing that will help me fall asleep and have pleasant dreams. (I do not recommend mysteries for this. Definitely not thrillers, anyway.)

All of this brings to mind the poem by Winnifred Welles

about dogs and weather: "I'd like a different dog for every kind of weather," she wrote. "A narrow greyhound for a fog, a wolfhound strange and white ... to run with in the night."

The same is true for books. Do you read more than one book at a time? Or do you prefer total immersion in one and then on to the next? (And if so, how do you figure out what next to read?)

Write me, booksstartribune.com. Include your name and city and we'll discuss this again in a future column. And now, I have a dog to walk. Two dogs, actually. And three books to read.



It's much easier to keep going with something you've already started than it is to just start something new. This is one reason why Laurie Hartzel always staggers her books. Mohamed Kasim Naufal/Dreamstime



The second floor of the Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa, Okla., contains a wide-ranging interactive display of material from the center's vast archive, acquired in 2016 and pictured on May 9. Jeff Wheeler/Minneapolis Star Tribune

Dylan

From **C1**

Peck is now co-producing a documentary on the fabled

Memphis soul and blues record company Stax, whose roster included Otis Redding, The Staple Singers, Albert King, Isaac Hayes, Little Milton, and others. Moreover, the same WDR German news reels that

yielded the Dylan at the Isle of Wight appears to be a gift that will keep on giving. "Along with the Dylan footage I have also found WDR footage of Frank Zappa in his home studio in Los Angeles,"

Peck said. "And I've found footage of The Who, at the Royal Albert Hall in London in 1969, doing their debut performance to a major audience of 'Tommy.' What else might I find? Anything is possible."

Food



Sustainable chef Priyanka Naik offers five ways to make your kitchen more eco-friendly.

Priyanka Naik

How to make your kitchen eco-friendly

5 steps you can take now to be a more sustainable home chef

By PRIYANKA NAIK

Washington Post

If you're feeling overwhelmed by the news about the climate, you aren't alone. While so many of the forces behind climate change are beyond our control, many of us are interested in making changes in our day-to-day lives that help minimize our footprint.

In my journey as a sustainable chef, I have picked up a lot of tips and tricks on how to be more eco-friendly in the kitchen, where — surprise! — I spend a ton of time. Here are five of them:

1. USE ALL OF THE PRODUCE

Why buy broccoli by the pound and then throw out half of what you paid for, i.e., the stalk. Many-a-times the parts of the produce that we discard are just as nutritious and may be even more nutritious — banana peels contain an additional 78 milligrams of potassium, for example. With produce that has been washed thoroughly, everything can be eaten and go inside your body instead of the landfill. You can make banana peel “pulled pork” sandwiches; whole banana bread or beet tops pesto, to name just a few options.

2. USE YOUR COOKTOP EFFICIENTLY

We don't always have a say in what kind of cooktop we get in our homes. But there are still ways we can use our cooktops efficiently — consider adding a lid to boil water quicker, boiling water in a teapot for tea and coffee (versus an electric kettle), and cooking items on the stovetop that may normally be made in ovens. For example, make eggplant parmigiana in a skillet on the stovetop instead of baking it in the oven. Regulate the flame when cooking on a gas stove — a higher flame means more gas use. The same applies for electric cooktops generally, a mid-heat setting is sufficient versus the highest setting.

Power down an electric cooktop a few moments before your dish is complete — this will allow the cooktop to cool down sooner and not prolong the use of energy. Similarly, for induction cooktops, which are the most energy efficient option, make sure to align the size of your pan with the size of the heating element on the stove to not overuse electricity when cooking or prolong the heating process.

3. STOP BUYING MASON JARS

I can't recall the last time I purchased a glass jar. Instead, I wash and reuse jars from coffee, jam, salsa and more. If you ever walked into the home of an Indian family in America, you are bound to find a former Tostitos salsa jar now filled with fragrant masalas or large jars filled with all sorts of dried legumes, flours and rices. The easiest way to sanitize a jar to reuse it is washing it in the dishwasher on a hot cycle.

Alternatively, soaking it with hot water and soap overnight and scrubbing clean the next day works, too. Dry completely before using. If canning or jamming, consider water-bath canning to process and seal jars.

See TIPS C8



Instead of spending money on mason jars, you can wash and reuse jars from coffee, jam, salsa and more. Pexels



VEGGIE PATTIES THAT TURN UP TASTY

REALLY AWESOME BLACK BEAN BURGERS

Try 'really awesome black bean burgers'

By GRETCHEN MCKAY

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

If you're not a fan of veggie burgers, I can probably guess why.

Too often these plant-based patties masquerading as the cookout standard are either mushy or completely crumble the second you take a bite.

This recipe from Serious Eats will change your mind.

The secret is in the ingredients. J. Kenji Lopez-Alt solves the problem of mushy texture by partially dehydrating the burgers' protein source — canned black beans — in the oven. His recipe also adds chopped cashews for texture and panko breadcrumbs to help bind the patties, without making them too soft.

Sauteed onions, poblano peppers, garlic and a touch of smoky heat from chipotle chile, meanwhile, add depth to the patties without overpowering the flavor of the roasted beans.

The final tip is to cook the patties gently, over moderate heat in a skillet. You also can grill the burgers, but be sure to brush the patties with oil before placing them over the heat — it will help them to brown more evenly, while also preventing them from sticking to the grates.

Roasted black beans and toasted cashews team up with chipotle chili pepper to create this really awesome veggie burger. Gretchen McKay/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette/TNS

2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
4 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
1 medium onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
1 large poblano pepper, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
3 medium cloves garlic, minced
1 chipotle chile in adobo sauce, finely chopped, plus 1 teaspoon sauce
¾ cup roasted cashews
½ cup finely crumbled feta or cotija cheese
¾ cup panko breadcrumbs
1 large egg
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Cheese for topping, such as pepper jack, cheddar, muenster, or Swiss (optional)
6 to 8 hearty hamburger buns, toasted
Condiments as desired, such as chipotle-mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard or mayonnaise
Toppings as desired, such as shredded lettuce, sliced onions and pickles

Adjust oven rack to center position and preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit (175 degrees Celsius). Spread black beans in a single layer on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Roast until beans are mostly split open and outer skins are beginning to get crunchy, about 20 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly.

While beans roast, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add onion and poblano and cook, stirring frequently, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add chipotle chile and sauce and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Transfer mixture to a large bowl.

Place cashews in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until chopped into pieces no larger than 1/3-inch, about 12 short pulses. Add to bowl with onions and peppers.

When beans are slightly cooled, transfer to food processor. Add cheese. Pulse until beans are roughly chopped. Transfer to bowl with onion/pepper mixture. Add breadcrumbs, egg and mayonnaise, and season with salt and pepper. Fold together gently but thoroughly with hands. (Patty mixture can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days at this stage.)

Form bean mixture into 6 to 8 patties as wide as your burger buns. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick or cast-iron skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add 4 patties and cook, swirling pan occasionally, until well browned and crisp on first side, about 5 minutes. Carefully flip and cook until second side is browned, about 5 minutes longer, adding cheese if desired.

Spread top and bottom buns with chipotle mayonnaise or other condiments. Add toppings to top or bottom bun. Place patties on bottom buns, close burgers and serve immediately. Makes 6-8 burgers.



'Dirty' soda turns trendy

Drinks with add-ins are having a moment with help from TikTok

By EMILY HEIL

Washington Post

Dirty sodas — carbonated drinks “spiked” with cream, syrups and other add-ins — are having a moment on TikTok, propelled, some say, by pop star Oliva Rodrigo, who was photographed with a cup full of the pebble-iced treat.

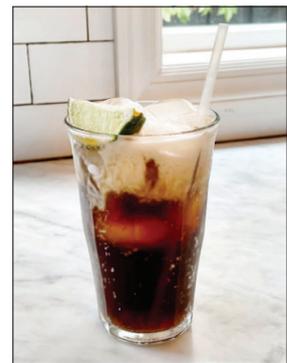
Mormon mommies, too, can lay claim to fueling the Utah-based trend.

And let's talk for a moment about an original soda-dairy influencer: Laverne DeFazio, the tough-talking half of the TV duo Laverne & Shirley, whose drink of choice was Pepsi and milk. Penny Marshall, the actress and director who played DeFazio, wrote in her autobiography that the running gag was inspired by a drink she had enjoyed growing up.

But it isn't Milwaukee, where Laverne famously worked at Shottz Brewery, that's most associated with sodas gone wild — it's Utah, where chains catering to a Mormon clientele offer bubbly drinks mixed with all manner of adornments, from mango puree to watermelon syrup to coconut cream. The drinks are often referred to as “Utah Dirty Sodas,” they're so associated with the Beehive State — although the companies that started there are expanding beyond the so-called Mormon Corridor across Idaho and Arizona and spilling into other regions of the country.

Cooking show host and cookbook author Kelsey Nixon, who was raised in Utah and attended Brigham Young University, said the appeal of the drinks to young TikTokers is exactly what made them popular among members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — namely, that they mimic some of what others enjoy about alcohol: They are highly customizable and often enjoyed in social settings. They might have playful names, and they offer the feeling of indulging in a vice, albeit a sanctioned one. (Hot caffeinated drinks such as coffee and tea are

See SODA C8



A dirty soda made with Coca-Cola, coconut syrup, half and half and lime. Emily Heil/Washington Post

“There's the 17 year-old who can't drink alcohol legally thinking, 'this is cool that I can participate in a kind of drinks culture.'”

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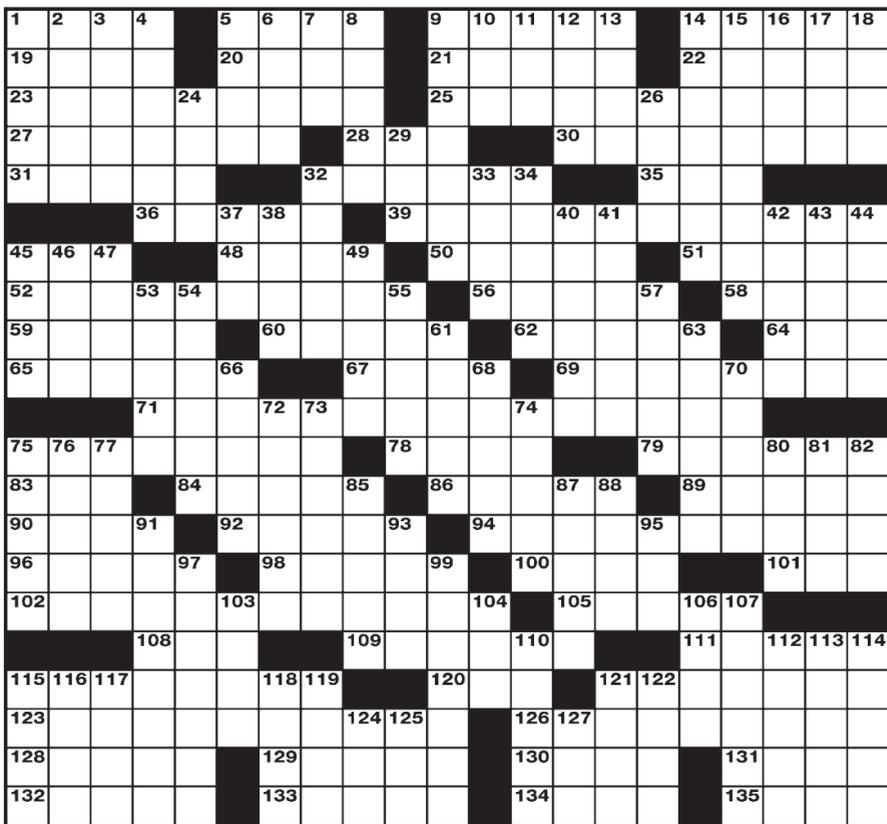
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UNDEMONSTRATIVE: Explained at 135 Across
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Incline
 - 5 "Good gracious!"
 - 9 Milky gems
 - 14 Evaluated
 - 19 Texter's "Then again . . ."
 - 20 Insect in a cocoon
 - 21 Chinese gambling mecca
 - 22 Make reparations
 - 23 Enthusiasm to spare
 - 25 "I Got Rhythm" lyricist
 - 27 Fair, as weather
 - 28 What boys will be
 - 30 Scholarship allowances
 - 31 Book after Daniel
 - 32 Flinch
 - 35 Louvre Pyramid designer
 - 36 Arrange, as a shawl
 - 39 Too far away to hear
 - 45 Sound of distaste
 - 48 Limerick or sonnet
 - 50 Four-door car
 - 51 Pebble or boulder
 - 52 British SUV
 - 56 Blends together
 - 58 Enjoy the pool
 - 59 Email folder
 - 60 New Testament king
 - 62 Urban renewal candidates
 - 64 Cap or lid
 - 65 Put off sleeping
 - 67 Greek earth goddess
 - 69 Formal speeches
 - 71 Everywhere
 - 75 When "it'll be different"
 - 78 Appear to be
 - 79 Short on top/long in back hair
 - 83 Omelet option
 - 84 Fortune-tellers
 - 86 Torah teacher
 - 89 Nancy Drew novel byline
 - 90 Old-fashioned oath
 - 92 Levels of authority
 - 94 Measures of heating or cooling
 - 96 Propelled a dinghy
 - 98 Indian yogurt dip
 - 100 Meander
 - 101 The 1% in 1% milk
 - 102 What a chain reaction requires
 - 105 Crouch down
 - 108 Former B'nai B'rith org.
 - 109 Deliver a sermon, say
 - 111 The "Divine" Bette
 - 115 Reveal
 - 120 Poker prize
 - 121 Barrette alternative
 - 123 "If so . . ."
 - 126 Highly observant
 - 128 Hard to climb
 - 129 The king, in Cannes
 - 130 Starting stake
 - 131 Gymnast Korbut
 - 132 Firewood measures
 - 133 Swiss money
 - 134 Dallas hoopsters
 - 135 Hiding what you _____ (what the nine longest answers are doing)
- DOWN**
- 1 Highest part of Lady Liberty
 - 2 Author Calvino
 - 3 Home Depot rival
 - 4 Focused on a subject
 - 5 Receptive
 - 6 Feeling offended
 - 7 Car sticker stat.
 - 8 "I rule!"
 - 9 Foreboding harm
 - 10 Course standard
 - 11 Fed. health law
 - 12 Trails behind
 - 13 Bird food ingredient
 - 14 Ones with gravelly voices
 - 15 Nonbelievers
 - 16 Dot on a map
 - 17 Oklahoma city
 - 18 Cozy rooms
 - 24 Within reach
 - 26 Kelly of morning TV
 - 29 Environmental prefix
 - 32 Superman in four films
 - 33 Romantic couple
 - 34 Rich mine deposits
 - 37 Busy month for CPAs
 - 38 Piglet's pal
 - 40 Left uncultivated
 - 41 Multi-day motorcycle race
 - 42 Practical book genre
 - 43 Edible bulb
 - 44 Subs at the office
 - 45 Dwarf planet beyond Neptune
 - 46 Are after
 - 47 Hoop group
 - 49 Come together
 - 53 Some Prado paintings
 - 54 Jumps for joy
 - 55 Loud laughs
 - 57 Excessive flattery
 - 61 Inhibit
 - 63 Physician's patron
 - 66 One working hard
 - 68 Yet to come
 - 70 Sat at a light
 - 72 Pro golfer Mark
 - 73 Springlike
 - 74 Glowing coal

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- 76 Comic strip Viking
- 77 Japanese porcelain
- 80 Dining table expander
- 81 "Queen of New Age"
- 82 Trial balloon
- 85 Economize to a fault
- 87 OshKosh _____ (kids' clothing label)
- 88 Arab League member
- 91 Separated
- 93 Be a troupe leader
- 95 Outback bird
- 97 Exercised in a pool
- 99 Germ-free
- 103 Thicken, as cream
- 104 _____ Paulo, Brazil
- 106 Gallic girlfriend
- 107 Get bored with
- 110 Third-stringers
- 112 Fashion sense
- 113 Prolonged attack
- 114 Olympian's prize
- 115 Puck or checker
- 116 Enthusiastic about
- 117 Ending like -arian
- 118 Personal nature
- 119 Perpetually
- 121 *House Hunters* cable channel
- 122 Brewery products
- 124 Time period with a name
- 125 Starter for sense
- 127 Santa _____, CA

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

Born Sunday, you possess a number of special talents, and you will surely spend the greater part of a lifetime developing, honing and using them to establish yourself as a master of whatever line of work you eventually choose to immerse yourself in on a daily basis. You are able to keep a great many things in your head at any one time, and your capacity for multitasking is almost unmatched by anyone else born under your sign.

You are never afraid of going off on your own to explore those parts of the world that beckon to you — and that's likely to be many indeed. You enjoy exploring all that a place has to offer, and you are able to acclimate yourself quickly to almost any environment. No matter where you go, you always try to be an ambassador of goodwill.

Also born on this date are: Naomi Campbell, model; Ginnifer Goodwin, actress; Apolo Ohno, Olympic speed skater; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author and creator of Sherlock Holmes; Harvey Milk, politician and civil rights leader; Richard Wagner.

To see what is in store for you Monday, find your birthday and read the

corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, MAY 23

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The questions for which you are most eager to find answers may prove more opaque than expected today, but you can still make measurable progress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's the little things that may stand in your way today, but once you get over the notion that everything is very important, you'll fare well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You owe something to others that you may not be ready or able to pay — but perhaps you can make an alternative arrangement today. Speak up!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can make use of almost any idea today, though you will certainly recognize the better ones, as they can yield results almost immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your docket may not be entirely full, but that can work in your favor, as you're likely to spend more time on one endeavor than expected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You have a great many abilities that can come in handy, but you're eager to show off just one — and that opportunity comes late in the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You needn't agree with those around you today, but things will go more smoothly for you if you try to understand why they think as they do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The more you find yourself traveling here and there today, the more you'll want — and need — to maintain contact with home and family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You're eager to get out from someone's shadow today and soar — but you must take care that you're not trying to do too much too soon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Following another's instructions can work wonders for you during the first part of the day, but later on, you'll want a little more freedom.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You've earned the right, perhaps, to explore things in your own way — and according to your own timetable. Let others know what you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — One phase is coming to a close at this time while another is just beginning — but an unavoidable overlap may render this a critical period.

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Last week's puzzle answers

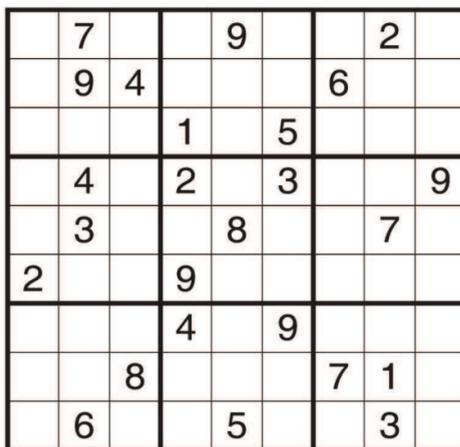


Herman WOUK (4 Across) was inspired by his own experiences aboard a minesweeper during World War II to write *The Caine Mutiny*. Auto dealer Charles ROLLS (72 Across) and engineer Henry Royce founded their company in 1904. Other foreign-born recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom include Willem de Kooning (1964), Aung San Suu Kyi (2000) and Nelson Mandela (2002).

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3	9	8	1	5	7	6	2	4
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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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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.



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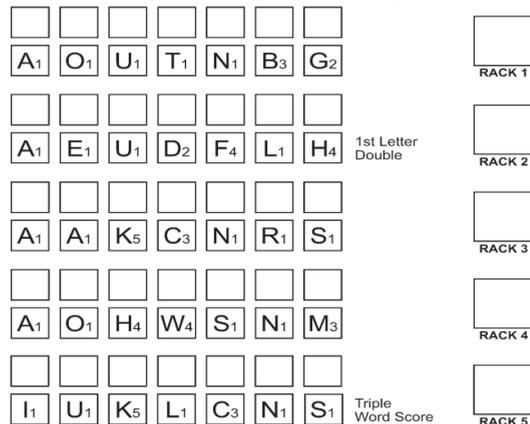
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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: I heard the bullets whistle, and believe me, there is something charming in the sound — George Washington

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Song goes viral 64 years after it was written

A lovelorn sailor penned the song when he was just 19

By CATHY FREE
Washington Post

Morton "Mort" Block was smitten with someone he met on the beach in Atlantic City in 1958, but he was worried she might not feel the same way.

"I knew she was it — she was the one for me," said Block, who was then 19 and an amateur trumpet player. "So I decided to put my feelings down in a letter, then I thought, 'Why not make it into a song?'"

He never dreamed that 64 years later "My Love" would become a hit after his grandson urged him to have it recorded and released on TikTok with 1960 honeymoon footage of his wife, Susan Weber Block.

"Hard to put into words how incredible it is to drop my first single at 82 years old!" he captioned the footage.

But before that happened, his grandson had to introduce him to TikTok.

"TikTok! I had no clue what that was," Block said. "I thought it was something a clock did."

The love song that was recorded by his grandson Matt Block, 31, with a group of jazz musicians has now been viewed online more than 1.5 million times since March 18, said Mort Block, who has amassed about 15,000 TikTok followers.

"It's been a nice surprise to see my little song come full circle," he said.



Susan and Morton Block on vacation in Atlantic City, in the summer of 1963, five years after he wrote the song "My Love." Courtesy of La Reserve Records

Block was a 19-year-old Navy petty officer third class serving aboard the USS Hazelwood destroyer in the North Atlantic when he sat on the deck to put his thoughts about Susan Weber, then 17, into words:

"I miss you more each day, since you've gone away — I long for your touch, I need you so much, my love ..."

He ultimately decided not to mail Weber the song, and it turns out, extra wooing wasn't necessary. She said yes to Block's proposal when he came home to Philadelphia on leave in 1959. They were married the following year after his active duty ended with the Navy.

Block performed "My Love" several times for his new bride on his trumpet, then tucked the music and lyrics away in a drawer, where they sat for the next 60 years.

"I've played in several jazz bands, and every now and then we'd play the song,"

Block said. "I've also played it on the piano throughout our marriage, but for the most part, it became a nice family memory."

It probably would have remained that way.

Then in December 2013, Matt Block — who also plays the trumpet — came to visit his grandparents at their home in Kennett Square, Pa., about 40 miles from Philadelphia.

Matt runs La Reserve Records, a Brooklyn-based jazz label, with his brother Jacob Block. Matt was taught to play the trumpet by his grandfather at age 10, and they often have jam sessions together, he said.

When his grandfather decided to pull the sheet music for "My Love" from his drawer, Matt said he was floored and immediately felt a pull to share the song.

"I said, 'Poppy, we need to release this, we should get it recorded,'" he recalled.

Over the next several years, he and his grandfather continued to discuss the possibilities. Then last summer, Matt and several jazz musician friends finished recording "My Love" and several other songs for an album. "Strange Harbors" will be released on Sept. 30.

Matt also produced the album and recruited jazz vocalist Benny Benack III to sing the lyrics.

Then he persuaded his grandfather to start making TikTok videos about his life.

"Matt wanted me to create a persona and build up a following," Mort Block said. "Making the videos became a fun thing

for a guy in his 80s to do."

He said he's enjoyed sharing stories about his time in the Navy and how to care for a trumpet and even his excitement over finally seeing success as a songwriter.

When "My Love" was released on March 18, Mort said he was delighted to learn that a legion of young TikTok fans were enjoying his debut single.

"This is beautiful. Thank you for sharing your gift," one teen commented.

"Kinda gave me hope that I'm never too old to start something," wrote another. "Susan and I couldn't believe it when we listened to it for the first time," Mort Block said. "It was really emotional — it took us right back to the day we met."

"We found there's more meaning to the song now that we're older," added Susan Block, 81. "The song has been made special again."

She remembers vividly the day Mort approached her on the beach in Atlantic City, where they were both on a Labor Day getaway with friends. He asked if she could line him up with a date, a common practice in their age group at the time, especially at beach hangouts, she said.

Susan thought about finding a friend for him to have dinner with, then changed her mind.

"I'd already said I'd go to dinner with somebody else, but I thought [Mort] was a better prospect than the one I was going out with," she said. "So I canceled that date, and Mort



Morton Block, left, at a jam session with his grandson, Matt Block, at his home in Philadelphia in December 2015. Julie Block

drove me back to Philadelphia that night in his convertible."

One year later, they were going steady, but Susan — then a high school senior — wasn't ready to settle down, she said.

"He would come home on leave and get lost in his music, and we'd go out dancing and hit all the clubs in Philly," she said. "I didn't want to get tied down, but I eventually changed my mind. We really fell in love."

The couple raised two sons, and she worked giving presentations in high schools about drug and alcohol abuse while he launched a kitchen and bath consulting business.

Now retired, they still regularly dance to Barry White and their own special song, said Susan Block.

"More than anything, we

love how the song has helped our grandkids to know more about us and our lives," she said.

"We're excited that our grandsons are now enjoying their own success because of something I wrote in 1958," Mort Block added. "If it wasn't for Matt, I'm pretty sure that 'My Love' would still be sitting in the drawer."

As for Matt, he said his grandfather's musical ability has inspired him for as long as he can remember, and he's happy that others can now experience his Poppy's talent.

"There's a curiosity and energy that keeps both him and my grandmother young," he said. "Their song, 'My Love,' feels like it was plucked out of the '50s, but it's also timeless. It captures their love."

He caught the Golden State Killer, but the obsession took a toll

By KATHRYN CASEY
Washington Post

Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases
By Paul Holes
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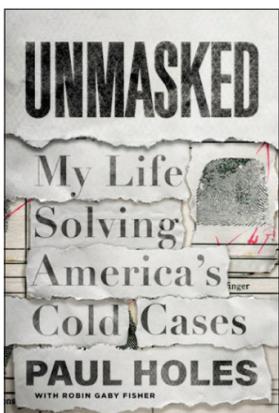
The first line in Chapter 1 of "Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases" tells you almost everything you need to know about author Paul Holes: "My ex-wife used to say my job was my mistress, and I chose my mistress over everyone."

A retired California cold case investigator, Holes's pivotal work on the Golden State Killer (GSK) led to the 2018 arrest and subsequent conviction of Joseph James DeAngelo Jr., responsible for at least 10 murders and 50 sexual assaults. The case made popular the use of genetic genealogy — identifying suspects through familial DNA on public databases. Somewhat controversial because of privacy concerns, the practice has since led to the closing of decades-old cold cases across the country.

Since Holes took off his badge in 2018, the attention he garnered from his role in solving the GSK case has made him a true-crime darling. He's starred in his own television series, "The DNA of Murder With Paul Holes." He's also half of the investigative team with Billy Jensen behind the wildly popular podcast "The Murder Squad."

Of late, true crime is hot, spawning documentaries, podcasts and books, and "Unmasked" has plenty of fascinating aficionados.

First, there's Holes's crusade to find the Golden State Killer. The case bookended his



24-year career with the Contra Costa County sheriff's department. Holes became obsessed with it when he first took a job in the crime lab in 1994, literally happening upon dusty files. While he moved up the ranks, he picked away at it, analyzed evidence, explored suspects, sometimes tumbled down rabbit holes that took years to emerge from, starting over when he concluded that he'd been chasing the wrong guy. In the end, his background in science made all the difference. He had the killer's genetic fingerprint, and Holes doggedly tracked advances in DNA technology. It was only in the weeks leading up to his retirement that he found a means to corner the monster.

Holes, of course, didn't work on the GSK case in a vacuum, and he gives credit to those who helped. Readers who enjoyed "I'll Be Gone in the Dark" will find his portrayal of the late Michelle McNamara touching. As a true crime writer, I particularly appreciated that he showcased all she added to the investigation. Folks in law enforcement are often reluctant to

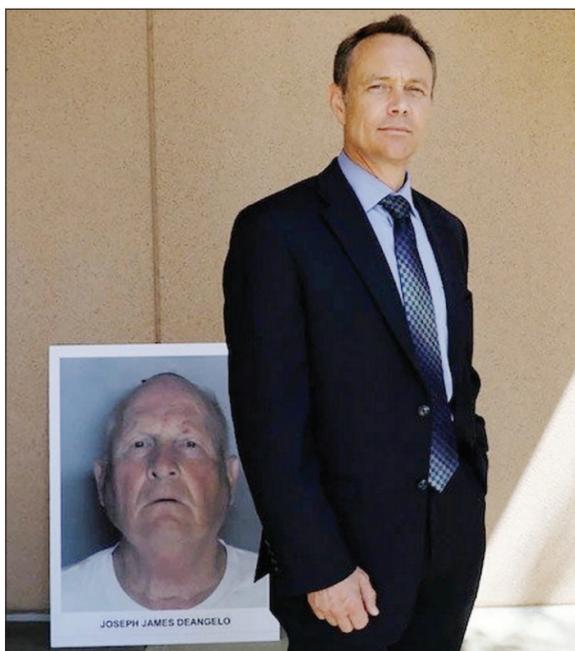
acknowledge the contributions of journalists and lay investigators, but Holes commends McNamara for collecting and sharing evidence.

"Unmasked" is reminiscent at times of John Douglas's "Mindhunter." I was rapt by the chapter in which Holes laid out how he interpreted evidence from the GSK case files to build a psychological profile of the killer.

Since I've endured the frustration of researching cold cases myself — the unsolved Interstate 45/Texas Killing Fields slayings of dozens of women for my book "Deliver Us" — another aspect of Holes's experiences rang painfully true: the lack of cooperation he found between agencies, hindering his investigation. Too often investigators protect their turf. Wanting to solve the cases themselves, they're unwilling to share evidence, even when doing so could take dangerous killers off the streets. This is especially vexing with serial predators who jump jurisdictions to avoid capture.

Although he gives the GSK the most ink, Holes also reveals bits and pieces about other sensational cases, including the murders of Laci Peterson and Polly Klaas, and the kidnapping of Jaycee Dugard. As much as I followed the case, I didn't remember that blood on Nicole Brown Simpson's clothing, evidence that may have come from her killer, was ruined by improper handling of her body.

Equally interesting are chapters on less-publicized cases: a teenager who never made it home after walking a lonely highway at night; the decomposed body found floating in



Paul Holes stands in front of a mug shot of Joseph James DeAngelo at a 2018 news conference. A retired California cold case investigator, Holes's pivotal work on the Golden State Killer led to the arrest and subsequent conviction of DeAngelo Jr., who was found responsible for at least 10 murders and 50 sexual assaults. MediaNews Group/Mercury News/Getty Images

a barrel in a garage; the murder of movie producer Pamela Vitale, wife of lawyer and TV analyst Daniel Horowitz, in the trailer next to the Italian villa they were building. Reading about the 1997 killings of Neal Abernathy and his 12-year-old son, Brendan, sent me to the computer to Google the case. Little of value was taken, and police thought the scene appeared to be a staged robbery. It's still unsolved.

One caveat: "Unmasked" may not be for those with queasy stomachs. Crime scenes are described in gory detail — "unimaginable" stench, maggots, puddles of

"decomposition fluid."

Yet, what sets this book apart is that it's as much memoir as true crime. That brings me back to the quote from Holes's ex-wife. Holes is open about his preoccupation with his work, frequently to the detriment of his private life. He stays up late doing research, works weekends and evenings, disconnecting from family in the process. He can't concentrate enough to play a board game because evidence percolates in his mind. Yet the stories that preoccupy Holes are hard for others to hear. As one therapist tells him, "Most people don't want to listen to stories about

things like babies being put in boiling water."

His relationships flounder, leading to one divorce. A second wife shares his passion with crime solving, but she complains about his rigid focus and asks, "Do you even care about us?"

Holes is brutally honest about his habitual reaction to such challenges: "When the conversation got tough, I walked away."

Perhaps his inability to put work aside is explained in part by his compassion for the victims. While not maudlin, he describes them with respect and gives them their due. Caring too much, however, can sometimes make such tragedies too personal. That struggle echoes most clearly in Holes's account of a crime scene in which a slain child's sneakers remind him of his son's.

While Holes claims an innate ability to compartmentalize, it ultimately proves impossible to file away so much pain and suffering. They resurface in middle-of-the-night panic attacks. A therapist describes his experiences as cuts that never heal. She speculates that Holes is "bleeding out" after so many years.

The portrait that emerges is one of a solitary man holding a glass of bourbon, drowning his sorrows, so absorbed in his job that he can't connect with those closest to him. Yet the book ends with guarded optimism: his desire to become a better husband and father, to open his life up beyond his work. One hopes that Holes continues his quests — an astonishing percent of U.S. killings go unsolved — but also finds a sense of balance and some well-deserved peace.

Publisher's Weekly best-sellers

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Here are the bestsellers for the week that ended Saturday, April 30, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide, powered by NPD BookScan (C) 2022 NPD Group.

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **Dream Town.** David Baldacci. Grand Central
2. **Run, Rose, Run.** Parton/Patterson. Little, Brown
3. **City on Fire.** Don Winslow. Morrow
4. **Beautiful.** Danielle Steel. Delacorte

5. **The Good Left Undone.** Adriana Trigiani. Dutton
6. **The Investigator.** John Sandford. Putnam
7. **The Baxters.** Karen Kingsbury. Atria
8. **Sea of Tranquility.** Emily St. John Mandel. Knopf
9. **The Paris Apartment.** Lucy Foley. Morrow
10. **What Happened to the Bennetts.** Lisa Scottoline. Putnam

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **Finding Me.** Viola Davis. HarperOne
2. **The Palace Papers.** Tina Brown. Crown
3. **Just Tyrus.** Tyrus. Post Hill
4. **Off with My Head.** Stassi Schroeder. Gallery

MASS MARKET

1. **Shadow Fire.** Christine Feehan. Berkley
2. **Better Off Dead.** Child/Child. Dell
3. **Immortal Rising.** Lynsay Sands. Avon

4. **Country Born.** Linda Lael Miller. HQN
5. **The Devil's Crossing.** Johnstone/Johnstone. Pinnacle
6. **Nine Lives.** Danielle Steel. Dell
7. **The Fires of Blackstone.** Johnstone/Johnstone. Pinnacle
8. **Hideaway.** Nora Roberts. St. Martin's
9. **Ocean Prey.** John Sandford. Putnam
10. **Ready to Protect.** Valerie Hansen. Love Inspired Suspense

TRADE PAPERBACK

1. **Verity.** Colleen Hoover. Grand Central

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How to make a mint julep

Mix up the classic cocktail or either of two refreshing variations on the summer drink

By **OLGA MASSOV**
Washington Post

If we play a word association game and I ask you what word first comes to mind when I say “julep,” it’s a safe bet that your answer will be “mint.” The two words seem so fused to each other — like peanut butter and jelly — you might be asking, is there any other kind?

There are quite a few, actually.

The mint julep, which has been the Kentucky Derby’s official drink since the late 1930s, depending on whom you ask, is by far the most famous of the bunch. Over 120,000 of the cocktails are typically served between the Friday and Saturday events of the derby.

I share a traditional mint julep recipe below, but I also found two other tasty julep recipes, including a low-ABV one, that may surprise and delight you.

While juleps are likely to be garnished with a generous sprig or two of mint, this family of drinks goes well beyond that muddled herb, simple syrup and bourbon served on a mound of pebble ice.

In fact, juleps have an old and storied history dating to the Sasanian Empire about 2,000 years ago in Persia that started with the gulab, a rose-water bath for imperial princesses. In time, the word gulab began to be used to describe health elixirs. Eventually, the word morphed into julab, and upon the drink’s introduction to the Mediterranean, the rose-water was replaced by the native mint.

Juleps, which reached America in the 18th century, were, at first, consumed warm, fortified with rum or brandy, sweetened with honey syrup and flavored with muddled mint. Described as a “dram of spirituous liquor that has mint in it, taken by Virginians in the morning” the julep was also considered a preventive tonic for overall health. And as ice became more available to wealthier drinkers, it was added to the drink for dilution and refreshment.

Eventually, bourbon, which was domestically produced and distilled, replaced rum and brandy, as Britain’s import taxes made those two spirits cost-prohibitive. With Kentucky’s ample corn fields and limestone water, the state eventually became synonymous with the spirit. Supposedly, it was Kentucky Sen. Henry Clay who introduced the mint julep to Washington, D.C., in the 1830s at the Round Robin Bar at what’s now the Willard Intercontinental hotel, which still serves his recipe to this day.

The classic mint julep is a strong drink, which mellows with time. Alba Huerta, owner of Julep bar in Houston and author of a book by the same



Derby Cocktail Tropical. Rey Lopez/Washington Post

name, suggests bourbon in the mid-80-to-90s proof, so that as the drink sits in a mound of ice, it doesn’t get too diluted while you sip it.

In Derby Cocktail Tropical, bourbon is still the liquor of choice, but it’s brightened with sunny-tasting pineapple and tart lemon juices for a more, well, tropical interpretation of the drink.

And if you wish to go the low-ABV route, which would be my choice on a sweltering day, try the Cynar Julep. With slightly bitter notes from a splash of grapefruit soda and an Italian amaro made from artichokes, it’s as refreshing as it is sophisticated.

So, next time you sip a julep, consider its adaptability and journey through time. Purported health claims dismissed, the cocktail’s refreshing — and maybe even restorative — abilities are no less diminished.

SIMPLE SYRUP

2.5 cups
Many bartenders rely on simple syrup rather than granulated sugar as a sweetener for cocktails. Made from sugar dissolved in water, the syrup incorporates much more readily than sugar granules in cold liquids.

The equal amounts of water and sugar can be scaled back to suit your needs.

Storage Notes: Refrigerate, tightly covered, for up to 4 weeks.

2 cups water
2 cups sugar

Combine the water and sugar in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly to dissolve the sugar. Reduce the heat to low and cook for about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool completely before using.

Cover tightly and refrigerate until needed.

Nutrition information per tablespoon | Calories: 39; Total Fat: 0 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 0 mg; Total Carbohydrates: 10 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 10 g; Protein: 0 g

MINT JULEP

5 minutes
1 serving

The mint julep, a hallmark cocktail of the American South, was invented in the late 1700s when ice became more readily available. The original drink was made with cognac, but after a phylloxera epidemic wiped out the French vineyards in the 1880s, bourbon became the go-to spirit.

Bartender and spirits writer Jim Meehan, in his cookbook “The PDT Cocktail Book,” attributes the version he shares to Jerry Thomas’s “Bart-Tender’s

Guide,” which was originally published in 1862. In 1938, the mint julep became the official drink of the Kentucky Derby. If you don’t have a traditional silver julep cup, a rocks glass will do. A metal straw makes this cool, refreshing drink appear even more so.

8 to 10 fresh mint leaves, plus 2 to 3 additional mint sprigs, for garnish
½ ounce simple syrup
2 to 2 ½ ounces bourbon
Ice, crushed or pebble style

In a chilled julep cup (or rocks glass), gently muddle the mint leaves and simple syrup. Add the bourbon (opt for 2 ½ ounces if you prefer the drink to be stronger), then fill halfway with crushed or pebble ice. Using a bar spoon or swizzle stick, stir for about 20 seconds to chill and slightly dilute. Add more ice to form a dome on top, and garnish with the mint sprigs.

Nutrition information per serving (using 2 ounces bourbon) | Calories: 161; Total Fat: 0 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 1 mg; Total Carbohydrates: 8 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 8 g; Protein: 0 g

DERBY COCKTAIL TROPICAL

5 minutes
1 serving

This julep recipe is brimming with tropical flavors, thanks to bright, sweet-tart pineapple juice, which softens the punch of bourbon. According to cocktail writer Adrienne Stillman, this drink, which hails from Colón,



Mint Julep. Rey Lopez/Washington Post

Panama, was first recorded by Charles Baker in his “South American Gentleman’s Companion.” If you prefer a stronger drink, aim on the higher end of the suggested amounts of bourbon; if you like your drink to be sweeter, aim for more simple syrup.

Ice, crushed or pebble style
2 to 2 ½ ounces bourbon
1 ounce unsweetened pineapple juice
½ ounce fresh lemon juice
½ to 1 teaspoon simple syrup
Fresh mint sprig, for garnish

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the bourbon, pineapple juice, lemon juice, simple syrup. Shake vigorously for 15 to 20 seconds, then strain into a rocks glass filled with crushed ice. Garnish with a mint sprig and serve.

Nutrition information per serving (using 2 ounces bourbon and 1/2 teaspoon simple syrup) | Calories: 182; Total Fat: 0 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 2 mg; Total Carbohydrates: 13 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 12 g; Protein: 0 g

CYNAR JULEP

5 minutes
1 serving

This low-alcohol julep is an ideal refresher on a sweltering day, with pleasant bitterness imparted by Cynar, an artichoke-based amaro, and

a splash of grapefruit soda. Cocktail writer Adrienne Stillman writes in her book “Spirit-ed” that this recipe was created at the acclaimed bar Floreria Atlantico in Buenos Aires.

Where to Buy: Grapefruit soda can be found at well-stocked supermarkets.

3 to 4 fresh mint leaves
½ ounce simple syrup
2 ounces Cynar
½ ounce fresh lemon juice
Ice, crushed or pebble style
2 ounces grapefruit soda, such as Izze brand (or see VARIATION, below)

Grapefruit triangle, for garnish
Fresh mint sprig, for garnish

In a julep cup, rocks glass or a Collins glass, gently muddle the mint and simple syrup. Add the Cynar and lemon juice, and fill halfway with crushed or pebble ice. Stir with a bar spoon to combine. Add the soda, then top with more ice to form a crown above the rim. Garnish with a grapefruit wedge and mint sprig, add a straw and serve.

VARIATION: In place of the grapefruit soda, use 1 ounce fresh grapefruit juice and 1 ½ ounces club soda.

Nutrition information | Calories: 169; Total Fat: 0 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 9 mg; Total Carbohydrates: 30 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 29 g; Protein: 0 g



Cynar Julep. Rey Lopez/Washington Post

Tips

From **C3**

4. REUSE YOUR WATER

If you’re boiling pasta or grains for a meal, reuse the same water to boil or steam veggies in the same pot. This minimizes the use of additional water and dishes. Once your food is cooked and removed, you can use the remaining water to blend into sauces. And if you’re still left with water from cooking, use it to water your houseplants (it can even add more nutrients to your plants!).

5. ALWAYS PACK FOOD AT RESTAURANTS

While this is an obvious one, I’ve observed that most people don’t practice this. Having hosted and led several pop-ups across New York City, I’ve seen that the majority of restaurants don’t have systems in place to compost, which means everything you don’t eat goes straight to a landfill. In 2018, the Food Waste Reduction Alliance reported that 84% of unused food in American restaurants ends up in the trash. When food rots in a landfill, it produces massive amounts of methane — a greenhouse gas at least 28 times as potent as carbon dioxide.

Soda

From **C3**

forbidden by the LDS Church health manual, but caffeine, the church clarified in 2012, is okay in cold drinks.)

“There’s the 17 year-old who can’t drink alcohol legally thinking, ‘this is cool that I can participate in a kind of drinks culture,’” she says.

At a recent girlfriends getaway, Nixon recalled, the question wasn’t ‘who brought the tequila?’ ‘It was like, who brought the True Lime? Who brought the coconut syrup?’ she says, name-checking the ingredients to her preferred concoction.

While the phenomenon of dirty soda began in the early 2010s, Nixon notes that there’s long been a strong soda culture in the Mountain West. At her own 2008 wedding, she and her husband offered a soda bar, where guests could add various syrups and garnishes to their drinks. “We were calling them Italian sodas back then,” she says. The proliferation of chains such as Swig and Sodalicious soon brought the concept to a larger audience, and social media to an even broader one more recently.

But the drinks’ roots go back to the 19th century, notes Gina Chersevani, the mixologist who owns the soda-bar-themed Buffalo & Bergen, with two locations in Washington, D.C. Long before there were even bottled colas — let alone TikTok stars — soda fountains serving the first carbonated beverages offered both fruit and cream sodas. “They’re the original dirty sodas,” she says. Soda’s popularity rose as Prohibition went into effect, she notes. “You couldn’t drink

liquor, but what could you drink to get high?” she asked. “Sugar.”

Chersevani is a fan of the surge in interest in sweet and carbonated drinks, which she thinks have gotten a bad rap. She likes a good cane cola with spicy Asian food, and says mixing sodas offers the opportunity for all kinds of sophisticated pairings. “Imagine a Thai-flavored cream soda with a bowl of hot green curry,” she suggests.

The trend, in other words, shouldn’t just be seen as the purview of teetotalers and teens.

I decided to give the everything-comes-back-around trend a whirl, and whipped up the genre’s most classic variety, a Diet Coke mixed with coconut syrup, half and half, and lime. On TikTok and elsewhere, people riff on the basic gist of this concoction, sometimes swapping coconut-flavored creamer for the dairy and the syrup, or like Nixon, using a package of lime-flavored granules. I adapted it a little, because I detest diet drinks, substituting a regular Coke for the

main ingredient.

The result was predictably sweet — after all, we’re talking about adding sugar to an already sugary beverage. But it was plenty complex, with the lime and coconut flavors doing their famous tropical duet and the creamy texture playing off the tang of the cola. The combined effect was giving me vibes that were a little piña colada and a little Cuba libre, although obviously sans the booze that would definitely run afoul of the church’s restrictions.

It’s not the prettiest drink, especially if you let it sit for a minute and the acid in the lime curdles the dairy. (Pebbled ice, the preferred medium for dirty sodas, probably helps with this, and I only had cubes.) And did I mention it was sugary? Ten minutes after sipping it, my teeth were wrapped in sweaters thick enough for an Arctic outing.

Chersevani offers some guidance here — just like with booze, it seems that a splash of moderation is in order. “A little,” she says, “goes a long way.”

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